

The Draught Card

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HIGH PLAINS DRAUGHTERS

Last Club Event—BlueBonnet BrewOff March 21-23

Well I don't know if we can really call this a Club event this year. From the High Plains Draughters, Gary Shellman, Kevin Eggers, Ivan Cottan, and Keith Wright went down but I think that was it this year. It was the first year in quite a while that we didn't take down the chuck wagon and set up as a Club. Keith did the Club proud though, with his wins.

Category 2	Pilsner	1st place	Reich Stuff
Category 7	Kolsch	1st place	Big O'l Good'in
Category 16	English Brown Ale	3rd place	Good Possibility
Category 17	Brown and Baltic Porter	1st place	Pete's Porter

Keith also got 3rd place in Best of Show for his Pilsner, and very nearly took home the BlueBonnet Homebrewer of the Year award, so congratulations to Keith - - - Good Job!!!

The BlueBonnet BrewOff is the largest single site homebrew competition in the World. They've had to limit the number of entries to 1500 per event. A couple of years ago they exceeded 2000 entries and that proved to be too much for the competition. If you think about that there are a total of 44 categories with 20-30 beers per category, and in some almost 60.

The beers are judged in two rounds, with the last round concluding the evening of March 21st. For those of you who have gone down to the BlueBonnet, you know that they are almost begging for judges. And if you have judged, you know that even in the last round there are usually about a dozen beers to judge so palate fatigue sets in pretty quickly.

Last Club Meeting—Regular Club Meeting at John and Brenda's

Well we have to go back all the way to Feb 21st for the last official Club meeting.

Once again John and Brenda Kelly graciously hosted us. As has been the case at a few of the last Club meetings, turn out was kind of sparse. Most of the officers made it to the last meeting, so we talked about a few of the reasons that we think the regular meeting might not be getting a lot of attendance.

Some people have a hard time making meetings on Friday evenings. Our meeting place is constantly moving and Norman can be a pretty good drive for some people. Also there seems to be something about the 3rd Friday of the month, particularly as the warmer weather ramps up. So after discussing it, we decided to move the meetings to the 4th Friday of the month, Gary thinks there is a better possibility of Mustang hosting us on the 4th Friday. Also, we are going to work on getting the Draught Card out at least a week before the meeting so that people have ample time to get the dates marked on their calendars. After the Club business was concluded, we started tasting a variety of various beers, some homebrew and some commercial, and there were also a few meads there to try. So for those of you who couldn't make it you missed some Great Beers, Great Meads and Great Company. Hopefully you can make one of the next meetings.

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Last Club Meeting (Cont.)— John and Brenda Kelly’s. 1800 Candlewood Street, Norman

Also last but not least a **GREAT BIG SHOUT OUT TO JOHN and BRENDA KELLY** for hosting us. We realize that it a lot of work getting the house cleaned up and we really appreciate it.

THANK YOU JOHN and BRENDA.

Next Club Meeting—Regular Club Meeting at Mustang Brewery 520 N. Meridian Avenue, OKC, OK., 73107. 7:00 –10:00pm. Friday April 25th

That’s right once again Mustang has graciously offered to host us. This should be an interesting meeting to attend as Mustang has had to spend most of the last year trying to get their operations and equipment moved and operational from the warehouse that the tornados of last May 31st almost totally destroyed. This has proved to be quite a challenge and when I talk to Gary about it, the thought “Horror Story” comes to mind, but Mustang is hanging in there and things are coming along, albeit very slowly with all sorts of unforeseen delays.

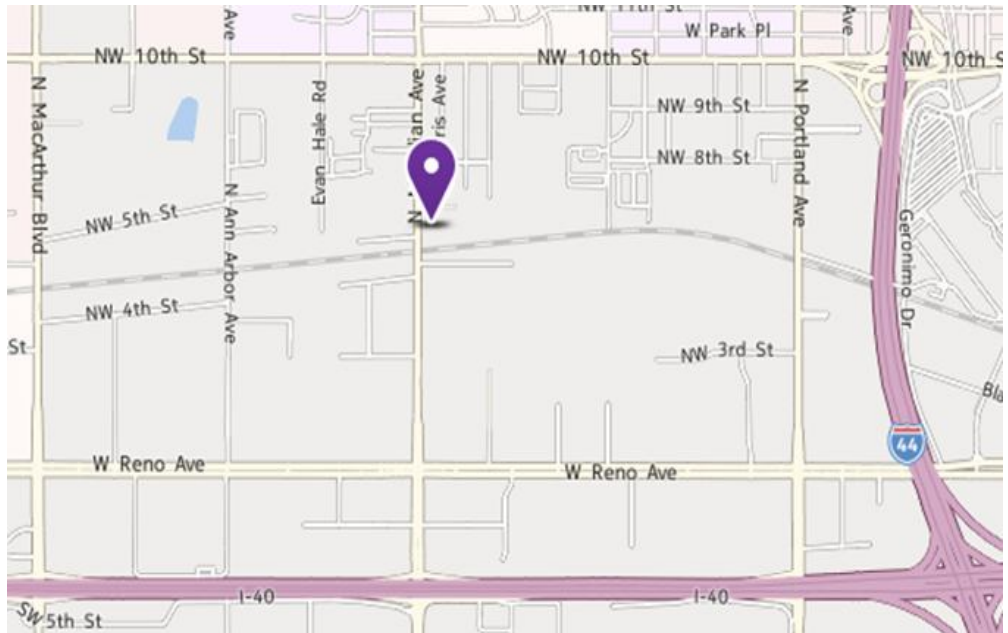
One of the items on the Meeting Agenda will be:

Big Brew Day—this is on May 3rd this year. For those not familiar with Big Brew Day, this is day set aside for all the various homebrewing clubs to get together and brew a few batches of beer. One of the big issues is **“We need some kind person to volunteer to host us.”** That’s right this year we still don’t have a place for the Draughters to get together and brew.

