



Brewsletter Urquell

THE FOAM RANGERS

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Out (of) The Wazoo

Noel Hart, Grand Wazoo

The November meeting is the time for the annual club elections. That's Today!

The following officers will be elected and the club board is accepting nominations for the following positions.

Grand
Wazoo

– current office holder: Noel

Hart - The leader of the club, wears the Fez as a badge of office. Schedules and publicizes club events. Responsible

for communicating with other officers and club membership (primarily via Facebook and e-mail list) regarding club activities and issues. Writes a monthly article for the club newsletter "The Brewsletter Urquell". Manages the club Facebook group or delegates that task. The public face of the Foam Rangers, leads the monthly club meeting and is also a co-signer on the bank

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FOAM RANGERS WIN DIXIE CUP

In the usual fashion, the Foam Rangers pulled together a traditional victory at the Dixie Cup. However, in a surprise move during the event, the Grand Wazoo was graced with by the Lady of the Lake, her arm clad in the purest shimmering samite holding aloft Excalibur from the bosom of the water...

Oh wait, wrong reference. He was graced with the Battle Fez, signifying by divine providence that I, Arthur, was to carry Excalibur.

Oh wait, let me check the script again.

Ahh, yes.

You can't expect to wield supreme executive power just because some watery tart threw a sword at you.

GET ON WITH IT!

With the Battle Fez properly placed on his head, our

Wazoo bravely represented the club as we rode through the uncertainty of the awards

ceremony. And then--Victory was ours. Celebration was had by many, and by celebration, this publication actually means barleywine drank out of a trophy.

Oh, and no toilets were broken this year, either. Amazing, isn't it?

Upcoming events

*not likely to be accurate

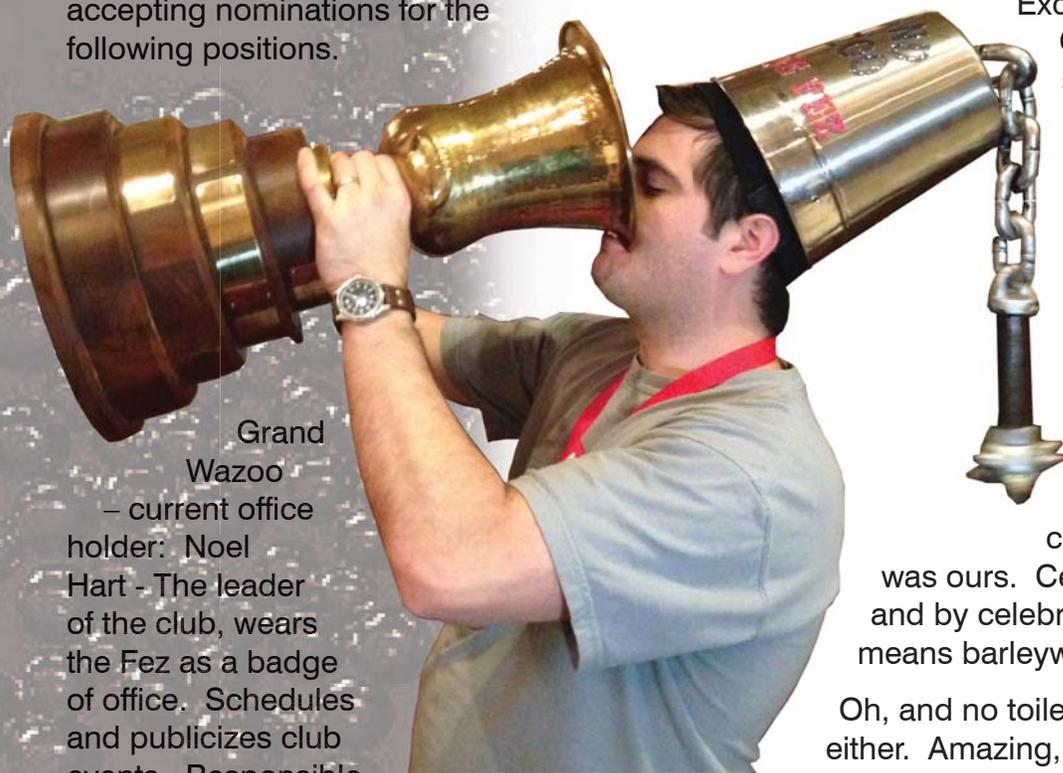
December 6th - Christmas Party

December 12th - Brew-in

January 3rd - Officer's meeting

January 9th - Brew-in

January 15th - Meeting



Responsibilities that you might not want *From Page 1*

account (with the Purser.) Oversight on club expenditures (again with the Purser.) Provides a monthly article on a topic of their choosing to the Brewsletter. Attends as many club events as possible. Fills in on demonstration brews at DeFalco's when no volunteer steps forward. Selects monthly raffle items from club supply, controls access to the Club storage space. Facilitates all club functions as needed.

Involvement level: High

Time commitment: High

Secondary Fermenter - current office holder: Robert Brown - Backup to the Grand Wazoo should the Wazoo be unable to perform the duties of office. Wears the "Chain of Command" as their badge of office. Regular duties are selecting and pouring the beer of the month at the monthly club meeting and writing an informative column about the beer of the month for the Brewsletter.

