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Out (of) The Wazoo

Noel Hart, Grand Wazoo

It's August and addition to the humidity that means it's time to try some pale ales, bitters, and steam beers. It also means Dixie Cup entries are opening at the end of this month. We are still working on getting the entry system up and running, but it will be very soon.



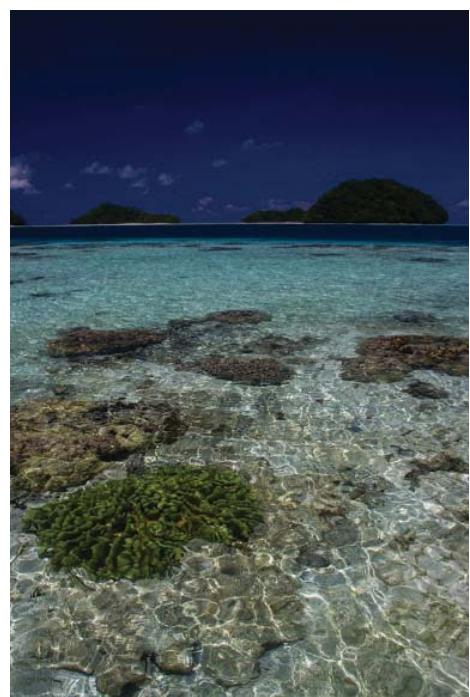
I want to give a big thanks to the brewers and friends that came by last Saturday for Brew Naked. Sean got mostly nude in the trough, surprise, surprise. Also the votes were tallied from the last Pros vs Joes and unfortunately the pros won. This ends our streak of winning Joes, but we will win next time, I can feel it.

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WE'RE BAAAACCCKKKK!

The brewsletter is back in publication! There was much enjoyment of quite drinkable yet not-all-too-fantastic beers of the Pacific Islands, plus a stop in Tokyo that included some very productive tastings. Sorry to miss you all at the pool party.

We won't make any cock jokes about the beers below, but you can make your own.



Palau is cool. Srsly



Upcoming events

*not likely to be accurate

- August 23rd - Fred Simul-wake
- Sept 6th - Officer's Meeting
- September 12th - Brew-in
- September 18th - Meeting

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We also lost a great friend and mentor to the Foam Rangers, Fred Eckhardt. He will live on in our club with the Fred tasting every year at Dixie Cup, which was named in his honor. We will also be holding a wake for him here at Defalcos on Sunday at the same time as his wake in his hometown of Portland. Bring some beer to toast and share our memories of Fred.



Competitions

Will Holobowicz, Competition Coordinator

Lunar Rendezbrew

BOS – Beer: Janine Weber

Janine Weber - 1st Place Belgian Strong Ale, 3rd Sour Ale, 2nd S/H/V

Hank Keller - 1st Light Lager, 1st Amber Hybrid, 2nd Scottish & Irish Ale

Eric Heinz & Kyle Autry - 3rd European Amber Lager, 2nd India Pale Ale

Paul Burdick - 1st English Pale Ale, 3rd India Pale Ale

Scott Fertak - 2nd English Pale Ale, 3rd Amber Hybrid

Robert Brown - 1st American Ale, 1st Scottish & Irish Ale, 3rd S/H/V, 3rd Specialty Beer

Jimmy Paige - 1st Belgian & French Ale, 3rd American Ale, 3rd Belgian Strong Ale

John Dunivin - 3rd Scottish & Irish Ale

Miles Kane - 3rd Other Mead

Additional results are posted here:

<http://rendezbrew.brewcomp.com/>



Austin Zealots: Inquisition

Category 1 - Malty & Sweet

3rd place- Roburt Brown Jr., Foam Rangers

Category 8 - Flavored beers

3rd place - J9 (Janine) Weber, Foam Rangers

Additional Results are posted here:

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

Upcoming competitions:

Limbo Challenge

Awards Ceremony: Aug 22

<http://www.limbocomp.org/>



Ozapft Is!

