



RED EARTH BREWERS

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January 2023

Next REB Happy Hour:

Next Monthly Meeting:



THURSDAY, Jan 5th, 2022, 6:30 pm – 9 pm
The Big Friendly, OKC
[1737 Spoke St, Oklahoma City, OK 73108](#)

TUESDAY, Jan 17th, 2022, 7:00 pm – 9 pm
Stonecloud Brewing Co, OKC.
[1012 NW 1st St #101, Oklahoma City, OK 73106](#)

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.

>> Event Coordinator and Competition Coordinator Election

>> Styles of the month will be **Strong Ales**

- 17A British Strong Ale
- 17B Old Ale
- 17C Wee Heavy
- 17D English Barleywine
- 22B American Strong Ale
- 22C American Barleywine
- 22D Wheatwine
- 25C Belgian Golden Strong Ale
- 26C Belgian Tripel
- 26D Belgian Dark Strong Ale

STATS:
Current Member Count: 82
Average Meeting Attendance: 37

JOIN NOW!

Dues are only \$35 for the calendar year

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

Upcoming Events	
Jan 1	New Year New Brew 2023!!
Jan 5	REB Happy Hour @The Big Friendly (6:30-9pm)
Jan 17	REB Monthly Meeting @ Stonecloud Brewing Co (7-9pm)
Feb 2	REB Happy Hour @ Fair Weather Friend (6:30-9pm)
Feb 21	REB Monthly Meeting @ Cross Timbers Brewing Co (7-9pm)



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New Officer Positions

At the January Meeting, we will be electing these positions. These will be officers on the board of directors. This is one step in our effort to get more people involved in club operations. It also provides continuity as we transition from person-to-person when they take over a position at election time. These positions do not require any special knowledge or skills other than enthusiasm and willingness to help out. More hands means we can do more and bigger things. We need your help! If you, or someone you know, would like to be on the board, please send your nominations to us via email (redearthbrewers@gmail.com) or message us directly if you are able.

Competition Coordinator (2 year term) - Elected on even-numbered year (along with V.P., and One Member At Large)

The duties of the Competition Coordinator shall be as follows:

- a) To assist the Vice President in the planning/organization of Red Earth Brewer competition efforts;
- b) To identify and secure locations for competition operations inclusive of cold storage, judging, and awards ceremony;
- c) To assist with sorting entries and delivery of entries/materials during judging sessions; and
To act as a liaison between venues, participants, judges, and staff.

Events Coordinator (2 year term) - Elected on odd-numbered year (along with Pres, Sec/Treas, one Member At Large)

The duties of the Events Coordinator shall be as follows:

- a) Responsible for managing the logistics of event coordination. These include internal club events and the various festivals in which the club participates.
- b) Work closely with committee chairs as needed when Events/Festivals have standing committees.
- c) Safeguard Club Event equipment: Including, but not limited to: Jockey Boxes, Tap serving equipment, EZUp, and signage etc...
- d) Provide guidance and act as point of contact for members who wish club participation in an external event.
- e) Monitor the club's potential participation in external events and can decline or withdraw club participation in events if club resources are not adequate.
- f) Promote Events on Social Media.



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Featured Brewer

Lou Ruscetta

Each month we feature one of our brewers. This month, our featured brewer is Lou Ruscetta. Lou is one of Red Earth's newer members, but he is very seasoned as a brewer. You should definitely try to get a chance to have his Rauchbier (German Smoked Lager). Here is a little more about Lou and his craft beverage journey.

Occupation: Senior Materiel Leader, B-52; Colonel, USAF

Home Brewery Name: Brew Love

Years Brewing: 16 yrs total; 4 yrs All grain

What are your favorite styles to brew? Smoked beers; hazy/fruity IPAs

What got you into brewing? My dad was a Chief Master Sergeant in the Air Force. After he retired, he worked for Busch Gardens and Anheuser-Busch in Tampa. Between growing up and playing rugby in college, beer was a big part of my life and identity. When I was a Lt, dad bought me a Mr. Beer kit when craft beers were starting to get popular—but if it wasn't Bud or Bud Light, he couldn't drink it. I slowly advanced from there trying to design my own recipes with extracts. While in War College, a close friend and brewing partner introduced me to BIAB (Brew In A Bag) brewing and recipe designs. From there, we made it a goal to start our own brewery. I advanced to a 3 barrel, single tier system to better understand advanced processes to prepare for an eventual transition to pro-scale





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systems once I retire. Currently enrolled in eCornell Brewing Certificate program to learn more about the science behind brewing and gain knowledge on all aspects, ingredients, and processes.

Current Brewing Rig: Single tier, 3 barrel system with RIMS; 7 gal and 14 gal unitank fermenter with glycol chiller



What Brew Day Rules do you follow?

- 1) No drinking until Mash is 30 min in and any problems overcome
- 2) Must wear my Cigar City Brew Shirt—it's my lucky shirt
- 3) Organization of equipment is key (learned this after paired brewing project with Tim Bickel)

Most influential brewing tip you learned:

Don't make brew day stressful—something will go wrong during brew day—best way to react is to be organized and prepared. I used to

overreact and lack of organization led to more problems and stress. I learned that when a problem does occur, take a moment—analyze the problem, the causes, then potential solutions. Unless liquid is pouring on the floor, there is time to think before acting.

Your tip for new brewers just getting started: learn your process and make a brew day checklist—and follow it! Extract, BIAB and Sparge system brewers can all make great beer. If you're not getting paid to make beer, then it needs to be fun. For me, I have a passion to keep making my beers better. But everyone needs to find their own passion.

What's on tap at your brew house right now:

Märzen for the adults, Root Beer for the kids; a DIPA and an Oatmeal Stout in the fermenter.

Near term brewing goals:

- 1) earn a BJCP judge certification





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- 2) Finish eCornell Brewing Certificate program
- 3) Buy a Red Earth Brewers shirt when the club gets more (hint)

COMPETITION INFORMATION

Changes to Brewer Of the Year Points

This year we are making some changes to the points you can acquire. These changes are retroactive to Dec 12th 2022.

1. Participants will receive one (1) point each only for entering a competition. This is a change from previously where a participant would receive one (1) point per entry in a competition.
2. Participants **MUST** indicate that they are entering as a **Red Earth Brewers** member in order to receive Brewer of the Year points.
3. Participants are requested to utilize a new Google Form to indicate which competition(s) they entered, the website for the competition, and any medal winnings if so.
4. Any brewer who earns an Honorable Mention in any category will receive 0.5pts per HM.
5. Points for medal winnings will be modified to encourage entry into bigger comps. The following table shows point values for medals by total competition entry count.

Total Entry Count	1st Place Points	1st BOS	2nd BOS	3rd BOS	2nd Place Points	3rd Place Points
0-200	3	+3	+2	+1	2	1
201-350	4	+4	+3	+2	3	2
351-500	5	+5	+4	+3	4	3
501-1000	6	+6	+5	+4	5	4
1001+	10	+10	+8	+6	8	6
NCH	30	N/A	N/A	N/A	20	10



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Recent Winners			
Name	Medal	Beer	Comp
Could Be YOU!	GOLD	DDH MEGA IPA (or whatever you like to brew!)	KCBM? Bluebonnet? SBO? BREW!!

BJCP Competition Calendar



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Lots of good perks.**

<https://www.homebrewersassociation.org/support-the-aha/?promo=Red-Earth-Brewers-Homebrew-Club>

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 members, please let us know at redearthbrewers@gmail.com.



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