Involvement level: Moderate (Once a month)

Time commitment: Moderate (Once a month)

Purser - current office holder: Rich Goeggel - Monitors and reports on club expenditures, responsible for club funds and their proper collection & disbursement. Carries the club checkbook as a badge of office. Maintains the membership list as dues are paid. Files and maintains our tax documentation. Heavy involvement in the monetary side of Dixie Cup.

Involvement level: Moderate (Once a month)

Time commitment: Moderate (Once a month)

Scrivener - current office holder: Paul Porter - Responsible for taking notes at all officer and club meetings and reporting on same in the Brewsletter. While this may take on a humorous tone, accurate meeting minutes (both officer and monthly) are required to maintain our tax status.

Involvement level: Moderate (Once a month)

Time commitment: Moderate (Once a month)

At Large Board Member – current office holder: Bev Blackwood - Fifth voting member for any items brought up for a vote with the club board (other board members are the Grand Wazoo, Secondary, Purser and Scrivener). Can be a voice of sanity or counsel for the other board members.

Involvement level: Minimal

Time commitment: Minimal

There are also several Appointed / Volunteer positions that are integral to the regular activities of the Foam Rangers. Please let us know if you are interested in these roles, or speak with the current role holder. These are not voted on in the meeting, but are nevertheless every bit as important to the functioning of the club.

Brewsletter Editor - Current office holder: Matt Crnkovich - In charge of putting together and distributing the Brewsletter. Currently we post it online, send it via email, and print a limited number of copies to bring to the meetings.

Involvement level: Moderate (Once a month)

Time commitment: Moderate (Once a month)



IT Director - Current office holder: Rich Goeggel - administrator for the website, and its associated accounts.

Competition Coordinator - Current office holder: Will Holobowicz – Keeps members alert to upcoming homebrew competitions. Organizes pack and ship and hand carry volunteers to get club beers to competitions around the state.

Involvement level: Moderate

Time commitment: Moderate

Dixie Cup Manager - Current office holder: Rebecca Weitzenhoffer - Leads the annual Dixie Cup homebrew competition, ensuring all aspects of the competition run smoothly in conjunction with other officers and Dixie Cup volunteer staff. Oversees entry handling, sorting, data entry and judging in conjunction with the judging staff. Ensures that necessary infrastructure (refrigerated truck, etc.) for the competition is provided.

Involvement level: Increases as October approaches

Time commitment: Increases as October approaches

Food God(dess) - Current officer holder : Erik Stehl - Purchases and supplies food to monthly club meetings within a budgeted limit. Encouraged to take on a major role with Potluck and/or Fred tasting at Dixie Cup.

Involvement level: Moderate (Once a month)

Time commitment: Moderate (Once a month)

Don't forget about the Holiday party on Sunday December 6th. Bring some beer to share, a dish for the potluck, and a toy to donate to Toys for Tots. 12-5 at the Oddfellows Lodge on 14th ST in the Heights. The Mashtronauts and KGB will also be joining us again this year. Invite your friends!

Cheers,
Noel



Competitions

Will Holobowicz, Competition Coordinator

Lonestar Circuit Results

Individual Results 10 points or greater:

Robert Brown Jr. - 29 points

Hank Keller - 23 Points

Jeff Reilly - 17 Points

Jimmy Paige - 11 points

Team Results 5 points or greater:

Eric Heinz & Kyle Autry - 27 Points

Jimmy Page & Karel Chaloupka - 6 points

Janine Weber & Anne-Aimee Bun - 5 points

Jason Wilson & Brittany Chappell - 5 points

Jeff Reilly & John Gonzalez - 5 points

<http://www.lonestarcircuit.com/currentStandings.html>



As the Foam Ranger Club we combined for 167 points for the year. Thank you all for your contributions.

Will H

2015 Competition Coordinator

Limbo Challenge

Eric Heinz, Kyle Autry - 2nd Place Light Lager

Eric Heinz, Kyle Autry - 2nd Place Pilsner

Additional Results here:

<http://www.limbocomp.org/2015winners.php>



Ozaft Is!

Eric Heinz, Kyle Autry - 3rd Place Eruo Amber

Jason Wilson, Brittany Chappel - 1st Place Scharzbier

Eric Heinz, Kyle Autry - 1st Place Kolsch

Dillon Baete - 2nd Place Weizen

Additional Results here:

<http://ozapfthhomebrew.com/>

Texas Mead Fest

They didn't list results with a club category, so I went off who I know is entering as a Foamranger and I didn't see any familiar names. My apologies if I missed anyone.