We also plan on working on The rest of this years Draughters schedule. So showing up for this meeting will give you a good idea of the rest of the year’s events.

For those of you who haven’t been to the Mustang Brewery. It is North of W. Reno Ave across the rail road tracks as shown in the map.

So come out for the next Club meeting, have a few beers and offer to host the High Plains Draughters for Big Brew Day.



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**CALLING ALL DRAUGHTERS!!!**

A lot of people worked very hard to legalize homebrewing in Oklahoma a few years back. Have You Got Your No-Cost Homebrewer Permit Yet???

BREW (Legally) !!!

Brewer's Resources—Around the corner or on the web

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

Beer Community—<http://www.homebrewersassociation.org/>

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

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

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

BJCP - <http://www.bjcp.org/index.php>

Barleys and Hops (an all inclusive site) - <http://www.barleysandhops.com/homebrewing/>

Beer Tutor - <http://www.beertutor.com/>

Hop Variety Handbook - http://issuu.com/hopunion/docs/variety_book

On-Line Brewing Calculator - <http://www.brewersfriend.com/homebrew/recipe/calculator>

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Calendar of Events—2014

April 25th - Regular Brew Club Meeting At Mustang Brewery in OKC

May 3rd—Big Brew Day—Place TBD.

Oct 2-4th Great American Beer Festival. If you have never been to this event, it should be put on your bucket list of things to do. This is hosted in Denver, CO each year

Nov 1st—Teach a Friend to Homebrew Day—The Club has never done this one but we'll talk about it and see if it is something we might want to try this year.

Local Beer News

CHOC Brewery Upgrades to a 50 Barrel System

Well this old Trail Boss's wife works with the niece of the owners of Pete's Place in Krebs, Oklahoma, which happens to be the home of CHOC brewery. The niece, Emily Stangl, is also a part owner of one of Krebs premier restaurants, Roseann's. So she offered to take the teachers on a brewery tour and for a fine meal at the restaurant.

Well when this old Trail Boss heard about this I just had to go along. First off, this old Trail Boss didn't realize how far Krebs is from Norman, a little over a 2 hour drive. However I do have to admit it was worth it.

We were met by Brewmaster Michael Lalli. They had just opened up the new tasting room so all the taps weren't quite in but they had about 6 CHOC's on tap. They also had about half a dozen Prairie Artisan Ales. It turns out that CHOC is a contract brewery for Prairie Artisan Ales. At the time they had over 12 different CHOC beers available for sale.

The new tasting room faces into the Brewhouse. and when we arrived, they were just finishing up a batch of beer. Right now they are working with a 15 barrel system. So while this old Trail Boss enjoyed a really nice Belgian Style OPA I watched as the brewers shoveled the grain out of the Mash tun. If you have never had to do this you don't realize immediately how labor intensive this is. For a batch this size they are probably starting with close to 1000 lbs of grain, and that is dry weight. Even though there is a door in the side of the mash tun to get the grain out, they still had to have one person in the mash tun with a shovel pushing the grain out and another collecting it. They filled up about 10 55 gal trash barrels of used grains. Michael tells me that local ranchers come and get the grain to feed to their livestock.

To house the 50 barrel system they had to have a new building built out back, which is impacting parking. Michael took us through the new building. The Mash tun, Brew Kettle and some fermenters were in there. To get some of the equipment here they had to have it cut in half and then welded back together once it arrived here.

Michael says that it has been a real undertaking but it is finally starting to come together and he was expecting to be brewing on the new system by early April.

So best of luck to Michael Lalli and CHOC, and hopefully we will be drinking beers from the new system in the near future.



Beer News from Around the World

World Beer Cup Awards Presented April 11th, 2014

(Denver, CO) – The Brewers Association handed out awards for the 2014 World Beer Cup held in Denver, Colorado, on Friday night April 11, 2014 at the Hyatt Regency in Denver, Colorado, USA.

One of the most prestigious competitions in the United States just concluded. Over 70% of the entries were submitted by US brewers.



Beers Entered	2014	2012	2010	2008	2006	2004	2002
Beers Entered	4,754	4,014	3,330	2,864	2,221	1,566	1,173
Breweries	1,403	828	642	644	540	393	379
Countries	58	57	44	58	56	40	38
Style Categories	94	95	90	91	85	81	70
Judges	219	214	179	129	109	93	71
Countries of Judges	31	32	26	21	18	15	9

Earlier in the Draught Card when we talked about the BlueBonnet BrewOff, we mentioned that it had to limit its entries to 1500 because of the logistics in trying to store, track and judge that many beers.

If you look at the numbers from the World Beer Cup it is almost 4 times as many entries.

If you would like to look at the list of the WBC winners, copy the URL below and paste it into your browser, or simply click the link.

<http://beerpulse.com/2014/04/world-beer-cup-2014-winners-list-2882/>

Two Oklahoma breweries brought home WBC Medals. CHOC Brewing Co received a Silver Medal for their Gose, and Black Mesa Brewing Co received a Gold Medal for their ESB—Endless Skyway Bitter. As expected, both breweries are pretty stoked about the Medals and recognition on the World stage. Job well done to both breweries for bringing home the hardware to Oklahoma and representing us well.



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)

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