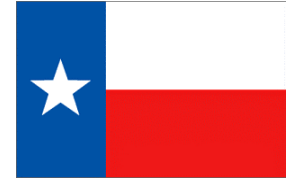


KNIGHTS OF THE BROWN BOTTLE



HOMEBREW CLUB



ARLINGTON, TEXAS

MAY 2005 YOUR MONTHLY NEWSLETTER VOLUME 9, ISSUE 5

monthly meetings always on second Wednesday each month

NEXT MEETING - MAY 11, 7:30 PM ****RICHARD TURNER'S HOME****



Club officers for the Knights are:

President: Larro Land

Vice-President: Brad Berven

Competition Chairman: Mike Porter

Treasurer: JustDave Girard

Secretary: Richard Turner

Newsletter Editor: Larro Land

Webmaster: Joel Henderson

Librarian: Phillip Deal

Sergeant at Arms: Gene Wheelbarger

YOUR PRESIDENT SPEAKS!

WASSAIL FELLOW KNIGHTS- -

Thanks , Brad, for allowing the homeless Knights of the Brown Bottle to meet at your place last monthly meeting. You did a great job and made everyone feel at home.



Next, we need to announce the nominations for your club officers for the next term.

By your nominations:

PRESIDENT-

Brad Berven, nominated by Kurt, seconded by Steve Wesstrom.

Clyde Allen 111, nominated by Steve Wesstrom, second by Tim Klosterman

VICE PRESIDENT:

Chris Owen, nominated by Gene Wheelbarger, second by Brad Berven

Jamison Kirmser, nominated by Clyde Allen 111, second by Tim Klosterman

TREASURER:

JUST DAVE GIRRARD, nominated by Kurt Bethke, second by Richard Turner, or maybe Gene Wheelbarger

SECRETARY:

Gene Wheelbarger, nominated by Kurt Bethke, second by Philip N. Deal

COMPETITION CHAIRMAN:

Mike Porter, nominated By Brad Berven, second by Jamison Kirmser.

Knights, this is your slate of officers for the upcoming brewing year. We will vote on these positions at our next meeting, May 11, 2005, 7:30 PM, and the newly elected officials will start their terms beginning at the next monthly meeting, June 4, 2005.

This also happens to correspond with the Celtic Brew-Off, and the June Meeting will be held at the Texas Scottish Festival grounds, Maverick Stadium, Arlington.

Knights, here is your chance to make a difference in your club. Your voice must be heard! Please vote for the candidate that you think will work hardest for your club! Vote now and vote often! Remember,

Sec. 1: Elective officers of The Club shall be nominated annually from the floor at the April meeting.

Sec. 2: Election of officers shall be by secret ballot at the May meeting. All members in good standing shall be eligible to cast a ballot. Members unable to attend the May meeting may cast an "absentee" ballot. All absentee ballots must be in a sealed, unmarked envelope and received by the club secretary prior to the May meeting.

Sec. 3: All ballots will be tallied by the Secretary and the results will be verified by two impartial club members. Vote totals and the new club officers shall be introduced prior to ending the May meeting.

With this issue, another year has been marked off. It has been a memorable year, with many fine brews, many friendly faces, many proud members, several new faces, a major improvement in overall brewing skill, several great parties, several outstanding rewards, and an outstanding start for The Knights of the Brown Bottle Homebrew Club's second decade.

Your club would not be where it is today without the hard work and dedication of time, money, ideas, and a "can do something better" attitude that has been given over the last year by some outstanding members. Please keep in mind that being a non-profit organization means that we survive solely on the contributions of our members; if we are doing good, that means someone is working extra hard to make everything happen. Please take a second to think about all the events in the last few years, and the many people that are the cause of them! Then, consider the nominations for your club's officers. I urge you to vote for the candidate you feel will work hardest for your club. I urge you to help make a difference, and insure that your club continues its growth and knowledge.

→ Look for directions to our May Monthly Meeting, to be held at Richard Turner's home. If you get lost, or, need directions, call my cell: 817-312-4618.



