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October 2017

Calendar

October 28

Pivot Brewing
1st Anniversary Party

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Blue Stallion Halloween
Party

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Mirror Twin Halloween
Party

November 4

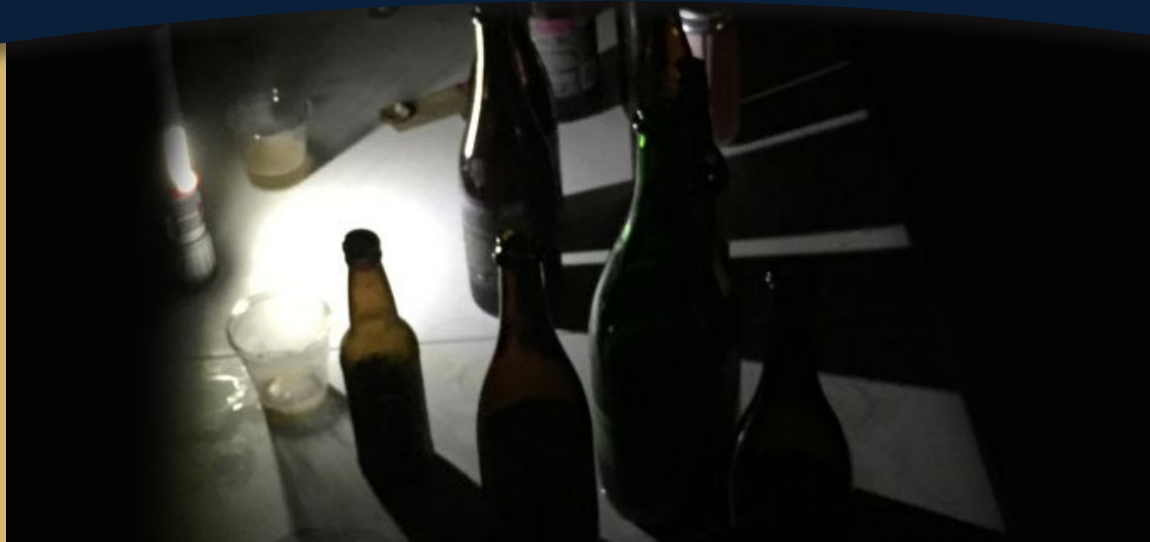
Learn to Homebrew Day
at Jacobson Park 9-4 pm

November 13

BOCK Meeting at Rock
House Brewery

December 11

BOCK Meeting and White
Elephant Gift Exchange at
West Sixth



Backyard Beer Bounty

We've all looked into someone else's backyard and admire what they have. We do the same with cities. Maybe you look at Cincinnati and say, "If only I lived there. I could get [Urban Artifact](#) anytime I want!". It's easy to become numb to the treasures in your own backyard. It is good to step back once in awhile and appreciate what we have. I guarantee people who live outside our lovely city of Lexington, KY look longingly at our beer scene and wish they could get Ethereal anytime they wanted. I am reminded of this when I am at Ethereal. Well-made beers served in a unique space with great food options right next door; what else could one want? Not much. Next time you're at Ethereal look around and think about those poor souls in Cinci stuck with Urban Artifact. Thanks to Ethereal for hosting our October meeting. And thanks to co-owner Brandon Floan for donating the szechuan peppercorns for this year's Iron Mash. See you at Rock House on November 13th at 7 pm for our next meeting.

Bocktoberfest 2017 Tent City



Announcements



BOCK is (almost) Legal!

What has been an ongoing process for some time, BOCK's goal of once again becoming officially legal with the state is almost complete. BOCK has incorporated with the state of KY and received an employee ID from the IRS. The last step is to receive our Articles of Incorporation and to file for 501c3 status with the IRS. Once complete, this status will afford the club some advantages in the future when it comes to soliciting donations, locations or participation from local businesses.

Rock Out with our BOCK Out

Bocktoberfest, BOCK's annual fall cookout & camp out, was held on October 14th at member Dirk Franzen's property. If you have never attended this event it is certainly the club's most riotous and adventurous event. This year's shindig was no exception. What began as a food fest fueled by a Low country Boil of shrimp, potatoes, corn and sausage, shifted gears as the sun went down to a bottle share with its own house band. Dirk Franken and his band Heisenberg rocked the crowd of beer drinkers with tasty tunes from a large catalog of rock gems. If you survived past the show the evening slipped into a bleary beer fest punctuated by laughs and spilled beer. As the hours got small, one by one, revelers stumbled away in the dark to the tent city what now seemed a mile away. Thanks to Dirk for hosting and Heisenberg for providing entertainment! Thank you to John Spicer, Ben Hoh, Ben Shelton and Ryan Smalley for setup, food preparation and delivering a fantastically tasty final product!



Iron Mash 2017

On October 22nd BOCK's member-only Iron Mash took place at Kentucky Mudworks. 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. 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. Thanks to Ben Hoh for packing the ingredient bags, John Spicer and Chris Vandergrift for running the competition and Tony Aiken for allowing us to take over Kentucky Mudworks. A big thanks also goes out to brewerdude.com for handling the yeast delivery in spectacular fashion. Wish all the brewers luck. Be on the lookout for the submission date roughly 6 weeks out.

BOCK Member Beers on Tap

Several BOCK members have had beers on tap recently. Some of these may still be available, so head out and try these before they are gone. Mike Kling's Thistle Suit Ya is on tap at West Sixth. Tim Meehan's Donut Plains variation Chocolate Mountain is on at Blue Stallion. Ryan Smalley's Gin and Tonic Pilsner is also on at Blue Stallion. Mike Green and Paul Vidal's winning Three Wheats to the Wind from the Ethereal competition is in bottles. Have you recently brewed a beer with a local brewery? Let us know so we can get the troops out to taste it. If you need help keeping up with beers around town be sure to check out lexbeerscene.com for up to date info.

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.

Learn to Homebrew Day

BOCK and brewerdude.com are teaming up to teach Lexington how to homebrew. On November 4th come join us at Jacobson Park at shelter #1, between 9 am and 4 pm to help educate those interested in learning about our rewarding hobby. Don't bring your brewing equipment. There will be a few BOCK members on hand to do show and tell while brewing. But if you are interested in showing support and teaching others about brewing of all types, come join us.



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Membership Renewals

BOCK membership renewals open starting at the next meeting. Renew before the end of the year and get the Early Bird rate of \$20 for single and \$30 for a family. Seen Ben Shelton at the next meeting to renew and be sure to get your free 2017 BOCK Taster. Payments accepted via card, cash, check and paypal.



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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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