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Monthly Newsletter for the Red Earth Brewers

RED EARTH BREWERS TO HOST BJCP TASTING EXAM

For anyone looking to take their beer knowledge and judging credentials to the next level, we've got some exciting news! Brandon Jones has scheduled the first BJCP Tasting Exam in Oklahoma City in several years. This is a fantastic opportunity for both new and experienced beer judges to elevate their expertise. Here are all the important details you need to know:

DATE & TIME:

Sunday, April 13 - Exam starts promptly at 11 AM (please arrive by 10:30 AM for check-in)

LOCATION:

Project 3810 | 3810 N Tulsa Ave, Oklahoma City, OK 73112

EXAM FEES:

- \$40 for first-time examinees
- \$15 for current BJCP judges

REGISTRATION:

The exam is limited to 12 examinees, with spots reserved for the first paid registrations. Be sure to secure your spot early, as registration is on a first-come, first-served basis!

CLICK HERE TO SIGN UP: [BJCP Beer Tasting Exam](#)



UPCOMING EVENTS:

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| <p>Happy Hour:
Thursday, Feb. 6
6:30–9 PM at Core4
Brewing</p> | <p>Happy Hour:
Thursday, March 6
6:30–9 PM at
Stonecloud Brewing</p> |
| <p>Club Meeting:
Tuesday, Feb. 18
7–9 PM at Frenzy
Brewing (<i>Homebrew
Only</i>)</p> | <p>Club Meeting:
Tuesday, March 18
7–9 PM at Beer
is Good Brewing
(<i>Homebrew Only</i>)</p> |

REGISTRATION REQUIREMENTS:

To register for the BJCP Tasting Exam, you must meet one of the following requirements:

1. Pass the online BJCP entrance exam
2. Be a certified BJCP judge

If you haven't yet passed the online exam, you'll need to do so before registering. The online exam costs \$10 for one attempt or \$20 for three attempts. More information and registration can be found here: [BJCP Online Entrance Exam](#).

EXAM PREP COURSE:

Feeling unsure about preparing for the exam? No worries! There is a free online training course available to help you get ready. This course is a great resource to familiarize yourself with the exam format and sharpen your judging skills.

CHECK IT OUT HERE: [BJCP Training Program](#)

IMPORTANT NOTES:

- After the first week of February, the exam will be publicly announced on social media, so if you wait to register, you may miss your chance to secure a spot.
- The exam is limited to 12 participants, and only those who have passed the online entrance exam or are already BJCP judges are eligible to take it.

DON'T MISS OUT – REGISTER TODAY!

Make sure to sign up early to guarantee your spot, and don't forget to pass the online entrance exam before registering. If you have any questions or need further information, feel free to reach out to Brandon Jones.



Let's Brew Some Community! As we head into another exciting season of brewing, I wanted to take a moment to reflect on something that's at the heart of our club: community. We're not just a group of people who share a passion for brewing; we're a family of brewers who support and lift each other up. I look back to Skydance hosting a fundraiser for the Burlasons last month, and the number of REB members who showed up to support Randy and Cheryl was amazing. That sense of camaraderie is what makes

our club truly special, and it's why I'm reaching out to encourage each of you to continue strengthening our community.

Inviting New Faces, Building New Friendships: Our club thrives because we welcome beer drinkers and homebrewers of all kinds. There's always room for more members, and there's always something to learn. If you see a new face at one of our meetings or events, take a moment to introduce yourself and make them feel at home. A warm welcome can make all the difference to someone who might be a little nervous about joining a new group. Remember, we all started somewhere, and that sense of inclusivity is what makes this place feel like home.

Brew Together, Grow Together: One of the best ways to connect with others in the club is simply by brewing together. I know it might sound cliché, but there's something magical about sharing a brew day with a fellow club member. One of the goals Heather and I set for 2025 is to brew with at least 12 different club members. Whether you're experimenting with a new style, perfecting a recipe, or just enjoying a cold one together, those moments spent side by side in the brew house create lasting friendships.

We're always happy to open our garage for a brew day, and I encourage you to do the same. There's always room for one more club member to come hang out, lend a hand, or simply enjoy the process and drink some beer. If you're new to the club

or feel like you don't know many people yet, shoot me a message – I'd love to have you over for a brew day. And if you've been around a while, let's keep the invitation open.

The Power of Community: As homebrewers, we often spend a lot of time working on our craft alone – whether it's in our garages, kitchens, or backyards. But brewing is so much more than just making beer. It's about sharing stories, experiences, and successes (and sometimes failures) with those who understand the process and appreciate the work that goes into it. The value of a supportive community can't be overstated – it's what keeps us coming back to the mash tun again and again.



Members at the January Monthly Meeting during the Tech Talk from Kayla at Anthem Brewing about brewing non-alcoholic beers and tips for making them at home.

