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Local Homebrew Competition Dates

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 – Hammerdown Brewcup

Presented by The Northern Kentucky Homebrewers Guild and

Braxton Brewing

Deadline 4/15/16, \$6 per entry

Visit the [NKYHG website](http://www.nkyhg.com) for registration and info

June 11th, 2016 – Bluegrass Cup

Contact: Ryan Smalley, eventcoordinator@bockbrew.com

Registration: <http://bluegrass-cup.bockbrew.com>

Full Calendar of BJCP/AHA Sanctioned Competitions

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



Calendar of Events

March 2016

West Sixth Brew-Off

Saturday, March 12, 8:00 AM
West Sixth Brewing, Lexington

March BOCK meeting

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

April 2016

April BOCK Meeting

Monday, April 11, 7:00 PM
Lexington Beerworks, Lexington

Hammerdown Brewcup

Saturday, April 23, 9:00 AM
Braxton Brewing Company
27 W. 7th St.
Covington, KY 41011

June 2016

Bluegrass Cup

Alltech Shrewsbury Hall, Lexington
Saturday, June 11

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

Update from the Keeper of the Cash

Current bank balance:

Checking + PayPal, not including BJCP testing fees and class expense fund, \$4814.50.
The actual total is \$6639.92, to include BJCP.

New members since January:

Neil Armstrong
Stephen Barney
Chester Crowley
Chaz Shelton
Kevin Skidmore
Trevor Young
Andrew Rausch

Welcome new members!



Meeting Minutes – February 8, 2016



Last Monday, Blue Stallion Brewing opened their doors and invited central Kentucky's homebrewers inside for another BOCK meeting. A good time was had by all as they enjoyed Blue Stallion beer and tasty homebrew. Be sure to say thanks to the Blue Stallion guys the next time you're there.

The next BOCK meeting will be at 7:00 PM Monday, March 14 at West Sixth Brewing in Lexington.

BOCK Primary Fermenter Harck Pickett gave the announcements at this month's meeting:

1. Kore Donnelly from Blue Stallion gave an update on Blue Stallion's lager competition. Judging was to take place Thursday, February 11, and the winners are going to be announced this week.
2. If you haven't already, please take a look at the forums and your email for details about the latest BOCK bourbon barrel fill. After discussing a few ideas, the options for which style to brew were narrowed down to Scotch Ale and Robust Porter (possibly with cacao nibs). If you're participating, take a look and be sure you know which one you're brewing. Please look at the [Robust Porter](#) and [Scotch Ale](#) threads to weigh in on a recipe. As a reminder, BOCKer Kevin Nowaczyk has graciously offered to secure two bourbon barrels from Buffalo Trace, and they are to be filled with a beer of the group's choosing. Everyone brews up to four gallons to put into the barrel, and after it's aged they take out what they put in. Many thanks to Chad and Mary Shive for keeping the barrels in their garage.
3. Josh Martinez was on hand at the meeting to provide an introduction and details to Ethereal Brewing's latest homebrew competition. This year's competition will be similar to the one last year: brew whatever you'd like at home, and ferment it with Ethereal's yeast. This time around the yeast is a blend of two *brettanomyces* strains with one *lactobacillus* bacteria strain. One change from last year: no fruit is allowed this time. Yeast vials will be available starting February 22nd, and beer will be due April 29th, with the winner announced May 1st. A full-scale batch of the winner's beer will be brewed by Ethereal, with some swag given out too. If you have any questions, please contact Josh at josh@etherealbrew.com.
4. If you brewed for Bottom of the Barrel's extract kit competition, be aware that the turn-in date for your beer is March 3. Good luck to everyone who entered!
5. The date has been set for BOCK's main annual event, the Bluegrass Cup. This year's competition will take place Saturday, June 11, at Alltech's Shrewsbury Hall in Lexington. Thanks go out to Emily Camp and Ryan Smalley for all their work in organizing this event. Please sign up to volunteer! We need judges and stewards, and you don't need any experience to do either job. By the way, the registration website is now live at <http://bluegrass-cup.bockbrew.com>!
6. The raffle that takes place at the end of the Bluegrass Cup is BOCK's main fundraiser, and we need volunteers to make it a success! If you are able to help, please email [Ryan](#) for details. You will be gathering swag from area homebrew shops and breweries to raffle off.
7. Ryan gave the group an update on the work shirt order he has been working

- on. The shirts will be delivered February 18, so if you ordered one please watch for pickup details.
8. The group's new banner was unveiled at the meeting. Many thanks to Chris Barnes for designing it, and Jason Elmore for printing it! The banner will be used at competitions and other events attended by BOCK members.
 9. Chris Vandergrift was on hand to give an update on the West Sixth homebrew competition. Registration is now closed! The competition is limited to 36 on-site brewers, and all slots are filled. The event will take place Saturday, March 12 at West Sixth.
 10. Kore Donnelly mentioned that during Lexington Craft Beer Week, Blue Stallion would like to serve test batches jointly brewed by Blue Stallion and BOCK homebrewers. If you're interested in brewing with Blue Stallion, please contact david@bluestallionbrewing.com. You'll be allowed to take home some wort.
 11. The bulk malt order is open! Please see the form [here](#) to place your order. BOCK periodically orders large (~50lb.) bags of grain at cost for members to purchase. It's a good way to save money on grain! As usual, a big shoutout goes to Lexington Beerworks for coordinating this order for us.
 12. And finally, we had a special appearance from Cathy Caldwell, a founding member of BOCK. Cathy had non-alcoholic cirrhosis of the liver and was very sick this past Christmas. On New Year's Eve, a liver and kidney became available, and she had transplant surgery. Thankfully she has recovered and was able to join us at the meeting! Cathy urged everyone in attendance to consider becoming an organ donor, as it was donor organs that saved her life. We're glad you're on the mend, Cathy!

As usual, please [send me](#) anything you'd like to include in FROTH!

Keep on brewing!

Joel