

The Draught Card

NEWSLETTER DATE—DECEMBER 2010

HIGH PLAINS DRAUGHTERS

Last Club Meeting—November Elections

The November technical meeting was held at Stan and Penny Babb's house, in Norman. Not a big turnout, but plenty of business was conducted. The Main business at hand was election of Club Officers for 2011. No real big changes to report. The only outstanding vacancy for next year was for Head Examiner. Tim Nagode has served in many positions with the Draughters and said he would have to pass that position on to someone else. The Trail Boss and officers reluctantly accepted his resignation—Tim has been instrumental in guiding the Club over many years and we all owe him a debt of gratitude. All officers currently serving the Club were re-elected for 2011. John Elkins was nominated for the Head Examiner position, and was elected unanimously by those present. John is one of our newer members, but I can report, after some visits to his place and samplings, he's brewing some really excellent beers and will bring new energy to our competitions. The upcoming Club Christmas party was discussed. The Editor's work schedule continues to ebb and flow, and since job travel requirements are too erratic, he couldn't host the Christmas Party. John and Cynthia Elkins have graciously offered to host the party at their home in Midwest City on December 11th, from 6:30-11:00 PM. There will be an email blast with a map to the Elkins' home, as well as a map on Page 3 of this Draught Card. Upcoming meetings were reviewed and the next regular meeting after the Christmas Party is Robert Burns Night. The Trail Boss called the meeting to a close and those in attendance enjoyed some brews, both commercial and homebrewed to finish out the evening.

Local Craft Brewer in Hospital

It was recently reported that Mike Sandefur, Founder and Brewmaster for Battered Boar Brewing Co, in Edmond fell deathly ill and had to be hospitalized. Mike's been in the hospital for an extended period of time, and there for a while, things were pretty touch and go. The good news is that Mike's ailment appears to be under control and he's getting better.

Please keep Mike in your prayers

Next Club Event—Christmas Party on December 11th

Bring your best holiday beers to help celebrate the season as the Draughters meet for our annual Christmas Party. John and Cynthia Elkins have graciously offered to host this year's celebration. The party is December 11th, from 6:30—11:00 PM and the address is 721 Briarcrest Drive, Midwest City, OK 73110. Bring food dishes and snacks to share throughout the evening. PROST!!!

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Around the Beer Cooler

This is a new article about anything reported out there in homebrew, craft brew, or professional brew circles. Stuff you can talk about around the beer cooler.

Locally, we're hearing of a great success story. The success has happened over the past couple of years. Of course with many success stories, there is a corresponding element of change, and you know what some say about change...people only enjoy change when it's jingling in their pockets. The Trail Boss was asking Chris Milum if we'd be able to hold our January meeting for Robert Burns Night at Learn To Brew. Chris was unable to commit to the date, because LTB's business has grown so fast that they may not be in their same storefront in January. Business has grown so much that Chris has been unable to keep up by himself, so he brought Scott onboard to help run things at the shop and now both of them are almost completely overwhelmed, and they've literally run out of space in their store, and need to find a bigger place. The change? A potential new address to have to learn for LTB. We'll see what develops over the next several weeks.

On the BJCP judge front, many know of a guy named William Slack—former BJCP President and Treasurer. Mr. Slack was arrested quite some time back, and the wheels of justice turn slowly. Nothing new, but during his trial Mr. Slack made a plea bargain, and admitted that he misappropriated BJCP funds steadily during this tenure as BJCP Treasurer. Mr. Slack was sentenced to (1) restitution of approximately \$43K, (2) five years probation, and (3) incarceration of one week per month for twelve months. Bailiff—whack his %\$# %\$#..

At AHA level, All hail—Charlie Papazian was among several recently knighted by the Belgian Brewers Association Knighthood of the Brewers' Mashstaff. In early September Charlie had the honor of being tapped on the shoulders with the ancient and closely guarded Mashstaff along with colleagues Greg Koch of Stone Brewery, and Todd and Jason Alström of Beer Advocate Magazine. They were recognized as honorary Knights for our contributions to beer culture and helping enhance the enjoyment of Belgian beer in America. The ceremony, sandwiched between the blessing of beer in St. Michael's Cathedral and the annual Belgian Beer Weekend at Grand Place, Brussels, solemnly proceeded in the city's Town Hall. So, do we call him Sir Charles now?