Entry Dates: Until Aug 31

Pack and Ship: Aug 23

Judging: TBD

Awards Ceremony: Oct 3

<http://ozapfthomebrew.com/>

Texas Meadfest

Entry Dates: TBD

Pack and Ship: TBD

Judging: TBD

Awards Ceremony: TBD

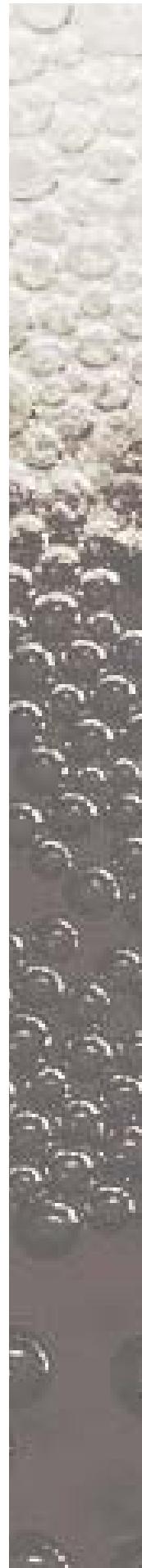
<http://www.texasmead.org/mead-fest.aspx>

Dixie Cup

Judging: Oct 15-17th

Awards Ceremony: Oct 17th

<http://dixiecup.foamrangers.com/>



Beer Debate

Paul Smith, No-Nonsense Special Correspondent

Last night's beer debate at the DC Tavern between our nation's political leaders has proved to be both informative and entertaining. The event, hosted by FAUX News Chief Roger Ales, was opened with Texas Senator Ted Cruz ordering 'a round for the house', then denying he ever intended for everyone to have a beer.

When asked about the beer she serves at home, former Secretary of State Hillary Clinton stated she had "private servers to dispense beer", however she could not discuss their contents until all of the investigations into her compliance with Reinheitsgebot was completed. Celebrity billionaire Donald Trump commented that her beer was "nasty" and she must be brewing something Belgian because she "looked like she had krausen coming out of her eyes, yeast coming of her, whatever..."



Former Florida Governor Jeb Bush, the younger brother of a converted teetotaler, proclaimed his preference for pale ales due to their less aggressive characteristics compared to next of kin - IPA's, and their overall malt/hop/yeast balance that tries to appeal to everyone.

Wisconsin Governor Scott Walker and Florida Senator Marco Rubio played one-upmanship with the former declaring he would build a wall at the southern border to stop the flow of Corona from coming into the country, while the later insisting that Tecate and Modelo Especial be stopped as well.

Long time conscientious beer objector Rick Santorum of Pennsylvania confessed that he does not drink beer in the presence of women because it gives him an apocalyptic case of beer gas. To which former secretary of Kelly Services Carly Fiorina emitted an enormous belch that rattled lamp shades and spoiled nearby beers. Ohio Governor John Kasich, standing nearby, noted a moderate floral aroma with hints of spice and digestive acids.

With a confused scowl on his ruffled face, Connecticut Senator Bernie Sanders complained that the high cost of Russian Imperial stouts and other high alcohol beers being served at the event led to beer inequality for many of the attendees who were left to drink more affordable session beer.

New Jersey Governor Chris Christie, arriving late due to heavy traffic, and Kentucky Senator Rand Paul were seen giving each other affectionate hugs after shot-gunning several rounds of Deschutes in an attempt to sway the gun rights constituency.

Arkansas's former Governor Mike Huckabee argued for the application of the Fifth and 14th Amendments to halt the practice of pasteurization in the brew house in order to protect the life of the one cell yeast organisms that produce all of God's gifts in our favorite beverage, namely flavor and alcohol.

Former flameout candidate Rick Perry of Texas submitted that he was best qualified to be 'Most Interesting Man in

Domestic Light Lagers' due to his recent makeover with the addition of newly acquired hipster optical prosthetics.

