



Let's do this, 2018!

Thank you to West Sixth for once again hosting our annual December meeting and White Elephant gift exchange. Beer was poured and gifts were opened. Some gifts were coveted, some were not. No matter the gift you left with, I hope you left happy and with an appreciation for your fellow BOCK members and for the opportunity the new year offers. We've had a good year (at least within our little BOCK club world) and are anxious for a great 2018. Whether you buy into the idea of a new year bringing new chances or not, change can happen at any time, and if a change in the calendar is what's needed to kick us in the butt, then let's have it. On behalf of BOCK I would like to thank all the local businesses that hosted our meetings over this last year, and all of the friends of BOCK that assisted in our events. We would not be able to do what we do without your help and support. Though no dates are set for certain, check out the calendar to the left for a rough idea of what events you need to watch out for in the coming months.

Calendar

January BOCK Meeting
Mirror Twin @ 7pm

March
West Sixth Proam

April
Hammerdown Brewcup
Blue Stallion Challenge
Ethereal Unique Yeast Competition
BOCK Barrel Fill

May
Lexington Craft Beer Week
AHA Big Brew Day

June
Bluegrass Cup



Iron Mash 2017

The day we've all been waiting for is nearly upon us. The winners of the annual BOCK Iron Mash will be announced at the upcoming BOCK meeting to be held at Mirror Twin Brewing at 725 National Avenue. The winners will get their names engraved into the coveted Iron Mash cup and will start the year off with bragging rights within the club. The hops in the Iron Mash boxes was provided by Mark Maikkula of Boyd's Bottom and the KY Hop Growers Alliance. If you have any feedback on these hops please send it to Mark at mmaikkula1@hotmail.com. Good luck to all the brewing teams involved.

AHA National Homebrew Competition

The 2018 AHA National Homebrew Competition is fast approaching. We have some BOCK participation in the past, but it would be great to make a big entry this year. The application period runs from January 23rd - January 30th and beer registration is from February 5th - February 14th. Beer has to be shipped between March 19th - March 30th, so it's time to start brewing! If you plan to enter, please let officers know and we will see what we can do to help organize and reduce shipping costs.

Tech Committee

Harck Pickett recently sent out a call for interest in being involved with our Technology Committee. The Tech Committee will be a club body that will help guide and move forward the club in all things digital, including, social

media, email, website, and any other digital avenues we should be exploring. If you have skills or a desire to help out please shoot Harck Pickett an email at harckp@gmail.com to express your interest. The committee will be formed and meetings will be scheduled shortly after the new year.


Bluegrass Cup Location

The Bluegrass Cup, BOCK's homebrewing competition, needs a new home. After several years being hosted by Alltech at Shrewsbury Hall on their Cross Street campus, and 1 year at Rockhouse Brewing, the club is looking for new options for hosting the annual event. The event takes place in early June. Some potential criteria includes ample size, air conditioning, kitchen access and no issue with alcohol on premises. A call goes out to members who may know of a location that fits this criteria. Location types that might work are neighborhood clubhouses, community centers, hotel conference rooms, private spaces like a VFW or some other private club. If you know of such a location please give an officer in the club a holler.

January Meeting

Let's start the year off right at the January 2018 BOCK meeting, held at 7pm at Mirror Twin. All active members please come join us so we can get a new group photo for the website. We want you in the picture so please show up! You also do not want to miss the announcement of the winner of the annual BOCK Iron Mash competition! See you then. Cheers!



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