NEAT BEER OF THE MONTH!



Köstritzer

Schwarzbier

ABV 4.8% • Vol 500 ml • bottle • Germany •
Expensive • Flavour 8
Other beers from [Köstritzer](#)
Other beers from [Germany](#)

This is a well-respected example of the German dark lager style known as Schwarzbier, which in general is not that widely available in the UK. The review bottle appears to be a French import, on sale in the UK for some reason best known to the owner of the shop where I picked it up...

It does indeed look almost black, but is in fact a very dark brown colour when held up to the light, with a pale, fine-bubbled and lasting head. Nose is of dark malt, roast coffee, black treacle and dark dried fruit. It is quite lively in the mouth, with initially a somewhat lactic taste of creamy coffee, but quickly developing into rich, malty and dark but slightly sour fruity flavours - figs, blackcurrants, black cherries, black treacle, burnt sugar, dark chocolate, bitter dark-roast coffee (still with a dash of cream) and a touch of hop. The more bitter of these flavours (coffee, chocolate, hops) increase in intensity towards the finish, though still tempered by sweeter red fruit notes. Aftertaste is a gorgeous lingering malty bitterness, much like a dry stout, with a warming, spicy touch that wouldn't be out of place in a much stronger beer. A thoroughly lovely experience from start to finish.

OBBD reviewer: Sparks

WELCOME OUR FIRST FEMALE MEMBER! Jennifer Rose



Editors note: This is an exact reprint from last issue! At our last meeting we discussed this at length, and decided to table the issue until the next meeting. Please read and think about this proposal; there will be a test!

From Sir Richard Graham:



Knights:

At the last club meeting the subject came up about intraclub competitions and the Master Brewer of the year award. Last year, I submitted an amendment to the Club By-Laws changing the way points were earned towards the **Master Brewer Award**. As far as I know, this amendment was never presented to the club for a vote, and the procedures for designating the Master Brewer were never changed. Additionally, my amendment deleted the **Crusader Award** because no one was tracking or monitoring out-of-club competitions for the award, thus the award either was not being presented or given as a "best guess"

As asked, I am reposting my proposed amendment. For simplicity, I have listed Article VII of the By-Laws as written and then the proposed amendment. If I am at the April meeting, I will ask that the amendment be read. If I cannot make the April meeting, would someone take the initiative and read the amendment to the club so it can be discussed and voted on at the May meeting.

ARTICLE VII AS CURRENTLY WRITTEN:

Article VII - Club Competitions

Sec. 1: Two (2) types of KOBBS Club competitions will be held throughout the year,

Intra- Club and Public competitions. All entries shall be judged using American Homebrewer Association styles and guidelines. The Club will host Knights of the Brown Bottle Intra-Club competitions as determined by the Competition Committee. Any member in good standing may enter any AHA sanctioned competition to participate in the club's Public competition. The winner of the Intra-Club competition will receive the Master Brewer award. The winner of the Public competition will receive the Crusader of the Year award.

Sec.2

a). Intra-Club Competitions - Master Brewer Award

For the Intra-Club competitions, ribbons will be presented for each beer placing first, second, and third. The Master Brewer award shall be presented each December to the member who receives the highest point total in Intra-Club competitions from December through November. The Master Brewer competition will use the following point system:

5 points - First Place

3 points - Second Place

2 points - Third Place

1 point - Entered

b). Public Competitions - Crusader of the Year Award

No ribbons will be given for Public Competitions. Each Public competition winning entry will be considered a First, Second, or Third place score according to the score that was awarded by the AHA sanctioned competition that was entered. Only one winning entry from any AHA style category will count as a score toward the Crusader of the Year award. Further, if the same entry wins in two or more separate, Public competitions, only one (1st,2nd or 3rd place) may be counted toward the Crusader of the Year

Example: If a member wins first place for Pale Ale at the North Texas County Fair Brew-Off, that member cannot count **any other** winning Pale Ale entries from any other American Homebrewers Association sanctioned competitions toward the Crusader of the Year Award. **This rule will promote the idea that members interested in pursuing the Crusader of the Year award will brew a wide variety of beer styles instead of winning ribbons over and over for the same style.** The Crusader of the Year award shall be presented each December to the member who

receives the highest point total in Public competitions from December through November.

