

News You Can Use - November 2020

Next Monthly Meeting:





Thursday, November 19th, 2020 7pm – 9pm at **Anthem Brewing Co. 908 SW 4th St OKC, OK 73109.** See further details below. Next Happy Hour:





Thursday, November 5th, 2020 6:30 PM to 9:30 PM PM at **Beer Is Good Brewing Co. 216 East Main St, Norman OK 73069.** See further details below.

Upcoming Events		
Nov 5 th	Happy Hour – BIG Brewing in Norman 6:30 to 9:30 PM	
Nov 19 th	Monthly Meeting – Anthem Brewing 7 to 9 PM	

REB Membership dues are currently \$15 for the rest of 2020. Sign-Up Here



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Message from the President

Greetings! There are a number of future events of note this month that warrants attention, so without further ado, here are the notable upcoming items that could be of interest to you:

-Learn to Homebrew day is Saturday November 7th. Deb and Marc Pritchard have graciously agreed to host the event this year. Brew day starts at 9 AM. Find them on Facebook and DM them for their address. This is a great event where everyone brews together and is a great opportunity to pick up tips from brewers who has differing brewing techniques. If you are just a beginner, this is a great opportunity to learn homebrewing skills.

-Christmas Party planning is under way. As usual, we will open registration in late November and members who renew before the party get a discounted \$25 membership and entry to party. Current members who are not renewing will asked to donate \$5 for entry. The party this year will be at OK Cider Company instead of the usual Coop Ale Works. We will do a gift exchange (\$20 max). This year we will place numbers on the gifts and a number provided to members who participate. You get what you draw with no stealing. Personal exchanges after all presents are gone are fine. We are hoping to team with a food truck and provide vouchers to avoid the COVID not recommended sharing of Pizzas out of a box. Further details of time party will be forthcoming as we get closer to the event on 17 December.

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: <u>COVID Factsheet</u>



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Nov 5th Happy Hour

Join the Red Earth Brewers Thursday night November 5th for our November Happy Hour 6:30 to 9:30 PM at **Beer is Good Brewing Company.** Please join us as we visit club members Eric Martin and Justin Wilson's Brewery in Norman and show them some appreciation for their hosting the collaboration opportunity for the 4th quarter winner.

Nov 19th Meeting

Our October meeting will be the club's first meeting at Anthem Brewing Company this year. Anthem has a spacious back area so everyone should be able to spread out during the meeting

Upcoming Competitions

Don't forget that Bluebonnet is just around the corner, so plan early on brewing your beers. The club will, as always, collect the competition beers at a drop off point and pay for someone to deliver the beers to this competition. Our club has done well and let's ensure we have the same success in 2021.

Blue Bonnet Brew-Off	http://bbbrewoff.com/bluebonnetbrewoff/
Registration Window	January 5 th -30th
Entry Receipt Deadline	January 30th
Number of Bottles	3
Price	\$10.00 per entry

Operation Fermentation VII	https://opferm.cialers.org/
Registration Window	Now – Nov 2nd
Entry Receipt Deadline	January 8th
Number of Bottles	4
Price	\$10.00 per entry

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



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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: <u>BJCP Exam Structure</u>

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 judger of meads, please contact our resident expert, Burt 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 Tom Challis Club Member of the Year (CMOTY)

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 postposed so far, the winners may have fewer points. For pouring events this year, we are aware of ZooBrew. The only competitions that we know of are our Red Earth Brewers competitions.



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 <u>RedEarthBrewers@gmail.com</u>. We are always looking for things to include in the newsletter.



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