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THE FOAM RANGERS

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Out (of) The Wazoo

Noel Hart, Grand Wazoo

Its Febrew-ary, which of course means BARLEY-WINE!!! Its the second month of the year, which means many of you haven't paid your dues yet. Pay your fuck-ing dues already!



Photos: Club Officers Out of Control



We had a small showing at the brew in this month, but it was a dedicated crowd. We also had a huge amount of Abbey Ale yeast that Jason of 8th Wonder Brewery donated to us! Robert Brown, your Secondary, will be brewing at the March brew in on March 14 behind Defalcos.

This coming Sunday myself and some other officers will be at the AHA rally at Saint Arnolds. Its open to all AHA members. Discounted memberships and renewals are available at the door.

Coming up on Saturday April 11th we are having an event with Ron Pattinson, the Brit who runs the "Shutup About Barclay Perkins" blog. Its a beer blog centered around homebrew and specifically historical brewing. He has graciously provided us with some historical recipes which were sent out to the listserv and facebook pages for signup. We will taste these brews with Ron at the event and he will speak about them. Its going to be at Defalcos. Stay tuned for more information. Cheers!



Upcoming events

March 1st - Officer's Meeting
March 7th - Brew-in
March 20th - Meeting



Competitions

Will Holobowicz, Competition Coordinator

Rumor has it there may be some changes to the lone star circuit this year regarding new competitions.

Stay tuned to our club email list or <http://www.lonestarcircuit.com> for updates.

For tips on how to pack and ship your entries, download "How to Pack Your Beer" by Russ Wigglesworth.

www.homebrewersassociation.org/attachments/0000/6353/How_to_Pack_Your_Beer.pdf

Bluebonnet Brew-off

Entry has closed and I drive your entries up early Saturday morning.

Judging: Feb 28 - March 1,

March 7-8, March 14-15

Event: March 20 - 21

Awards Ceremony: March 21

Alamo City Cerveza Fest

Pack and Ship: Feb 28th

Entry Dates: Feb 13 - March 6

Judging: TBD

Awards Ceremony: April 11

Cactus Challenge

Entry Dates: Mar. 6th - 27th

Judging: Apr 4th - Apr 25th

Event: May 2nd

KGB Big Batch Brew Bash

Entry Date: May 1

Style: American Barleywine

Judging: May 17

Awards Ceremony: May 17

NON-LSC Event:

AHA National Homebrew Competition

1st Round - Austin

Contact: Neil Spake

Email: neil.spake@gmail.com

Entry Fee: \$14 per entry, AHA members only

Entry Deadline: March 11



Officers meeting minutes (February 8, 2015),

Paul Porter, Scrivener

It was a bright cheery day at the Sugar Land Flying Saucer. The joyous event was made even more so by the celebration of Doak's 5th plate which was devoted to brews produced in Texas. CHEERS Doak and Charie! Thanks for the brews!

Attending the official officer's meeting were Noel Hart (Iz Waz), Robert Brown (Secondary Fermenter), Rich Goeggel (Purser), Bev. Blackwood (Member at Large), Matt Crnkovich (Newsletter Editor), and I (Scrivener).

The day's agenda was mercifully short.

Business:

We need club tax information sorted out for the State and IRS before we get a financial prostate exam. Rich is on the job with copious amounts of red tape remover and incense to drive away any bureaucratic poltergeists.

Dixie Cup:

After several months in hiding, the lost Dixie Cup paper supplies were found in the home of Sean Lamb holed up behind several cases of Bigfoot. The supplies were captured without any bystanders receiving severe paper cuts. The supplies will remain in solitary confinement until they are released for hard labor during judging sessions in September. The cases of Bigfoot have also been retained on aiding and abetting charges.

The Bigfoots (Bigfeet?) will be questioned at barley wine night; I seriously doubt they will survive till their arraignment.

We need to reserve the hotel. It was decided that we would remain at the Crowne Plaza. Assuming they will still host us after last year. To keep the hotel happy, please remember loud/raucous parties should be held on the 10th to use Saint Arnold's facilities for sorting/judging.

