



THE FOAM RANGERS

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This month in the political world of Foamies:

- 2017 OFFICERS NOT YET IMPEACHED!
- WILL THE WAZ INVESTIGATE VOTER FRAUD?
- WILL VOTERS GET TO CROSS-INVESTIGATE THE WAZ FOR INVESTIGATION FRAUD?
- OFFICERS FOUND TO BE REGISTERED TO VOTE IN MULTIPLE CLUBS!!!

Upcoming Events

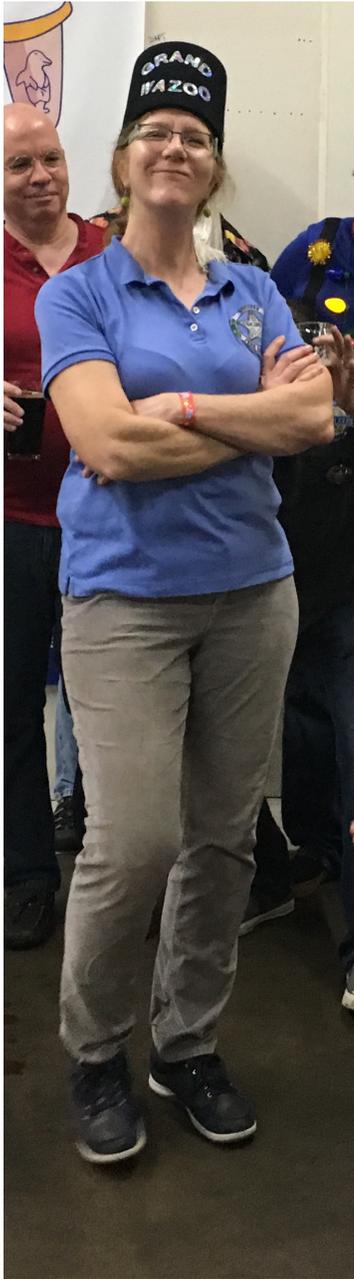
- March 5 / First Sunday Officer Meeting @ Karbach Brewing Co. (2032 Karbach St.)
- March 11 / Brew-in (Brewer(s) TBD) @ DeFalco's
- March 17 / Club Meeting (Belgians & Fruit Beers) @ DeFalco's

These unconfirmed rumors, plus we found a sucker (sorry, "volunteer") to be our competitions coordinator! Thank you, Nick Handel, for volunteering to drive all of our beer to every competition in the country (or at least the ones you decide to drive to), and for the extra generous guarantee that almost certainly some of it might make it there safely.

 <h2>Mallard Reactions</h2>		
Achtung!	 Lunar Rendezbrew 24	Only 4 weekends left to brew! Entry period open now Drop-off deadline 25-March
Atari!	 Cactus Challenge 20	5 weekends left to brew! Entry period opens in 3 weeks Limited to first 355 entrants
Aware	 Big Batch Brew Bash 22	One style only: Belgian IPA BJCP 2015 Category 21B Entry deadline 12-May

Out (of) The Wazoo

Janine (J9) Weber, Grand Wazoo



It's BARLEYWINE, bitches! I hope everyone enjoys this meeting and no one gets too drunk. If you do, there's Uber to save yer ass and get you home. Be safe, y'all! This month's column is about SAFETY.

More beers were brewed over here at the urban homestead by the "Unglorious Hoptards" (the brew team of Wazoo and Secondary) this month and I want to share a scary thing that happened that may be a lesson for us all. We had two simultaneous brews going on the back patio: two burners, a hot liquor tank and two kettles, mash tuns, tables, water jugs, dogs, chairs and a large extra person. Some beer had been consumed (I'm not saying how much) and as we were trying to get the early batch chilled an error was made. The little wiener dog decided to stand directly beneath the hot water outlet just as the water was turned on to start the chilling. I saw her from across the patio: she just sort of froze when the stream of hot water hit her in the center of her back. Instant pandemonium hit as brewer 1 tried to move wiener dog out of the way, helpful but drunk extra person tried to squeegee the water off of her, dog then bit would-be-rescuer, brewer 2 dumped pitcher of cold water on dog, dog got carried to bathtub for further cold water rinse. All seemed ok as we mopped up the mess. Tail of dog was wagging and she ate her dinner. A week later, bandage could be removed from the dog-bite victim, but wiener dog is now in the vet hospital with a large blister on her back.

