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Local Homebrew Competition Dates

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, larrre@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

June 11th, 2016 – Bluegrass Cup

Contact: Ryan Smalley, eventcoordinator@bockbrew.com

Full Calendar of BJCP/AHA Sanctioned Competitions

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



Calendar of Events

February 2016

National Homebrew Competition Entry Window

February 1-7

February BOCK Meeting

Monday, February 8, 7:00 PM
Blue Stallion Brewing, Lexington

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

Lexington Beerworks, Lexington

Northern Kentucky Homebrewers Guild Competition

Saturday, April 23
Details TBD

June 2016

Bluegrass Cup

Alltech Shrewsbury Hall, Lexington
Saturday, June 11

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

Meeting Minutes – January 11, 2016



It was colder than it had been all winter, but that didn't stop lots of local homebrewers from coming out to Ethereal Brewing for the January BOCK meeting this Monday. Ethereal's fantastic selection of craft beer certainly helped take the chill out of the air. Please thank the guys at Ethereal for letting us hang out there, and buy a few brews while you're at it.

The next BOCK meeting will be at 7:00 PM Monday, February 8 at Blue Stallion Brewing Co. in Lexington.

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

1. Much thanks to Josh Martinez, Brandon Floan, Andrew Bishop and everyone at Ethereal for hosting us. Josh says that there are several candidates for winner of the wild yeast project that Ethereal has been conducting. Stay tuned for more information, including a possible competition involving this yeast.
2. If you are brewing a lager for the Blue Stallion lager competition, be sure to turn it in at the next BOCK meeting. Judges are needed! Please see [this page](#) for more info, and email [Jeff Kirkner](mailto:Jeff.Kirkner) if you'd like to judge.
3. The next barrel brew is coming soon! If you've never participated before, the gist is this: everyone brews the same recipe and racks their finished beer into BOCK's bourbon barrels. After they age, you pick up the amount you put in. Currently there's a Flanders Red aging in the barrels, and it will be ready sometime in March. A new beer will go into the barrels when the old one comes out. Check the forums to discuss potential recipes, and to commit your beer to the project.
4. BOCK has a new contact email address: support@bockbrew.com. Emails to this address will be received by all the officers, and it's the officers' hope that this will lead to timelier responses.
5. Secondary Fermenter Ben Hoh was on hand to give some details about the BJCP course he's putting together. The course is to prepare people to take the oral BJCP exam, and will meet once a month for 12 months. The first class will be about passing the online, multiple choice exam. The cost is \$100 for new test takers, and \$75 for re-test takers. The cost includes the \$40 exam fee and all study beer. Classes will meet the fourth Thursday of each month, with the first class on January 28. Please see the forum for more details. The class has already gained a lot of interest and is filling up quickly, but please post anyway if you're interested!
6. With the new year comes election of new BOCK officers. We owe the outgoing officers our gratitude for serving this year and keeping the group running smoothly. Many thanks to outgoing officers John Spicer (Scribe), Emily Camp (Event Coordinator), and Kevin Nowaczyk (Keeper of the Cash). Please welcome the new Scribe, Joel Wheeler; new Event Coordinator, Ryan Smalley; and new Keeper of the Cash, Justin Rowland. Harck Pickett and Ben Hoh will be staying on as Primary and Secondary Fermenter until next year.
7. The BOCK Bluegrass Cup, BOCK's main event, will be held June 11 at Shrewsbury Hall in Lexington. This is the same site at which it's been held for the last several years. We need volunteers to make this event a success! Please volunteer to judge, steward, or otherwise help. You don't need any experience! Watch the forums for more information as dates and details firm up.
8. The National Homebrew Competition is coming soon, and it's nearly time to get your beers registered for it. Submitting to the NHC is a good way to represent

BOCK on a national level. Registration starts February 1, and is open to AHA members. More information can be found [here](#).

9. Ryan Smalley gave us details on the work shirt order he's putting together. The cost is \$27.92 for each shirt, plus an extra \$5 if you want your name monogrammed on it. You should have received a survey asking about your color preferences, but let [Ryan](#) know if you didn't.
10. Ryan also introduced a new idea for monthly club meetings: the style of the month. For now, this will involve bringing what you have of the month's style – commercial or homebrew – and grouping them away from everything else. This way we can focus on a particular style with the goal of initiating conversation around ingredients, brewing techniques, and opinions on that particular style. February's style is IPA, so please bring any IPA you'd like to share! March's style will be lagers, so please plan to bring your Blue Stallion contest entry (or any other lager you might have).

If you have any ideas for Froth, please [send them to me](#)! I'd love to include articles from BOCK members – anything from recipes, to write-ups about your brewing setup, to introductions to a particular style – anything you'd like to share!

...And keep brewing!

Joel