



Happy 4th of July!

Calendar

July 9

BOCK Meeting @ Blue Stallion
& Lager Challenge Winner
Announcement
7 PM

July 9-15

Lexington Burger Week

July 10

KY State Fair Homebrew
Competition Late Deadline

August 4

Mead Day

August 8

Beer & Sweat Registration
Deadline

August 10-11

KY State Fair Homebrew
Competition Judging

August 18

Beer & Sweat
Northern Kentucky

BOCK Barrel Fill

Last year's barrels were emptied and refilled on June 24th with a freshly brewed Barleywine and Flanders Red. While the event was joyous, alas there was some tragedy on that day. Let us all bow our heads in silence in honor of the two glass carboys who could not handle the pressure and broke while in transit. A consolation was there was a little from last year's barrel dump of the Old Ale and RIS to spare for BOCK to make an entry in the upcoming Beer and Sweat competition in Northern Kentucky in August. Thanks as always to Chad and Mary Shive for cellaring the barrels each year and putting up with a garage full of BOCKers on dump and fill day. And thanks to the participating brewers this and each year. Without you making great beer the BOCK barrel beers would not be as good as they are.

Blue Stallion Lager Challenge

The winner of the BOCK-exclusive Blue Stallion lager competition will be announced at the next meeting held at Blue Stallion on July 9th. A big thank you to Jim, David, and all at Blue Stallion for always being so great to BOCK. Best of luck to all of the entrants!

Rock House and Nate's Coffee Competition

Entries are in, the winner is chosen, and the announcement will be made on the Rock House Facebook page in a few days. Thanks to Jon Brown, Kevin Richey and Nate from Nate's Coffee for putting on a unique challenge. Best of luck to all those who entered.

KY State Fair

Early registration has ended. Late entries must arrive by July 10 at \$8 per entry. The registration site [can be found here](#). Judging takes place August 10th and 11th, starting Friday evening and continuing Saturday morning

at 9:30 in the South Wing Conference Center for a morning and afternoon session. [Register to judge or steward here](#). [The full rule document is here](#).

BOCK Officer Elections

As part of becoming a legit 501c3 organization the club has created official offer terms and election rules. Under the new rules all officer terms are 12 months, with the treasurer having a 6 month apprenticeship, allowing for some training in the financial systems with the new Treasurer before fully assuming the role in January, along with the other newly elected officers. The Secondary Fermenter, aka Vice President, assumes the presidency at the end of their term. Also instituted in the bylaws were positions to makeup a Board, which will participate in officer voting. At the last meeting the first election under these new rules was held. The offices up for election were Director, the first position for the board to filled. Brandon Peterson was elected to this position, whose term began July 1. Also up for election was Treasurer, which has a 6 month shadow period. Kelly Stitzer was elected to this position. Congratulations to the new officers.

Upcoming BJCP Training

Ben Hoh is once again taking on the challenge of molding new BJCP judges. Be on the lookout for a call for participants in a regular class that will train you with the intent of becoming a BJCP judge. August is the target start date. More details to come.

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.

