



# Brewsletter Urquell

## THE FOAM RANGERS

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### Out (of) The Wazoo

Noel Hart, Grand Wazoo

Noel wanted us to think he is out of town for work. But really, we auctioned off his space to the highest bidder. Except that nobody wanted to pay for this space. So we're filling it with crap. Hey, that's better than putting another homebrew club's



calendar here. But look at that photo--WE CAN'T EVEN AFFORD QUALITY GLUE! What do you expect when we can't afford to pay our contributors?

Yaaaaay April! Hooooorraayyyy beer! Thanks to everyone who came out for the Ron Pattinson event even though no one really knew what was going to happen. We got to meet a really knowledgeable guy and try some neat old world beers! Thanks to Will for the Graetzer and 1855 youngs xp bitter. I brewed a keg of Whitbread 1900 x mild.

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## Brewsletter Slashes Budget

Houston is not quite so hot right now... and we're talking about the price of oil's impact on the local economy, not the temperature. Everyone is tightening up budgets and looking at ways to save money, and the brewsletter is no different. We apologize in advance for the lack of prior warning, but rough times like these call for extreme measures. As you might have already noticed, to save on typesetting and any imaginary costs with using fonts, we have decided on using some handwritted headlines. In an innovative strategy to raise revenues, the backpage has been sold out for classified space. We've considered instituting a limit on syllables in a word, but found that being magniloquent or sometimes verbose by using words such as refractometer and saccharization both makes us look smart and confuses people who started on the barleywine early. With plagarism being so in vogue these days, we've decided to start by appropriating the KGB's calendar from last month's newsletter... SUCKERS! Anyway, keep your eyes open for innovative strategies we're testing to remove all usefulness and value from our beloved Brewsletter Urquell.

### Monthly Meeting

#### Date & Location

SATURDAY  
March 21, 2015  
5-8 pm

Schultz Family Party Barn  
23210 Willow Creek Stables  
Spring, Texas 77389

#### Style of the Month

Porters & Stouts

#### Meeting Cost

TBA

#### Special Event

Chili Cookoff

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The Official Newsletter  
of the Kuykendahl Gran  
Brewers Home Brew Club

### Upcoming events

May 3<sup>rd</sup> - Officer's Meeting  
May 9<sup>th</sup> - Brew-in  
May 15<sup>th</sup> - Meeting

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We have officially secured the crowne plaza for The Chixie Cup! (I did mention the Dixie cup will be an all woman run show this year, didn't I?).

In other news, Sean is supposedly planning a pub crawl up north, so bug him about it!

Paul Smith has volunteered for the May Brew in on May 9th. Anyone who would like to do a brew in, please let an officer know. Also if you have a pool and want a bunch of people to come drink beer in around and on it, let me know. We need a host for the July pool party, otherwise it's gonna be me in a kiddie pool.

Cheers!



## Competitions

Will Holobowicz, Competition Coordinator

### Bluebonnet Brew-off Winners:

David Toups – BOS Beer, 1st Sour Ale

Jeff Reilly – 3rd Bock, 2nd Mead, 3rd Mead

Robert Brown Jr. – 2nd Light Hybrid, 2nd APA, 2nd Imperial Stout

James Paige – 3rd American Amber, 2nd American Brown, 2nd American IPA, 3rd Belgian Strong Light

Janine Weber – 1st Belgian Strong Light, 3rd Place mention for BOS beer.

Wesley Powell – 1st Belgian Strong Dark

Will Holobowicz - 2nd American Amber

Additional results are posted here:

[http://bluebonnetbrewoff.org/downloads/2015\\_bluebonnet\\_awards\\_presentation\\_final\\_Modified.pdf](http://bluebonnetbrewoff.org/downloads/2015_bluebonnet_awards_presentation_final_Modified.pdf)

### ACCF Winners:

Eric Heinz and Kyle Autry - 1st place European Amber ale

Robert Brown - 1st place Light hybrid

Hank Keller - 1st Scottish/Irish ale and 3rd for American ale

Dillon Baete - 2nd place Porter

Additional results are posted here:

