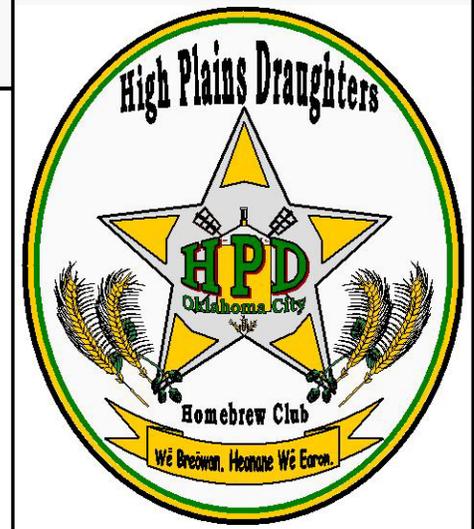


DRAUGHT CARD



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Our Last Meeting

Robert Burns Night, January 26th. The last session was the annual Robbie Burns Night, hosted by the Cookie(s), Jo and Joe Carter, out Choctaw-way. A big thanks to Jo and Joe for hosting us, especially with the short warning time related to the postponement of the meeting on the 19th.

A haggis-like object was piped in and presented to the crowd, and the tomes of Robert Burns were read, extolling the virtues of John Barleycorn. Good food and beer were aplenty. A number of interesting brews were available. Included were a dry stout, Russian Imperial Stout, and an ESB provided by our host.

There was some discussion of the upcoming Bluebonnet Brew-Off (March 23rd and 24th), and what the Draughters should do as a room theme at the BBO.

Also, the winners of the last round of the Draughters Mystery Image Contest were awarded their prizes. Check out the details later in the DC.



Our Next Meeting, Feb 16th

It's the next installment of the Technical Session portion of our schedule. We meet at the Belle Isle Brewery meeting room, 2nd floor (above Mezannine), 50 Penn Place. Start time is 7:00 PM. Come and share your input on the upcoming Bluebonnet Brew-Off in March, bring your BBO entries if you want them hand-delivered, and view a presentation on the brewing arts from School Master Stan Babb. See ya there Draughters!



Relax, don't worry...

Competition Information

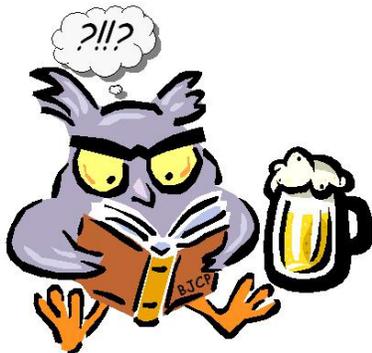
The most-recent local phase of the Club-Only Competition schedule was low gravity session beers, open to subcategories with an original gravity of **less than 1.045**. There 7 entries that were judged. The top three brews were: 1st a Blonde Ale (Cat 6B, 39 pts), Mike Divilio; 2nd another Blond Ale (Cat 6B, 38 pts), Mike Divilio; 3rd a Classic American Pils (Cat 2C, 37 pts), Joel May. Good Luck to Mike at the Nationals.



2006/07 COC Competition Schedule

Here's the Club-Only Competition schedule through May 2007. The local phase of the COC has been posted to the Draughter website (www.draughters.com) under 'Competition Brewing'. Check in regularly for updates on COC info. You can get more information at: <http://www.beertown.org/homebrewing/schedule.html>.

<u>Type</u>	<u>Entries for Local Judging</u>	<u>BJCP Category</u>
Scottish Ales	Mar/Apr 2007	9
Extract Beers	May/Jun 2007	1-23



Scottish Ales, What's What?

Well Draughters, the next competition involves brews not normally seen at Draughter gatherings – Category 9, Scottish Ales.

