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## Calendar

### February 6

Brooklyn Special Tapping, including  
Black Ops 2017 at Beer Trappe

### February 9-10

Country Boy 6th anniversary at  
Lexington location

### February 12 BOCK Meeting

Blue Stallion @ 7pm

### March

West Sixth ProAm

### April

Hammerdown Brewcup  
Ethereal Unique Yeast Competition

### May

Lexington Craft Beer Week  
AHA Big Brew Day

### June

Bluegrass Cup

## Ready. Set. Brew!

Once again BOCK members converged at a local watering hole and enjoyed fine locally brewed libations. Thanks to Mirror Twin for hosting our January meeting. I don't know if you've noticed but [Mirror Twin](#) has been killing it recently. Have you tried their NEIPA Hazy but Lazy, or maybe newer beers like Monkey Juice, a brown ale with banana, or Kai-garoo, their Enigma and Galaxy hopped NEIPA? They've really got the beer variety on point right now. And with Team Trivia at 7 PM on Wednesdays, and Rolling Oven right on the spot, Mirror Twin is a pretty sweet spot.

### **National Homebrew Competition**

We are into February of the new year already, and that means brewing season is on the horizon. Largest on the list is the [National Homebrew Competition](#). Entry is limited to AHA members. Registration for the 2018 competition is now closed. Applicants will learn of their placement in the competition by February 15th. If you have entered the competition please let officers know how many beers and what judging locations you are assigned to so we can help organize and consolidate shipping.

### **Blue Stallion Lager Challenge**

The soonest competition to hit your calendars is the annual BOCK-only Blue Stallion Lager Challenge. Blue Stallion provides lager yeast with the challenge to brewers to make the best lager. Yeast will be handed out at the next BOCK meeting, taking place at Blue Stallion on February 12th at 7PM. Be sure to bring a sanitized container to take the yeast home. Turn in dates will be announced soon.

## BOCK Barrel Fill

BOCK's annual [barrel fill project](#) is where we take two freshly emptied bourbon barrels, purchased by BOCK from Buffalo Trace with the help of member Kevin Nowaczyk, and fill them with a crowd-sourced collection of brews based on an agreed upon recipe, which this year is an Old Ale recipe provided by Dirk Franzen, and a Russian Imperial Stout recipe provided by Jon Spicer. Dirk's recipe took gold at last year's Bluegrass Cup. Sign ups for spots to brew for the barrels is full. If you got a spot be on the lookout for details on recipe and fill dates.

## Iron Mash Winners

The winner of BOCK's member-only brewing competition, Iron Mash, was announced at the last meeting. Iron Mash is a brewing competition designed to test your recipe formulation skills. Made up of two-person teams, competitors show up on brew day not knowing what ingredients are in store. Base and specialty malts, and hops are provided, but remain a mystery until the box is opened. Congratulations to Ben Shelton and Chris Paumi, who took the prize with an Altbier. Second place goes to Tyler Jennings and Shawn Gipson who brewed a Belgian Pale.

## Club Bylaws

BOCK Officers are currently writing and finalizing new club bylaws, as part of our efforts to become a 501c3. Important topics being worked out are office term lengths and elections. On Monday Ben Hoh sent copies of the new club by-laws to members for review the coming week, with a plan to vote on them during the February 12th meeting. Please read the proposed bylaws thoroughly and be prepared to vote at the next meeting.

## BOCK Work Shirts

Secondary Fermentor, Ryan Smalley, is again gathering an order for BOCK logoed work shirts from Dickies. Each shirt will be navy blue, cost around thirty dollars per shirt depending on quantity in order and whether you choose to have your name emblazoned on the front. If you are interested and have not yet entered your info for the order please do so by Wednesday evening, Feb 7. [The registration form is here.](#) Ryan will be sending off for the order on Thursday.



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