<https://drive.google.com/file/d/0B3QHjxvJDr8kY1pkb1RHWVlsRXc/view>

### Ongoing competitions:

#### Cactus Challenge

Awards Ceremony: May 2

<http://www.ale-iansociety.org/cactus/>

#### CIA: Operation Fermentation

Awards Ceremony: May 2 @ Wild West Brew Fest

<http://competition.cialers.org/>

### Upcoming competitions:

#### KGB Big Batch Brew Bash

Entry Deadline: May 1

Judging: May 17

Awards Ceremony: May 17

<http://thekgb.org/Big-Batch-Brew-Bash/Current-News>

#### Austin Zealots: Inquisition

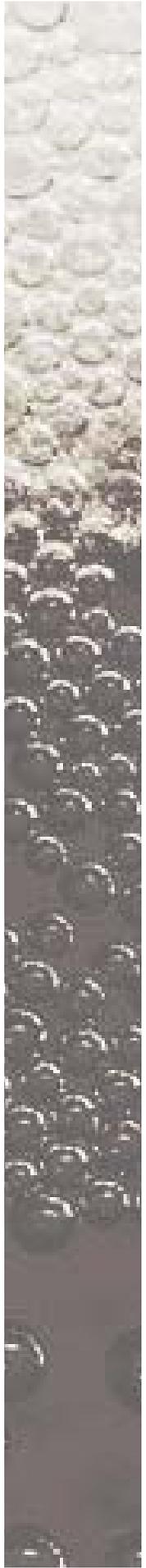
Entry Deadline: June 13 thru 28th

Pack and Ship: June 27th at Defalco's before they close

Judging: TBD

Awards Ceremony: TBD

<http://www.austinzealots.com/inquisition>



# Officer's Meeting Minutes

Paul Porter

April 12, 2015  
Officer's meeting minutes

Attending the official officer's meeting were Noel Hart (Iz Waz), Robert Brown (Secondary Fermenter), Rich Goeggel (Purser), Matt Crnkovich (Brewletter Editor), Shazia Hart, and I (Scrivener).

### ChDixie Cup:

It was reported that Rebecca Weitzenhoffer has filled all of the positions for Chixie cup. She has also gotten this years speakers. Shazia is heading up a fun project and could use contact for past Waz's, so please help her out.

Rich is still on the club tax situation and non-profit status update.

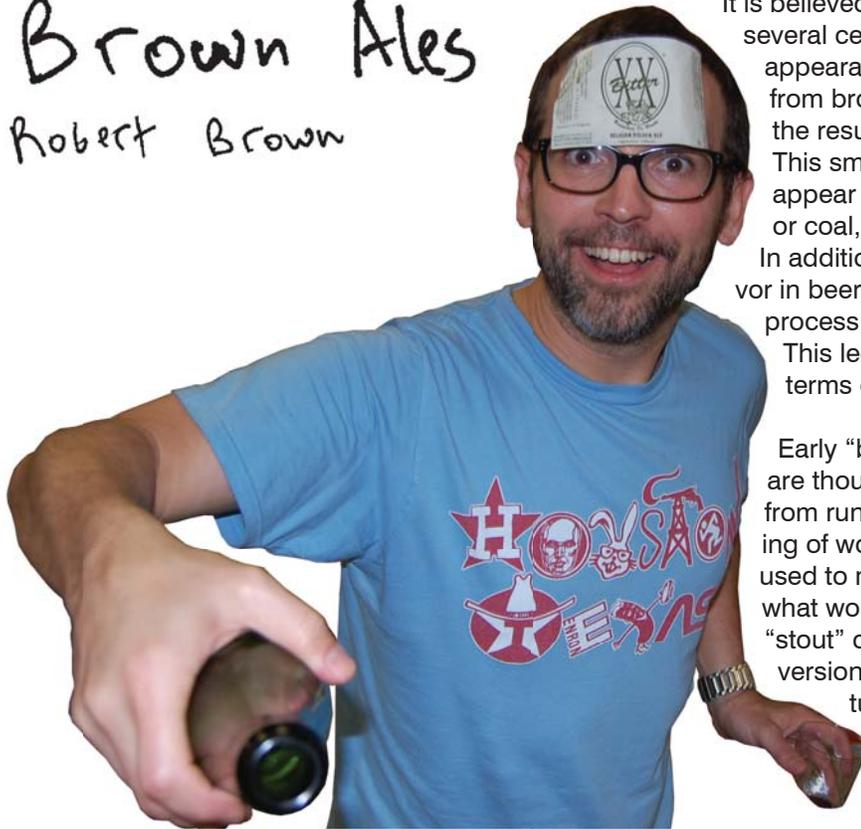
Ron Pattinson from "Shut Up About Barclay Perkins" and "The Homebrewer's Guide to Vintage Beer: Rediscovered Recipes for Classic Brews Dating from 1800 to 1965" author came to visit April 11th. It was a successful event and there was much rejoicing. Thanks to Noel and Will for preparing 3 of the vintage brews for the event.