The competition includes 3 sub-categories from the group: 9A Scottish Light 60/ (2.5-3.2% ABV); 9B Scottish Heavy 70/ (3.2-3.9% ABV); 9C Scottish Export 90/ (3.9-5.0% ABV). These sub-categories have the same basic descriptions, and are differentiated by original gravity and alcoholic strength. If you've got one, enter it by OG and alcohol content. Scottish ales are cleanly malty (due to low fermentation temperatures) with a drying finish, possibly a few esters, limited hop presence, and maybe a hint of peat. Check information on style guidelines at www.bjcp.org/2004_BJCP_Guidelines.pdf. Specifics on guidelines for the categories are also available via <http://www.bjcp.org/stylecenter.html>. In-print Information can be found in the AHA Beer Style Series Books.

The club hosting the National COC has set March 24th as the arrival date for entries. The local phase will occur around March 17th. Watch for alerts on location, which will be announced later. Hope to see you, and or your beers, there!

Bluebonnet Brew-Off

The 2007 BBO on March 23 & 24 is fast approaching, including the entry date for brews. The Pay Master is going to hand deliver Club entries on Feb 24th. If you've got brews for the BBO, bring it to the Feb. 16 meeting. Check out <http://www.bluebonnetbrewoff.com> for entry forms, registration and bottle labels.

Club T-Shirts and Glasses

Club t-shirts are currently available at \$11. Sizes available range from small to x-large. The Trail Boss also reports that the supplier can produce collared golf shirts with the design embroidered on the front pocket for \$18, assuming there's enough interest. As an FYI, the image is included in the header of the DC. If you want either shirt, contact the Ramrod (Joel May). **ALSO**, new Draughter glasses are available for \$5. The design is similar to the t-shirt image, but is a single color (gold) like on the old glasses.

YEAR 2007 DUES

Club dues for the 2007 calendar year are payable at the February meeting. Single dues are \$12 per member, or \$20 gets you the family package. Remember to bring your checkbook Draughters. We use the dues to help defray the cost of room rentals for technical meetings and other such things.

Brewing with the Trail Boss

I would like to give my thanks to Joe and Joan Carter for hosting an outstanding Burn's night. There was plenty of good beer and 4 very good scotch's present for tasting. The Haggis like object was paraded in and the Selkirk Grace was given. After a few beers, John Barleycorn was read by Gary Shellman (a very good job I might add... thanks) and a toast given to Robert Burn's.

A hardy congratulations goes out to Mike Divilio for a first and second place and to Joel May for a third place in the club only competition. Well Done!!!!

We have been contacted by Dottie Clapp, the NHC Club Night Coordinator, about setting up a table at the NHC Club Night. The NHC will be held June 21 – 23 at Denver CO. For more information go to <http://www.beertown.org/events/hbc/index.html>. If anyone is interested in going to the nationals or providing a keg of beer, please contact the Ramrod. If we can generate enough interest we may try to set up a High Plains Draughters Table.

We will be making any final decisions on this year's Bluebonnet during our February meeting. Hopefully we will have a bit more information on the Brew Fest in April.

- - - CHEERS!!! - - -

Dan Shore,
Yer Trail Boss

SOME BEER-RELATED ITEMS

Bluebonnet Brewoff, Dallas, TX; March 23-24. The Trailboss is looking for volunteer kegs for the Club Room. If you've got one you would like to contribute, get in touch with the Trail Boss (ddshore@cox.net).

2007 Winemaker International Amateur Competition. Entry Deadline: March 30. Open to homemade wines, from the vine, tree (in case of other fruits), or kits. Fifty categories will be judged, with gold, silver and bronze medals awarded for merit. SEVERAL CATEGORIES FOR MEADS are included in the competition. Information on categories and entries can be found at <http://winemakermag.com>.

Worts Ready to Pitch. The Old Boss is about to fire up the next issue of WRP. The last one was 13.5 gallons of Barleywine, split into three brews with different yeasts. This time it's an Aventinus Clone. Stay tuned for the word on the final products. Interested in a future WRP? Contact the Old Boss.

DRAUGHTERS 'MYSTERY' IMAGE CONTEST!

