

DRAUGHT CARD



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Our Last Meeting

Technical Meeting, November 17th. The last session was held in the Meeting Room of the Belle Isle Brewpub, 50 Penn Place, OKC. A hearty thanks to all the folks at Belle Isle for allowing us the use of the room. It's a nice spot for a meeting.

Officers for the 2007 calendar year were appointed, and they will take on their duties in December. They are listed in the Officers section at the end of the DC.

You'll notice in the list that there's an open slot for Competition Coordinator. Tim Nagode is bowing out due to an overly busy schedule to become simply 'The Really Old Boss'. If you know a member who wants to serve, contact one of the current officers.

New club t-shirts were on display, and they are available (sizes s-xl) at \$11. If you're interested in purchasing one, get in touch with the new Trail Boss or Old Boss.

The educational program given by School Master Stan Babb involved various things related to brewing procedures across the entire beer-making process, with an emphasis on ways to maintain sanitation.



Relax, don't worry...

Our Next Meeting, Dec 9th.

It's not a Technical Meeting. It's the Christmas Party, held at Stan and Penny Babb's, Norman. Start time is 7 PM; finish time, who knows. Directions can be found on the map attached to the last page of the Draught Card. Get in touch with Cookie (carterjs@cox.net) and let her know what food you might be bringing. Also, drop a line to Stan and Penny as a courtesy (stanbabb@sbcglobal.net), so they have an idea of how many may pass through during the night. See ya there Draughters!

Competition Information

The next COC will be for Low Gravity Session Beers, scheduled for January/February of 2007. This competition is open to beers from a series of categories and subcategories with an original gravity of **less than 1.045**. Brew one up and be on the look out for the local call for entries in the near future!



2006/07 COC Competition Schedule

Here's the Club-Only Competition schedule through May 2007. You can get more information at: <http://www.beertown.org/homebrewing/schedule.html>

Type	Entries for Local Judging	BJCP Category
Session Beers (OG<1.045)	Jan/Feb 2007	A whole bunch of 'em
Scottish Ales	Mar/Apr 2007	9
Extract Beers	May/Jun 2007	1-23



Session Beers, What's That?

Well Draughters, the next competition involves brews that most of us seem to rarely make – low gravity Session Beers. This competition is open to brews with original gravities that are **below 1.045**. Terminal gravities of the many 'classic' Session Beers are variable, as is malt and hop character.

The club hosting the National COC has restricted the competition to a subset of different beers. Some can have original gravities above 1.045, but these subcategories will be allowed, **provided the OG of your brew is below 1.045!** Categories and subcategories allowed in the competition are: 1A-D; 2A-C; 4A; 6A-D; 8A&B; 9A-D; 10A-C; 11A-C; 12A; 13A&B; 15A&B; 16A; 17A-F; 20; 21A&B; and 22B&C. This is a significant list in terms of what's permissible, so there's no room for specifics. Be sure to check information on style guidelines for the different categories and subcategories listed above at www.bjcp.org/2004_BJCP_Guidelines.pdf. In-print Information on some styles can be found in different volumes of the AHA Beer Style Series Books.

Local entries are due at the National Competition by February 8 so watch for alerts on the Draughter COC, to be announced at a later date. Hope to see some of you, or your beers, there!

WANTED: Head Examiner!

Hey Draughters, the Club needs someone to step up and take on the duties of Competition Coordinator, to fill the shoes of the outgoing Head Examiner, Tim Nagode.

Vast experience in judging beers is not necessary, only a desire to learn about making and judging brews. Most of the duties of the Head Examiner involve organizing where & when the local phase of Club-Only Competitions occur, and arranging pick-up of entries. Interested? Get in touch with any of the current officers and get nominated.

Club T-Shirts and Glasses

Club t-shirts are currently available at \$11, with a design similar to that seen in the header of the first page. Sizes available range from small to x-large. The Ramrod also reported that the supplier could produce collared golf shirts with the design embroidered on the front pocket for \$18, assuming there's enough interest. If you want either shirt, contact the new Trail Boss (Dan Shore), or the Old Boss (Gary Shellman). ALSO, there will be new Draughter glasses available December 14th for about \$5. The design is similar to the t-shirt image (we got a package deal on image processing), 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 January 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 for such things as the Club Room at Bluebonnet.

DRAUGHTERS 'MYSTERY' IMAGE CONTEST!

Yes fellow Draughters, the Editor is going to scratch that competitive itch which some of you have. The 2nd round of the Mystery Image Contest is underway! As before, there is a new mystery image that's part of the random rotation, with the (5) 'regular' images (see the June DC for the regulars). All you have to do when you see it is be the first to e-mail the Editor (bnorthup3@cox.net) and DESCRIBE IT IN WORDS (roughly), or be the first to give a modern interpretation of the Old English motto (that means 2 winners), and win a tasty prize (Editors choice). The payoff occurs at the annual Robert Burns Night in January. The Editor WILL NOT ACCEPT attached images as a description. Ya got to work a bit for those prizes!

Brewing with the Trail Bosses

Farewell from the Outgoing TB: Rather than write about something specific that pertains to brewing, I wanted to write a short note of thanks to the Club Officers that have helped me navigate through the issues and events of the two years I've served as your Trail Boss.

