



# RED EARTH BREWERS

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June 2020

### NEXT MONTHLY MEETING:

TBD

We are looking at some options but have not finalized the 18 June meeting location at the current time. Stay tuned for an announcement soon.

### NEXT HAPPY HOUR:



Happy Hour will be Thursday, June 4 from 6:00 to 8:00 at [Frenzy Brewing Co.](#) 15 S. Broadway, Edmond OK 73034. **Members Only Please.** See further details below.

### UPCOMING EVENTS

June 4	Club Happy Hour at Frenzy Brewing Co 6:00 -8:00 PM
June 18	Monthly meeting @TBD
July 16	Club Meeting @ Angry Scotsman Brewery – CTZ Challenge Winner Announcement (See Details Below)
August 1	Oklahoma Craft Beer Festival (OCBF) – Club Pouring Event
August 20	Club Meeting @ Vanessa House – Red Boots Competition Winner Announcement (See Details below)
October 4	Oklahoma City Marathon – Club Pouring Event
Fall Season	Zoo Brew – Pouring Event (outdoor event so it could happen!)

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

[Sign-Up Here](#)

### A Message from the President

My apologies for not publishing the April & May newsletters. With just about everything cancelled including all pouring events, competitions and nowhere open to meet, there really was not news to put in a newsletter. As restrictions ease, we are going to cautiously resume activities keeping an eye towards everyone’s safety. We are going to emphasis outdoor and less populated spaces for meetings (where possible) so people can space out better to meet social distancing recommendations. Our club subscribed to Zoom, that we hope to integrate into our activities for the people who aren’t comfortable or feel safe in group settings. It may be a backup plan if event is outdoor and rain is likely. One of the club’s goals is to improve brewer’s knowledge and we are considering Zoom as a convenient method to provide educational opportunities. Operating in a pandemic is new to the club (any everyone) and I am always open to members ideas and suggestions that will enhance the club experience. Let the club board members know any ideas that you have.



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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 the two members and please be safe (i.e pour your beer into their glass without touching it.) For further information visit: [COVID Factsheet](#)

### June 4<sup>th</sup> Happy Hour

The June happy hour will be at Frenzy Brewing! Join us for happy hour for the first brewery within Edmond city limits, co-owned by long time Red Earth Brewer and former treasurer, Matt Conner. Happy hour will be from 6:00 – 8:00. While the brewery's formal Taproom official opening is a few weeks off, Frenzy will open their taproom for our club happy hour (as a Private Event). In a slight difference from normal practice, we are limiting this happy hour to club members only so that we can ensure that proper social distancing can be maintained. Again, please observe CDC guideline.

### Competitions



#### CTZ Challenge

Our friends at Angry Scotsman Brewing wound up with entirely too many CTZ hops. Red Earth Brewers to the rescue! We are planning a competition for our July meeting featuring beers our members brew with CTZ hops. Angry Scotsman will donate the CTZ hops for the beer you plan to brew. Brew any beer (no ciders, meads, perry, etc.) style that you want, but the beer must feature ONLY CTZ hops. The BJCP style of beer you brewed must be declared when you enter your beer. Hops are still available for you to pick up and you have plenty of time to brew your beer. It looks like we have 10 people interested so far



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in this competition - I have sent everyone their entry number - if you want to enter the competition and don't have an entry number, please contact David Johnson.

- Three 12 OZ generic bottles required per entry.
- Drop off your entries from 7-6-20 thru 7-12-20 at Angry Scotsman Brewing during normal taproom hours.
- Beers will be judged by a combination of REB BJCP certified judges and brewers from Angry Scotsman Brewing.
- Everyone that enters this competition will get a gift bag of swag - hops, yeast, Star San etc.
- Each bottle must have a bottle label attached - 2015 BJCP Style, entry number and special ingredients if required. Examples are listed below - please contact me with any questions.
- Please attach the labels with a rubber band and use generic bottle caps.
- Judging will be Best of Show format - there will not be score sheets provided for each beer.
- There is no fee to enter this competition.
- One entry per member.

You can find the 2015 BJCP Style Guidelines here:

[https://www.bjcp.org/docs/2015\\_Guidelines\\_Beer.pdf](https://www.bjcp.org/docs/2015_Guidelines_Beer.pdf)

The winning brewer will get to brew his or her beer on the Angry Scotsman pilot system and have it served in the tap room. Let's see how creative we can be and come up with some great beers that feature this old school, oily, dank wonder! Let's showcase this super alpha cultivar that is capable of delivering around 12% of alpha acids whether it is in a West Coast IPA or some non-traditional style.



### 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



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- Judging weekend of 8-15-20
- Presentation of awards at the August meeting 8-20-2
- REB medals for 1<sup>st</sup> – 2<sup>nd</sup> – 3<sup>rd</sup>

### 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 nature of this beast is that for the club to embark on another round of helping people become certified, is that we need 10-15 people seriously interested before 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 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 (1<sup>st</sup>, 2<sup>nd</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup> 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, OCBF (1 August) and ZooBrew (they hope to have in the fall sometime). For competitions, all there is that we know of is our club competitions.

### Officer Elections



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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 will soon be taking nominations in July and August. Send nominations to [redearthbrewers@gmail.com](mailto: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](mailto:RedEarthBrewers@gmail.com). We are always looking for things to include in the newsletter.



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