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Out (of) The Wazoo

Robert Brown, Grand Wazoo

Dixie Cup XXXIII coordinator.
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Did I mention "Dixie Cup Coordinator"? The club needs someone for this role ASAP as planning needs to kick off in the very near future. Last year's coordinator, Rebecca



Weitzenhoffer, has been kind enough to put together some information to provide to the See Teetotal On Page 2

ANDYGATOR: Myth or Reality?

On page 5, together with a story about Batboy and other story rights bought from the carcass of Weekly World News.

Wazoo On The Wagon at Brew-in

The Grand Wazoo has recently chosen T as in TeeTotaler for his middle initial. In the last several months, the Grand T. Wazoo and many other Foam Rangers have been seen exhibiting signs of alcohol tolerance, which is defined as tolerating high alcohol content in beer. Mmm, BARLEYWINE! Alcohol Dependence is another major risk factor for the club's members as we depend on beer to keep our refrigerators full. Also, as our club anthem asks about Jesus: "We know you can walk on water, but can you stand on this much beer?"

Understanding the risk factors, club members at the brew in were quick to spring into action. He was checked for Delirium Tremens by those in attendance, but was found to be carrying none. A call to a doctor was considered, as was a beer run, but it was determined that there would be sufficient supply to carry the club through the afternoon. Offering a beer was of little help, and Mr. Wazoo remained beerless throughout his short appearance. The only thing that the Wazoo seemed confident of is that he would be joining us off of the wagon shortly.



Speaking of wagons...this appears to be a wonderful wagon to be on. Has anyone ever thought of why being sober is considered on the wagon? Was the person who created the term actually drunk?

Upcoming events

- March 6^h - Officer's meeting @2pm, D&T Drive-In
- March 12th - Brew-in
- March 18th - Meeting

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2016 coordinator. Additionally, she has a binder, something that was not presented to her until unfortunately after the event occurred, containing a wealth of information about how to run it. Dixie Cup XXXIII needs you. Step up to the plate.

There are still a lot of empty slots for the monthly Brew-In. We are covered through April, but need brewers for pretty much all months after that. There will once again be a sign-up sheet at the meeting for anyone interested. May 7th is National Homebrew Day, where, as in past years, we will move the Brew-In date back one week. If it's similar to the last few years, we will have several brewers making beer behind Defalco's under a large tent. Let's all hope that Defalco's pitches a tent (like one of them big ones!). More details to follow as we get closer.

The winner of the Pros vs. Joes event on the Saturday that just occurred was Jason Sheehy from 8th Wonder, whose Dry Stout was determined to be better than the Was Waz Noel Hart's version in a blind taste off amongst club members and Defalco's patrons throughout the day. It was the second time in a row that the Pro, and former Defalco's employee (rigged?), won. The Foam Rangers had been on a nice little run prior to that, beating the Pro in at least three or four in a row. The opportunity to start another streak of this sort is coming soon. The next Pros vs. Joes event will take place at the April Brew-In on the 9th of that month. Stay tuned for info (i.e. the Pro and the style).

On January 31st, I got a chance to attend a monthly meeting held by the Cane Island Alers (CIA). The theme for that one was mead, where the "meading" took place at No Label Brewery. It was a nice, sunny afternoon. I got a chance to get feedback on some of my first mead attempts as well as try some brought by others, including ones brought by Jeff Reilly and Jeff Oberlin. It was a pretty impressive turnout. Additionally, I checked out the Sugar Land Imperialists' monthly meeting on the evening of Friday, February 5th at Texian Brewing Co. I talked beer with a few people and had a good time. At some point, the attendees got to sample a variety of the Texian beers from the taps. I had no idea that they had so many sour offerings. Some were pretty solid.

The AHA Rally is coming up on Sunday, February 28th. It is at Saint Arnold again this year and is from 1:00 to 3:00 p.m. Hope to see you there.

That is all. Later!



Competitions

Erol Bura, Competition Coordinator

With additional reporting by Beeriac and The Grand Wazoo

Bluebonnet Brew Off (one week earlier this year!)

