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#### **Next REB Happy Hour:**



Thursday, March 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, March 17th, 2022, 7:00 pm – 9pm Skydance Brewing Co.

1 N.E. 7th St. Suite A, Oklahoma City, OK

Styles of the month will be: *Pale Ales* 

- 1C. Cream Ale
- 5B. Kölsch
- 12A. British Golden Ale
- 12B. Australian Sparkling Ale
- 18A. Blonde Ale
- 18B. American Pale Ale
- 24B. Belgian Pale Ale
- 25A. Belgian Blond Ale
- 25B. Saison
- 26A. Trappist Single
- PLEASE REMEMBER TO SIGN IN
- DON'T FORGET YOUR TASTING GLASS!



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### Featured Brewer

#### **Burt Renard**



Each month we feature one of our brewers. This month, our featured brewer is Burt Renard. Burt is not only a highly accomplished beer brewer, but Burt is one of the best mead makers in all the land. If you are interested in making mead, this is the brain you pick. Here is a little more about Burt and his craft beverage journey.

Occupation: Retired

Years Brewing: 34 years

What are your favorite styles to brew? Mead and Belgian styles

mainly.

What got you into brewing? Graduated to "real beer" after being stationed in the UK. I bought my first homebrew kit from Boot's Chemist in 1987 and the rest is history. Won my first competition in 1995 with an Alt beer.

**Current Brewing Rig:** Fermenters only for mead and downsized from a 15-gal 3 vessel system to a single vessel BIAB for beer.

What Brew Day Rules do you follow? Start prepping early (like the day before brew day) and sanitize, sanitize, sanitize!

**Most influential brewing tip you learned:** Brew what you like to drink!

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

- Don't be intimidated and ask for advice from experienced brewers.
- Enter your brews in competition for honest feedback. Your friends will not usually do that!

What's on tap at your brew house right now: Mead, no beer at the moment because I didn't have room in my kegerator. Wildflower

Traditional, Lehua Blossom, Lemon Blossom, Zambian Wildflower, Spiced Bochet, Cherry Vanilla, Blackberry/Huckleberry, Banana/Cinnamon, Merlot Pyment, Reisling Pyment, Raisin Nutmeg,





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Ginger/Lime/Anise, Mesquite Blossom, Marmeliero Blossom, Cali Sage, Colorado Wildflower, Orange Blossom/Raspberry. Bulk aging now is Bochet, Raisin/Nutmeg, Alfalfa. Clover, Sesame, and A big multi-berry batch with Strawberry, Blueberry, Raspberry and Blackberry.

# BURT'S TRADITIONAL ORANGE BLOSSOM MEAD RECIPE

**Ingredients:** 

**HONEY** 

12 lb. (5.44 kg) Orange Blossom Honey

**WATER** 

2.5 gal. (9.5 L) RO or spring water, UV treated

**YEAST** 

15 g Lalvin 71B

**ADDITIONAL ITEMS** 

20 g GoFerm

10 g Fermaid-O, divided into three additions

**Yield:** 3 US gal (11.4 L)

#### **Directions:**

Rehydrate yeast in *GoFerm* and about 350 mL water at 100°F (38°C) and let sit for 15 minutes. Mix the honey with water using a wine whip and add O2 with a sintered stone for 60 seconds.

Temper the yeast and *GoFerm* solution with about 50 mL of must every 5 minutes until it is within 10°F (6°C) of desired pitch temperature. In the first 24 hours, add another 60 seconds of  $O_2$  and  $\frac{1}{2}$  of the *Fermaid-O*. On day 3, add  $\frac{1}{2}$  of *Fermaid-O*, and then add the remaining  $\frac{1}{2}$  on day 5. Be sure to vigorously wine whip twice a day in first 72 hours to degas. After the third day, I try to not form a convex cone so as to not draw  $O_2$  into the must, but I do continue to stir for at least 7 days.



