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Calendar

May 10

Blue Stallion Turn-in (3 bottles)

May 11-20

Lexington Craft Beer Week

[See full schedule](#)

May 12

Rock House/Nate's Coffee
Brewoff

May 14

BOCK Meeting at West Sixth

May 16

West Sixth ProAm Winner
Reveal @ Green Room

May 26

Registration Deadline/Turn-in for
Bluegrass Cup

June 9

Bluegrass Cup @ Sheraton Four
Points Newton

Time to Get Excited!

It's almost here. That time of year we look forward to like children do for Christmas. Except there will be no fat man coming down your chimney, unless you get over ambitious at Test Batch Tap Take Over and lose your house key. This weekend kicks off Craft Beer Week! And once again there is a stable of winning events lined up. Highlights include the release of the CB/W6 collaboration Country Western this Friday, the Ethereal Cellar Cleaning Party and the Rock House/Nate's Coffee brew-off on 5/12, Beer-themed trivia at Ethereal on Monday, and of course Test Batch Take Over at Blue Stallion on Tuesday. But you don't need me to tell you about all the events. There's a website for that. Check out the nifty <http://www.lexbeerscene.com/lcbw> to see the full spread.

Big Brew Day

May 5th was Big Brew Day, a national event organized by the AHA. Dirk Franzen was gracious enough to host brewers at his residence to brew beer and to celebrate the event. The rain came but with dedication and persistence beer was made. Thanks to Dirk for hosting and for coordinating the taco spread.

Rock House & Nate's Coffee Brewing Competition

Registration for the Rock House & Nate's Coffee is closed. This year there will be a few extras at the event; a food truck will be on site serving breakfast; Nate's Coffee will be serving coffee, and Rock House will be releasing some coffee beer variants. The style restrictions were opened up to all beer styles EXCEPT stouts. This is one of the first events of Craft Beer Week, so even if you aren't brewing be sure to come and check it out and support Rock House and Nate's Coffee!

BOCK is Fully Legal!

BOCK is now officially a 501c3 non-profit! Being a 501c3 will give the club extra benefits when working with local organizations, donations and services. A BIG thanks goes out to Ben Hoh, Ben Shelton, John Spicer, and Harck Pickett for getting this done.

Barrel of Brewers

The BOCK Barrel Fill took place on April 29. Thanks to Kevin Nowaczyk for helping us acquire freshly dumped Weller and Blanton barrels. 1 was filled with a Russian Imperial Stout and 1 was filled with an Old Ale. BOCK barrel beers always turn out great and perform well in competitions. Thanks to Clay Bunn for serving as Barrel Master for the day, and thanks as always to Chad and Mary Shive for hosting the barrels for the last year. And thanks to all the participating brewers for making another great barrel success.

West Sixth Winner

The West Sixth ProAm judging took place on May 6th. The winner will be announced on May 16th during Craft Beer Week at the downtown W6 Green Room. Good luck to all of the competitors.

Blue Stallion Deadline

The BOCK-exclusive Blue Stallion Lager Challenge bottle turn-in deadline (3 bottles) is May 10th, tomorrow! Stay tuned for more info on when the winner will be announced.

Bluegrass Cup

BOCK's annual homebrew competition takes place on June 9 at the Four Points by Sheraton on Newtown Pike. The entry website is now officially open and registration is over half full, so hurry over to <http://bluegrass-cup.bockbrew.com/> to enter your beers and sign up to judge or steward soon! Entry deadline is May 26th. Please email John Spicer with any questions.

Winner's Circle

Several BOCK members have scored some hardware from recent competitions. Check out the list of brewers that are killing it these days. To see BOCK winners from years past check out the full list hosted by lexbeerscene.com.

<http://lexbeerscene.com/BOCKAwards.pdf>

2018 Hammerdown

- Clay Bunn & Joe Brewer - 1st Place - Trappist Ale, Dubbel
- Dirk Franzen - 2nd Place - British Beers, ESB
- Dirk Franzen - 2nd Place - American IPA
- Keegan McGee - 2nd Place - American Strong, Wheatwine
- Ryan Smalley - 3rd Place - Strong Stouts, Imperial Stout
- Dirk Franzen - 3rd Place - Saison
- Keith Rodenhauser - 3rd Place - Wild and Funk, Wild Specialty

2018 National Homebrew Competition First Round

- Dirk Franzen - 1st Place - British Pale Ale, ESB
- Dirk Franzen - 1st Place - Strong American Ale, Imperial IPA



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