



The Draught Card

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HIGH PLAINS DRAUGHTERS

Last Club Event—Club Meeting at Mustang Brewery Tasting Room June 27th

Wow— If you haven't been to the Mustang Brewery tasting room since they remodeled the area, it is really nice. Most months, Mustang has tastings from 4:00 til 7:00PM, the 1st and 3rd Fridays of the month. This is one of the reasons we moved our monthly club meetings to the 4th Friday, is there's a better possibility that Mustang might be able to provide the Club a meeting place most months, and Mustang is pretty centrally located.

The tasting area is set up in the Northwest corner of Mustang's HQ. It features a rustic bar area, with seating around used wine barrels. There is lots of room with enough area to easily host 40—50 people and not feel crowded. Of course, shirts mugs, glasses and other Mustang merchandise is available and very reasonably priced.

Well, at the last meeting we did go through and put together a schedule of dates for the Club meetings for the rest of the year, which is listed in the Calendar of Events later in this newsletter. Meetings and events are an important function for the Club, so we try to ensure everyone has the dates well in advance so they can clear their calendars to make the meetings, and big events, like the Mead Clinic and Oktoberfest. So now that we have dates we can try to find the locations to host them, which this Trail Boss is working on now, so as I get those they will be added to the Calendar of Events.

After getting the Club Business done, Gary gave us a tour of the Brewhouse. By now I am sure that the equipment is in place and actually producing World Class Mustang beers, but at the time the equipment was there but was not plumbed in and the Mash Tun and other brewhouse vessels were still on pallets.

However the layout really looked good and it appears there is room to add additional fermenters and other equipment as they start ramping up production. After the tour, we got down to the real reason that we all like the meetings - the beers. Gary did treat us to some of Mustang's beers and as always, they were tasty. Well, the meeting ended at 10:00PM and everybody headed out, and I hope we didn't leave Gary any real clean up, but once again, **Thank You Mustang Brewery and Gary Shellman for hosting us.**

American Home Brewers Association Club Insurance Program

One of the things we discussed at the last meeting was that the AHA is rolling out an insurance program to insure the Brew Club, it's officers and the place where the meetings are held. With something like this it might make it easier to find a more permanent meeting place. It looks like the rate is \$3.50 per year, per member. So we are getting the information together on this and will let everyone know what we find out.

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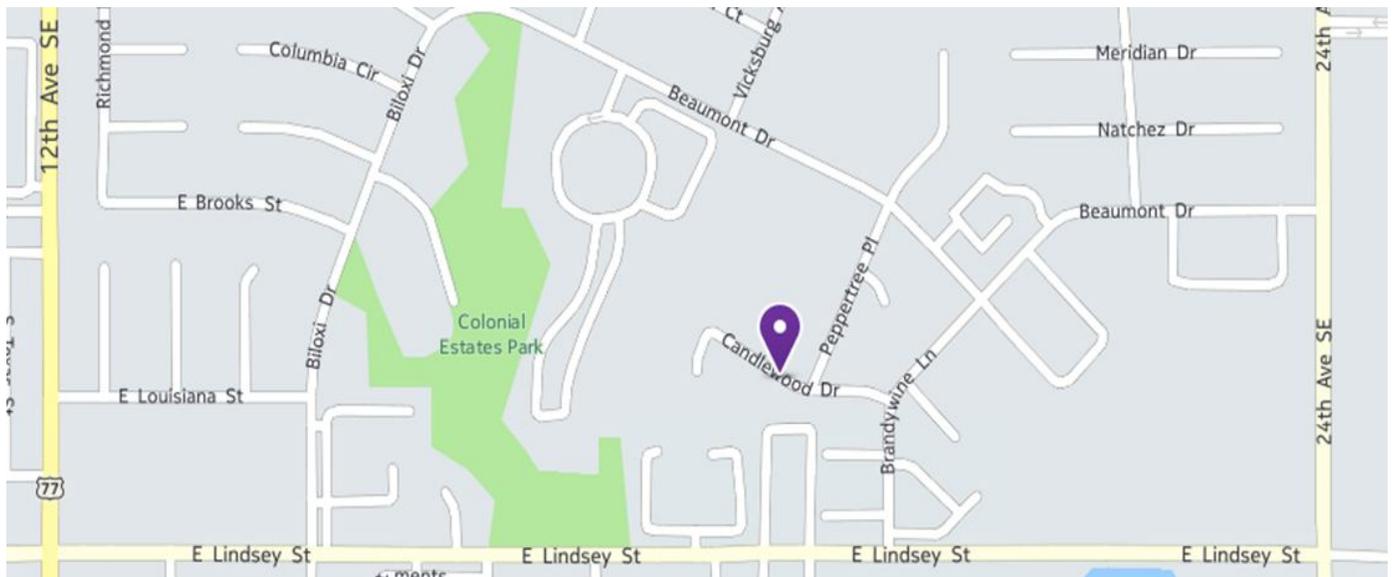
Next Club Meeting—Mead Clinic August 9th, 2:00 PM, at John and Brenda Kelly's house, 1300 Candlewood Dr., Norman OK. 73071

That's right, once again John and Brenda have agreed to host us. Remember this is August in Oklahoma so it might be **HOT**.