# Brown Ales

Robert Brown



It is believed that the English ales of several centuries ago were brown in appearance due to having been made from brown, smoky malt, which was the result of kilning over hardwood fire. This smokiness would eventually disappear with the introduction of coke, or coal, fired technology to roast malt. In addition to eliminating the smoke flavor in beer, the new 17th century kilning process led to a lighter roast of malt. This led to pale beers taking over in terms of popularity.

Early "brown" ales of the mid-1700s are thought to have been produced from runnings after an initial drawing of wort, or successive ones, was used to make stronger beers, probably what would have been referred to as a "stout" or a "strong brown ale". This version of the brown ale may have actually been more similar to what is a modern day porter, or, specifically, the 2008 BJCP Style 12A – Brown Porter.

These darker beers were apparently confined to London and south England, mainly due to the compatibility with the mineral profile of the water in the area and the high consumption demand of the laboring class. Very low gravity brown ales that were usually sold fresh (i.e. no aging) became known as "milds"; these most closely resembled the "Mild" (11A) described in the 2008 BJCP Style Guidelines. This is not a very popular style today, with very few available commercially.

The "brown ale" would gain some popularity in the 1800s when Manns Original Brown Ale arrived onto the scene. This beer, and other similar offerings, is defined currently by 2008 BJCP Style Guidelines as a "Southern English Brown" (11B). The "Northern English Brown" (11C) would come later, in the 1920s, when Newcastle Brown Ale was first released. The latter of these two styles is the most recognized, familiar, etc. and has the most examples available in the market.

Today, North American adaptations of certain northern English beers can be attributed to craft brewers as well as to home brewing. The "American brown ale" has a substantially higher IBU rating as a result of the more generous amounts of American hops used to make them. The "Texas brown ale" is a high gravity, high IBU beer that could be referred to as a "brown IPA". The 2008 BJCP Style Guidelines have no categories for these styles. This, however, is likely to change with upcoming modifications to the guidelines.



# LIMITED QUANTITIES OF COLOR INK FOUND IN STOCKROOM!

Better yet, we didn't even know we had a stockroom until just now.



# The Brewsletter Urquell Classifieds Section

## Personals

*Really? Whose idea was this section?*

Bitter, unsuccessful middle aged loser wallowing in an unending sea of inert, drooping loneliness looking for 24 year old needy leech-like hanger-on to abuse with dull stories, tired sex and Herb Alpert albums.

I like eating mayonnaise and peanut butter sandwiches in the rain, watching Barney Miller reruns, peeing on birds in the park and licking strangers on the subway; you eat beets raw, have climbed Kili-manjaro, and sweat freely and often. Must wear size five shoes.

Angry, simple-minded, balding, partially blind ex-circus flipper boy with a passion for covering lovers in sour cream and gravy seeks exotic, heavily tattooed piercing fanatic, preferably hairy, either sex, for whippings, bizarre sex and fashion consulting. No freaks.

Tinkerbell Seeks mature Peter Pan, responsible yet playful. Vibrant, sweet, assertive, pretty professional SWF, 37, seeks educated, witty, fun, romantic, professional, SWM, 32-42, for fantastic flight. Ring my bell for magical LTR.

I'm A Total Slob but I shower everyday. I make decent money, but I've got bills. I'm cute but I need to lose weight. Cynical non-materialistic, mellow man seeks calm, attractive counterpart.

Shy, ugly man, fond of extended periods of self-pity, middle-aged, flatulent and overweight, seeks the impossible.

Happy, Joyless and Free SWM, 50, 6'1/190, smoker, financially self-sufficient, alcohol and drug free, loves his motorcycle and parrot. WLTM you (S/DWF) if you are 21-44, slim, easy going, unemployed and needing a LTR.

## Parking Spot

RIGHT IN FRONT OF THE SHOP

Ok, so it isn't a real parking spot, but if you've got something small like an Audi TT (or better yet, a friend's TT) this is PERFECT to fit into.

## Seeking Cash

Foam Rangers. THAT'S WHY YOU SHOULD PAY YOUR FUCKING DUES!

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## Lost and Found

Lost: Sobriety

Lost: Glassware won at raffle. If found, return to raffle items for this month.

Found: "I [heart] Vaginas" shirt. Removed from a passed out Sly Bastard.

Found: Reading glasses, were located next to a pile of Brewsletters at March meeting.

## Shop at Uncle Donnie's Diaper Barn

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## Seeking Liver

*Brewsletter comment: Get in line buddy, we all are!*