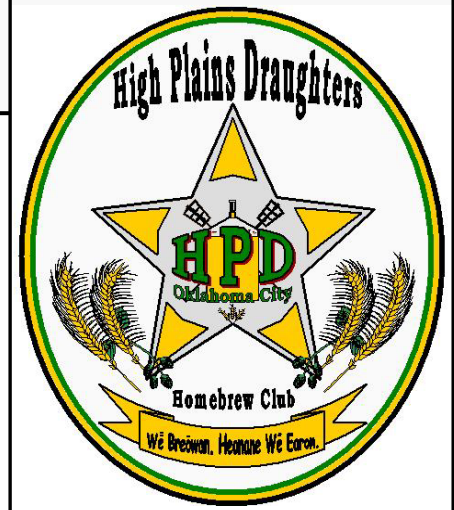


DRAUGHT CARD



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Our Last Meeting

Technical Session February 16th: A technical session was held at the Belle Isle Brewery meeting room. Several new members were in attendance at the meeting. Welcome aboard Nathan & Michael Berry, Todd Hanley, Andrew Holman, Thad Johnson, Lance Meek, and Walter Pipkin who is actually a returning member from the old days. Welcome back.

Items discussed included the Bluebonnet Brew-Off, Bricktown Brewfest (April), and the 2007 National Homebrewers Conference (NHC) in Denver (June). The educational portion was postponed due to some unforeseen technical problems.

Motions on the BBO Club Room were held and attending members decided not to undertake a room this year. Besides, no prizes will be awarded for the top rooms this year. Instead, attending Draughters will relax, not worry and drink homebrew – a winning combination!

The Trail Boss put forth a call for Draughters to volunteer kegs for the Bricktown Brew Fest (late-April), or their time to man the booth at the event. It is important that we get organized early so the Club is prepared. Also tabled for consideration was the possibility of setting up a table at the Club Night of the NHC in Denver (June21-23). If you've got a thought on these issues, contact one of the officers.

The meeting wound down with a vertical tasting regarding the influence of time on flavor and aroma of beer, particularly the really big ones. Tim Nagode provided samples of Sierra Nevada's 2005-2007 Bigfoot Barleywines. The shift from hop bitterness (2007) to a complex mélange of malt notes and hops (2005) was astounding.

Our Next Meetings; March 16th & 23rd-24th

March 16th is the next Technical Session. We're meeting at the City Arts Building, General Pershing Boulevard, State Fair Grounds, from 7-10 PM. We will be considering things related to the Bluebonnet, Bricktown Brewfest, and the 2007 NHC. The educational program will be on brewing procedures. March 23rd and 24th is the the 2007 Bluebonnet Brew-Off. Information on the happenings at the event can be found at www.bluebonnetbrewoff.com, so get on-line and check it out!



Relax, don't worry...

Competition Information

The last 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**. Of the seven entries judged, the top three brews were: 1st a Blond 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. The next COC will involve Scottish Ales, Categories 9A-C.



2007 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



BBO Entry Delivery

The Pay Master made a trip down Big D way and hand-delivered Club entries that were presented at the Feb 16th meeting. If you missed the opportunity, hopefully you got them in by the deadline (Feb 23rd). Good luck to all those who entered brews or meads this year.

Scottish Ales, What's What?

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

The competition includes 3 of the sub-categories: 9A Scottish Light 60/ (2.5-3.2% ABV); 9B Scottish Heavy 70/ (3.2-3.9% ABV); and 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 have a clean, malty profile (due to low fermentation temperatures) with a dry finish, possibly a few esters, limited hop presence, and maybe a hint of peat from the yeast. Check for information on style guidelines for the subcategories at www.bjcp.org/2004_BJCP_Guidelines.pdf. Guidelines are also available at <http://www.bjcp.org/stylecenter.html>. Information in print 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 2:00 PM, March 17th at Casa Shellman in Tuttle. There will be a training session for new stewards and judges at 1:30 just prior to the COC. A map is attached at the back of the DC.

Club T-Shirts and Glasses

Club t-shirts are available for \$11. Sizes range from small to x-large. The Trail Boss reports the supplier can produce collared golf shirts with the design embroidered on the pocket for \$18, assuming there's enough interest. 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), as on the previous glasses.

YEAR 2007 DUES

Club dues for the 2007 calendar year are due! Single dues are \$12 per member, or \$20 gets you the family package. Remember to bring your checkbook Draughts. 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 thank the Brew Shop and Belle Isle Brewery for all the help and support given to the club. With their support it has made a great improvement in club membership and our meeting place is outstanding. THANKS AGAIN.

As the weather starts to warm up I would like to start a club get together one Friday afternoon each month just to get brewers together to enjoy some beer and visit. The plan is to rotate this meeting between Belle Isle and Coach's in Norman. I will provide more information via e-mail as to when.

We didn't have member support for a club-sponsored room at Bluebonnet this year. I encourage all members to just attend and enjoy themselves. We will start planning for next year's Bluebonnet early and have a theme room in 2008. If anyone needs information on Bluebonnet, check out the web site at <http://www.bluebonnetbrewoff.com>.