The 2nd round of the Mystery Image Contest has been completed, and the winners were paid off at Robbie Burns Night. The image can be seen in the header at the top of the first page of the DC. The winners were Joel May for his description of the image, and Mike Divilio for a modern interpretation of the Old English motto ('We Brew, Hence (or Therefore) We Are (or Exist)'). Both winners received a bottle of Bert Grants Scottish Ale, and were allowed to pick one from a selection of brews from Scotland and various southern provinces and territories of Scotland. Joel chose a Trappist Rochefort No. 8, and Mike picked a Tripel Karmeliet, (excellent choices) from the Scottish province called Belgium. Congrats guys!

Heard Round the Campfire

News From The Brew Shop. The Supply Master has just received another truckload of goodies at the Brew Shop. Get to the Shop and pick up the fixins for one of those Scottish Ales!

Beer Mapping Site. A note from Rob Rescinito for all you traveling beer fiends. There's a site out there that lets you check out brewpubs and microbreweries. Look it up at <http://beermapping.com/>. From the Editors experience, it runs a bit clunky, but there's still some good info available.

AHA Tech Talk Available. A tidbit from the Old Boss. Members of the American Homebrewer's Association can subscribe to a section of the Brewers Association web site call 'Tech Talk'. It's a discussion group dedicated to the art and science of homebrewing. Sign up at kendall@brewersassociation.org if you want to subscribe.

More 'Interesting' Beer Tidbits. This comes to you via Rob Rescinito. Interested in matching specific beers to different cheeses? Check out <http://www.centralmarket.com/cm/cm/cmFoodie139beer.jsp>.

Spiced Beer In Place Of Viagra??? Also from Rob Rescinito. It's part of a message sent to Rob by Lew Bryson, noted writer on beer and spirit-related items for different magazines. It defines the impacts of spiced beers on virility?!?. Check it out at http://www.coldhardfootballfacts.com:80/Brew_With_Lew.php. How about it all you brewers of spiced Belgian Specialty Ales or Pumpkin Beers?

News Item on Meads. From Time Nagode, an article in the Worcester (MA) Telegram on meads. <http://www.telegram.com/apps/pbcs.dll/article?AID=/20070114/NEWS/701140522&SearchID=73269138934142?next>

The Editor's Notes

Membership Drive: We're always looking for new members. If you know someone who's interested, turn 'em on to the www.draughters.com link or bring 'em to a meeting.

The Draughters Want YOU! We are actively looking for folks like you (yes, you) to enter beers and judge or steward at club-only competitions. A vast amount of experience is not necessary, just a willingness to learn, and participate in a learning experience. What better way to improve your beer-making abilities? What better way to find out how people like your stuff than to share it with friends?

New Section in the Tap Room: I hope all Draughters are using the 'Tap Room' section of the web site. In fact, we've got a new section, by popular request, for topics related to meads. So, all you mead mavens, let's get in there and talk honey wine! The 'Tap Room' is there to improve communications so post your thoughts on beer or club-related things. You can post notes as a 'guest' or as a registered user. Registering is not difficult. Next time you're on-site, hit the register button and our Web Masters will set you up.

Useful Web Links

Below are some links you may find useful in your brewing efforts:

- ★ <http://www.beertools.com/>
- ★ <http://www.howtobrew.com/>
- ★ <http://www.beertown.org>
- ★ <http://www.beertown.org/education/styles.html>

CO₂ Refills Available: Automatic Fire Control (1708 SE 22nd, OKC) will fill a 20 lb bottle for \$15, plus tax, with the presentation of a Draughters club membership card. If you haven't renewed your membership for 2007, you've got another incentive!

WANTED

If you have an interesting story to tell, an article to publish, questions to ask, or a recipe you'd like to share, send it to the Editor (bnorthup3@cox.net).

So, if you've been traveling the planet lately and visited a truly memorable pub (good or otherwise), or tasted some seriously interesting brew, we want to hear your thoughts. Been anywhere exciting (or truly awful)? Send a blurb to the Editor and it'll be put on the web site.



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