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THE FOAM RANGERS

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Out (of) The Wazoo

Robert Brown, Grand Wazoo

I am going to keep it short and sweet this month.



First, the North Houston Brewery Crawl is a reality with tickets being released this week. There was a considerable amount of interest in the Facebook event that was posted, which may lead to us having to consider two buses. But we'll cross that bridge if we come to it.

Next, Matt Stephens is still trying to assemble his Dixie Cup Team. So if you want to help, please contact him or myself. Currently, the "Scrounger/Swag Person"
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Club Purchases 'WRAP IT UP' Clock

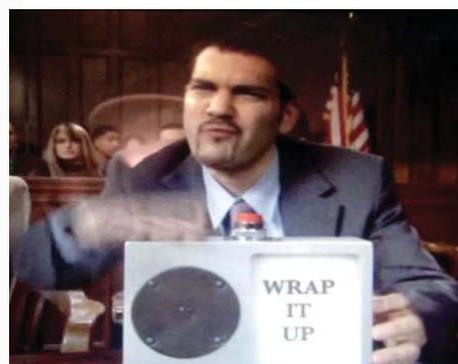
After being subjected to decades of excessive and unnecessary announcements, the Foam Rangers will soon have better control of the time at meetings. An allowance of an expense up to a maximum of \$473 was approved at the last officer's meeting, and the new purchase is expected to arrive before next month's meeting.

Another begging of brew in volunteers? WRAP IT UP!

Raffle really sucking and you know halfway through that there is no chance of winning a cool prize? WRAP IT UP, YO!

Announcements delaying the secondary's ? WRAP IT UP!

Brewsletter article that drones on and on, like the ones appearing constantly over the last 3 years? Oh shit, I gotta wrap this up!



Artist's illustration of one version of a so called 'WRAP IT UP' clock.

Upcoming events

May 8th - First Sunday

@2pm, Bakfish Brewing

April 14th - Brew-in

April 20th - Meeting

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is a key role that we need filled ASAP. That individual should be contacting breweries (contact list available) as of a month or longer ago. If contacting brewery reps and requesting them to sponsor the event by giving our club stuff in exchange for having the brewery's logo featured in the upcoming Dixie Cup program seems like your kind of thing, then by all means sign up! We can get you in contact with others that have done it in the past if you have any questions about the position.

Lastly, mark your calendars for National Homebrew Day on Saturday, May 7th. As in recent years, it will take place at Defalco's (original Stella Link location) starting at 10:00am. This will be a larger event than the monthly Brew-In, where all, no matter what level, are encouraged to come out and brew on site. Each brewer will receive 15% off ingredients for participating. And, possibly the best part, we are pitching a big ol' tent for the event! That's right, all brewers can take cover from the elements while producing their respective wort.

That's alls I got!

--Robert



Competitions

Erol Bura, Competition Coordinator

Cactus Challenge

1st Round Judging Ongoing: Apr. 15-16 & Apr. 22 (if necessary)

Final Round Judging: Apr. 23 and Apr. 29 (if necessary)

Awards Ceremony: April 30th

Lunar Rendezbrew

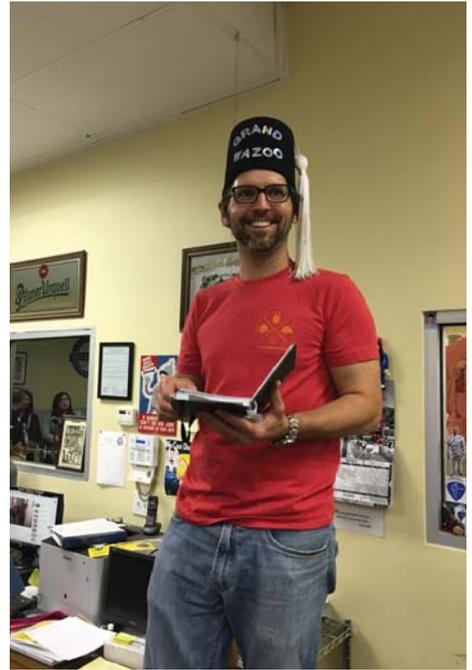
Judging Dates: 4/16, 4/17, 4/23, 4/24

2016 Homebrew Shootout Pro-Am

Pro-Am of BJCP 2008 Category 18, Belgian Strong Ale. All subcategories are included.