What should we have done differently?

- 1) We should have set up our gear so that we had clear access to everything instead of in a cluster of crap and hoses and racks and tables.
- 2) We should have guided the hot water outlet hose into a dedicated bucket to prevent accidental contact by human or beast.

3) We should have been more sober and safety conscious.

4) We should have devised a way to keep the dogs away from the brewing setup.

The wee beastie will survive, she is in good hands at Westbury Vet Clinic, but I feel like shit.

When we brew, we are working with fire, gas, big volumes of boiling water and wort. We're lifting heavy things and sometimes using rickety equipment. Let's all just take a minute before we crank up our systems on brew day to consider what could go wrong and how to set up our gear so that nothing will. Be safe, brew safe!

J9, Grand Wazoo of the Foam Rangers, 2017



Old storage unit...YUM!



J9 @ the new storage unit

**NEW STORAGE UNIT!!!
NOW WITH LESS RATS!***
*We hope.

Foamie Fermentations

By Philip Verdieck

Parting, as they say, is such sweet sorrow. Well, it usually is, in the case of the last bottle of an exceptional vintage, the departure of a dear friend, the end of a free drinking session at a craft beer bar or the end of a one hour erection. In the case of Public Storage at 3555 South Loop ... not so much.

When in the course of homebrew club events it becomes necessary for the Foam Rangers to dissolve the bonds between themselves and a shitty storage facility, there might exist lame opinions that they should declare the causes which impel them to the separation.

We hold these truths to be blatantly obvious to all whose IQs exceed that of a small blue soap dish:

That rats are not created equal to beer connoisseurs and are not endowed by the operators of said storage facility to urinate and defecate all over our belongings.

That having to access a unit on the 2nd floor of a (decrepit) facility sucketh, oh verily.

That a lack of climate control in our local environment does not lead to the well being of our possessions.

It was thus that on the morning of February 11, 2017 two intrepid Foam Rangers ventured forth to relocate our belonging to a superior facility, located not much further (than the current ignominy) from our base of operations at Defalco's Homebrew Supply.

The only sorrowful aspect of this parting is that the full weight of the law cannot insure that the owners of Public Storage end up like all who challenge the fundamental standards of decency in the operations of storage facilities. In an iron coffin with spikes on the inside.



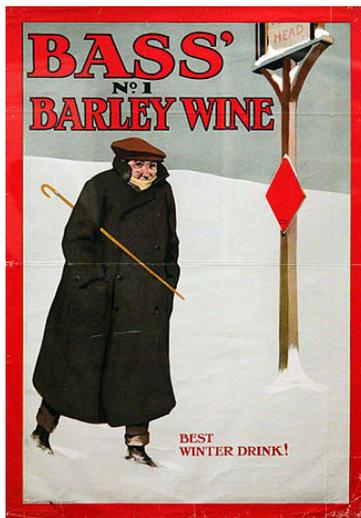
**Tax season is upon us!
You guessed it, you still need to
PAY YOUR
FUCKING DUES!!!**

Beer of the Month

By Phil Verdieck (Secondary)

Barleywine. Ah yes, that amber ambrosia known from time immemorial as the quickest route to inebriation that doesn't involve grapes, honey or the product of a still.

The first "modern" barleywine which we would recognize as drinkable was brewed by our friends over at Bass in 1870. For your perusal I have a couple articles. First a recommendation from your local scottish doctor on its healthy effects:



THE "LANCET" AND "BASS' BARLEY WINE."