We plan to kick off the event at 2:00PM with a quick talk about Mead, what it is, how it's made, and the different categories. This will then be followed by, or running concurrently with, mead making examples, and of course there will be plenty of Mead to be sampled.

This is a potluck event, and since Meads can be pretty strong I would advise everyone to eat. As this Trail Boss is always saying, "If your gonna be drinkin, you need to be eatin". To help on this front, John is going to have 2 grills going, a big green egg, (actually black egg), and a 4 burner propane BBQ grill, so if you want to bring something out to cook on the grill, you'll have plenty of space. Also, John and Brenda have a pool to help keep everyone cool. So, bring some food, bring some Mead, bring some swim trunks and swim suits, come out, and party with the High Plains Draughters.

A map to John and Brenda's is show directly below.



**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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LOCAL BREWERIES AND BREWSHOPS!!!**



Calendar of Events—2014

August 9th—Mead Clinic—John and Brenda Kelly’s.

Sept 27th—Oktoberfest at Crown Heights Park 1:00 PM.

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

Oct 24th—Regular Club Meeting—Place TBD

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.

Nov 21st—Regular Club Meeting Tom and June Larrow’s

December 13—Club Christmas Party—Stan and Penny’s

Local Beer News

Mustang Brewery—Brewing again in OKC

Well, it has been a very long 14 months, but Mustang Brewery is finally back up and brewing at the OKC location. Gary Shellman has encountered a myriad of problems, from equipment delivery delays, contractors getting work completed on time, and licensing issues. You name it, or can even think about, and it they’ve had to deal with it. So it is with much relief that brewing operations are finally underway.

Fed limit sales of “Nobama Brew” to Oklahoma

OKLAHOMA CITY — Requests are pouring in for a local brewer’s new novelty beer but the government is saying he can’t sell the brew outside of Oklahoma.

Rick Huebert’s “Nobama Brew” has been a smash hit in the Sooner State. The owner of Huebert Brewing Company can barely keep up with demand. That’s great news, not just for the Company, but for all of Oklahoma.

Huebert Brewing Marketing Director, Christa Miles, said the Company tries its best to keep work local.

“We have people from Minco, Oklahoma that provide the boxes [for the beer],” Miles said. “We have people from Henrietta that do our bottling, we have all of our labels that come from the Moore area”. Rick Huebert said he’s also been getting dozens of requests from outside the State for major quantities of “Nobama Brew”. “Just yesterday we had a request for about 3,000 cases from Texas and New Jersey,” Huebert said, but Huebert has to respond to all of those requests the same way: No.

When Huebert asked the Federal Alcohol and Tobacco Tax and Trade Bureau (TTB) to approve the label for “Nobama Brew,” he specifically requested to be able to sell the beer nationwide; that request was approved via written application. But the TTB official who approved the request, Kent “Battle” Martin, added a line to the application that reads, “THIS PRODUCT IS ONLY FOR SALE IN THE STATE OF OKLAHOMA.”

“[The form] says two things,” Huebert said. “It says I can sell it federally but then it also says I can only sell it in the State.” When Rick Huebert’s lawyer, Randy Malone, called Martin, the TTB official gave a different response.

“[Martin] misunderstood that we wanted to sell outside of Oklahoma,” Malone said. “[That] is the impression I got from him.” Huebert can re-submit the label for approval but he’s afraid by the time it gets approved, the novelty of the beer will have worn off.



Beer News from Around the World

The world's top beer isn't what you think

A new list of the most popular brews by volume has some unexpected names. Turns out the Chinese are outdrinking Americans and the rest of the World.

By MSN Money Partner Fri 2:47 PM



By Bloomberg

Here's a trivia question for your drinking buddies: what's the world's most popular beer? Bud Light? Budweiser? A decade ago, those answers would be right on the money.

China is poised to become the world's biggest economy by GDP within the next decade. Using a method that takes purchasing power into account, it could surpass the U.S. as early as this year.

While the U.S. still chugs more beer per person, China already reigns as king of beer when it comes to total consumption.

Chinese drink about 110 billion pints a year, roughly twice as much as Americans, according to Euromonitor International.

So what is the world's most popular beer? Snow.

Yes, that's a beer. It's produced by the CR Snow joint venture between SAB Miller (SBMRY +0.59%) and China Resources. More than twice as many pints of Snow were downed last year than Bud Light, which fell to #3 after Tsingtao took the #2 spot, according to data compiled by Euromonitor International and Bloomberg.

If your American keg-stand pride is feeling upturned by a third-place ranking, the news gets worse. Budweiser hasn't technically been American beer for some time now. The company that took it over in 2008, **Anheuser-Busch Inbev** (AHBIF -0.68%), is based in Belgium. It now owns half of the top 10 beers in the world.

Top 10 best-selling beers by volume in 2013:

1. Snow
2. Tsingtao
3. Bud Light
4. Budweiser
5. Skol
6. Yanjing
7. Heineken
8. Harbin
9. Brahma
10. Coors Light



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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