Additional Results here:

<http://www.texasmead.org/2015-mead-competition-results.aspx>

Dixie Cup XXXII

Eric Heinz, Kyle Autry - BOS 2nd Place American Barleywine

Hank Keller - 2nd Place American Light Lager

Jeff Reilly - 1st Place Bock

Scott Fertak - 3rd Place Kolsch

Jeff Reilly, John Gonzalez - 2nd Place Altbier/Steambeer

Robert Brown Jr - 1st Place Scottish and Irish Ale

Hank Keller - 2nd Place Scottish and Irish Ale

Nick Handel - 2nd Place Strong Scotch Ale

Hank Keller - 2nd Place American Amber Ale

Jeff Reilly, Andy Behr - 3rd Place Porter

Jeff Reilly - 1st Place Foreign and American Stout

Robert Brown Jr - 1st Place Imperial Stout

Jeff Reilly - 2nd Place Imperial Stout

Hank Keller - 2nd Place ESB, English Pale Ale, English IPA

Jeff Reilly - 3rd Place ESB, English Pale Ale, English IPA

Eric Heinz, Kyle Autry - 3rd Place Imperial IPA

Dillon Baete - 1st Place German Wheat and Rye Beer

Jeff Reilly, Steve Moore - Witbier

Jason Sheehy - 2nd Place Sour Ale

Jason Sheehy, Sean Spiller - 3rd Place Sour Ale

Cory Marx - 1st Place Belgian Dark Strong Ale

Jeff Reilly, Jimmy Paige - 1st Place Old Ale

Jeff Reilly - 2nd Place Old Ale

Noel Hart - 2nd Place English Barleywine

Eric Heinz, Kyle Autry - 1st Place American Barleywine

Jason Wilson, Brittany Chappel - 2nd Place Spice, Herb, Vegetable Beer

Jeff Reilly - 2nd Place Traditional Mead

John Gonzales, Jeff Reilly - 1st Place Other Mead

Denise Lord - 1st Place First Time Entrant

Andy Behr - 3rd Place First Time Entrant

Additional Results here:

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



India Pale Ales

Robert Brown, Secondary Fermenter

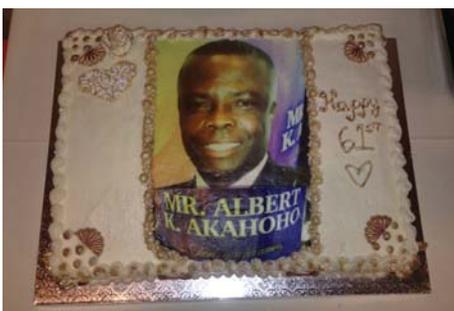


It's pretty common knowledge that the name "India Pale Ale" (often shortened to just "IPA") was derived from a type of pale ale that began being shipped to India in the late 1700's. Initially, beers were shipped from England to India due to extremely low export rates since most goods were coming from India to England. Eventually, Burton brewers were increasing levels of hop acids in order to take advantage their preservative qualities and making sure that less residual sugar, which tend to attract spoilage organisms, was present in the final beer. The Burton water source for producing these IPAs was perfect in terms of hardness and sulfate content. This style of beer was not only drunk abroad, but also locally in Britain throughout the 19th century.

The style began to decline around 1900 with the importance of the India market shrinking and then the onset of World War I. Heavy taxation forced brewers to scale back the amount of malt used in beer manufacturing. The lower gravity beer also meant cutting back on hops so that the beer would remain balanced. By World War II, the IPA style was pretty much out of existence. Although still marketed as an "IPA" by many British breweries, they had evolved into standard strength pale ales.

U.S. craft breweries revitalized the IPA in the 1980's and it saw a huge resurgence in the 1990's. However, the new American version was quite different with several varieties of stateside hops being utilized. Additionally, a "cleaner" yeast tends exemplify this particular style. Today, American IPAs are very popular not only in the U.S., but also in Europe. One source claims that the amount of U.S. made craft beer exported

into Europe jumped from 440,000 gallons in 2003 to 1.5 million gallons in 2009 (a 246% increase). It wouldn't be farfetched to assume that the numbers have seen a similar drastic boost from 2009 to today. And one could deduct that these substantial rises in export volumes are surely spearheaded by the ever swelling affinity of people's palates to the American IPA. Cheers!





I WANT TO BE SOMEBODY IN PARTICULAR!
SIGN ME UP TO BECOME A MEMBER OF
THE FOAM RANGERS HOMEBREW CLUB!



NAME(S) _____

ADDRESS _____

CITY/STATE/ZIP _____

MEMBER E-MAIL _____

2ND MEMBER E-MAIL _____ PHONE _____

AMOUNT PAID _____ NEW RENEWAL CHANGE OF ADDRESS

Membership Renewal: \$35.00 Individual / \$45.00 Family (Member +1)

Paid between October 31 and December 31 \$30.00 / \$40.00 (Pay early and save!)

New Member Fees: (per year)

Paid between January 1 & June 30 \$35.00 / \$45.00

Paid between July 1 & October 31 \$25.00 / \$35.00 (Includes Dixie Cup!)

Please make checks payable to: The Foam Rangers

Bring this form (and your payment) to the next club meeting, drop it off at DeFalco's or send it to:



Welcome to the Foam Rangers! Now get connected!

We have two E-mail lists:

The Foam Rangers Discussion List & the Foam Rangers Announce List.

What's the difference?

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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