The beer known "Bass' No. 1 Barley Wine," which the medical profession are now recommending as a sustaining and nourishing food-beverage for the winter months, and

for such persons as need a safe pure malt liqueur, is mentioned the pages the "Lancet" of the 23rd January. After giving the figures arrived at by the able chemists who conduct the analyses for the journal, the following interesting comment is appended. - "It cannot be doubted, therefore, that the beer possesses a decidedly nourishing value, and more so than many so-called nourishing stouts which have examined. The beer was in excellent

condition, free from hardness or acidity, and from excess of gas. It a very palatable malt liquor, having an attractively rich malty flavour." We understand that Bass and Co. guarantee that this "No. 1 Barley Wine," like their Pale Ale, is brewed solely from malt and hops, and of the best that can be procured. Aberdeen Journal - Saturday 13 February 1909, page 3.

Well, if I lived in Scotland in 1909, I think I would be drinking heavily on general principles.

Occasionally, its deleterious effects made the local fishwrap:

"CANTEEN LARCENY.

Charge Against A Soldier at Cove ACCUSED RETURNED FOR TRIAL

At Cove District Court yesterday, before Mr. P. O'Sullivan, B.L.,

Michael Turley, a private in the National Army, was charged on remand with having, on the night of July 8th, or morning of July 9th, broken and entered The military canteen at Haulbowline and stolen seventeen bottles of No. 1 ale, the property of Martin J. Maguire.

Martin J. Maguire said he was the licensed tenant of the military wet canteen at Haulbowline. On July 9th. about 11 a.m.. he visited the canteen and found window at the back broken. There were blood



stains on the window. At the rear of the canteen was a quantity of blood, and the upper portion of set of false teeth, with two bits missing. He went to the Guard station, and Sergeant Griffin returned with him. Witness saw Sergeant Griffin pick up a soldier's button, and another Guard picked up a soldier's cap badge. When witness first went the canteen he found two or three broken ale bottles outside the window. The value of seventeen bottles of ale would be 17s.

Annie O'Sullivan, attendant at the canteen. deposed that on the evening of July accused was the in the canteen. Witness noticed that there were two bits of teeth missing in accused's mouth. Witness locked up between 9.30 and 10 p.m. The following morning she found that there were about seventeen bottles of Bass' No. 1 ale missing.

Private Frank Galvin said he was stationed the Cove military hutments. He was on duty Haulbowline July 8th. and accused was also a member of the party. About 1 a.m. on July 9th witness and the sergeant of the guard went to the canteen. Accused was there, hanging from the window. He was conscious, but he had signs of drink, and his clothes were torn. They brought him to the guardroom and put him to bed. One of his feet was bleeding.

Sergt. Collins, who had previously given evidence in the case, was recalled, and stated that when he first got to the canteen accused was hanging over the window. Witness laid him on the ground and summoned Pte. Galvin and Pte. Moore. When they got back the accused was still on the ground.

Pte. Ml. Moore deposed that when they got to the canteen the accused was hanging over the window and not on the ground. At 11.30 p.m. accused had been placed on sentry duty near the guardroom. It was Sergt. Collins who pulled the accused off the window.

Lt. T. Gleeson said he proceeded to Haulbowline on July 9th, in consequence of a message he received. Accompanied by Sergt. Griffin he went to the guardroom and ordered the guard to turn out. He noticed Turley's tunic was broken and his false teeth were missing. Sergeant Griffin produced a set, and accused admitted they were his.

Pte. John Phipps, Army Medical Corps, gave evidence of having dressed accused's foot on July 9th.

This concluded the evidence, and when cautioned, the accused said : "I got a few drinks before went in. I was never in court before. I only drank three or four bottles of Bass and threw the empty bottles out the window."

He was then returned for trial in custody."
Cork Examiner - Saturday 17 July 1926, page 6.

Sounds like Sean Lamb has nothing on that guy! That 1927 no 1 was an OG 1105, 9.13% ABV beer.

The aforementioned articles come to us courtesy of Ron Pattinsons beer blog, Shut Up About Barclay Perkins, which has a wealth of info on historic UK beers.