Nationally, Yuengling Brewing Co may have to change their official name of DG Yuengling and Son very soon. Yuengling, German for 'young man' no longer applies to the family. After 180 years in business, the sixth generation has found new interest in the family business, namely Richard Yuengling, the brewery's fifth generation current owner and company president, has four daughters that are ready to step in and start helping run the oldest continually family owned brewery in the USA. How does Yuengling and Daughters sound???

Brewer's Resources—On the web

Beer Radio Shows—<http://www.beerinfo.com/index.php/pages/beerradiopodcast.html>

Beer Community—<http://www.homebrewersassociation.org/> - NEW WEBSITE FOR THE AHA!!!

Finding Local Brewpubs—<http://www.beerinfo.com/index.php/pages/brewpubsUSA.html>

Beer Wiki Resource—http://www.homebrewtalk.com/wiki/index.php/Main_Page

Vote with your wallet—SUPPORT YOUR LOCAL BREWERIES!!!

BY THE TIME!

By the time you read this, The Boston Beer Company will have produced over 2 million barrels of beer for the year. The question has already been asked—is Sam Adams still a craft brewery, by definition, or does it really matter??? You, the dedicated readers, decide.

Signed

The Editor

FACTOIDS

FACTOID 1—Richard “Dick” Yuengling is a non-conventional kind of CEO—a ‘hands on’ company president. You’ll find him on a forklift, in a sales meeting, at a marketing meeting. One thing you won’t find him in is a suit, unless it’s rented for a wedding.

FACTOID—Mustang Brewing Co scored their 2nd straight Silver Medal at the World Beer Championships in Chicago for their Harvest Lager, joining several industry giants on the World stage, such as Hofbräuhaus München, Aying, Brooklyn, Deschutes, Rogue, Shiner, and Sam Adams to name a few. The beer received 85 pts and a highly recommended rating.

FACTOID—Scientists say the evidence is growing that Stone Age farmers didn't grow grain to make food but to make beer. The brews probably were used for community feasts, which were critical elements to the society for dealing with debts and political power, researchers say. “Beer is sacred stuff”

Calendar of Events

Here's the last event on the 2010 Club Calendar...

December—Draughter Christmas Party—event is December 11th and the place is John and Cynthia Elkin's - 721 Briarcrest Drive, Midwest City, OK 73110 will require some new directions, to be published very soon.

And for 2011...

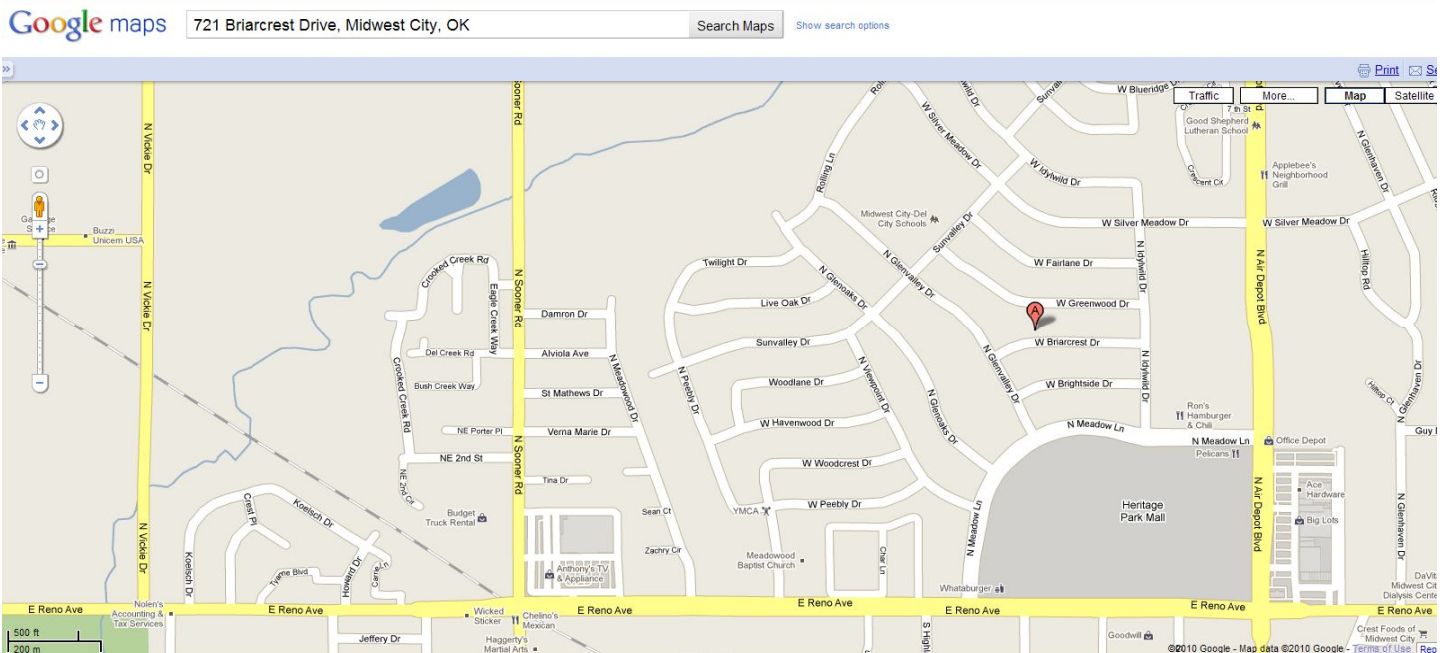
January 2011—Robert Burns Night—the poet bard is once again celebrated on January 21st. Bring all things Scottish and join in the slicing of the Haggis!

