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## Local Homebrew Competition Dates

### November 14, 2015 - Beer for Boobs, Zanesville, OH

Deadline: 10/31/2015, \$6 per entry

Contact: Bill Bopp, <mailto:bill.bopp@att.net>

### November 21, 2015 - Butler Homebrew BASH – Butler, PA

Deadline 11/7/2015, \$7 for 1<sup>st</sup> entry, \$5 for each subsequent entry

Contact: Nate Banks, [natebanks7@aol.com](mailto:natebanks7@aol.com)

### December 5, 2015 - HOPOff Homebrew Competition–Stouts Grove City, OH

Deadline: 10/1/2015, \$10 per entry

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### January ?, 2016 – Northern Kentucky Homebrewers Guild Competition

Details TBD

### January 30<sup>th</sup>, 2016 – Appalachian Homebrewers Bash, Johnson City, TN

Deadline 1/10/2016, entry is free

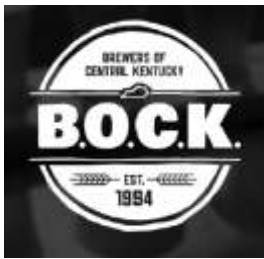
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### August 2016 - Suds on the Shore, Ludington, MI

Details TBD

### Full Calendar of BJCP/AHA Sanctioned Competitions

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



## Calendar of Events

### **November 2015**

#### **Thanksgiving BOCK potluck dinner**

Saturday, November 14 @ 5:00

Location: The Klings' Home,  
3316 Cheltenham Dr., Lexington

### **December 2015**

#### **December BOCK Meeting and Gift Exchange**

Monday December 14 , 7:00 PM

Location: West Sixth Brewing Company

### **January 2016**

#### **January BOCK Meeting**

Monday January 11 , 7:00 PM

Location TBD

#### **Northern Kentucky Homebrewers Guild Competition**

Date and details TBD

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

## Meeting Minutes – November 9, 2015



Autumn was definitely in the house at Blue Stallion Brewing Company this past Monday for the November BOCK meeting. The cooler weather and the stainless-shrouded meeting space in the brewery made for an excellent evening for tasting of delicious fall beverages and good conversation about squash beers and ciders. A shout out goes to Jon Brown for providing not one, but 2 different pumpkin beers to keep us in the season. Check out the Blue Stallion calendar at [www.bluestallionbrewing.com](http://www.bluestallionbrewing.com) for a reason to stop by and thank Jim Clemons et al. for their hospitality (and for the free homebrewing gear!).

The next BOCK meeting will be 7:00 PM Monday, December 14<sup>th</sup> at West Sixth Brewing Company, 501 W. Sixth Street in Lexington. December's meeting will also host the annual BOCK white elephant gift exchange. Be on the lookout for gifts with a nominal value of around \$20 if you wish to participate.

"Perpetually Movember" Primary Fermenter Harck Pickett gave the announcements:

- 1) Many thanks to the Caldwells for hosting the BOCK Summer/Fall/21<sup>st</sup> Birthday Picnic, held on October 17<sup>th</sup> at their farm in Millersburg.
- 2) Speaking of BOCK events, the next one is the Thanksgiving potluck **this Saturday** at the Klings' home, 3316 Cheltenham Dr.. Mike and Joni have once again volunteered to host this event, so get a few homebrews and a side item/dessert ready and stop out starting at 5:00. We are still in need of 2 people to volunteer to fry turkeys, so if you have a turkey fryer [contact Emily](#) to volunteer.
- 3) The 2015 Iron Mash is in the books, but for the judging. Most entries were turned in during the meeting, but late entries can still be turned in to Chris Vandergrift this week.
- 4) Blue Stallion is staging a competition for lagers brewed using their house 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. I made doubly sure that entries don't have to meet a BJCP style (IPL, anyone?), so let your imaginations run wild. All 4 bottle entries are to be turned in by February's meeting. [See this link](#) for more details.
- 5) New BOCK memberships for the remainder of 2015 and all year 2016 are available for \$25 per person (\$35 for couples), as well as renewals for \$20/\$30, 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 Bottom of the Barrel. Membership will also get you a tasting glass (2016 glasses are now in!) 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 from me! Contact [Kevin](#) for details. Remember, 2016 membership rates go back up to \$25/\$35 on January 1!
- 6) There were several new BOCK members who joined at Monday's meeting. Be sure to welcome Darrin Green, Duane Perry and Cheri Winstead, Tom Wornall, Tim Meehan, and Maggie Duncan into the fold!
- 7) There is ongoing discussion regarding a BJCP tasting class in preparation for a BJCP tasting exam, starting in early 2016. [Click here](#) if you're either interested in joining the class (there will be a fee, TBD), 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.

- 8) BOCK officer election will be held at the December meeting at West Sixth. Treasurer, Event Coordinator, and Scribe positions are open, and there is already interest in both Treasurer and Event coordinator. If you are interested in taking on any of these roles for 2016, please contact an officer.
- 9) 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 and color as last order. If you would like one and haven't ordered it yet, [contact Harck](#). The remaining shirts are first come, first served.
- 10) Ryan Smalley is looking into getting BOCK work shirts made. They look to be \$25 to \$35 each. He will be posting more details in the [BOCK forums](#), so keep an eye out!
- 11) 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. More details to follow, but word is that the first competition in this series will be in January, so get brewing! 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.

...and keep brewing!

John