(<https://barclayperkins.blogspot.com/2013/11/the-lancet-and-bass-barley-wine.html>)
(<https://barclayperkins.blogspot.com/2013/11/stealing-bass-no-1-ale.html>)

This Month in Foam Ranger History

Compiled by Bev Blackwood II



Five years ago – February 2012

In The Brewsletter: Apart from Milton’s orange clad butt, this edition of the Brewsletter is notable for its abundance of boobs... and I don’t mean the club members! Wazoo Jaime embarks on a lengthy analysis of beer and social media in a quest to fill some space. He was, in fact, successful at doing so (filling the space, that is...)! Secondary Bev provides two recipes for barleywine from his archives and complains about Anchor’s “Our Special Ale.” Competition Coordinator David outlines the basics of bottling and thanks his parents for hauling our beer to the Lone Star Circuit events.

At The Meeting: The infamous barleywine meeting was well attended, with a few Austin Zealots making the trip to town for the occasion. There were precious few meeting announcements from the Wazoo, with the emphasis being on more club members actually brewing. The raffle (as always) sucked, even moreso than usual as the Sly Bastards didn’t run it. Buck Wyckhoff contributed many years worth of Bigfoot for a ring toss game that was very popular. Speaking of Bigfoot, Secondary Bev offered up a 1998-2012 vertical tasting. Paul Porter also shared the results of his yeast experiment using 8 different yeasts on one split up batch of wort.

Other Events: Rolland Pate brewed at the brew-In, which also saw the first fill of the “club barrel” by Wazoo Jaime.

Ten years ago – February 2007

In The Brewsletter: You are greeted by a terrible Microsoft Paint rendering of a failed assassination attempt on Charlie Papazian by Steve Moore using a copper mash paddle loaded with a pound of Warrior hop pellets that are splattered on Bev Blackwood (in a KGB shirt for some reason) who is dramatically saving Charlie’s ass. It only gets stranger from there, as each page after the first one is still labeled “January 2007”. Brad Petit rambles on about being in the Texas legislature in order to eviscerate the TABC (he wasn’t and didn’t). Emil offers up a recipe for Barleywine Bread Pudding and also offers facetious advice on whether your brewing system can run Windows Vista. The photos are a mix of meeting pics and photos from what I’m guessing is Storge and Sandy’s house. John Burrow’s “Life in the Carboy” makes a video game joke about Rogue’s house strain. The usual pleas for



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Foam Ranger Foils Papazian Assassination Attempt !!!

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February Meeting:

Friday

February 16th

8:00 p.m.



By "Titanic" Bob Daugherty

HOUSTON (BU) An event unparalleled in homebrewing history occurred last Sunday when a Foam Ranger averted an assassination attempt of Charlie Papazian at the American Homebrewer Association Rally. The legendary homebrewing pioneer's life was spared when AHA liaison Bev "Skirt-boy" Blackwood jumped in front of the

would be assassin's weapon taking more than a pound of Warrior hops but saving Papazian's life in the process. The alleged gunman has been tentatively identified as Stephen Wayne Moore. Moore's subsequent death in custody has fueled suspicion of a conspiracy.

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Bluebonnet Brewoff entries are made by Mike and T-Bob and Scott DeWalt adds a sober note about not drinking and driving to his intoxicating prose about Barleywine and Holiday Beers, which also featured a short interview with Bill Covaleski of Victory Brewing.

At The Meeting: Rebecca Weitzenhoffer brought quite a spread of food to counterbalance the large quantity of barleywine at the meeting. Philip Verdieck, Cliff Peery, Storge and Sandy, E Mo, Joe Lindsey, T-Bob and Rob Kolacny were all mentioned as providing some extra barleywine to ensure nobody went home sober. Mike Heniff had a pre-meeting Continuing Education session on a topic that wasn't detailed in the Brewsletter and T-Bob handed out spiffy new membership cards to those who had paid their f*cking dues! Only 1/2 of the Sly Bastards (Scary Bastard) showed up for some reason, but still managed to rig the raffle in Doak's favor.