The Crusader of the Year award will use the following point system:

5 points - First Place

3 points - Second Place

2 points - Third Place

PROPOSED CHANGE TO ARTICLE VII, INCORPORATING NEW A NEW POINT SYSTEM FOR THE MASTER BREWER AWARD AND DELETING THE CRUSADER AWARD.

Article VII - Club Competitions and Master Brewer Award

Sec. 1: KOBV Intra-Club Competitions. Intra-Club competitions will be held throughout the year. The Club will host Knights of the Brown Bottle Intra-Club competitions as determined by the Competition Committee. If possible, the styles of beer to be judged and timing of the Intra-Club competitions will coincide with the **AHA Club Only Competitions**. All entries shall be judged using American Homebrewer Association styles and guidelines. Any member in good standing may enter these competitions. Ribbons will be presented for each beer placing first, second, or third.

Sec. 2: Master Brewer Award. Each December, The Club will designate a member as its Master Brewer of the Year and will be presented the Master Brewer Award. Club members earn "points" towards this award by entering certain homebrewing contests and/or performing other activities that promote the mission of the Knights of the Brown Bottle and the hobby of home brewing. The maximum number of points that may be earned towards this award is one hundred (100). A maximum of sixty (60) points may be earned by contest participation while a maximum of forty (40) points may be awarded for other activities. The Club Competition Chairman or his designee will maintain a point tally for the Master Brewer award and periodically update the membership on its status.

a) Competition Points (60 points - maximum)

1.) Intra-Club Competitions: Normally, six intra-club competitions are held each year. Up to 30 points may be earned towards the Master Brewer Award in the Intra-club competitions based upon the judging results and the following point schedule.

5 points - First Place

3 points - Second Place

2 points - Third Place

1 point - Entered

2.) Bluebonnet and Celtic Brew-Off Competitions: Up to 30 points can be earned toward the Master Brewer Award by competing in these two local area events. Points will be earned by an individual's top three entries in each event (i.e., six total entries with no more than three entries counted in either event) based upon judging results and the following point schedule.

- 5 Points - First Place

- 3 Points - Second Place
- 2 Points - Third Place
- 1 Points - Entered

b) Non-Competition Points (40 points - maximum).

1.) Up to 40 Non-competition points may be earned by member participation in the following manner:

- Attends a monthly club meeting - 1 point per meeting
- Bluebonnet Brew-Off Committee Member - 5 points
- Celtic Brew-Off Committee Member - 5 points
- Hosting a Club meeting - 5 points
- Presenting a homebrewing demonstration or talk at a monthly club meeting - 5 points
- Organizing and hosting a Club brew-in - 10 points
- Organizing and hosting the Club Christmas party - 10 points
- Participating in the Bluebonnet Brew-off or Celtic Brew-off - 1 point per day
- Taking the BJCP exam - 5 points
- Passing the BJCP exam - 10 points

2.) The KOBB Board may award points for other non-brewing activities, as it deems appropriate as long as the activity promotes the mission of the Knights of the Brown Bottle and home brewing.

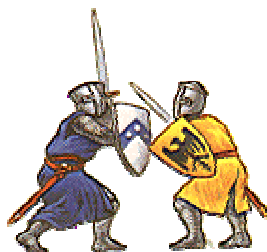
c) In the event two or more members tie for Homebrewer of the Year, a vote of the Board will determine the winner for that year.

Chris, you said you liked the idea of a KNIGHT OF THE YEAR award. I also think this may be a good idea. Proposal: Award the Master Brewer Award for the points earned in subparagraph a above; and award the Knight of the Year based on points earned in subparagraph b. This of course would require a small rewrite to the amendment.