Current Louisiana Governor Bobby Jindal said something completely predictable and uninteresting, which this reporter fails to recall. Oops.

Candidates Ben Carson, Jim Gilmore, Lyndsey Graham, Martin O'Malley, George Pataki, and Jim Webb were in attendance, but all missed participating in the debate due to a contentious game of Jacks that began early in the evening and went late into the night.

Through it all the sitting Beer Drinker-in-Chief enjoyed a pint of Half & Half.



Exclusive: Brew Rig Explosion Wipes Out Tianjin

柴靜 Chái Jìng, China Central Television Special Correspondent

A devastating industrial mishap occurred behind Defalco's on August 15th, near the end of Sean Lamb's annual "Brew Naked" event. A path of destruction of at least several feet wide was all that remained of the scene as night fell. Reconstruction efforts are likely to take at least minutes and it is unknown when the service road behind Defalco's will cease to be of third world quality.

Currently, powerful public-private alliances are preserving a blackout in the mainstream media. The information of this article was leaked from behind the great firewall. In addition, the incident wiped out services within blocks, causing a line for the two operational bathrooms inside Defalco's

In the hours before the explosion, the rig's owner was seen vigorously shaking a liquid of some type as if it was a bucket of raffle tickets. It is also believed he may have been drinking alcohol at this time.



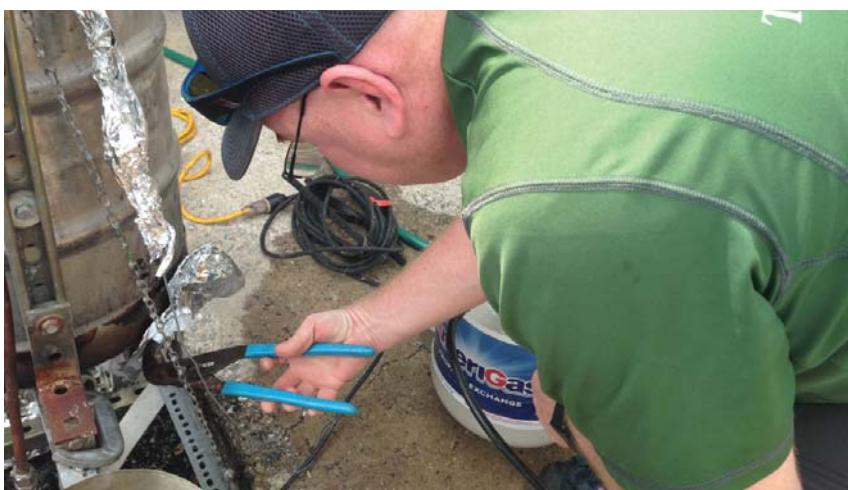
A government regulator inspects the site after the blast



Shake it up!



Drinking on the job?



Suspected modifications and repairs conducted without proper bribes to party officials





Immediately before blast; official inspection and approval to operate unsupervised for next decade



Toxins leaking into nature

An exclusion zone has been set up behind Defalco's. It is believed toxic substances may be leaking and contaminating the environment.

Some of the chemicals thought to be released include *Saccharomyces cerevisiae*, which can cause flatulation, leading to suffocation of bystanders.

Party leaders have promised swift justice to the evil capitalistic 狗崽子/狗仔子!



Image from a bystander on Stella Link



Defalco's front parking lot aftermath



Officers meeting minutes times too

Paul Porter, Scrivener

July 5, 2015 Whole Foods Brewery

Officer's meeting minutes

Attending the officer's meeting were Noel Hart (Iz Waz), Robert Brown (Secondary Fermenter), Matt Crnkovich (Newsletter Editor), Shazia Hart (Waz Squeeze), Janine Webber, Denise Lord, Steve Moore, Shareese ???, Doak Procter, Charlie Procter, Sean Lamb and I (Scrivener).

ChDixie Cup junk and stuff:

Sadly our only female guest lined up for Dixie Cup canceled: Boo on her. Rebecca is seeking a replacement. Not sure if she found one yet, so if you know a lady in brewing that may make a good speaker let her know.