Other Events: First Sunday was held at BJ's Willowbrook location with members of the KGB in attendance. Many Foam rangers attended the AHA Rally held at Saint Arnold and got to meet the oft-reviled Charlie Papazian in person. There was no actual assassination attempt, much to Steve Moore's disappointment. Tom Witaneck brewed a Wee Heavy at the February Brew-in.

Fifteen years ago – February 2002

In The Brewsletter: The editors claim to be all out of funny stories to tell... (Never mind our meetings are generally a joke to begin with). The Grand Wazoo, Jimmy Paige makes up for it with a rambling column that touches upon Budweiser's Clydesdales, time travel, the Sly Bastards visiting Lesbos and Viagra Lager. Clearly the spirit of Drunk-Ra was upon him. A History column which looked suspiciously like the 20 and 25 year sections of this article appeared (unless I find the relevant Brewsletters). For some reason the Competition Coordinator is dressed like Saint Arnold and raving about beating Dallas at Bluebonnet and there's a reprinted piece from the Wall Street Journal about UK pubs that makes our Foam Ranger curmudgeons look positively cheery by comparison. Much noise is made about the change in e-mail servers via an article regarding Reliant's failure to sponsor Dixie Cup. A blend of photos from the meeting and the Christmas party find their way into the middle of the paper.

At The Meeting: Stouts brewed at the January Brew-In by English Dave and Joe



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New Brewsletter Editors Out Of Ideas

By The Brewsletter Staff
 HOUSTON— The new editors of *The Brewsletter Urquell* have run out of ideas for original articles in what is only the second issue of their publishing tenure. Mr. Sean Lamb and Mr. Steven Moore took over editorship of *The Brewsletter* with the January 2002 issue. *The Brewsletter* is the official newsletter of Houston Foam Rangers Homebrew Club. The Foam Rangers are the oldest club dedicated to making home brewer beer in the Houston area.
 The new editors began their work on *The Brewsletter* with the intent of producing issues with a more irreverent tone, emphasizing humor and satire.

It has been discovered that Messrs. Lamb and Moore have not devised a "theme" for the February issue of the newsletter, and it is rumored that no "funny" articles have been written for the issue.
 "I figured this would happen" said Jimmy Paige the "Grand Wazoo" of the Foam Rangers when he was questioned about the pending return to "normalcy" in *The Brewsletter*. "They're nice guys and all, but they aren't really that funny. Sometimes after they've had a few beers they laugh at each others jokes, but they mostly just suck as humorists. I just hope that they get *The Brewsletter* in the mail on time."

When asked for his comment on the situation David Cato, editor of *The Brewsletter* during 2001, replied "I might have snickered a little when I saw the first page of the January 2002 *Brewsletter*, but it just got old by the second page. And then I realized that I live in Portland and they live in Houston and probably won't even have a brewpub within 100 miles of them by the end of the year and I just kind of felt sorry for the schmucks."

Messrs. Lamb and Moore could not be reached for comment. One source indicated that they had left town for an undisclosed location with a sizable amount of opiates with the intent to "kick start the creative process".

Out Of The Wazoo

By Jimmy Paige, Grand Wazoo
 As Grand Wazoo, I must remind members of certain things. This month I'll start off by saying **PLEASE PAY YOUR DUES**. Failure to do so will interrupt your receipt of the New and Improved Brewsletter Urquell and the collection gorillas will be pounding on your door and sending you all sorts of midget porn emails.

Alright, that said, I think January was a great month for the club, we had tons of homebrew at the meeting, excellent food and it was good to see everyone after the holidays. The club is working, we are making alot of beer at home and at brew-ins, members are sharing their beer and I've had some outstanding examples like Tre Montigue's dry

stout and Jeff Duty's APA's. Watch these guys, they are going to win some ribbons this year.
 The bad news is that we lost another brewpub, this time Bradley's. We will all take our share of memories from Gary, then Redneck (Phil), then Swamper, then Gary again with us. We are down to just one soldier, Two Rows, so let's keep supporting them whenever we are near Rice Village.