Many thanks go to Tim Nagode for his wise counsel as the Old Boss, and his important work in keeping our CoC program rolling along. His reward??? Now he finally gets to become the Really Old Boss, and can relax from performing active Club duties for a little while. I would also like to thank my two Ramrods - - - 1st year RR, Burt Renard, who sponsored several events and competitions, and gave me plenty of much needed support - - - and my 2nd year RR, Dan Shore, who also gave great support, and is taking the reins to continue moving the brewing herd forward as your new TB. Don't want to get too wordy here, but our former and current Editors in Chief - - - Steve Krieske and Brian Northup, deserve special mention, as does Stan Babb - - - our resident Schoolmaster. All three helped immensely in bringing plenty of brewing information and education in print and electronic format to you - - - our members. Our financial health and well-being has been well managed by the Paymaster, Mike Divilio, and the improvements to our Club website were a direct result of some very nice work by Michal Carson. To my two Cookies - 1st year Cookie Diane Shore, and 2nd year Cookie JoAnn Carter - they've done a lot of behind the scenes work that you never see until the finished food and beverage products arrive at meetings and events - - - hearty thanks from a grateful TB. I also realize that the wives and husbands of Club Officers play a very important role in supporting the Club and all related activities, so a special note of thanks goes to them, as well.

One final note of thanks goes to my wife Darina - without her total support and endless encouragement, my two years as TB wouldn't have been nearly as much fun or such a rewarding experience. I couldn't have done it without her.

My work travel schedule is going to ramp up, and I may be hard pressed to get to meetings over the next year or so, but if I'm in town, I will be happy to head to meetings and events to support the Club as you move forward with your new Trail Boss.

As always, Draughters - - - BREW!!! - - - Gary Shellman, Yer Soon to be Old Boss.

Hello from the Incoming TB: I hope everyone had a great Thanksgiving and hope you all have a Very Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year. I'm looking forward to the next year and hope I can keep the club on track. I will do my best. Thanks to everyone who stepped up and filled the vacant Officer positions. Hope to see everyone at Stan and Penny's house for our annual Christmas Party.

Lets have a great year - - - BREW!!! - - - Dan Shore, Yer Soon to be New Trail Boss.

Heard Round the Campfire

News from the Brew Shop. The Supply Master recently received a big shipment of different grains and yeast strains, and a wide selection of Limited Edition Wine Kits. Get to the Brew Shop and pick up the fixins for one of those pesky Session Beers!

New Grandpa! Big news Draughters. On October 21 Steve Krieske became a Granddad with the arrival of an 8.3 lb, 19 inch boy, Tyler Duggan. When you see Steve, congratulate Gramps, buy him a beer, and get ready for the baby pictures!

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. New faces mean new ideas, recipes, and good times.

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?

The Draughters Web Site: I hope all Draughters are using the 'Tap Room' section of the web site. Recent surveys show a lot of people viewing existing posted notes, but not many new posts are being generated. Hey, it's there for us to use to improve communications among the membership, so please post your thoughts on beer or club-related things. You can jump in as a guest and post a note, or become a registered user and post things. If you want to register, it's 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>

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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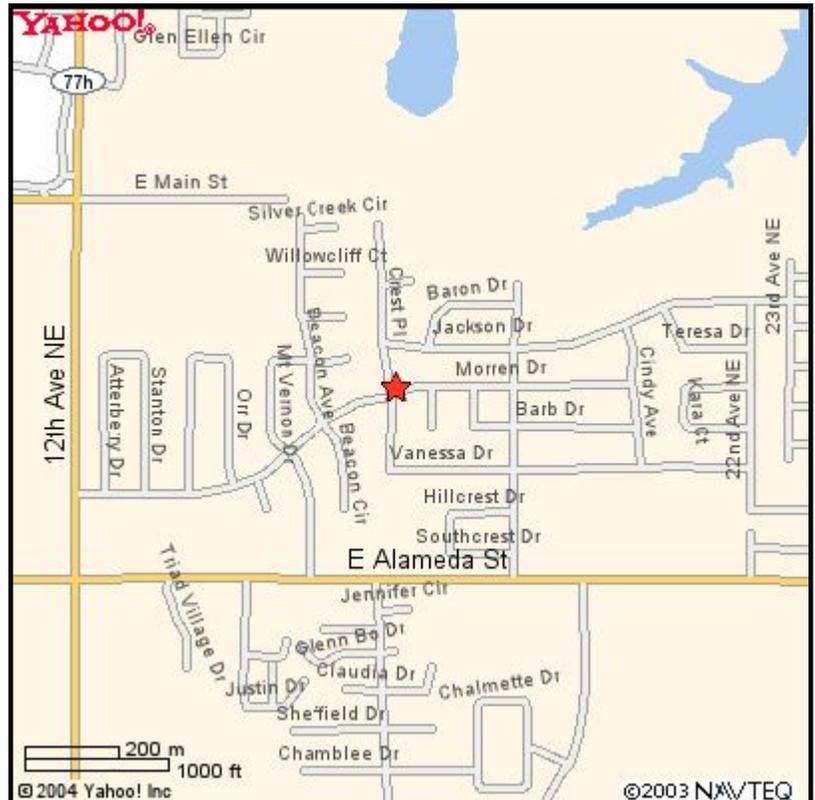
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Map & Directions to the Christmas Party, December 9th

The attached map shows the location of Stan and Penny Babb's place, and local streets. It's situated at the corner of Morren Drive and Crest Place. Morren Drive is accessed via 12th Avenue NE, which ties in with Hwy 77h, so getting there is not hard.

Remember, the start time is 7 PM. Don't forget to contact Cookie and let her know what you're bringing in the way of edibles, an important thing given the size of some brews that will be present. As this is an occasion, the Editor will be bringing the last 5 liters of the Classic American Pilsner that medalled at FOAM Cup 2006. See ya there Draughts.



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