Judging: Feb 20-21, Feb 27-28, March 5-6

Event: March 11 - 12, 2016

Awards Ceremony: March 12, 2016

Cactus Challenge

Entry Period: Mar. 4 - 25 (registration opens at noon March 4th and closes at noon March 25th)

Entry Check-in: March 26th 1:00pm @ YHCBW

1st Round Judging: Apr. 2-3, Apr. 8-9, Apr. 15-16 & Apr. 22 (if necessary)

Final Round Judging: Apr. 23 and Apr. 29 (if necessary)

Event: April 30th

Awards Ceremony: April 30th

You can drop off your entries at the Bluebonnet Brew-Off!

They will continue to limit the total number of entries to 335 paid entries, with a per entrant cap of 25 (2 per sub category.) Entry fee will remain \$8/entry.

Lunar Rendezbrew (much earlier this year!)

Website active and Entries submission: Through 3/17

Pick-Up Dates at designated drop off points: 3/18

Login Sorting Date: 3/19 Defalco's Clear Lake

Judging Dates: 3/26, 4/2, 4/3, 4/9, 4/10, 4/16, 4/17, 4/23, 4/24 (Locations TBD)



February Meeting minutes

Denise Whitney, Scrivener



2/7/16, 12:17 pm

Location: Flying Saucer, Sugar Land

In attendance: Robert Brown, Paul Porter, Kelsey & Lance Ford, Erol Bural, Matt Crnkovich, Denise & Luke Whitney

The content:

Dixie Cup: The highest of the high priorities is DIXIE CUP Coordinator.

As of meeting, there has not been a volunteer for DC coordinator, and it's urgent that the club have this position filled by March or April at the very latest. Coordinator gets rule over the theme, that's incentive, right? Someone, anyone, step right up!

AHA Rally: Is on Feb 28 at Saint Arnold Brewing Company. An event was posted on Facebook to the Foam Ranger page. The Foam Rangers will have a table at the rally, and volunteers are needed to man the table and represent the club. Entry is free to AHA members, and new membership is discounted at the door. If you have it, wear some Foam Ranger gear! We will also have some items in the rally raffle. It will probably suck.

Gear: We have badges in stock, we have 1/2 pint tasting glasses in stock - get them if you haven't! However, we're low on shirts, and we're working to remedy that. Robert is looking into the details to re-order stock on printed shirts. As an additional gear option, the Foam Ranger logo is available for embroidery on many products on www.landsend.com. Someone should be sharing more info on this soon.

Homebrew competitions: We have some entry representation at Bluebonnet, but will likely not have a lot of physical representation attending the event. We'd like to see more Foam Ranger presence where we can, with talks of pulling together Rangers to head out to events in Austin or San Antonio later in the year. Lunar Rendezbrew is local, but falls on National Brew In Day. The timing may not make sense for Rangers to attend, but if it does, you may hear more of a group trip in the works.

Brew Ins: Thanks to Matthew Smedberg for covering the February Brew In on February 13. The March and April Brew Ins are covered with volunteer brewers, but continue to put your name in for future brew ins. National Brew In Day on May 7 will feature several brewers.

From the Secondary: Bigfoot 2016 case and keg have been secured!

Finances: Rich was not in attendance, but emailed ahead: He's mailed the check for Dixie Cup programs to United Graphics, they should have that payment now.

IT: Working to make the formal and complete transfer of IT duties from Rich to Lance Ford, taking one of Rich's jobs off his plate and bringing in another relatively new Foamie to share the work load.

North Houston Brewery Crawl: Details are still in the works for a group brewery crawl across the north side of town. It's likely to be in June. More info to come.





ANDYGATOR: Does He Exist?

Months ago, The Foam Rangers were gifted news that the legendary Andygator himself was to arrive in Houston shortly. Andygator is a unique creature native to the Gulf Coast, and was shipped off to Australia, which The Brewsletter Urquell believes is the name of a zoo. This location is besieged by high beer prices and everything being upside down. Opening beer upside down does seem to make sense as a root cause of the wild drinking patterns the Aussies are known for.



