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## Local Homebrew Competition Dates

April 25<sup>th</sup> – Upland /Brewing Company UpCup – Bloomington, IN

Deadline: 04/18/2015, Entry Fee: \$5

Contact: Patrick Lynch, [patrick@uplandbeer.com](mailto:patrick@uplandbeer.com)

May 16<sup>th</sup> – RiverRoots Brewoff, Madison, IN

Deadline: 05/08/2015; Entry Fee: \$5 per entry

Contact: Don Clapham, [dclapham@seidata.com](mailto:dclapham@seidata.com)

May 30<sup>th</sup> –Ohio State Fair Homebrew Competition – Columbus, OH

Deadline: 05/12/2015, Entry Fee: \$6

Contact: Brett Chance, [b.chance@expo.state.oh.us](mailto:b.chance@expo.state.oh.us)

June 6<sup>th</sup> - LMHBA "King of the Mountain" Competition – Willoughby, OH

Deadline: 05/24/2015, \$7 for 1<sup>st</sup> entry, then \$5 for each subsequent entry

Contact: Gary Oyler, [Competition.lmhba@gmail.com](mailto:Competition.lmhba@gmail.com)

June 6<sup>th</sup>, 2015 - Bluegrass Cup, Lexington, KY

Deadline 5/28/2015, \$6 per entry with a 350 entry limit

Contact: Emily Camp, [ecamp987@gmail.com](mailto:ecamp987@gmail.com)

July 11, 2015 - Ohio Brew Week Homebrew Competition - Athens, OH

Deadline: 06/26/2015, \$8 per entry

Contact: Jody Grenert, [jody.grenert@gmail.com](mailto:jody.grenert@gmail.com)

July 11, 2015 – Indiana State Fair Brewer's Cup Competition – Indianapolis, IN

Deadline: 06/27/2015, \$10 per entry

Contact: Ashleigh Burakiewicz, [ab@indianastatefair.com](mailto:ab@indianastatefair.com)

Brew Haven Homebrew Competition, New Haven, IN

Deadline: 07/18/2015, \$6 per entry

Contact: Chris Pflieger, [pflieger.chris@frontier.com](mailto:pflieger.chris@frontier.com)

August 14<sup>th</sup> – Kentucky State Fair Homebrew Competition – Louisville, KY

Deadline: 07/01/2015, Entry Fee: \$5

Contact: Leah Dienes, [brewgal@gmail.com](mailto:brewgal@gmail.com)

## Full Calendar of BJCP/AHA Sanctioned Competitions

<http://www.homebrewersassociation.org/pages/competitions/aha-bjcp-sanctioned-competition/calendar>



## Calendar of Events

### May 2015

#### **Brewhibition**

Saturday, May 02, 2015 - 1:00 - 7:00  
Old City Courtyard, 200 E Jackson Ave, Knoxville, TN

#### **West Sixth Brewoff turn-in deadline**

May 2<sup>nd</sup>, 2015 (4 bottles due)

#### **2015 Kentucky Ale Brew-off/Pro-Am Competition**

Saturday, May 9<sup>h</sup>, 2015, 9:00 AM  
Alltech Lexington Brewing and Distilling Company  
401 Cross Street, Lexington  
<http://www.eventbrite.com/e/kentucky-ale-pro-am-brew-off-tickets-15650559244>

#### **Lexington Craft Beer Week**

May 9-17<sup>th</sup>  
Various locations around Lexington

#### **May BOCK Meeting**

Monday, May 11<sup>th</sup>, 7:00 PM  
Ethereal Brewing Co., Lexington

#### **Test Batch Tap Takeover at Blue Stallion**

(featuring beers from several BOCK members)  
May 12<sup>th</sup> @5:00 PM  
Blue Stallion Brewing Company, Lexington

#### **Alltech Craft Brew and Food Fest**

May 16<sup>th</sup>, 12:00 PM  
Heritage Hall, Downtown Lexington

### June 2015

#### **Bluegrass Cup**

Saturday, June 6<sup>th</sup>  
Alltech Brewing Company, 401 Cross Street, Lexington

#### **June BOCK Meeting**

Monday, June 8<sup>th</sup>, 7:00 PM  
Location TBD

#### **Ethereal Brett Competition turn-in deadline**

June 19<sup>th</sup>, 2015

For more event information, go to <http://www.lexbeerscene.com>

## Meeting Minutes –April 13<sup>th</sup>, 2015



Fresh off the tremendous success of the 1<sup>st</sup> Annual West Sixth Brew-off, the membership of BOCK again descended upon the Bread Box on West Sixth Avenue for the April BOCK meeting. For those who brewed at the brew-off, please remember to turn in 4 bottles at the bar no later than May 2<sup>nd</sup>. And please give the West Sixth crew (and Chris Vandergrift) an enthusiastic thumbs-up the next time you see them, both for the great execution on the brew-off as well as the continuing support of BOCK and the local homebrew community.

The next BOCK meeting will be Monday, May 11<sup>th</sup> at Ethereal Brewing.