It is time to put all that bad karma behind us now as we look forward to great cheer with barleywines and holiday beers, my favorites. Nothing will make you forget your troubles like barleywines. As Janet Widger says, "after a few, everyone's happy!" After you learn the finer details of the style from Kuyler's article, know this: you could call the beers anything you wanted and as long as they were a barleywine it would not matter. Heck, you could call one "Old

Shit" and it would sell as long as it tasted good.

Isn't it amazing what people other than homebrewers drink. Are they programmed differently or are they easily persuaded with advertising? For example, I was at the horse track recently and the Budweiser Clydesdales were the draw for the kids and I guess all the Houston area Bud drinkers too. As the horses paraded on the track everyone was out in force, Bud and cigarette in hand to cheer the horses and coachmen. I was sans cigarette and drinking a Guinness. I just don't get the whole Bud thing. Maybe they could do a lambic and call it "Clydesdale" inspired by the horsey aromas and sweaty leather. Why don't microbreweries have sales gimmicks like a Bigfoot showing up in costume to hand out free samples of barleywine, or perhaps a Winston Cup car emblazoned across the hood with Anchor's logo? I'm sure Bud is going to figure a way to backstep through time and wipe out homebrewing (Continued on page 2)

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February Meeting Friday, February 15 8 P.M. DeFalco's

Membership Dues Are Due NOW!

See Ron Solis To Make Your Payment

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Lindsey were on tap. Much barleywine was consumed, including the seldom seen Doggie Claws from Hair of the Dog in Portland, Oregon. Jimmy had the use of some kind of amplifying device, which put Scrivener Eric Wooten in mind of "Mr. Microphone"! There were pleas to pay your f*cking dues, attend the Dixie Cup planning meeting and buy James Hudec's beer. (At the time, it was from Brenham Brewery, these days he brews for Alamo.) There were also badges (We don't need no stinkin' badges!)

for sale and people were reminded to sign up for our new e-mail list server.

Other Events: Bradley's Steakhouse and Brewery closes leaving Houston with just one brewpub left, Two Rows. The Brewsletter Editors waste no time pointing out that Drunk-Ra had predicted it just a month earlier. All hail Drunk-Ra, seer of sights! Appropriately, First Sunday was held at Two Rows.

Twenty years ago – February 1997

In The Brewsletter: Steve Moore, the new Grand Wazoo, thanks everyone for his election, which was apparently a close one, for a change. He introduces his new officers and starts making the lame jokes which are his stock in trade. Steve also mentions that the Foam Rangers website was updated with new content by Beto. Beto contributes a pair of beer bread recipes, Steve Capo dreams of living by Franta's Rules and talks of Pilsners, hops and naked Czech women. The 6th annual La-Tex Bayou Rendezvous in Jennings is promoted heavily. The brewing lawyer, Louis Bonham explains the ins and outs of legally owning an Erlenmeyer flask in Texas. (It still requires a permit, ya'll!) Jim Harper contributes the Top Ten Ways to Take a BJCP Exam, most of which will get you kicked out of said exam.

At The Meeting: The meeting was held at the Oddfellows Lodge. Because there doesn't seem to be a March 1997 Brewsletter in existence, it can only be assumed that the Pilsners (in February!?) on offer by Secondary Steve Capo were enjoyed by all.

Other Events: Foam Improvement II is held at the Bank Draft, where Jeff Humphries discussed water treatment and Steve Capo talked Hops.

Twenty Five years ago – February 1992

In The Brewsletter: Adorned with what appears to be Felix The Cat, the February Brewsletter's Preramble reminds all Foam Rangers to Pay Their F*cking Dues.... Only in much more civilized terms. (Back then, if you didn't pay your dues, you didn't get a Brewsletter which often contained directions to the meeting, which meant you weren't able to attend said meeting!) The first of the Secondary Fermenters spends more time reminiscing about his introduction to the Foam Rangers than he does talking about the beer of the month, which was Porters. Four recipes are offered up and two whole pages outline the beer styles to be judged at the Crescent City Homebrew Competition in March. (6 whole Categories, 21 different Styles!) The newly created Gulf Coast Homebrewer of the Year award is announced. Mike Seidensticker supplies a very poorly formatted Scottish poem on the topic of interspecies drinking.

