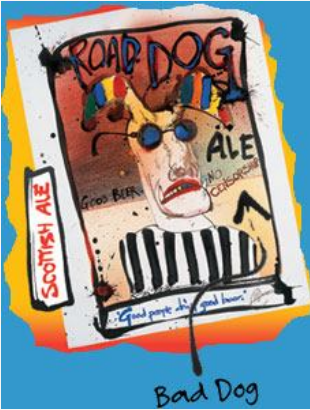


The Draught Card

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Last Meeting—Robert Burns Night and HPD Elections



Our January Meeting was held at Learn To Brew, where a gathering of Scots and non-Scots alike joined in to celebrate our annual salute to the poet bard Robert Burns. As is our tradition, there were many readings about the hard life of the times, and of course, an authentic rendition of John Barleycorn. The Haggis was brought forth, and cudged at the appropriate time during the readings. If you weren't there, you missed some great Scottish eggs supplied by Tom and June Larrow, and

the Haggis, brought by Dan and Diane Shore. There were several great beers at the meeting—Scottish or not, so sorry you missed us.

Elections were held for 2009 and your new officers are:

Trail Boss—Mike Divilio

Ramrod—Joel May

Paymaster—Dan Shore

Editor and Town Crier—Gary Shellman

COC and Head Examiner—Tim Nagode

Telegraph Operator—Michal Carson

Schoolmaster—Stan Babb

Cookie—Darina Shellman

Supply Masters—Chuck Deveney (The Brew Shop) and Chris Milum (Learn To Brew)

A hearty note of thanks to Dan Shore as the outgoing Trail Boss and his 2008 posse of officers—good job, Draughters!!!

Next Meeting—Preparation for 2009 Bluebonnet BrewOff

Our next meeting will be on Friday, on February 20th, 7-10 PM, at Learn To Brew, 2307 South I-35 Frontage Road, Moore, OK—Hope to C U there!!!

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2009 Bluebonnet BrewOff—The Event www.bluebonnetbrewoff.com



The 2009 Bluebonnet BrewOff is just around the corner, and our new Trail Boss is looking for support for our annual trek to the Dallas-Ft Worth area. The event will again be held at the Westin DFW Airport Hotel at 4545 W. John Carpenter Freeway, Irving, TX. For those needing to make any type of room reservations, you can call 888-627-8617 and ask for the Bluebonnet BrewOff rate. Those that made the trek last year can vouch for the great facilities—the Westin is a very nice hotel. This year's keynote speaker is Matt Brynildson—Master Brewer for Firestone-Walker Brewing Co. Matt is somewhat the resident hop chemist, a multiple GABF award winner, and quite a hop head, so don't miss hearing what he has to say.

We'll be taking the Club Chuckwagon down to the event and have up to eight taps available for Club brews. If you are bringing beer to BBO 2009 let the Club Cookie, Trail Boss, or Editor know soon. A couple of the taps are already spoken for, so don't miss out on having a space for your best brew to be on display for the event.

If you have never been to Bluebonnet, give it some serious thought. As many long time Draughter BBO travelers can tell you—"If you don't have a great time at Bluebonnet, you have no one to blame but yourself!". We'll participate in the Room Crawl, and likely make our traditional Saturday trek to The Gingerman in downtown Dallas for an afternoon of great tap brews. Of course, you are free to hop on the bus and take any of the Pub Crawls through the Dallas Metro area—a great alternative to the G-Man. Other event highlights include the Opening Banquet and this year's Commercial Beer tasting with 100-120 great beer selections.

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THE STAFF
OF LIFE,
BUT BEER
IS LIFE
ITSELF."