Secondary Fermenter Ben Hoh gave the announcements:

- 1) The 2015 Bluegrass Cup is now confirmed for June 6<sup>th</sup> at Alltech's Shrewsbury Hall at 401 Cross Street in downtown Lexington. We are presently at 50+ entries (versus the limit of 350), so get your entries in soon! This is a great way to get great feedback from National BJCP judges. Please reserve the date for judging or stewarding. We will also be having tasting sessions to get prepared, as we did last year. Our staffing includes Emily Camp (Event Coordinator), Tony Aiken (Head Judge), Lynn Schentrup (fundraising coordinator), Chad Shive (cellarmaster), and myself (Head Steward). More details to follow!
- 2) The Kentucky Ale Brewoff/Pro-Am Competition is May 9<sup>th</sup> at 401 Cross Street in Lexington. The winner of this competition gets to have their recipe brewed by Alltech and also gets to attend the GABF in Denver, Colorado. Trust me, this is an awesome experience you don't want to miss! Enter at <http://www.eventbrite.com/e/kentucky-ale-pro-am-brew-off-tickets-15650559244>.
- 3) Ethereal is having a 100% Brett competition. Entries are due by June 19<sup>th</sup>. Contact Harck Pickett for details.
- 4) BOCK members filled 2 bourbon barrels with Russian Imperial Stout past weekend. One barrel is Blanton's and one is Eagle Rare. Many thanks to Kevin Nowaczyk for procuring the barrels and Chad Shive for storing them in his garage. There is some discussion about filling a barrel with a Flanders Red once the RIS has aged. Contact me if interested, or if you would like to buy one of the barrels.
- 5) Lexington Craft Beer Week is May 9<sup>th</sup>-17<sup>th</sup>. Blue Stallion will be doing a homebrewer tap takeover May 12<sup>th</sup>, featuring recipes crafted by homebrewers.
- 6) Another BOCK bulk malt purchase is almost ready for ordering, so contact Harck if you haven't put in your order yet. Beerworks is once again sponsoring and handling the dropoff..
- 7) Alltech is hosting the Rebelation symposium May 17<sup>th</sup> to 20<sup>th</sup> and they would like to get local homebrewers involved. Speakers include Sam Calagione and Greg Koch, as well as Colin Powell. More information can be found here: <http://rebel.alltech.com/>.
- 8) 2015 BOCK memberships are available for \$25 per member (\$35 for couples) and can be paid on the website through the [Paypal link](#). BOCK Membership includes a 10% discount on homebrew supplies at Beerworks, Liquor Barn, and the newest homebrew shop, Bottom of the Barrel in Woodhill. Membership will also get you a tasting glass and the opportunity to participate in the many BOCK events and functions, such as the Bluegrass Cup and Iron Mash competitions, various picnics, Thanksgiving dinners, and the monthly meetings. And once a month you get an email newsletter from me! Contact [Kevin](#) for details. Contact Kevin also if you are not receiving BOCK emails.

...and keep brewing!

John

This month Nate Hoskins has provided some insights for homebrewers, based on his experience. Enjoy!

It must be usual for most of you to brew during the day but for those with my schedule a life at night is all we have. Years ago when I first worked the night shift I'd come home at 7am, pop open a cold homebrew and go out to the front lawn with my dog and wave at the neighbors as they gawked at me drinking a beer before 8 in the morning.

These days I'm fully devoted to supplying our American gluttony of the automobile by working the night shift at Toyota in Georgetown. This awkward shift begins shortly after 5pm and ends anytime between 2-4am. I don't get much done throughout the week. I don't EVER get to go to a BOCK meeting. And it will be many years before a spot opens up for me on 1<sup>st</sup> shift. However I still want to participate in BOCK and brew as often as possible.

I brew once or twice a month, but when work gets busy I could go months without being able to brew. I'd suppose it would be helpful to have a brew partner but there aren't many that want to fire up the kettle when it's 9 on a Saturday night.

There are a few things I've picked up over time to help me stay sharp and continue to learn to brew better. You may have other issues that keep you away from a BOCK meeting. I'd offer these tips to anyone who's found that too much time passes between brews.

1. Read everything BOCK that you can. Read the meeting minutes, emails and make sure that you've not only "joined" the BOCK Facebook page but that you've also checked the "Notifications" option to be alerted when someone's made a new post. (Go the the BOCK Facebook page and in the upper right side you'll see the notifications option.) Many of you have never seen me but I read everything posted, sent out or otherwise.
2. Go to a BOCK event any way you can. I was able to break away last year to go to the Iron Mash competition. I just watched, learned and asked a lot of questions. I learned so much that it changed the way I brew. You'll find that BOCK members are an easy going bunch who accepts everyone that likes a good beer.
3. Listen to The Brewing Network. I learned from another BOCK member about this wonderful resource. They have a ton of podcasts and several different shows you can choose from. Checkout "Brew Strong" to learn specific tips and advice on a variety of beer styles and subjects.
4. And for grog's sake please brew beer! Keep those brewing abilities sharp with frequent brew sessions. Post pictures of your creatios and feel free to share your recipe on Face Book or in the BOCK forum.

And MOST importantly, if you're awake at 3AM and drinking, invite me over for some suds!

Happy Brewing,

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