2018 West Sixth Brewoff

- Adam Stitzer - Brett Saison

2018 National Homebrew Competition First Round

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

2018 Bluegrass Cup

- Ben Hoh - 1st Place Best in Show - European Sour Ale, Flanders Red
- Brandon Peterson / Tim Schmidt - 2nd Place BOS - Doppelbock
- Ben Shelton - Honorable Mention - BOCK RIS
- Ben Hoh - 1st Place - BOCK Flanders Red Ale
- Ben Shelton - 1st Place - Specialty Wood-Aged
- Brandon Peterson - 1st Place - Doppelbock
- Chris Barnes / Chuck Anderson - 1st Place - Fruit Beer: Lime Saison
- Derek Caskey - 1st Place - California Common
- Dirk Franzen - 1st Place - Strong Bitter
- Ryan Smalley - 1st Place - Specialty IPA
- Sam Franklin - 1st Place - Spice/Herb/Veg: Chipotle Porter
- Ben Hoh - 2nd Place - Fruit Beer: Blackberry Gose
- Ben Shelton - 2nd Place - Altbier
- Ben Shelton - 2nd Place - Saison
- Brandon Peterson - 2nd Place - English IPA
- Clay Bunn - 2nd Place - Spice/Herb/Veg: Cerveza Feliz
- Dirk Franzen - 2nd Place - Specialty Smoked Beer
- Harck Pickett - 2nd Place - Oud Bruin
- Jim Lokovich - 2nd Place - Double IPA
- Joel Wheeler - 2nd Place - Wild Specialty Beer
- Ryan Smalley - 2nd Place - Russian Imperial Stout
- Ryan Smalley - 2nd Place - American IPA
- Sam Franklin - 2nd Place - Specialty IPA: Black IPA
- Keith Rodenhauser - 3rd Place - Specialty IPA: Tropical Milkshake IPA
- Ben Shelton - 3rd Place - American Brown Ale
- Brandon Garrett - 3rd Place - American Strong Ale
- Calvin Cahall - 3rd Place - Irish Red Ale
- Keith Rodenhauser - 3rd Place - Belgian Strong Dark Ale
- [See all the Bluegrass Cup Winners Here](#)

Bluegrass Cup Wrap Up (A note from the President)

Congratulations on another successful Bluegrass Cup, BOCK! I am truly grateful for all the help and hard work that BOCK members put in to putting on this competition every year. The Bluegrass Cup really is the best competition in the region, and that is a testament to how great of club BOCK is. From the

volunteers that judge and steward to the folks who really make the wheels turn, we cannot do it without you!

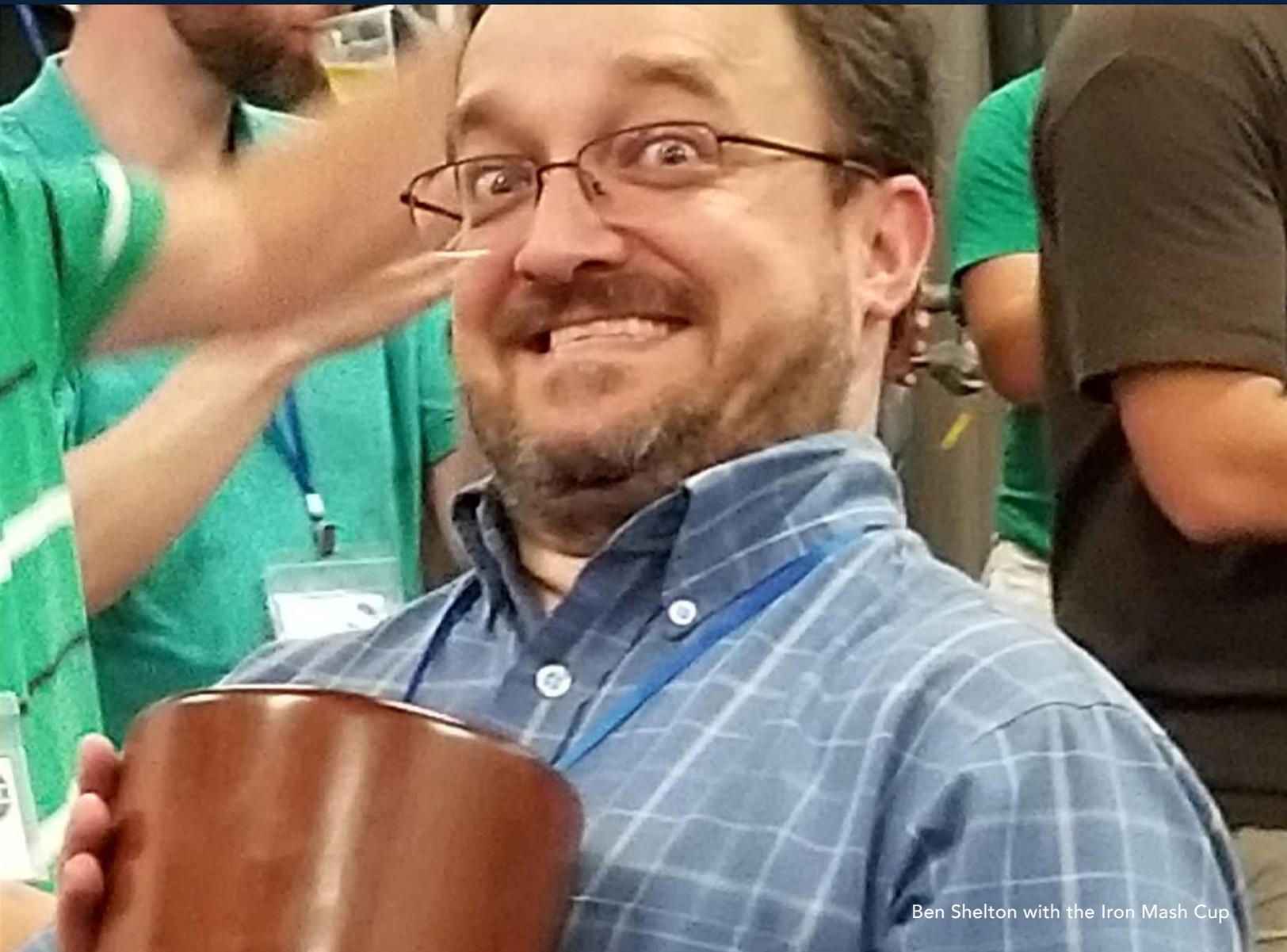
I want thank all of our sponsors, especially the folks at Rock House, Monnik, and Braxton for being a drop off location for our entries. A big thanks to Emily Camp and Tony Aiken for their advice and guidance in assigning judges. Thanks to Chris Barnes for his continued work on Bluegrass Cup logos and medal designs. Thanks to Clay Bunn and Daniel Bentley for their help with securing raffle items. A big thanks to Chad, Mary, and Tristan Shive for once again cellaring all the beer, allowing us to take over their house and playroom with beer, and for all of Chad's help with organization, bottle labeling, and record keeping. Thank you to Harck Pickett for his continued help and advice in running the Bluegrass Cup, his help with organizing beer and running score sheets, and for all the printing. A big thanks to Ryan Harding for his help as Head Steward. Shout out to Ben Shelton, Ryan Smalley, and Chuck Anderson for all their help in a multitude of ways in making sure the competition was a success. And last, but not least, a huge thank you to John Spicer who far exceeded expectations in organizing this year's Bluegrass Cup. His effort in securing a new location, organizing the entire competition, tremendous amounts of time and effort in other tasks, and keeping us all organized and working toward our goal were instrumental in a successful Cup. Thank you all!