At The Meeting: Held at Harold and Judy Doty's home, the style of the month was Porters and Stouts. Among the porters on offer were Yuengling, Sierra Nevada, Anchor and Samuel Smith's, while the stouts included Guinness, Young's and Sheaf stout. Owing to the absence of the Scrivener AT said meeting, there's not much else to tell.

Other Events: Eight medals were won at Bluebonnet Brewoff, including a Best of Show honor for Mark Crowson's Munich helles. Tom Witaneck attempts to sing on the Galveston Mardi Gras road trip bus, but is quickly told to sit down and shut up. A keg of homebrew supplied by Brad Evans is consumed on the way, and still more beer is consumed at the Mardi Gras events and Momus Grand Night parade... All Foam Rangers make it back safely, with a lot more beads than they left with.

In The Brewsletter: Jacques Lord leads off his Wazoo-ship with many kind things to say about the Foam Rangers and a confession that his homebrew sucks. His ambitions as Wazoo? To establish the Foam Rangers as the premiere club in the southwest, maintain the fun and scholarly (!?) nature of club meetings and get the Rangers more involved with community service events. Dr. Strangebrew gives a lesson in recalibrating a refrigerator's thermostat to better suit homebrewing temperatures. The AHA is taken to task for several things, including high fees, choosing Michelob Dark as the "Classic beer style" to be entered at AHA Nationals and their habit of referring to any other conference as a "Mini-conference" (a habit pointed out to and apologized for in a letter to the editor from the Eastern Homebrewers Alliance.) Beer judge test results are published and Brad Kraus scored over a 90, making him a Master Judge (in today's rankings). An appeal for club By-Laws is made again. A 3rd place Dixie Cup recipe for a Pale Ale that contains uncrushed black patent malt (!?!!) is offered up.

At The Meeting: Originally planned for King Biscuit, it was held instead at DeFalco's (for the first time in over a year!) Why? The TABC wouldn't allow King Biscuit to sell beer and let patrons take it next door to be consumed (that whole "licensed premise" thing...) Without beer, there's no meeting, ergo no King Biscuit for the Rangers! The Wazoo was also absent, sending his regrets from San Francisco via letter and providing some suggestions for topics to be discussed. There was much discussion about upcoming outings to the Astros' opening day, going for a boat ride and where the Dixie Cup could be held. The absent Wazoo was given the task of talking to the Gingerman's management about roofing over some (or all) of the beer garden. Pale Ale was the style of the month, but as the night progressed, a bottle of 1986 Bigfoot was shared. Barleywine bitches!

Other Events: The seventh annual Foam Rangers Club competition was held on February 15th to determine the club's entrants to the HWBTA nationals. With 53 entries, there was a challenge getting judges seated in categories they hadn't entered. Steve Daniel won Best of Show for his wheat beer. Memorable Wazoo quote: "I have sitting in front of me not five cups of beer, but five egos!" Truer words were never spoken!

Thirty five years ago - February 1982

Lost in the mists of time!



January Club Meeting

#2 Out (of) The Wazoo:

Job Openings: There a few key positions that remain vacant. Please consider stepping up to help your favorite homebrew club with your time.

Food God/Goddess: Organizes a mostly healthy meal for the meetings. Costs up to certain amount are reimbursed by the club. Food God/Goddess is highly appreciated by the membership and is treated with special favor by the Wazoo.

Scrounger: Critical for securing the cool swag we raffle off each month and for the mega Dixie Cup raffle. The 2017 Scrounger will be advised/mentored by Paul Smith (a highly successful previous Scrounger). The Scrounger should recruit scrounger-minions to help.

