



RED EARTH BREWERS

News You Can Use - January 2021

Next Monthly Meeting:



Thursday, January 21, 2020 7pm – 9pm.
See further details below.

Next Tech Talk / Happy Hour:



Thursday, January 7, 2021 7:00 PM.
See further details below.

Upcoming Events	
Jan 13 th -20 th	Bluebonnet Brew-off Entry collection at The Brew Shop
Feb 27 th	Hoppy Camper Expo

REB Membership dues are currently \$30 for 2021.

[Sign-Up Here](#)

Message from the President

Greetings!

The winners of 2020 Tom Challis Club member of the Year and Brewer of the Year were

Tom Challis Club Member of the Year:



- 1st Alan Roten**
- 2nd Deb Pritchard**
- 3rd Burt Renard**

Brewer of the Year:



- 1st Deb Pritchard**
- 2nd Chad Medford**
- 3rd Marc Pritchard**



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The first-place winner of the brewer of the year won a 15 gallon brew kettle (donated by Frenzy Brewing) and a collaboration with Frenzy Brewing. Over \$400 worth of prizes, primarily \$25 gift cards were donated for our award winners. We would like to thank the following organizations for donating to Red Earth Brewers:

Frenzy Brewing
Fassler Hall
Angry Scotsman Brewing
Lively Beerworks
Core4 Brewing
Roughtail Brewing Company
Elk Valley Brewing
Vanessa House Beer Company

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.

Due to the increased seriousness of the Pandemic and danger associated with large group meetings, Red Earth Brewers executive board has made the decision to indefinitely suspend in-person meetings and happy hours. This decision was not taken lightly, but given the prevalence of COVID-19, we see no other choice. Future meetings will be moved online to Zoom. We will continue to monitor the situation and will restart in-person events when appropriate. For further information visit: [COVID Factsheet](#)

Jan 7th Tech Talk / Happy Hour

Topic: January Tech Talk (Beer Packaging for Competitions)

Time: Jan 7, 2021 07:00 PM Central Time (US and Canada)

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/2772294755?pwd=em5wamQxUFJZOTJ3K0pHOUZxSVZlQT09>

Meeting ID: 277 229 4755

Passcode: reearth

Jan 21st Meeting

Topic: January Meeting



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Upcoming Competitions

Bluebonnet Brew-Off	http://bbbrewoff.com/bcoem/
Registration Window	January 5 th -22 nd
Entry Receipt Deadline	January 22 nd
Number of Bottles	3
Price	\$10.00

****Blue Bonnet entry delivery information below**

Midwinter Homebrew Competition	http://midwinterhbc.com/competition
Registration Window	Now – February 6 th
Entry Receipt Deadline	February 6 th
Number of Bottles	3
Price	\$10.00

IBU Open	http://ibuopen.com
Registration Window	January 24 th – February 20 th
Entry Receipt Deadline	February 20 th
Number of Bottles	2
Price	\$8.00

Sweethearts Revenge	https://reggiebeer.com/ReggieEntry.php?CompetitionID=USQZBA1000596
Registration Window	Now – February 5 th
Entry Receipt Deadline	February 5 th
Number of Bottles	3
Price	\$8.00

Bluebonnet Brew-off Entry Delivery Info:

The club will be driving down the entries on the morning of January 21st, so you don't have to worry about the cost of shipping.



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[The Brew Shop](#) has graciously offered to be our entry collection point. You can drop off your entries at the brew shop from **January 13th till the close of business January 20th**.

You can register your entries by going to the link below:

bbbrewoff.com/bcoem

When you register, you will want to select "**Homebrew Headquarters**" as your drop off point. Then select "**Red Earth Brewers**" as your club.

Entry Info:

Bluebonnet is a massive competition, in order to manage the chaos, they are very particular with how they want their entries prepared.

Entries must be paid for within 24 hours or they will be removed. So, after you add your entries, go ahead and pay first thing.

Once you've paid, you'll be able to print your labels.

Entries require **THREE 12oz brown bottles with plain caps**. You will need to affix a bottle label to each bottle with a rubber band **DO NOT TAPE LABELS ON THE BOTTLE**. Additionally, there is an entry form that will print with your labels. Fold that in half and rubber band that to one of the entry bottles.

Then you will need to **package up your entries in a sealed box**, just like you were going to ship the entries. They will not allow us to drop-off lose six pack holders full of entries.

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



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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, 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 postponed so far, the winners may have few points.



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<https://www.homebrewersassociation.org/membership/join-or-renew/>

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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