



RED EARTH BREWERS

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August 2020

NEXT MONTHLY MEETING:



Thursday, August 20, 2020 7pm – 9pm
Vanessa House Brewing
118 NW 8th Street
Oklahoma City, OK 73102
405-724-9330

NEXT HAPPY HOUR:



Happy Hour will be Thursday, August 6th, 2020 6 PM to 8 PM at **Crossed Cannons Brewery** 333 West Boyd Street, Norman, OK 73069. **Members only please.** See further details below.

UPCOMING EVENTS

August 6 th	August Happy Hour Crossed Cannons Brewery Norman 6 PM to 8 PM
August 20 th	Monthly meeting – Vanessa House Beer Company 7 PM to 9 PM
Sept 3 rd	Happy Hour – Core 4 Brewing Company
Sept 17 th	Monthly Meeting – OK Cider Company
Sept 25 th	Zoobrew – more information below
October 4 th	Oklahoma City Marathon – Club Pouring Event

REB Membership dues are currently \$15 for the rest of 2020.

[Sign-Up Here](#)

A Message from the President

I've recovered for the most part from my medical condition/ injury in June. I'd like to thank David Johnson for doing a great job in my absence. I am looking forward to the first official visit of the Red Earth Brewers to **Crossed Cannons** in Norman for our August Happy Hour. Our August meeting will be at **Vanessa House Beer House** where we will announce the winners of our ladies-only Red Boots competition. I would like to thank everyone that came out to our July meeting at Angry Scotsman Brewing. I heard/saw the pictures that the Red Earth Brewers did a great job of wearing masks and following the Angry Scotsman Brewing social distancing guidelines. The ability of our members to follow the social distancing guidelines at our in-person events will have a big impact on our ability to gather at future meetings and Happy Hours. Cheers!



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Pandemic Related Policy Changes

As you've heard before, please follow all CDC recommendations regarding social distancing. We care about all of you and do not want any virus transmission at any club events.

Until further notice, the club is going to discontinue the style of the month share table, homebrew and other homebrew/beer share table and snack table. (We consider those to be on par with buffets which are not supposed to allow shared items.) We decided that everyone crowding around tables with everyone touching all the bottles is not a safe practice. Club members will be allowed to bring their homebrews/beers to drink at club meetings, but any sharing is between two members and please be safe (i.e pour your beer into their glass without touching it.) For further information visit: [COVID Factsheet](#)

August 6th Happy Hour

Our August Happy Hour will be the club's first official visit to **Crossed Cannons Brewery** in Norman! Please join us as we visit club members Beau & Katie Salois at their new brewery and sample their flavorful ales. 6 PM to 8 PM. **Members only please.**

Zoobrew Friday, September 25th

It appears that Zoobrew is heading toward a virtual event this year. Plans have not been finalized, but one idea being presented is that Zoobrew would be a week long event. Attendees would be able to purchase a punch card and then visit participating breweries during Zoobrew week to receive free beers off their purchased punch card. The actual Zoobrew on Friday September 25th would feature representatives from each brewery paired with different animal teams for an on-line discussion of animals, beer and answer questions live. More to come.

Competitions



CTZ Challenge

Special thanks to our friends at **Angry Scotsman Brewing** for sponsoring the CTZ Challenge homebrew competition and hosting the club's July meeting! I would like to thank everyone that



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submitted an entry. We plan to have more competitions of this type going forward. Here are the results of the competition:

1st Place - David Johnson (American Brown Ale)

2nd Place - Caleb Lee (NE IPA with vanilla)

3rd Place - Esther Davison (American Wheat)

HM - Dan DeKalb (Winter seasonal)

1st, 2nd and 3rd Place received gift certificates to The Garage and Angry Scotsman Brewing. Everyone that entered the competition received a gift bag of hops, yeast, Star San, PBW and a REB glass. Special thanks to our judges and everyone that entered this competition!



2020 Red Boots ladies only competition

- Winning brewer will get to do a collaboration with Vanessa House Beer Company
- Entry open 7-20-20 - close on 8-14-20
- **Entry drop off (Brew Shop) 8-10-20 to 8-14-20**
- Judging weekend of 8-15-20
- Presentation of awards at the August meeting 8-20-20 at Vanessa House
- REB medals for 1st – 2nd – 3rd

Competitions outside the Club

The best way to improve your brewing skills is to enter competitions. It's one thing to ask your friends if your beer tastes good, but quite another to have some random certified judge do a detailed evaluation and provide unvarnished advice on where you might have gone wrong or could improve your style. The club is looking at ideas to increase member participation in competitions. (That is once they start up again.)

Beer Judge Certification Program (BJCP)

BJCP certification is a great way to greatly expand your knowledge of homebrewing, beer styles and common beer flaws. The club has expended resources in the past to help many club members become certified, expand their knowledge and ultimately play a leading role in judging our competitions. The



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nature of this beast is that for the club to embark on another round of helping people become certified, we need 10-15 people seriously interested before the club will buy the materials and invest the time. We will be gauging club interest in certification. The first step in the process is to pass an online Beer Judge Entrance exam. After passing, you have 2 years to complete the tasting exam. The club will reimburse the entrance exam fee of \$10 for any club member that sits for the tasting exam (you must get a seat). Further details regarding the program can be found here: [BJCP Exam Structure](#)

There is also a Mead judging certification program and there are a few club members currently pursuing this type of certification. If you are a big mead fan and are interested in becoming certified judge of meads, please contact our resident expert, Bert Renard, for further details regarding study events that he hopes to do soon to catch an upcoming scheduled exam. (He's a member on the club's Facebook Group and can be messaged. If you don't know him, ask one of the club board members.)

Brewer of the Year (BOTY) and Member of the Year (MOTY)

Don't forget that the club tracks participation in the club activities and competition awards and gives out prizes (1st, 2nd and 3rd for each) at the December (Christmas Party) meeting. With competitions mostly cancelled and pouring events postponed so far, the winners may have few points. For pouring events this year, we are aware of the OKC Marathon and ZooBrew (they hope to have in the fall sometime). The only competitions that we know of are our Red Earth Brewers competitions.

Officer Elections

At our September meeting, we have officer elections. Elected officers serve terms of two years and we have staggered the elections so there is not a complete turnover. This September, we have the Vice President and one Member at Large position open. The VP is primarily responsible for running competitions and the Members at Large track attendance at monthly meetings and provide an interface with the club members. Full details of the job description are contained within the [Club By-laws](#). We have started taking nominations for the upcoming election. So far, Chad Medford has been nominated for Vice President and David Johnson has been nominated for Member at Large. Send nominations to redearthbrewers@gmail.com.



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ANNOUNCEMENTS, NEWS, ETC.:

If you have an announcement or know of a festival, dinner, beer event, or whatever you think may be interesting to fellow brewers, please let us know at RedEarthBrewers@gmail.com. We are always looking for things to include in the newsletter.



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