Dixie Cup Coordinator: This may seem like a big, important, daunting thing, but it gets done every year with the help of the collective knowledge and energy of the club. Someone's got to be the leader of this event and get to do the cool stuff like decide the theme and boss folks around....it could be YOU! DC Coordinator will recruit specialists to manage the Judging, Stewarding, Fred Tasting, Pot Luck, Cellar Management, and some other stuff that I can't remember right now. Your Wazoo has held nearly all these positions, so it's obvious that you can too.



From February's Brew-In
Howard Rushing and Secondary (Phil Verdieck)
checking out the baby barleywine

Foam Rangers Officer Meeting

Minutes by Mike Reed, Scrivener



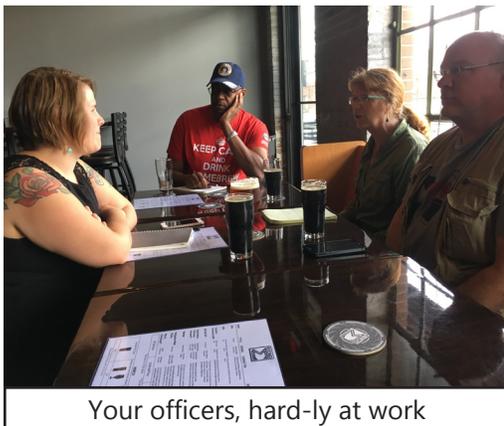
February 5, 2017 @ Sigma Brewing, 2pm-3pm

In attendance:

J9 Webber, Denise Whitney, Phil Verdieck, Luke Whitney, Paul Smith dropped in.

- Need to keep to keep track of how much we make at the raffles
- We have a problem with the public storage space (security for Waz and rodent infestation) J9 looking into another storage space. Some are climate controlled and come with power. We could possibly put a refrigerator in it to store extra beer. There is one close to NRG J9 to check.
- First competition entries went out. Will drove entries to the competition. Considering reimbursing him for gas.

- Raffle
 - Need more tickets, almost ran out
 - Have a lot of glassware
 - Need megaphone (J9 will brave rats to look in the storage space for megaphone and tickets), may need to buy one
 - Discussion around auctioning off some of the more desired items instead of raffling them
 - How to deal with shirt sizes, especially smaller sizes
 - Discussion around swapping our extra stuff with other clubs to raffle off
 - Phil looking into where to buy beer cheaper to help stay within budget. Might exceed monthly budget due to getting beer for a couple meetings.
- Discussion around BJCP certification
- Dues
 - We are low on the amount of dues collected this year than we were the same time last year
 - Denise talked about using the Square reader to start swiping

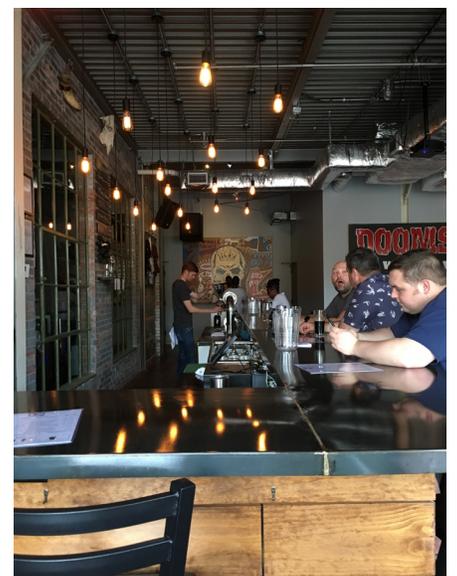


Your officers, hard-ly at work

credit cards at the meeting. She will look into getting it set up.

- Send out email to tell people if they are still going to participate to please pay there dues.
- Money
 - Considering generic metals for Dixie Cup for 2nd and 3rd place to help cut cost.
 - Add some more excitement to meeting by bringing back ring toss to help use up beer from previous meetings. How many times we do it will depend on how much beer we have.
 - Discussion around type of auction for some of the more desired items.

*Retraction from January meeting minutes. J9 was joking when she said she had a new T-shirt in the works that she will pay for out of her own pocket that we can sell and raffle off. I was a little too diligent in my note taking.



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