



SPECIAL POINTS OF INTEREST:

- HPD hanging around Foam Ranger meetings
- Competitions around the corner
- Oh, yeah, PAY YOUR F***ING DUES

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Out (of) The Wazoo

Bev Blackwood II, Wazoo



With age, you'd assume there would come perspective.

Yet I always find myself surprised at the difference between wanting a thing and having a thing. I have always been a "collector" of sorts. When I was young, it was every single Hot Wheels or Matchbox car I could get my hands on. Later it was airplane models, Mad Magazines (boy, I wish I had kept THOSE) then single malt scotch and more recently, beer. However, it's fair to say that when you finally have something, it loses the cachet

it had as an unobtainable desire.

So now I'm Grand Wazoo again and I once again wear the Fez of power. When I was Secondary, I remember thinking about all the wise things I was going to remind the club about once I became Waz... Like, how it's important for new members to step up and participate in the club. (By the way, kudos to all the new members we have stepping up and participating. It's truly inspiring!) How it's a good idea for the club to compete in the Lone Star Circuit and show our leadership as the best damn homebrewing club in the state by being participatory and help-

ful to our fellow Texas clubs. (By the way, kick ass job everyone on winning the Lone Star Circuit Homebrew Club of the Year for 2012 AND returning the Dixie Cup to its rightful place!) and of course How it's important that we have homebrew and homebrew education as a central element of our club's activities and vision for the future... (By the way, I've really been enjoying the literal outpouring of homebrew at the beginning of our monthly meetings, the great turnout at our brew-ins and the participation by club members in our BJCP classes.) But as I was saying, now that I HAVE the Fez, I find myself curiously lacking in inspiration as to
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Beer Style of the Month

Dan Muñoz, Secondary



Stouts and Porters are known

as two quite distinct styles, but they have a long and intertwined history. Dating

back to the early 1700s, Porters originated in England as a "bigger" alternative to the pale ales that were prevalent in the region, so named because they were favored by the dock workers and porters of the day. Originally a blend

called "three threads" consisting of: ale (possibly bittered with gruit), beer (bittered with hops) and two-penny (a stronger aged beer usually reserved for holidays). In 1730 a brewer recreated the blended concoction and
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