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Calling all Draughters—2009 Bluebonnet BrewOff Entries

Anyone wanting to enter beers, meads, and ciders in competition for the 2009 Bluebonnet BrewOff should bring their entries to our next meeting at Learn to Brew, or you can drop off your entries (with completed entry forms and fees) with our Supply Masters at The Brew Shop, 3624 N. Penn Ave in OKC, or Learn To Brew, 2307 I-35 Service Road in Moore. The Club will collect all entries and the Trail Boss will be transporting the entries to Texas for registration at the Dobson Ranch. Bluebonnet BrewOff is the 2nd largest homebrew competition in the US, with around 1100 entries annually, but even with the size of the event, in years past, the Draughters have pulled in their fair share of awards. Just like the lottery, if you don't enter, you can't win :-). Hope to see your entries at the February meeting.



Calendar of Events

There are plenty of events on the Club Calendar. Club Meetings are held on the 3rd Friday of the month. Upcoming meetings and special events are:

February—Club meeting, 20th from 7-10 PM

March—Bluebonnet BrewOff , 20th and 21st Irving, TX—No regular Club meeting planned

April—Club meeting, 17th from 7-10 PM

May—Club meeting, 15th from 7-10 PM. National Homebrew Day, 16th at LTB

June—Brewfest VI in OKC—currently date TBD by KRXO, 107.7 FM. No regular Club meeting planned unless Brewfest is early in the month

July—Vacation time—No regular Club meeting planned

August—National Mead Day, event on the 1st and the place is TBD

September—Draughter Oktoberfest in the Park, currently date and place TBD

October—Club meeting, 16th from 7-10 PM

November—Club meeting, 20th from 7-10 PM

December—Draughter Christmas Party—event on the 12th at Stan and Penny Babb's. No regular club meeting planned.

This schedule will also be posted on the Draughter website-www.draughters.com in the Tap Room. Please check for updates as the schedule ferments over the next few months.

Brewfest VI—Call for Brew Crews

Brewfest with KRXO's Dave Kelso. One man's dream that came true – bring the three main brewing groups together—homebrewers, craft brewers, and large distributors and drink the beer away. The Draughters have been supporting this event each year since it's inception five years ago. Brewfest VI looks like another great year of showcasing our beers for about 1300-1500 beer fans in the OKC area, and right now the target date is June 2009. At the January meeting the Club voted to support this event with 50 gallons of homebrewed beer, and the Club will be paying for the ingredients to make the beers for the event. What we need are Brew Crews that are interested in brewing up the batches between now and mid May. We are open to suggestion from the Brew Crews on styles to brew, but would like to provide a broad cross section of styles that give the Brewfest patrons a good look at our best beers. Contact the Trail Boss or any Club Officer if you're interested, We are generally looking for crews interested in brewing any of the following styles or substyles for our 10 five gallon kegs:

American Lager

Classic American Pilsner

Light Hybrid Beer

Bock, Doppelbock, or Weizenbock

India Pale Ale

Porter or Stout

Belgian Tripel

Specialty Beer or Fruit Beer

German Wheat or Belgian Wit Beer

Amber Hybrid Beer

Scottish and Irish Ale

American Pale, Amber, or Brown Ale



The next Club Only Competition (COC) is for some pretty big beers, those with OGs that exceed 1.080.

The specific details can be found at http://www.beertown.org/homebrewing/club_only/schedule.html, but entries are due to the Nationals by March 28th, and include the following styles:

BJCP Category Style

5C, D	Doppelbock, Eisbock
9E	Strong Scottish Ale
12C	Baltic Porter
13F	Imperial Stout
14C	Imperial IPA
15C	Weizenbock
16C, D, E	Saison, Bière de Garde, Belgian Specialty Ale
18C, D, E	Belgian Tripel, Belgian Golden Strong Ale, Belgian
19A, B, C	Old Ale, English Barleywine, American Barleywine
20	Fruit Beer over 1.080 OG
21	Spice/Herb/Vegetable Beer over 1.080 OG
22B, C	Other Smoked Beer over 1.080 OG, Wood-Aged Beer over 1.080 OG
23	Specialty Beer over 1.080 OG



The Head Examiner will have a call in the near future for judges and judging of these BIG beers—stand by for further news soon, Draughters!

We're on the web—www.draughters.com

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