Awards Ceremony April 23, 2016 at the Katy Wild West Brew Fest





April Officer's Meeting Minutes

Denise Whitney, Scrivener



Robert*, Paul*, Noel*, Shazia*, Rich*, Erol Bural, Matt Crnkovich, Sean, Maria Bural, Gardner Biggs, Elsie, Charlie
*Voting members for meeting.

“First Sunday” of-
ficer’s meeting in
May will be held
on the second
Sunday, May
8 (Mother’s
Day). It will
be held at
at Bakfish

Brewing Company in Pearland at 2 pm.
Robert is traveling out of state for a wedding on the first Sunday

North Houston Brew Crawl: Robert is having problems getting in touch with our contact at Caledonia charter bus in order to get the deposit down (~\$250) total cost (\$1200-\$1400). Event is posted on Facebook, and ticket sales will be available online soon - \$35 per person.

Financials: Need to get the \$1,000 deposit to the Dixie Cup hotel. Space is reserved at the same hotel. Scott Dewalt is taking care of the hotel relations. Room nights required is ~120 total. Need to make sure our code for reserving rooms is working (a huge problem last year), and is cheaper than the normal early reservation cost. Also, we should make sure the code is working sooner than August, which was too late last year.

Pros vs Joes will take place at the June 11 brew-in: Casey Motes of Eureka Heights Brew Co. vs Matt Stephens in the American Amber Category.

May 7 Brew-in is National Homebrew Day at DeFalco’s. The club will be sharing the cost of the rental tent with DeFalco’s. This is also the Saturday of the Lunar Rendezbrew.

IT stuff: Lance, Rich, and Dave Rodgers are still figuring out-who can do what with regards to having appropriate software and experience with the relevant software.

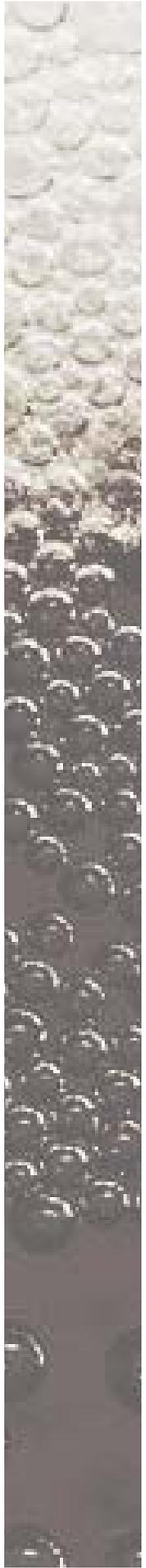
Dixie Cup: Need a scrounger and head judge still. Matt Stephens needs speakers, ideas, and contact people for those positions. Thus far, replies to inquiries are not forthcoming.

Erol sent off our entries to the Cactus Challenge, but the box got lost. It was tracked in New York and New Jersey. Sadly some bottles broke and the entire box was trashed. No thanks to UPS on that one.

Alamo City Cerveza Fest is the next competition to enter.

