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Monthly Newsletter for the Red Earth Brewers

REB Celebrates Victory and 15 Years of Brewing Excellence



Red Earth Brewers is ending 2024 on a high note! Our club has clinched first place in the 2024 Master Homebrewer's Program Circuit of America, pulling ahead of the Kansas City Bier Meisters (KCBM) with an impressive 50-point lead. This incredible victory is a testament to our members' collective passion, skill, and dedication. Each brew, entry, and shipment to competitions across

the country contributed to this achievement, showcasing our shared commitment to excellence in brewing.

Top CoA Brewer of the Year in Our Ranks: The club's success shines even brighter with individual accolades. Chad Medford claimed the prestigious Brewer of the Year title in the 2024 Master Homebrewer's Program Circuit of America. Chad's dedication and talent earned him this top honor. His accomplishment reflects his hard work and the thriving culture of creativity and expertise within Red Earth Brewers.





Chad's Brewer of the Year title is part of a broader club success story. With contributions from 28 different Red Earth Brewers teams, we set a new regular-season point record, surpassing the previous mark set by KCBM in 2023. Multiple members ranked in the Top 100 nationwide and cemented Red Earth Brewers' reputation as one of the premier homebrewing clubs in the country.

Looking Ahead to Our 15th Anniversary: As we enter 2025, Red Earth Brewers is gearing up to celebrate 15 years of brewing excellence. This milestone is an opportunity to reflect on how far we've come and to set our sights on an even brighter future. From local tastings to national competitions, our club has grown into a cornerstone of Oklahoma's homebrewing community.

The year ahead promises to be as exciting as ever, with plans for expanded educational workshops, new competition opportunities, and, of course, plenty of fantastic beer. Our 15th-anniversary celebrations will include special events to honor our history, recognize our achievements, and unite our members for unforgettable experiences.

Stay tuned for announcements about upcoming events, and let's make 2025 another banner year for Red Earth Brewers. Whether you're a seasoned brewer or new to the craft, there's no better time to be part of this extraordinary community. Cheers to 15 years of brewing, learning, camaraderie, and many more to come!

REB CLUB EVENTS:

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| <p> Happy Hour:
Thursday, Jan. 2
6:30–9 PM at Angry Scotsman Brewing</p> | <p> Happy Hour:
Thursday, Feb. 6
6:30–9 PM at Core4 Brewing</p> |
| <p> Club Meeting:
Tuesday, Jan. 21
7–9 PM at Anthem Brewing (No Bottle Share & Special Vote)</p> | <p> Club Meeting:
Tuesday, Feb. 18
7–9 PM at Frenzy Brewing (Homebrew Only)</p> |

REB Special Election at January Meeting

As we move into the new year, the Red Earth Brewers Board of Directors is pleased to announce a special quorum election for the positions of Vice President and Member at Large. This election will take place during our January meeting at Anthem Brewing, and all paid members are encouraged to attend and participate in the vote.

In October, John Smith resigned from his position, which left a vacancy in the officer ranks. Following his resignation, Nick Hartley stepped into the role of President, but left the Vice President position open.

After careful consideration, the board has approved the following nominations:

Kayla Coffey for Vice President (election in 2026)

Kim Hynek for Member at Large, filling the remainder of Kayla Coffey's term (election in 2025)

This is an important opportunity to ensure that our board continues to function smoothly and represent the interests of all REB members. We strongly encourage you to attend the meeting and participate in the election to help shape the future leadership of the club.

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!



As president of Red Earth Brewers, I'm incredibly proud of how far we've come as a homebrewing club since I attended my first meeting in 2015! Our success is because of the involvement of every member, whether you're the social drinker who makes happy hours and meetings or have years of brewing experience. This collective spirit makes Red Earth Brewers such a unique and dynamic community.

Our Board of Directors is essential in guiding the club and ensuring we bring value to all members. But our homebrewers—who share their knowledge, experiment with new styles, and

support one another—are the heart and soul of this club. Together, we've created an environment where learning and passion thrive, and it's been amazing to see the talent level within our ranks.

Looking back at 2024, we have much to celebrate. From our victories in the Circuit of America to our club's overall performance in national competitions, we've earned the recognition of homebrewers nationwide. Other clubs ask, "How did you do it?" and we're proud of that recognition, but we aren't giving away all our secrets.

We're also exploring new ways to support our members and brewers, including investigating ways to help with shipping costs for competitions in the High Plains and Midwest Homebrewers Circuits. The future is bright, and we're excited for what's ahead.

Red Earth Brewer of the Year



This year's recipient is none other than Chad Medford. Chad's hard work and commitment to the craft have not only made him a national champion but also earned him this well-deserved recognition for the second year in a row. Whether it's brewing with precision or helping fellow members elevate their skills, Chad embodies the spirit of Red Earth Brewers.

