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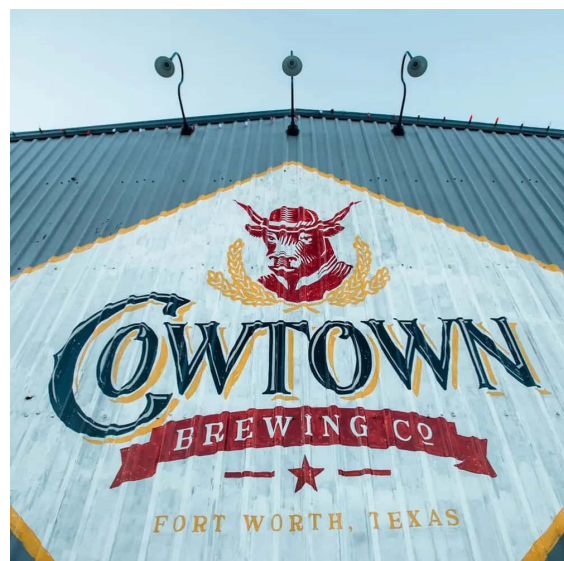


Welcome to the 37th annual Bluebonnet Brew-off! We've changed things up a bit this year with more focus placed on homebrew as this is really a celebration of our hobby.

I am excited about our keynote speaker, Collin Kaminski. His book, co-written with John Palmer, WATER: A Comprehensive Guide for Brewers, has been invaluable to me and my quest to produce the best beer possible in my home brewery.

I want to thank all the volunteers who've spent countless hours preparing for this year's Bluebonnet. The board works year-round to make this one of the biggest and, in my opinion, best homebrew competitions in the world. Our committee members rolled up their sleeves and got all the critical tasks taken care of.

We had multiple people open their homes and businesses for our distributed judging and more than 70 people came out to help with judging. Lastly, I want to thank you, HOME-BREWERS, for keeping our hobby alive with your support of homebrew shops, and your willingness to compete with your beers. Prosit! Walter Hodges 2023 Bluebonnet Director



KEYNOTE SPEAKER AND BENEFACTOR DONOR



Welcome, Colin Kaminski, keynote speaker for the 2023 Bluebonnet Brew-Off. Colin, co-author of *Water: A Comprehensive Guide for Brewers* (Brewers Publications, 2013), discovered brewing while briefly dating a woman with a degree in fermentation science from UC Davis. Using one of his first three batches of homebrew, Kaminski applied and was hired at Beer, Beer and More Beer as a product designer. While there, he designed more than 180 products including their Peltier cooled conical fermenter. In 2003, he became the master brewer at Downtown Joe's Brewery and has brewed more than 800 7bbl batches in nine years as the head of a one-man department. Colin has written on a variety of topics including lutherie, holography, solar astronomy and beer. He was awarded the Beer Writers Guild Feature of the Year Award for his *Brew Your Own* article "Bring on the Heat".





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CONFERENCE SCHEDULE



Friday, March 17

4:30p-6:30p	Registration Desk Open	Hotel Lobby
5:15p	Fort Worth Pub Crawl	Hotel Parking Lot
6:15p	Denton Pub Crawl	Hotel Parking Lot

Saturday, March 18

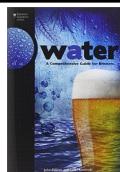
11:00a - 2:00p	Registration Desk Open	Prefunction area
11:00a - 5:00p	Big Thirsty Hospitality Suite open	Prefunction area
11:00a - 12:00p	LSC Committee meeting	Sundance C
12:00p - 1:30p	VIP reception & exotic beer tasting	Sundance A
1:00p - 4:00p	Cigar Clinic	Rear Patio
1:00p - 2:00p	Brewer's Round Table	Sundance B & C
2:00p - 3:00p	Tech talk 1: Brewing Water, Colin Kaminski,	Sundance B&C
3:00p - 4:00p	Tech talk 2 Making Ciders, Patrick Spears,	Sundance B&C
4:00p - 6:00p	Late Registration	Prefunction area
4:00p - 5:00p	Director's Welcome and Keynote Speaker	Sundance B & C
5:00p - 6:00p	Pizza Buffet	Prefunction
6:00p	Stein Hoisting Competition	Sundance Ball Room
6:30p - 8:30p	Awards and Door Prize Drawing	Sundance Ball Room
8:30p - 12:00a	Homebrew Club Showcase	Sundance Ball Room
8:30p - 10:00p	People's Choice Voting	Sundance Ball Room

Brewers' Roundtable

Join a panel of brewing pros sharing wins, misses, best practices, industry evolution, and the cosmos, Moderated by Matt Morriss, who likes to open breweries.



Technical Talks



We are excited to have two experts sharing their knowledge and tips for very different domains.



Colin Kaminski, in addition to his keynote address, will help the brewer understand more deeply the science and chemistry of a beer basic-water.

