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November 2017

Calendar

December 11

BOCK Meeting and White Elephant Gift Exchange at West Sixth

January 23 - 30

National Homebrew Competition Applications

February 5 - 14

National Homebrew Competition Beer Registrations

March 19 - 30

National Homebrew Competition Entry Shipments



December White Elephant

We'll, it's that time of year again. Thanksgiving is over, Black Friday has come and gone, (whether that meant maniacal Christmas shopping or fanatical beer hunting) and Christmas is weeks away with the new year just around the corner. While this can be a busy period leading up to New Years, I encourage you to not forget what it's all about. Beer. Just kidding it's time with family and friends. But beer plays its part because after all that togetherness with family we all know that first beer after a few days at a family member's alcohol-free house is one of the best you can taste.

Speaking of family, thanks to Rock House for hosting our November meeting. Jon and Merna Brown and Kevin Richey have origins in BOCK and continue to make the club proud cranking out great beers and flying that NoLi flag high. Stop in, have a beer and say hi. And don't forget that Rock House is a pick up spot for brewerdude.com, another BOCK creation.



Announcements

Being BOCK

The BOCK membership drive is in full swing, so now is the perfect time to renew that membership and save. Get your single membership for \$20, and a family membership for \$30. See Ben Shelton at the next meeting at West Sixth, or any other time, to get signed up. What do you get with your membership? Glad you asked. You get 10% off homebrew ingredients and gear at Liquor Barn and brewerdude.com. You also get exclusive access to member-only events like the Blue Stallion Lager Competition, Ethereal's Unique Yeast Competition, Iron Mash, and early registration for West Sixth's ProAm competition. And not least of all is the camaraderie of fellow members and access to the knowledge pool with a collective homebrew experience of decades. What else do you want?

Iron Mash 2017

The Iron Mash turn-in has been moved to Dec 11 during the next BOCK meeting at West Sixth. Please bring two bottles labeled with brewer's names and contact info. Iron Mash is a club-only 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. So what was in this year's box? Base malt was 2-row with specialty malts of Munich, Special B, Crystal 60, Chocolate, and Oats. Hops included KY-grown Cascade and Chinook, Magnum and East Kent Golding. Special ingredients included lemon, lime and orange, table sugar, chicory, mint candy and Szechuan peppercorns.

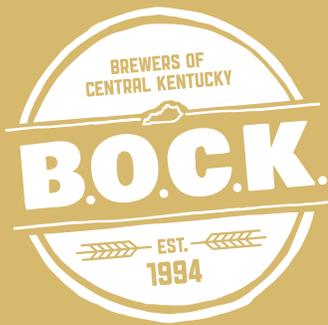


BOCK Thanksgiving Potluck

Thank you to Mike and Joan Kling for hosting another tasty and fun BOCK Thanksgiving Potluck on Saturday November 13th. Good food and a good time was had by all. Thank you to the Klings and all who attended.

Learn to Homebrew Day

A big thanks goes to Nathan Hoskins at brewerdude.com for coordinating [Learn to Homebrew Day](#) on November 4th at Jacobson Park. Several BOCK members participated by setting up to brew for the day, speaking with those that stopped by to learn more about



the hobby. Thanks to Dirk Franzen, Devin Beech, and Drew Tackett for volunteering and representing BOCK! Mark the first weekend of November in your calendar for 2018. With your help we'll build on this year's success and spread the love.

AHA National Homebrew Competition

The 2018 AHA [National Homebrew Competition](#) is fast approaching. We've had 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.

Bluegrass Cup Location

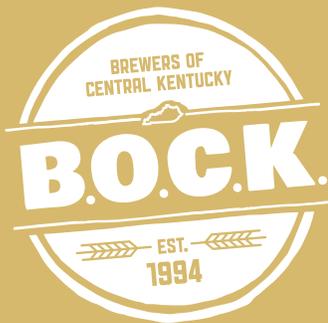
The Bluegrass Cup, BOCKs homebrewing competition, needs a new home. After several years being hosted by Alltech at Shrewsbury Hall on their Cross Street campus, and 1 year at Rockhouse Brewing, the club is looking for new options for hosting the annual event. The event takes place in early June. Some 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.

Officer Positions

As part of becoming an official 501c3 we must solidify our rules pertaining to Club Officer positions. The current officers have volunteered to stay on another year as we firm up the 501c3 bylaws. During the next year we will develop a process for onboarding and transitioning new officers into roles, as well as determining term lengths. Some votes may be taken at the next meeting to help determine how to proceed. However, if you would like to throw your hat in the ring now for any positions, feel free to nominate yourself and a vote will be held during the next meeting. If you have experience in other clubs and can offer advice on club officer terms and elections, please reach out to the BOCK officers.

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



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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.

December Meeting

The most fun meeting of the year is certainly our December meeting. Traditionally held at West Sixth Brewing, the December meeting has the typical goodness of a BOCK meeting: breweries, beers and friends. But to celebrate the holiday season, all members are asked to bring a beer-related gift in the value range of \$20 to contribute to a White Elephant gift exchange. During a White Elephant each wrapped gift is laid out and participants draw for order. What gifts will be popular get stolen the max limit of 3 times and rendered off limits? What gifts will someone get stuck with because no one wants to steal them? That is the fun. So grab that gift and come join us on Dec 11th at 7pm at West Sixth.

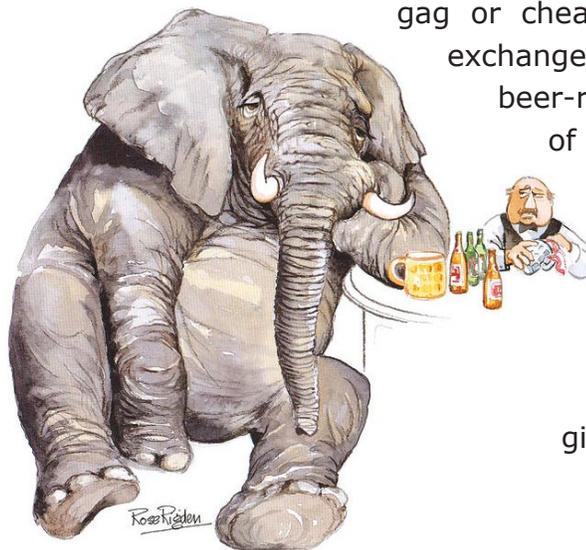
White Elephant? WTF?

White Elephant gift exchange gets its name from the legend of South East Asian Kings burdening courtiers that displeased them with the gift of a sacred real live White Elephant, which would surely crush the new owner with the burdens of upkeep. The term has long been used to describe an unwanted gift that one wishes to offload onto someone else. Though some White Elephant gift exchange rules encourage

gag or cheap "junk" gifts, BOCK's gift exchange typically involves exciting beer-related gifts of varying levels of awesomeness. We've seen

Heady Topper, Bourbon County, books, brewing equipment, bombers of varying sorts, and everything in-between.

So get excited, and pick a gift you'd love to get.



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Have anything you would like to see in Froth, like Brewing tips, cautionary tales or a great starter recipe? I would love to include them.

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