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Local Homebrew Competition Dates

January 30th, 2016 – Appalachian Homebrewers Bash, Johnson City, TN

Deadline 1/10/2016, entry is free

Contact: Travis Woodall, info@positiveapproachgroup.com

February 13, 2016 – All American Homebrew Competition, Cincinnati, OH

Deadline 2/6/2016, \$7 per entry

Contact: Tim McKee, timckee@aol.com

February 20, 2016 – Bluff City Brewers and Connoisseurs Extravaganza, Memphis, TN

Deadline 2/5/2016, \$7 per entry

Contact: Evan Comeaux, evan.comeaux@gmail.com

February 20, 2016 – British Beerfest Competition – Columbus, OH

Deadline 2/12/2016, \$7 for 1st entry, \$5 per additional entry

Contact: Will Shiel, shielwj@gmail.com

March 11, 2016 – AHA National Homebrew Competition, 1st Round – Indianapolis, IN

Deadline 3/9/2016, \$14 per entry, AHA members only

Contact: Sandy Cockerham, scockerham@sbcglobal.net

March 18, 2016 – Wizards of SAAZ 9, Akron, OH

Deadline 3/4/2016, \$8 per entry

Contact: Larry Reuter, larre@aol.com

April 1, 2016 – AHA National Homebrew Competition, 1st Round – Nashville, TN

Deadline 3/9/2016, \$14 per entry, AHA members only

Contact: Art Whitaker, munk24@aol.com

April 23rd, 2016 – Northern Kentucky Homebrewers Guild Competition, Location TBD

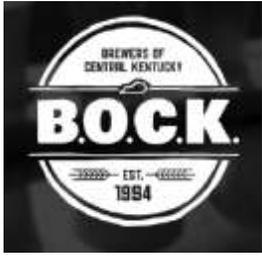
Details TBD

August 2016 - Suds on the Shore, Ludington, MI

Details TBD

Full Calendar of BJCP/AHA Sanctioned Competitions

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



Calendar of Events

January 2016

January BOCK Meeting

Monday January 11 , 7:00 PM
Ethereal Brewing Company, Lexington

February 2016

National Homebrew Competition Entry Window

February 1-7, 2016

February BOCK Meeting

Monday February 8, 7:00 PM
Location TBD

March 2016

March BOCK Meeting

Monday March 14, 7:00 PM
West Sixth Brewing, Lexington

April 2016

April BOCK Meeting

Monday April 11, 7:00 PM
Location TBD

Northern Kentucky Homebrewers Guild Competition

Saturday, April 23, 2016
Details TBD

June 2016

Bluegrass Cup

Date and Details TBD

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

Meeting Minutes –December 14, 2015



The West Sixth barrel room was the perfect locale for the December BOCK meeting/Gift Exchange this past Monday. Plenty of room and perfect weather were on tap (along with an ever growing variety of excellent West Sixth beverages). Please remember to stop by and thank Brady, Ben, Joe, Robin, and all the folks at West Sixth for allowing us use of their facility.

The next BOCK meeting will be 7:00 PM Monday, January 11th at Ethereal Brewing Company in Lexington.

Secondary Fermenter Ben Hoh stepped up to the mic and gave the announcements:

- 1) Much thanks goes out to the Klings for once again hosting the annual Thanksgiving Potluck, and to Kevin and Dirk for showing up early to fry the birds.
- 2) The 2015 Iron Mash winners were announced by Chris Vandergrift, following the judging the day prior. There were 12 brewing participants, and all turned in entries. Awards are as follows: Honorable mention: Ryan Harding and myself, with a Category 21B Black Rye IPA; 3rd place: Derek DeFranco and Chuck Reisig with a 13C Porter; 2nd place: Ryan Smalley and Jeremy Cantrell with a 21B Red IPA; and the winner was Ben Hoh with a 21B Rye IPA. Many thanks go to Chris, Emily, and all the judges for running an excellent event! And since his hands are still red from all of the congratulatory high-5's he got for his wins in the West Sixth and various competitions in 2015, please give Ben a pat on the back the next time you see him.
- 3) Blue Stallion is staging a competition for lagers brewed using their house lager yeast. Be sure to stop by the brewery with a sanitized vessel and ask for Jim to provide some of said yeast for your entry. The 4 bottle entries are to be turned in by February's BOCK meeting. [See this link](#) for more details, and contact [Jeff Kirkner](#) with your entry information.
- 4) BOCK memberships for 2016 are available for \$20 per person (\$30 for couples), and can be paid on the website through the [Paypal link](#). Hurry, as membership fees go to \$25/\$35 on January 1! BOCK Membership includes a 10% discount on homebrew supplies at Beerworks, Liquor Barn, and Bottom of the Barrel. 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, BOCK picnics, the Thanksgiving dinner, and monthly meetings. And once a month you get this newsletter!
- 5) The first monthly BJCP tasting class in preparation for a BJCP tasting exam will be held in January 2016 at Brewing and Distilling Analytical Services, 1141 Red Mile Road in Lexington. [Click here](#) if you're either interested in joining the class (there will be a fee, tentatively \$40 plus the cost of tasting supplies), or if you are a BJCP judge and you are interested in helping out with the tasting sessions. Presently, we have interest from 12 BOCK members. More details to follow soon!
- 6) BOCK officer elections were held at the meeting. Treasurer, Event Coordinator, and Scribe positions were open. Please congratulate Ryan Smalley on being the new event coordinator, Joel Wheeler on becoming the new Scribe, and Justin Rowland on becoming the new scribe! Also remember to thank outgoing officers Emily Camp, Kevin Nowaczyk, and myself for our years of service to the club.
- 7) More BOCK Tshirts have been ordered, and this time we decided to get a couple extras. They are \$12 each and are the same design as the last order, although they are now

blue instead of gray. If you would like one and haven't ordered it yet, [contact Harck](#). The remaining shirts are first come, first served.

- 8) There is a concerted effort brewing to get BOCK members to enter more competitions, as a way to gain more structured feedback (and awards, too!). As part of this endeavor, Ryan Smalley is in contact with the homebrew club in Louisville (LAGERS) and the Northern Kentucky Homebrewers Guild to establish the Triple Crown Circuit of Kentucky. The first event will be the Northern Kentucky Competition tentatively scheduled for April 23, 2016. As part of this effort, BOCK will be arranging transportation for your entries, so you won't have to deal with packaging and freight. Also, if you would like to see BOCK enter another regional competition, bring it up [here](#) for discussion.
- 9) As the new Events Coordinator, Ryan is also encouraging more entries into the National Homebrew Competition (NHC). Entrants must be AHA members. See the Calendar of Events and the Local Homebrew Competition Dates sections above for more information.
- 10) Brad Smith has offered BOCK a limited time \$5 homebrew club discount on Beersmith brewing software. Go to <http://beersmith.com/club>, add BeerSmith to the cart, and use the discount code: BS2CLUB when checking out.

On a personal note, this will be my last newsletter after 3 years serving as BOCK scribe. It has been a pleasure to work with all of the other BOCK officers and membership, and I look forward to the new ideas and enthusiasm of our new club officers.

...and keep brewing!

John