



# RED EARTH BREWERS

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February 2022

### Next REB Happy Hour:



Thursday, Feb 3rd, 2022, 6:30 pm – 9pm  
Roughtail Brewing Co.  
[320 W Memorial Rd, Oklahoma City, OK 73114](#)

This month's Happy Hour will be at Roughtail Brewing Co in OKC.

Happy Hour is a casual way to get to know other folks in the club, get brewing ideas, and just have a relaxed time outside of our monthly meetings with like-minded beer friends.

### Next Monthly Meeting:



Thursday, Feb 17th, 2022, 7:00 pm – 9pm  
Broke Brewing Co.  
[3810 N Tulsa Ave, Oklahoma City, OK 73112](#)

Styles of the month will be:

#### **Amber Ales**

- 7B. Altbier
- 11A. Ordinary Bitter
- 11B. Best Bitter
- 11C. Strong Bitter
- 14A. Scottish Light
- 14B. Scottish Heavy
- 14C. Scottish Export
- 15A. Irish Red Ale
- 19A. American Amber Ale
- 24C. Bière de Garde
- 26B. Belgian Dubbel
- 27. Historical Beer (Kentucky Common)

- **PLEASE REMEMBER TO SIGN IN**
- **DON'T FORGET YOUR TASTING GLASS!**



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### Featured Brewer

**Brandon Jones**



Each month we feature one of our brewers. This month, our featured brewer is Brandon Jones. Brandon is Red Earth's highest ranked BJCP Judge with the rank of National. Brandon is a former REB President. Here is a little more about Brandon and his craft beer journey.

**Occupation:** Aerospace Engineer

**Years Brewing:** 11 years (July 2010)

**What are your favorite styles to brew?** I prefer lower alcohol styles, and have an affinity towards lagers. I brew a pretty wide variety, but the styles I keep coming back to are American Lager, Helles, Pilsner, Märzen, and Irish Red.

**What got you into brewing?** I had talked about making beer for years, but never really tried until my wonderful wife, Julie, bought me a starter kit for our anniversary. After the first beer, I was hooked!

**Current Brewing Rig:** I am currently running a 3 vessel HERMS system that I designed and built myself. For fermentation, I have 2 Spike CF10 unitanks and a homemade window-unit glycol chiller for temperature control.

**What Brew Day Rules do you follow?** No alcohol until the wort is in the fermenter.

**Most influential brewing tip you learned:** Geez there are so many that come to mind, but probably a quote I heard listening to the Session on the Brewing Network. "Any brewer is capable of making a great beer once, but a great brewer can make that same great beer every time." Having consistent, repeatable processes that yield predictable results will take your brewing to the next level.

**Your tip for new brewers just getting started:**

1. Have fun, it's just beer.
2. Get some kind of temperature control as soon as possible.
3. Stop looking for recipes on the internet. Get a copy of *Brewing Classic Styles* or *Modern Homebrew Recipes*, find a straightforward, simple recipe, and brew it multiple times. Once you are comfortable





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with the basics, you can tackle anything.

4. Seek out other good brewers and surround yourself with them. Ask for feedback and listen to what they say. Good feedback is incredibly hard to come by.

**What's on tap at your brew house right now:** Pre-prohibition American Lager, red wine, and sparkling water.

### Something Interesting from our friends at the Stillwater Brewers' League



Franz D. Hofer

Franz is a cultural historian, beer judge, and author of the *Tempest in a Tankard* blog. He is also a member of Red Earth Brewers, and a board member of Stillwaters Brewers' League. He has been recently published in the Jan/Feb 2022 issue of AHA Zymurgy magazine. His article *Zoiglbier - Brewing Up a Living Tradition in Bavaria's Oberpfalz* is worth the read, and even includes a recipe. Check it out here > <https://newsletters.redearthbrewers.com/2022/Zoigl-Article-Zymurgy-JanFeb2022.pdf>

### BREWER OF THE YEAR / TOM CHALLIS – CLUB MEMBER OF THE YEAR

We have worked hard over the past few months evaluating the point values for *Brewer of The Year*, and the *Tom Challis – Club Member of The Year* point values. We feel that some changes were in order. Please find below the revised breakdown of point for the coming year moving forward:

**Note:** Points calculation period will be from the day after Dec meeting to the next years Dec meeting.

Tom Challis - Club Member of the Year		
Points For	Value	Notes
Attending Monthly Meeting	1	
Bring a Snack	1	Max of 1 Per Meeting
Bring a Beer for Style Discussion (Commercial or Homebrew)	1	Max of 1 Per Meeting
Lead Style Discussion	2	



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Steward a Competition	3	Per Session
Judging at a Competition	3	Per Session (1 addtl. pt. for BOS)
Host a Meeting/Organize an Outing	3	
Donate Beer to REB to Pour at Events	1	Per Gallon
Pour/Volunteer at REB Event	2	w/o beer donation
Delivering REB Comp Entries to Regional Comp	5	
Other Club Service		Determined By Officers
<b>Brewer of the Year</b>		
<b>Points For</b>	<b>Value</b>	<b>Points Available</b>
Enter Competition	1	Per Entry
1st place in Category	3	30 pts. for NHC Final Round
2nd place in Category	2	20 pts. for NHC Final Round
3rd place in Category	1	10 pts. for NHC Final Round
1st place Best of Show Winner	6	
2nd place Best of Show Winner	4	
3rd place Best of Show Winner	2	
Host Brew Day (Publicly announced to the club members)	2	
Lead Brewing Educational Session	2	
(Co-brewers receive 1/3 points)		

If you have any questions. Please reach out to us! We will be happy to discuss!

### 2021 BJCP Style Guideline Changes

The Beer Judge Certification Program recently published their 2021 style guidelines. Individuals who are interested in taking the judging exam will still be able to test against the 2015 guidelines until August 2022. Most competitions are still using the 2015 guidelines but will most likely change over the next year. It's important when entering a competition to verify what guidelines they will be utilizing. BJCP considers the update a "minor revision" but there are significant changes and it's definitely worthy of reading thru.



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The following is a brief summary of some of the changes:

- Introduction and Glossary have been expanded
- Duplication eliminated from aroma and flavor
- A new “Straight Sour Beer” style was added to allow use as a base style in other beers such as fruited kettle sours
- Gose moved from Historical to European Sour
- Specialty Spice Beer style has been added
- NEIPA moved to Category 21C and now called Hazy IPA

The full 2021 guidelines can be downloaded [here](#)

### Upcoming Events

3 Feb	REB Happy Hour @ Roughtail Brewing Co.
15 Feb	REB Spring Brewoff Registration Opens
17 Feb	REB Monthly Meeting @ Broke Brewing Co.

### Upcoming Competitions

IBU Open (Entries Due 12 Feb) <a href="#">Sign Up</a>	Registration Opened 1 Nov
Amber Waves of Grain (Entries Due 23 Feb) <a href="#">Sign Up</a>	Registration Opened 10 Jan
Boot Brew Fest (Entries Due 4 Mar) <a href="#">Sign Up</a>	Registration Opened 9 Jan
Drunk Monk Challenge (Entries Due 4 Mar) <a href="#">Sign Up</a>	Registration Opens 7 Feb
<b>REB Spring Brew off (Entries due 25 Mar) <a href="#">Sign Up</a></b>	<b>Registration Opens 15 Feb</b>



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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](mailto:RedEarthBrewers@gmail.com). We are always looking for things to include in the newsletter.



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