The January Brew-in was visited by a memorable personality who claimed to be Andygator. The entire Brewsletter Urquell staff was present and was suspicious of this claim, determining afterwards that the visit was by an imposter who had some slight Australian mannerisms but was clearly not The Andygator.

After this incident, Andygator has also promised to present himself at other events, but frequently failed to show up.



Foam Ranger Reactions

“I hope he’s not dangerous. I’m scared of gators.”
Marv Houran,
Hockey player extra, Was was was was waz



“What a bunch of suckers this club is to believe everything”
Amanda Shelton,
personal friend of Bob McKenzie

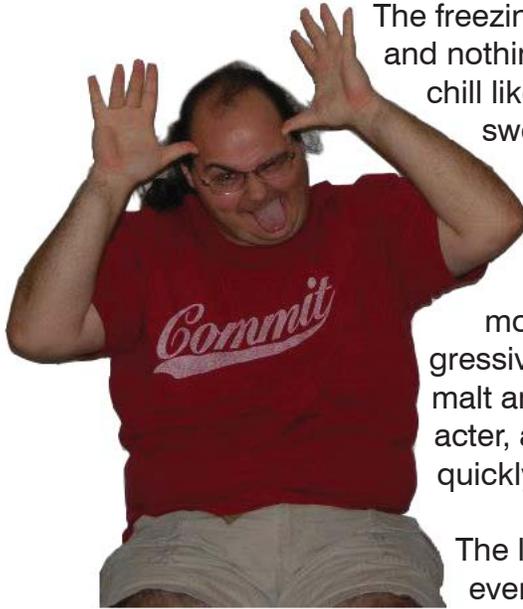


“Hey we found a dead mouse in our beer eh. That means you owe us a free case.”
Brewmeister Smith,
Ousted Ambev production specialist



Porters and Stouts

Paul Porter, Secondary Fermenter



The freezing chill of February has raged into our lives again and nothing warms the body against that 80°F Houston chill like barelywine. It time to indulge in that rich malty sweetness and luscious intoxicating warmth which serves to remind one why barelywines rule. Be it the more subtle English Barelywine (new BJCP category: 17D) with it's potent complex interplay of fruity esters and malt profile with a relatively moderate level of noble hops or the more hop aggressive American Barelywine (22C) with its simpler malt and esters profile with a potent citrus hop character, a barelywine will get you where you are going quickly and in style.

The line up for this meeting will consist of basically every barelywine I could find at Spec's. I will also be donating a highly rated barrel aged barelywine from Central Waters Brewery in Amherst, WI. We will of course be doing our yearly Bigfoot vertical going back to 2010. For those that stick around for a while after the raffle, I picked up two bottles of the J.W. Lee's Vintage Harvest Ale series the regular and aged four different barrels/casks.

Below is a list of the barelywines I'll be serving throughout the evening. It's always good to have a list just in case you have problems remembering what you had/did the next morning.

Cheers and remember dyslexics of the world untie!
Paul

American Barleywine

Santa Fe, Chicken Killer
Widmer Brothers, Old Embalmer '12
Victory, Old Horizontal
Deep Ellum, Numb Comfort
Sierra Nevada, Barrel Aged Bigfoot
Uinta, Cockeyed Cooper
Elevation, Arete
Evil Twin, Freudian Slip
Great Divide, Barrel Aged Old Ruffian
Avery, Hog Heaven (fresh and 1 year old)
Independence, 10th Anniversary
Central Waters, Brewer's Reserve
Sierra Nevada, Bigfoot 2014 and 2016
Rahr & Sons, Tenderfoot
Sierra Nevada/Boulevard, Terra Incognito 3

English Barleywine

Anchor, Old Foghorn (fresh and 1 year old)
Deschutes, Mirror Mirror
J.W. Lees, Harvest Ale
Regular
Port Cask
Calvados Cask
Lagavulin Whiskey Cask
Sherry Cask