Our club is about fostering a space where everyone feels welcomed and valued, no matter where they're at in their life or brewing journey. So, let's keep that spirit alive by showing up for each other, learning from one another, and, most importantly, having fun. Every batch, every beer, and every conversation is an opportunity to build a stronger, more connected club.

Let's Keep Growing Together: If you're an existing member, I encourage you to reach out to a newer member and invite them to join you at your next brew day or a local brewery. If you're new, don't hesitate to take that first step and join in – we're all here for the same reason, and I promise, there's a place for you here.

As always, thank you for being part of this amazing community. I look forward to seeing all of you at our upcoming events, and I can't wait to brew with you soon!



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Friendly reminder for all club members: Please remember to bring your member badge to scan in for attendance at each meeting. As a reminder, we've moved away from paper check-ins to make things more efficient.

If you need a new or replacement badge, please contact Sean McCanne. Thank you for helping us keep the check-in process smooth and organized!



CELEBRATING 15 YEARS OF RED EARTH BREWERS IN 2025!

Can you believe it? In 2025, Red Earth Brewers will celebrate our 15th anniversary! It feels like just yesterday we began our journey, and now, 15 years later, we've grown into something truly remarkable—a vibrant and passionate community of homebrewers.

In a time when many homebrew clubs and local shops have come and gone, REB has not only survived but thrived. We've built a club like no other, and that's something every member should be proud of!

A Legacy of Brewing and Community—For 15 years, REB has stood strong, offering a space for camaraderie, learning, and, of course, brewing. Through our monthly meetings, brew days, competitions, and casual gatherings, we've always put community and knowledge-sharing first.



As we approach this exciting milestone, we want to celebrate the people who've made it all possible: you. Whether you've been with us since the early days or recently joined, your contributions have shaped the Red Earth Brewers into what we are today.

Share Your Memories—To make this anniversary extra special, we're planning a celebration that honors our incredible journey—and we need your help!

Do you have photos, stories, or memories from REB's early days? Perhaps you recall a favorite brew day, an unforgettable competition, or the moment you first joined the club. We'd love for you to share them with us.

Send your submissions to redearthbrewers@gmail.com and include anything you'd like to share—photos, anecdotes, event highlights, or a few words about how REB has impacted you. Together, we'll showcase the rich history that has kept our community strong and connected.

Looking Ahead—As we head into 2025, we're not just looking back; we're also planning for an even brighter future. With exciting events and projects on the horizon, we can't wait to celebrate this milestone with all of you.

Here's to 15 years of brewing, learning, and friendship—and to many more to come. Cheers to REB!



Let's make a splash at SPLASH! 2025

Andrea and Kayla will be reppin' REB at this Prohibition-era themed bash on March 1st at the Oklahoma Aquarium. Think awesome brews, delicious bites, and a night of fun—all while supporting the Fish Friend's Scholarship Fund.

We're looking for 4-5 brewers to donate one of your amazing beers to pour. If you've got a brew to share, hit us up! Just reach out to anyone on the board to get your spot.

FEBRUARY: STOUT MONTH



Why wait until Stout Day in November? February is the perfect time to indulge in your love for stouts all month long! Rich, roasty, and full-bodied—this is the season to celebrate the dark and delicious. Cheers to Stout Month!

ANNOUNCEMENTS, NEWS & MORE ...

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.

CHECK US OUT!

Follow us for the latest updates, events, and brewing inspiration.

Stay connected and stay informed!





SPRING BREW OFF UPDATES



The [2025 Spring Brew Off \(SBO\)](#) is fast approaching, and we're thrilled to bring together brewers, judges, and beer enthusiasts for another fantastic event! But we can't do it without you—our amazing volunteers. Whether it's helping with registration, managing entries, or assisting with judging, there are plenty of ways for you to get involved and

help make this year's SBO a success.

In addition to our usual fun, we're working hard to bring some great prizes and goodies for our judges and stewards this year. We want to show our appreciation for all your hard work, so get ready for some exciting perks and rewards to make your volunteer experience even more enjoyable!

Stay tuned for more details and volunteer sign-up information in the coming weeks. We can't wait to have you as part of this exciting event!

IMPORTANT DATES FOR SBO:

Feb. 1 – Registration and judging opens

Feb. 8 – Entries open at NOON

March 10-21 – Shipping and drop-off of entries

March 22 – Sorting Day

April 4-12 – Judging & Awards
(Awards ceremony on April 12)

April 13 – BJCP Tasting Exam

It's going to be an exciting time, and we're so excited to have you join us. Whether you're entering a beer, volunteering, or just coming to enjoy the event, we can't wait to see you there!

Raise a Glass to Beertenders!



February 24 is World Bartender (Beertender) Day!

Celebrate the hardworking pros who pour your favorite brews by tipping generously today—and all year long. Cheers!