February 2011—Prepare for the 2011 Bluebonnet Brewoff, as the Club once again gets set to make the trek South to Dallas.

Map to the Christmas Party—721 Briarcrest Drive, Midwest City, OK

DIRECTIONS FROM I-40: Exit at Air Depot Blvd, turn and go north at the bottom of the exit ramp, and follow Air Depot Blvd north approximately 2.5 miles to W. Silver Meadow Dr and turn left. Turn left on Idylwild Dr, go south and Briarcrest is the third street on your right.

DIRECTIONS FROM I-35: Exit at NE 10th St and travel east approximately 3.5 miles to N. Air Depot Blvd, turn right, and go south approximately 0.5 miles to W. Silver Meadow Dr and turn right. Turn left on Idylwild Dr, go south and Briarcrest is the third street on your right.



Local Brewer's Corner—On vacation for the Holiday Season



STATE OF OKLAHOMA

OKLAHOMA ALCOHOLIC BEVERAGE LAWS ENFORCEMENT COMMISSION

REQUEST FOR PERMISSION TO MAKE CIDER/WINE/BEER

Able License No. _____

- Mr.
- Mrs.
- Ms.

(Mailing Address)

Social Security Number

Date of Birth

The above named applicant hereby requests permission to make not in excess of Two Hundred (200) gallons of cider, wine, or beer within one (1) year. The applicant states that such cider, wine, or beer will be made by simple fermentation without distillation and will be made solely for the use of the applicant and his/her family and guests.

Applicant states that he/she has never been convicted of a felony or of having violated the prohibitory laws of the State of Oklahoma and that he/she has never held a Federal Liquor Stamp in the State of Oklahoma before the adoption of Article 27 of the Oklahoma Constitution, except as provided by law.

(Applicant Signature)

Subscribed and sworn to before me this _____ day of _____, 20____.

(My Commission Expires)

(Notary Public)



COC—The next COC is for the January/February 2011 National level competition, called: "Battle of the Bitters" (English Pale Ales)

The Draughters will hold our local competition around the 3rd week in January and there is no fee to enter the local COC. Expect to see an email blast from our new Competition Coordinator with event details coming to an Inbox near you, very soon. The Club's COC winning entry will be sent to the Nationals.

The National level entry deadline is Friday, January 28, 2011, and judging will take place on Saturday, February 5, 2011. Entry fee is \$7. Make checks payable to American Homebrewers Association.

Entry Shipping:

The Good Brewer
ATTN: "Battle of the Bitters"
2960 Pacific Avenue
Livermore, CA 94550-4815

Hosted by Brian Cooper and the Mad Zymurgists homebrew club in Livermore, CA, this competition covers BJCP Category 8 styles.

For more information, contact Brian Cooper at brewerbrian@sbcglobal.net.

Check out Category 8 on the web at <http://www.bjcp.org>. COC event information can be found at: <http://www.homebrewersassociation.org/pages/competitions/club-only-competitions/schedule/2010-2011-competition-year>.

Get the feedback you deserve—Brew your best Bitter, Draughters!

We're on the web—www.draughters.com

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