We need a Dixie Cup coordinator! If you have the time, this is a great opportunity to learn about the nitty gritty of running the flagship homebrew competition in Texas and give back to the club. Rest assured you will have the advice and support of many veteran club members. Some of the benefits include BJCP points, choosing this year's theme, selecting guests, and most important the admiration of all your Foamies.

Too Much Beer Ring Toss:

As mentioned in the last minutes, we failed to drink enough last year and as a result, we have suffered the shame of surplus beer. We have around 150 beers to be won. Some ground rules for the beer ring toss were set. Rich has agreed to run the show which is scheduled to start at 8 pm Foam Ranger time (sometime before 9 pm). Bottles will be cycled in as the number diminishes with good stuff interspersed. Prices will start at the raffle price breakdown 1 ring for a buck and 6 rings for 5 bucks. Prices may be slashed depending on demand. Rich also reserves the right to move the toss line on a whim. If you want first shot at the "good" bottles, come and donate to the club coffers early.

Pub/Brewery Crawl:

There was discussion about holding a pub crawl for sites on the northern part of Houston. Mentioned stops included Southern Star, Lone Pint, and Yellow Rose (this may have just been a reference to Lone Pint's best brew). I believe Sean is masterminding this one.

Vintage Beer:



Ron Pattinson from "Shut Up About Barclay Perkins" and "The Homebrewer's Guide to Vintage Beer: Re-discovered Recipes for Classic Brews Dating from 1800 to 1965" author will be visiting in April. The tentative date is Saturday, April 11th at Defalcos. Mr. Pattinson is promoting his book and has provided several recipes from his book, so that we can brew them. These brews will be used in a paired tasting and discussion of these historical brews. Come learn about them and their techniques. If you sign up and bring the brew to the event, the club will reimburse the cost of the ingredients—please bring your receipts!

Prior to the Meeting:

While at the Texas Craft Brewers Guild, Doak learned of a contest by Grand Stand (<http://egrandstand.com/> I assume) in which they will provide the most deserving homebrew, as determined by an essay I guess. I did not see the contest on website, but the prizes would likely be free logos and merchandise.

In closing:

IT'S BARLEY WINE BITCHES!!





Barley Wines (Bitches!)

Robert Brown, Secondary Fermenter

Barley wines are the strongest style of beer as far as alcohol content is concerned and can pretty much stand up to any style in terms of rich complexness. Unlike most beer styles, they can be suitably aged for many years. Throughout the aging process, barley wines will change gradually with time. Because of this, many barley wines are released with a vintage date so that the year is known if a barley wine bottle is stored properly and opened years down the road. Also unlike most other styles, barley wins can, and most certainly should, be consumed at warmer temperatures.

The barley wine was initially a British creation. I am not sure how true this is, but it is said that the style was invented as a wine substitute per request of the aristocratic upper society, who were unable to obtain desired wines from France due to England/France conflicts in the 18th & 19th century. Bass & Co. Brewery would eventually make barley wines available to the general public around 1903. Today, common commercial examples of what is now known as the English Barleywine include Fuller's Golden Pride, AleSmith Old Numbskull, and Brooklyn Monster (no longer in production as of 2013). This a style that I do not have much of for the February meeting.

The majority of the beers to be tasted at the meeting will be of the American ('merca!) Barleywine variety. Although also very high in alcohol, these tend to be produced significantly "hoppier" than their English counterparts. The first commercially brewed barley wine in the United States was Anchor Brewing Company's Old Foghorn. There tends to be some confusion, dispute, etc. over whether this beer is an American or an English Barleywine because many sources list it as an 'English Barleywine', while BJCP 2008 and the Anchor website claim it to be an 'American Barleywine'. Nonetheless, the most classic example, and arguably the "unofficial" mascot of the Foam Rangers, is Bigfoot by Sierra Nevada Brewing Company, which went into production in 1983. Most, if not all, of the barley wines that we will try at the meeting will fall under this category.







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