It was great to see so many new faces at the meeting. Please welcome our new members.

Our new glasses and T-shirts have been turned over to the Ramrod for safekeeping. Contact the Ramrod about any purchases. All items will be available for purchase at club meetings.

We've been contacted by Dottie Clapp, NHC Club Night Coordinator, about participating in the Club Night. For more info, go to <http://www.beertown.org/events/hbc/index.html>. If you're interested in going to NHC or providing a keg of beer, please contact the Ramrod. If there's enough interest we may try to set up a High Plains Draughts table at Club Night.

Watch the web site and your e-mail for information pertaining to Brew Fest. Information will be provided as it is received from the organizers.

- - - CHEERS!!! - - -

Dan Shore,
Yer Trail Boss

SOME BEER-RELATED ITEMS

Bricktown Brewfest; TBA. Though the date's not been set, the Trail Boss is asking for volunteer kegs or bottles, and volunteers to man the booth. Interested? Contact the Trail Boss (ddshore@cox.net).

Kansas City Bier Miesters Homebrew Contest: Pay Master Mike Divilio had two beers that medalled at the 2007 KCBM Homebrew Contest: a Raspberry Ale (Fruit Beer) and a Belgian Grand Cru (Spiced Beer). Both placed second in their respective categories. Well Done Mike!

Another Upcoming Beer Competition: A note from the Trail Boss. The Palm Beach Draughtsmen will be hosting their 12th Annual Hurricane Blowoff, which will be jointly hosted by the Treasure Coast Brewmasters. All BJCP categories will be accepted. Competition info should be on their website www.palmbeachdraughtsmen.com soon. Organizers are expecting over 200 total entries this year. Mead entries at past competitions have been strong, numerous, and devastating on judges.

Heard Round the Campfire

News From The Brew Shop. The Supply Master has received another truckload of goodies at the Brew Shop. Included are some new wine kits for all you vinophiles. Get in and buy one. Chuck will give a 10% discount to those with Draughter membership cards for purchases over \$50.

An Interesting Beer Tidbit. This comes to you via Rob Rescinito. A little story on milk and beer? Check out <http://www.bloggingstocks.com/2007/02/14/milk-beer-two-great-tastes-that-taste-great-together/>.

A site for Beer News: From the Old Boss. It's a site that has a newsletter full of interesting tidbits related to beer. Check out <http://www.beerinfo.com>. If you wish, you can subscribe and get it regularly.

Another Beer Tidbit: This one comes from Tim Nagode. Boston Brewing Company has apparently unveiled what they consider the 'ultimate' (???) beer glass. Interested? Check out the details at http://www.boston.com/business/ticker/2007/02/sam_adams_unvei_1.html.

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. THREE MEAD CATEGORIES are included in the competition. Information can be found at <http://winemakermag.com>.

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?

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. So pay those dues!

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.



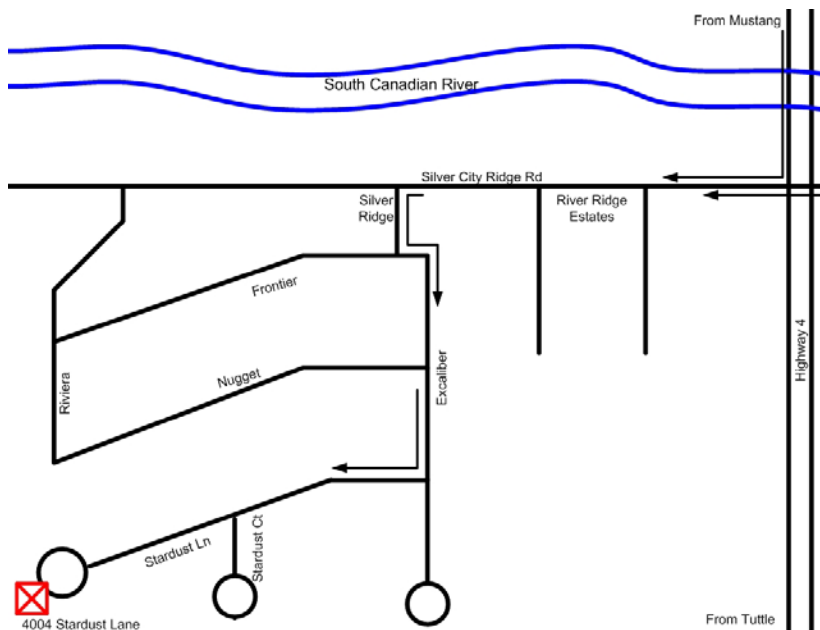
Useful Web Links

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>

Directions to Casa Shellman:

4004 Stardust Lane, Tuttle, location of the COC for Scottish Ales on March 17th. An instruction session will be held at 1:30 PM for those new to judging, and for competition stewards. Start time for the COC is 2 PM.



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