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NEXT MONTHLY MEETING:



Thursday, October 15 2020 7pm – 9pm FRENZY BREWING CO. 15 S Broadway **Edmond, OK 73102** 405-562-4350

NEXT HAPPY HOUR:



Happy Hour will be Thursday, October 1st, 2020 6:30 PM to 9:30 PM PM at Fassler Hall. 421 NW 10th St, Oklahoma City, OK 73103. See further details below.

UPCOMING EVENTS	
Oct 1st	Happy Hour – Fassler Hall 6:30 to 9:30 PM
Oct 15 th	Monthly meeting – Frenzy Beer 7 PM to 9 PM
November	4th Quarter Competition – more information below
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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Greetings from Afar,

Thank you for selecting me to be the next VP for Red Earth Brewers. I have big shoes to fill, but I'm looking forward to continuing the work David has done to develop and grow our club. October will be a fun month for us. We start the month off with happy hour at Fassler Hall on October 1st. Please enjoy a stein of Marzen for me! Then, on October 15th, we have our first meeting at Frenzy Brewing, owned and operated by Red Earth's own Matt Conner. Last but not least, October 16th is the deadline for registration for the fourth quarter competition. This will be Red Earth's first competition with virtual judging. It will be a great chance to get constructive feedback on your beers and gain some valuable beer judging experience. Take care and see you all soon!



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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

Oct 1st Happy Hour

Whether you are in Bavaria or Oklahoma City, early October and cooler temperatures mean one thing - Oktoberfest! Break out your lederhosen or dirndl and join the Red Earth Brewers Thursday night October 1st for our October Happy Hour 6:30 to 9:30 PM. Fassler Hall is an outside venue and the weather is just not going to get any better. Fassler Hall has a great selection of German beer and sausages! If you only attend one REB Happy Hour in 2020, this is the one you don't want to miss! Prost!

Oct 15th Meeting

Our October meeting will be the club's first meeting at **Frenzy Brewing.** Please join us as we visit club member Matt Conner who will be giving a Tech Talk to the club on IPA's. Frenzy has a great selection of IPA's, wheat beers and don't forget to get a pint of their Belgian Blonde – Yeah, Yeah, Yeah (Cause I'm a Blonde).

Competitions

4th Quarter Competition

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. Our 4th Quarter Competition will once again be a collaboration with BIG Brewing of Norman. You can register your entries at: https://competitions.redearthbrewers.com/qtrly/ This competition has a maximum of 30 entries – two entries max per brewer. 4 bottles @@ 12 oz required per entry.



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Registration closes on October 16th. Entry drop-off will be at The Brew Shop from 10-19-20 to 10-23-20. Awards will be presented at our November club meeting.

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, 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 judger 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 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 few 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 RedEarthBrewers@gmail.com. We are always looking for things to include in the newsletter.



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