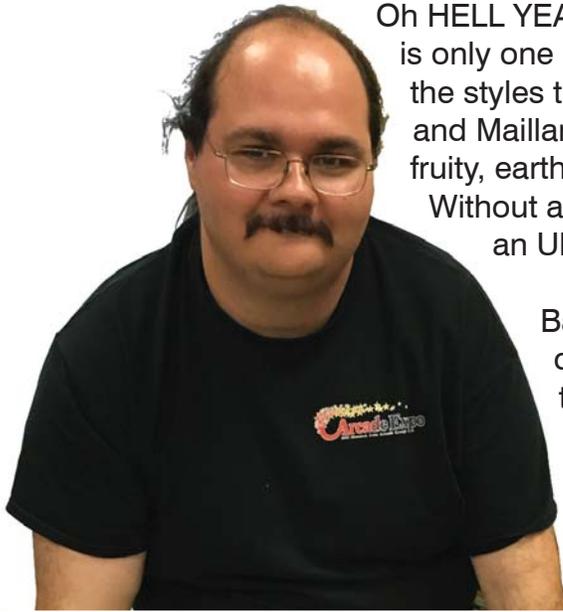
Regarding previous conversation about streamlining social media club use, Shazia found an app that broadcasts to facebook and twitter (maybe more): Tweetcaster.

Again, and hopefully for the last time, I was not able to attend this meeting and am presenting you these notes through a very helpful proxy note taker. Thanks, Paul!!!



Scottish and Brown Ales

Paul Porter, Secondary Fermenter



Oh HELL YEAH!!! It's Scottish and Brown Ale night! If there is only one meeting I intend to over do it, this is it. I love the styles that glorify the complexity of malts, fruity esters, and Maillard reactions. A night of caramel, toffee, nutty, fruity, earthy, toasty, biscuit, and grainy flavor awaits us.

Without a doubt, I'm going to need serving backup and an Uber this evening.

Back when I joined the Foam Rangers, April was deemed the "homebrew" meeting, because there were so few brown, Scottish, and old ales available way back in the day.

Because of my love of these styles, I've taken the meeting back for the last two years. So long as I'm a part of the club, I will continue to support these noble beers of Britannia. I

will also support our country's derivations such as the impressively hoppy Texas and American brown ales. I hope you like my selections, but if you don't that just means I get to drink more!

As for the style guideline changes, there are a lot of re-designations. Of those, the loss of Southern English Brown to the Historic beer category specifically London Brown broke my heart. The one great addition is the Brown IPA, which as described is "Texas brown ale." We should really push to have it renamed Texas brown ale, which pre-dates the

American brown ale. I'm looking forward to judging American brown ales as a separate category that celebrates these wonderful complex brews with caramel/nutty malts and fruity esters mixed with American hop varieties without the hangover of the Texas brown ale heritage that spawned it.

Browns:

11A. Mild → 13A. Dark Mild

11B. Southern English Brown → 27. Historic: London Brown

11C. Northern English Brown → 13B. British Brown

10C. American Brown Ale → 19C. American Brown Ale

Texas Brown!!! → 21B. Specialty IPA: Brown IPA

Scottish:

9A. Scottish Light 60/- → 14A. Scottish Light

9B. Scottish Heavy 70/- → 14B. Scottish Heavy

9C. Scottish Export 80/- → 14C. Scottish Export

9E. Strong Scotch Ale → 17C. Wee Heavy

Old Ale:

19A. Old Ale → 17B. Old Ale

Andygator: Kidnapped by Bat Boy?

Rumour is spreading with concern to Andygator's whereabouts. After supposedly being seen at some events around town, and apparently making an appearance at a recent Foam Ranger Meeting, people are openly wondering when the next time they will see Andy.

For the sake of his thirst, and BAC, please, if you see him, give him a beer.

Dammit, time to WRAP IT UP again. See you guys next month!



MISSING



ANDY THOMAS
DATE MISSING: Around Christmas
FROM: Heights (of Perth)
DOB: Four Score and Seven Years Ago
WHITE MALE



BEER
DATE MISSING: Ok, who drank it?
FROM: 6 Pack Holder
DOB: Does it look like Bud?
ALE

If you can identify this brewer or any other missing brewer, report any information you may have to:

**The National Center for Missing and Exploited Brewers
1-800-DEFALCOS
Provided as a public service by your local brewery.**



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!)

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



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

What's the difference?

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