COMPETITIONS REMINDERS:

Competitions Opening in February:

- [WHO Brews It](#)—Beer
opens Saturday, Feb. 1, at 12 AM
- [Cherry Blossom Festival](#)—Beer
opens Saturday, Feb. 1, at 11 AM
- [Spring Brew Off](#)—Beer, Cider, Mead
opens Saturday, Feb. 8, at 12 PM
- [Boot Brew Festival](#)—Beer
opens Wednesday, Feb. 26, at 12 PM
- [Great Northern Brew-Ha-Ha](#)—Beer, Cider, Mead 🍷
opens Saturday, March 1, at 1 AM

Competition Results Announcing in February:

- [Domras Cup](#)—Mead
ceremony on Saturday, Feb. 1
- [Midwinter Home Brew Comp](#)—Beer, Cider, Mead 🍷
ceremony on Tuesday, Feb. 4
- [Sweethearts Revenge](#)—Beer, Cider, Mead
ceremony Saturday, Feb. 8
- [Bluegrass Cup](#)—Beer, Cider, Mead
ceremony Saturday, Feb. 8
- [Extravaganza!](#)—Beer, Cider, Mead
ceremony Saturday, Feb. 22
- [Kansas City Bier Meisters](#)—Beer, Cider, Mead 🍷🍷
ceremony Saturday, Feb. 22
- [SNAFU Winterfest](#)—Beer, Cider, Mead
ceremony Saturday, March 1

Shipping Due in February:

- [Valkyries Horn](#)—Mead
entries due Friday, Feb. 14
- [SNAFU Winterfest](#)—Beer, Cider, Mead
entries due Saturday, Feb. 15
- [IBU Open](#)—Beer, Cider, Mead 🍷🍷
entries due Friday, Feb. 21
- [Rare Breeds Exhibit](#)—Beer
entries due Monday, Feb. 24
- [Drunk Monk Challenge](#)—Beer, Cider, Mead 🍷
entries due Saturday, March 1

[High Plains Circuit](#)

[Midwest Homebrew Circuit](#)



ENTER THE 2025 NATIONAL HOMEBREW COMPETITION (NHC)



Entries for the 2025 [National Homebrew Competition](#) are officially open! Get your best brews ready for one of the most exciting homebrewing events of the year. The Final Round will take place in Kansas City, making this year's competition a can't-miss opportunity.

IMPORTANT DATES & DETAILS

Entry Registration & Payment: Jan. 28 – Feb. 19
Log in to your AHA account on the Homebrewers Association website to register. Need help with your login? Click "Forgot Username or Password" to reset your details.

Category Changes & Cancellations: Changes are allowed through March 20, subject to availability. Refunds will not be issued after Feb. 19.

Shipping/Drop-Off Windows:
First Round: March – April 2025 (see below)
Final Round: Early to Mid-June 2025 in Kansas City

Entry Fee: \$29 per entry

Eligibility: Entries must be homebrewed beer, mead, or cider. Professional equipment is not allowed—this is a true homebrewing competition.

Categories: Use the 2021 BJCP Guidelines for style definitions. This year, seltzers, kombucha, and other alternative fermentations are excluded.

Entry Requirements:

First Round: Submit two (2) bottles to your selected First Round competition site.
Final Round: Advancing entries require three (3) bottles sent to Kansas City. Further instructions will follow after the First Round.

First Round Locations & Judging Dates

Each Location limited to 750 entries

Chicago: Entries received March 24–28; judging April 11–12

Indianapolis: Entries received March 5–15; judging March 28–29

Longmont, CO: Entries received March 31–April 4; judging April 11–12

New York City: Entries received March 10–13; judging March 21–22

San Diego: Entries received April 14–18; judging April 26–27

Seattle: Entries received April 7–10; judging April 11–12

Tampa: Entries received March 3–8; judging March 21–23

Get Ready to Compete!

For more information and to register, visit the [NHC website](#). Show off your brewing skills and join the excitement of the 2025 NHC!

SUPPORT OTHER HOMEBREW CLUB COMPETITIONS: SIGN UP TO JUDGE!

We're excited to help support other clubs by encouraging our members to sign up as judges for their competitions. Not only does this strengthen connections in the brewing community, but it also ensures we have help when it's time for Spring Brew Off!

Consider a weekend road trip to judge at one of these upcoming events:

Kansas City: Judging runs from Monday, Feb. 17 through Saturday, Feb. 22.

IBU Open in Iowa: Judging starts Monday, March 3 through Saturday, March 8.

Volunteering as a judge is a great way to hone your skills, meet fellow brewers, and give back to the craft beer community. Sign up, hit the road, and make a difference!



Don't Miss Out!

Friendly reminder to [pay your membership dues](#) and stay part of all the club fun. We can't wait to see you at the next event!