Any feedback from the club membership would be appreciated.

Cheers,

Richard.



meeting notes by Richard Turner, Secretary
May 11, 2005, at Brad's Home

celtic judging is the 21st

login is at brads the week before

meeting list of knights that have
offerd there homes for meetings

Richard T. 2 meetings

Chris O. 2 meetings

Brad B. 2 meetings

Larry L. 2 meetings

Humperdinks- 1 meeting

Arlington smoke shop -1 meeting



we need one more place to have 12

May meeting is at RT

We 22 members in attendance

we discussed new buylaws for inter club comp and brewer of the year

celtic entries to be left in Pats Truck ,homebrew headquarters and Foremans.

New member Travis McDuff

Officers nominations

pres - Brad B. Clyde.

FIRST-STEVE W.

SECOND- Tim Klos

vp- Chis O. jamie K.

first- Gene w. second Clyde

tres- just dave sec- Gene W.



From the Editor



WASSAIL!

GREETINGS FELLOW KNIGHTS

Man, I been busier than a one legged man at a butt-kickin contest. Spring is the best time to be brewing, and even though I've been busy at work, I've also snuck in some brews... You know, it's just so easy to brew this time of year- the tap water is cool, the nights are cool enough you can keep the fermenter outside, and lower fermenting temperatures always mean better brews. The trouble is, where I work has their busy season from Feb to June, and one must count the money whilst one has the coins on the table. It will come to an end soon; the busy season will turn into a ghost town, and we will have time once again to relax, have friends over, and enjoy brewing and drinking homebrew once more.

Speaking of brewing, I have a deal for you. How about:

The next time you brew, invite the members over.

Now, I know some brewers are very exact; they plan everything out for weeks. Others, such as myself, don't have a clue what they will be doing in the next 10 minutes.

If one was to announce on the KOBBS group that they were getting ready to put up a batch, perhaps someone in the group would have the desire and time to come running and help/watch/ learn/or maybe even brew a batch themselves.

I know this is a great tool to help the newbies out; you surely remember getting started, knowing you knew it all (because you read the book, right?), but because of lack of experience, just didn't know about a few things until you actually saw it being done??? (sort of like learning French without hearing someone speak it?)

I DARE you! Invite a fellow brewer over for a session.

Chances are, you both will learn something!

We now have a discussion group going.

Please go to kobb-subscribe@yahoogroups.com and follow the instructions. This is a free deal that takes anything you send it and broadcasts it back to all of its subscribers. It's a great way to stay up to date. Between this discussion group and Joel's Hard work as our EXCELLENT WEBMASTER, you will always be up to date on ALL the latest events!

(there are now over 3,000 messages served)

JUMP ON THE BANDWAGON!!



PPSsst! I found where Ossama's been hiding! Where is my stinkin reward??

Please don't be shy! I sure could use YOUR help in getting this newsletter out each month! And, If you have an idea-ANY idea, Please submit it. So, If you have some winners, Please forward them on. One of the reasons we are here is to promote and cultivate better brews! Please send me feedback!

Hell...send Beer!!!

----- LARRO

Mission Statement

The mission of the Knights of the Brown Bottle and this newsletter is to serve as a forum to promote public awareness and appreciation of the quality and variety of homebrewed beer through the collection and dissemination of information regarding the art and science of homebrewing, and to promote the responsible use of beer as an alcohol - containing beverage.

The club newsletter is published monthly and highlights the events and meetings of the club, local beer events and technical information that will help everyone brew better beer.

Items for publication are welcomed and encouraged.

The deadline is the last Friday of the month, for the following months newsletter.

Items should be directed to

Larro Land E-Mail : Larry.Land@merrillcorp.com

KNIGHTS OF THE BROWN BOTTLE MEMBERSHIP APPLICATION FOR 2004

NAME-----

EMAIL-----

PHONE-----

ADDRESS-----

AMOUNT PAID \$

DATE-----Please forward information to Richard Turner, Secretary,
KOB. (don't forget to let us know if it changes)