A last-minute point submission gave Dirk Montgomery second-place honors over Deb and Marc Prichard. Garrett Freeman finished

just outside the top three, and we look forward to seeing the amazing mead creations he comes up with in 2025. And finally, a special shoutout to our rookie brewer, Emerson Heron, who finished 6th during her first year brewing.

Tom Challis Club Member of the Year



This year's Club Members of the Year are Nick and Heather Hartley. The Hartleys have been consistent leaders in our club, always willing to lend a hand, grow educational opportunities, and challenge the club to be better. Their enthusiasm for brewing, education, and involvement in all aspects of club activities makes

them the perfect choice for this honor. The Hartleys embody the community-building spirit that we strive for at Red Earth Brewers.

The Prichards came in second place. A last-minute point submission gave Ken Morris third-place honors over Stephen Polczynski.

In case you need a reason to enjoy a beer!



FRIDAY, JAN. 24

National Beer Can Appreciation Day

This day commemorates the first sale of beer in cans in the United States in 1935.

SATURDAY, JAN. 18

10th Annual Baltic Porter Day



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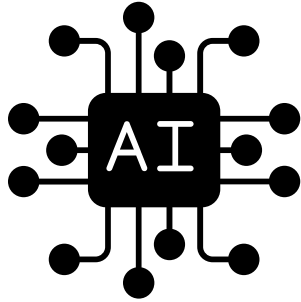
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New Year, New Brew – AI Edition!



It's time to kick off the new year with a brewing challenge like no other. For New Year, New Brew – AI Edition, we're letting the robot overlords decide what you brew. That's right, ChatGPT will determine the style, ingredients, and more for your brew, and you'll follow the directions to create something truly unique. There's still time to join the fun.

Sign up for the NYNB AI Brewing Challenge by filling out the Google Form here: <https://forms.gle/pcpVt9gx7UnVLMPfA>

If you haven't picked your style yet or need a little help, don't worry. Just let Sean McCanne know, and we'll get you set up with a custom brew plan designed by our AI overlords. Whether you're a seasoned brewer or a newbie, this challenge is sure to inspire creativity and some fun experimentation.

Judging for New Year, New Brew will occur at the March Meeting at Stonecloud Brewing.

Spring Brew Off (SBO) is Just Around the Corner!

We're gearing up for the 2025 Spring Brew Off, and **we'll need volunteers** to help make this year's event a success. Look for sign-up information and event details in the coming weeks. It's going to be an exciting time, and we want you to be a part of it.

Important Dates for SBO:

- 🍷 Feb. 1 – Open for registration and judging
- 🍷 Feb. 8 – Entries open at NOON
- 🍷 March 10-21 – Shipping/drop-off of entries
- 🍷 March 22 – Sorting Day
- 🍷 April 4-12 – Judging & Awards (*Awards on April 12*)

Competitions Reminders:

Shipping Due in January:

- 🍷 Sweethearts Revenge
entries due Monday, Jan. 13
- 🍷 Domras Cup
entries due Wednesday, Jan. 15
- 🍷 Midwinter Home Brew Comp
entries due Friday, Jan. 17
- 🍷 Bluebonnet Brew-Off
entries due Saturday, Jan. 25
- 🍷 Bluegrass Cup
entries due Friday, Jan. 31
- 🍷 Extravaganza!
entries due Jan. Friday, 31
- 🍷 Kansas City Bier Meisters
entries due Sunday, Feb. 2



Competitions Opening in January:

- 🍷 Bluebonnet Brew-Off
opens Sunday, Jan. 4, at 3 PM
- 🍷 Drunk Monk Challenge
opens Friday, Jan. 10, at 9 AM
- 🍷 IBU Open
opens Monday, Jan. 20, at 11 AM
- 🍷 National Homebrew Competition
opens Tuesday, Jan. 28, at 12 AM



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KCBM 2024: Club Delivery Info

The Kansas City Bier Meisters (KCBM) competition is coming up! **Entries are due Feb. 2**, and the Hartleys will deliver all club entries received by Jan. 31 at The Brew Shop to KC Bier Co the next day.

Drop-Off Details:

Dates: January 27-31

Location: The Brew Shop (normal business hours)

Important:

Don't package your entries—we'll transport them in bottle boxes.

For lagers or cold brews, drop them off on Jan. 31 for the freshest delivery.

THE RACE IN ON ... for 2025 Brewer of the Year and Club Member of the Year is officially underway. Start racking up those points through competitions and events. Who will rise to the top in 2025? Let's find out!