Business junk and stuff: State taxes are still being worked out for the club. Need to pay for part of the tent rent from National Homebrew Day. Need to set up the Holiday Party most likely at the Oddfellows Lounge. "PAY YOUR FUCKING DUES!" was uttered a couple times at the meeting.

August 2, 2015 Local Poor (Service)

Officer's meeting minutes

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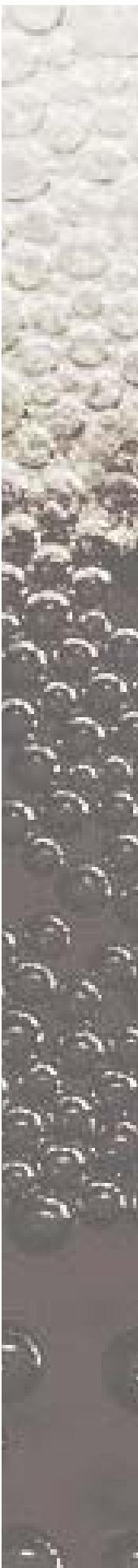
The computer system for tracking beers and judges needs to be updated because of new categories and the like. J9, Rich, and maybe Sean are working on it. We are hoping to have it done soon so entries for Dixie Cup can start.

Business junk and stuff:

Sean's annual brew nekkid is moved to third Saturday. Need to set up the Holiday Party, most likely at the Oddfellows Lounge, and we may be asking other clubs to chip in for the venue rental.







Pale Ales & Bitters

Robert Brown, Secondary Fermenter

The birth of these two styles occurred in England during the Industrial Revolution. Coke, or coal, fired technology to roast malt was introduced and improved kilns made from steel were manufactured. The result was malt that was no longer brown in color and did not contain aroma imparted from the heat source (i.e. smokiness).

In the early stages, the price of coal due to associated taxes made pale malt production expensive. It was drank by the “well-to-do” members of society. Porter continued to be the more common beer style during the 1700s. However, that trend would change throughout the 19th century. It is believed that transportation system improvements and reduced taxes led to the increase of pale malt usage during this time. Some sources also attribute the hydrometer, which had become commonly accepted among brewers, to assisting in its popularity. Yet another suspected contributor to the rise in pale malt demand is glass, where a heavy British tax was removed in 1845. The beer drinking masses of the region began to take interest in the appearance more than ever before.

English Bitters are classified as Ordinary, Best (or Special), or Strong (or Extra Special) and Pale Ales are split into the English or American version. Both Bitters and Pale Ales have a similar brewing process, where a single-infusion mash is adequate due to the highly-modified, low-nitrogen content malt. Each style uses pale malts and typically contains caramel or crystal malts along with the possibility of some small amount of wheat, chocolate, or black patent malt for color adjustment. It tends to be more acceptable than many other styles to use malt extract when brewing any of these. Commercial English Bitters may have as much as 10% by weight of sugar in the grain bill.



For the three types of Bitters mentioned above, the only differences between each is the gravity. However, the bitterness unit to gravity unit ratio (BG:GU) amongst them remains about the same. But when compared to Pale Ales, both English and American, the BG:GU has historically been noticeably higher. In terms of hops, traditional Bitters and English Pale Ales use English varieties while American Pale Ales, as expected, use American hops. Although, some English breweries have utilized more and more American hops in recent years. It should be noted that some countries have started to produce distinctive Pale Ales with hops produced on their soil. For example, one of these could be a “New Zealand Pale Ale”, using any of the new varieties, such as Southern Cross and Pacific Gem, available from the area.





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The **Foam Rangers Discussion** list is where people can interact and reply to the posts of other Foam Ranger list members. The **Foam Rangers Announce** list is where the Grand Wazoo posts club announcements and is **not** a discussion list. Anything posted to the Announce list will also be posted to the Discussion list, so you don't have to subscribe to both.

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