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## TECH TALK - BEERSMITH Q & A



March 1st 7:00pm - 8:30pm

Do you use BeerSmith for your recipes? Do you have questions about the software? Join us for an online Q&A session focused on BeerSmith.

Hosted by: Nicholas Hodge

Google Meet Link: <a href="http://meet.google.com/wvz-gryt-nkq">http://meet.google.com/wvz-gryt-nkq</a>

### **Broke Brewing Wort-Share Project**





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### **Broke Brewing Wort-Share Project**

**Members:** Remember to sign-up for the Wort Share project with Broke Brewing Co. Message us on facebook or email us: <a href="mailto:redearthbrewers@gmail.com">redearthbrewers@gmail.com</a> for a link to the sign-up sheet.

- You will receive 5 gallons of wort (very low IBU pale ale base).
- You can take it home and simply pitch your yeast, or you can play with it and turn it into something totally different (make a stout, or sour beer).

We will be returning to Broke Brewing Co for a contest. The winner will get to brew a collaboration beer with Broke Brewing Co. to be released in the taproom.

Upcoming Events					
3 Mar	REB Happy Hour @ Roughtail Brewing Co.				
12 Mar	Broke Wort-Share Project Pickup 10:30 AM @ Broke Brewing Co.				
17 Mar	REB Monthly Meeting @ Skydance Brewing Co.				
30 Apr	Hoppy Camper Expo @ 1 Twin Cedar LN, Guthrie, OK 73044 3pm-7pm				
	If anyone else is interested in signing up as a homebrewer please contact Cody at				
	cody@centralokcamp.org ASAP!				

Recent Winners					
Name	Medal	Beer	Comp		
Alan Roten	Bronze	Jalapeno Kolsch	KCBM 2022		
Chad Medford	Bronze	Berry Cider	Sweetheart's Revenge		
Chad Medford	Bronze	Peach Sour	KCBM 2022		
Chad Medford	Silver	Baltic Porter	Sweetheart's Revenge		
Chad Medford	Silver	Peach Sour	Sweetheart's Revenge		
Chad Medford	Bronze	Baltic Porter	IBU Open		
Dan DeKalb	Bronze	Dark Mild	Sweetheart's Revenge		
Deb Prichard	Bronze	Schwarzbier	Sweetheart's Revenge		
Deb Prichard	Bronze	American Blonde	Sweetheart's Revenge		
Deb Prichard	Bronze	Schwarzbier	IBU Open		
Deb Prichard	Bronze	Blonde Ale	IBU Open		
Marc Prichard	Bronze	Brown Ale	Sweetheart's Revenge		
Marc Prichard	Silver	Brown Ale	KCBM 2022		
Marc Prichard	Silver	Belgian Golden Strong	Reggale and Dredhop		
Marc Prichard	Gold	Brown Ale	IBU Open		
Tim Bickel	Silver	Oatmeal Stout	Sweetheart's Revenge		



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1	Γim Bickel	Silver	Oatmeal Stout	KCBM 2022
1	Γim Bickel	Silver	American Amber	PA Homebrew Open

Upcoming Competitions				
REB Spring Brew off (Entries due 25 Mar) Sign Up	Registration is open			
Boot Brew Fest (Entries Due 4 Mar) Sign Up	Registration is open			
Drunk Monk Challenge (Entries Due 4 Mar) Sign Up	Registration is open			
TRASH XXX – 2 <sup>nd</sup> Try (Entries Due 5 Apr) <u>Sign Up</u>	Registration is open			
Celtic Brew Off (Entries Due 9 Apr) Sign Up	Registration opens 14 Mar			
WHO Brews It? (Entries Due 17 Apr) Sign Up	Registration is open			
National Homebrew Competition (Entries Due 3 Jun) More Info	Registration opens 22 Mar			



# 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 <a href="mailto:RedEarthBrewers@gmail.com">RedEarthBrewers@gmail.com</a>. We are always looking for things to include in the newsletter.



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