By all measures the 2018 Bluegrass Cup was a great success. As always there are things we can improve upon and we appreciate any and all feedback you might have. From a financial standpoint, the Cup was profitable. As expected, our profits were lower this year due to the change of venue. But with a great raffle and increased entries we were able to come out ahead. In total we came out \$979.66 ahead, but this includes a \$450 refund the Sheraton gave us to help make up for the AC issue in our room. Details are in the table below. Numbers could change slightly if additional expenses come in, but this should be final. If you would like detailed cost breakdowns, please request them from the treasurer and he would be happy to provide that.

In addition to being a financial success, it was also a huge success from a winning stand point. BOCK won a total of 26 medals (including one by Jeff Kirkner who we missed recognizing at the last BOCK meeting. Congrats Jeff!) and took Honorable Mention, First Runner Up, and Best in Show! To make it an even greater BOCK victory, both the Honorable mention and Best in Show beers were the results of BOCK barrel projects!

I cannot express how honored I am to have won a Best in Show award and get to share it with BOCK. From the moment I joined BOCK the members have been welcoming, friendly, and helpful in sharing their vast brewing knowledge as well as their time. Aside from the great friendships I've made, the thing I like most about BOCK is the sharing and collaboration that takes place. From the traditional turbid mash lambics I made with John Spicer and Jon Brown to a historical Kentucky Common complete with a cereal mash for the corn that I made with Ben Shelton and Marc Boyd, my collaborations with other brewers have been some of the most enjoyable brewing experiences I've had in BOCK. It's truly fitting that the beer that won a Best in Show was a collaboration showcasing the best of BOCK. Congratulations to everyone who was involved in the barrel project and thank you!!

Thanks again to everyone who made the Bluegrass Cup great. Cheers!



Ben Shelton with the Iron Mash Cup



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