Patrick Spears is a cofounder of Locust Cider, originally of Washington, and now with locations in Colorado and (yeah!) Fort Worth. He will help brewers expand into cider making.



PLANNING COMMITTEE/BOARD

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BEER LOGIN AND JUDGES



LOG IN LOCATION

Many thanks to James Lallande and Peace Lutheran Church for generously letting Bluebonnet 2023 use the Fellowship Hall to check in beer entries. It was quite the event, “Done by 1:00!”.



Thank you to our Bluebonnet 2023 Judges! This event could not have happened without Head Judge Mike Grover , and with lots of help from James Lallande , Mark McCurdy, Walter Hodges, Matt Morriss, Jarrett Long, North Texas Homebrew Supply, and Mike Grover who hosted judging sessions.

Rudy Acevedo	Erich Gens	Steve Littel	Mark Richards
Harry Anderson	Leroy Gharis	Dave Littleton	Jonathan Rollins
Stephen Ballantyne	Just Dave Girard	Amanda Long	Miles Rollins
John Bates	Mike Grover	Jarrett Long	Steve Russell
Garry Beckham	Richard Harris	Brandon Martin	Brian Schoolcraft
Melinda Beyer	Jorge Hernandez	Mark McCurdy	Charlie Scudder
Rodrigo Blanquet	Carlos Herrera	Timothy McGrath	Anupam Singhal
Rachael Brasovan	Douglas Hicks	Tim Mercer	John Skelton
Steve Brown	Walter Hodges	Kevin Meyer	James Smith
Marqus Burluson	Einar Jonsson	Eric Morgan	Bob Sumien
Erga David	Karl King	Matt Morriss	John Sutton
James Dorman	Jamison Kirmser	Reni Morriss	Alf Syftestad
James Duke	Tierney Klee	Stacy Myers	Mike Treadway
Michael Dwyer	James Klee	Nathan Newcomb	Kimberly Truesdell
Scott Eppelman	James Lallande	Terry Olinger	Sean Vreeland
Marcio Fazzani	Kyle LaPointe	Matt Parulis	Stephen Wesstrom
Barry Forrest	William Lawrence	Travis Pollan	Matt Wilson
Steven Franks	Anthony Lenart	Randy Ranci	Collin Zreet

Best of Show Judges: Matt Morriss (Three Wide Brewing), Clifton Ellis (Edgewise Eight Brewing), Collin Zreet (Funky Picnic Brewing), Kyle LaPointe, Brandon Martin Matt Wilson,.

Amoretta





AWARDS

Category Winners:

All first place category winners will receive a commemorative stein and a first place medal. Second and third place winners will receive a medal.

Best of Show:

There will be a first place best of show for beer and a first place best of show for mead and cider. Each winner will receive a special award.

Brewers of the Year (Individual and Team) The homebrewer accumulating the most placement points for Individually submitted entries from categories 51 – 88 will be recognized as the Bluebonnet Homebrewer of the Year. Points are awarded as follows:

1st place – 3 points; 2nd place – 2 points; 3rd place – 1 point., The homebrew team accumulating the most placement points for a named team's submitted entries from categories 51 – 88 will be recognized as the Bluebonnet Homebrew Team of the Year. Points are awarded as follows: 1st place – 3 points; 2nd place – 2 points; 3rd place – 1 point

The Bluebonnet Trophy: The Homebrew Club receiving the most placement points, both from Individually and Team submitted entries on behalf of the Club, in categories 51-93, will be awarded the Bluebonnet Cup. In case of a Tie, the tie breakers will be in the following order: Most 1st place winners, then most 2nd place winners, then most 3rd place winners. A coin toss will settle any further tie.

BBO Peoples' Choice Voting will be done by all in attendance at the home brew tasting event following the awards ceremony. Each attendee will vote for their favorite **club**, using colored poker chips, based on the quality of the beers served by that club. To avoid bias toward the larger clubs, club members will not be permitted to vote for their own club. Be sure to taste the offerings and cast your vote in the first hour of the homebrew tasting. Winners will be announced once voting is complete.

BBO Pro-Am Brewing

Starting in 2015, local professional brewers have selected among Best of Show entrants to brew a stein winning beer on a commercial scale. The "amateurs" find it very rewarding to have the opportunity to scale their recipe up and see it served at brewery tap rooms for all to enjoy

North Texas Homebrew Circuit: The North Texas Homebrew Circuit is homebrew competition circuit promoting and assisting the local North Texas Homebrew Clubs with their Homebrew Competitions. The Homebrewer of the year and Team of the year awards are sponsored by the Bluebonnet Brewoff and will be presented at the following year's Bluebonnet Brewoff Awards ceremony. Events include the Celtic Brewoff (Knights of the Brown Bottle), Spirit of '76 (Horsemen of the Hopocalypse), Limbo Challenge (N. Texas Homebrewers Association), O'Zapaf Is (Cap and Hare), Redcoat Challenge (Denton County Homebrewers Guild), Belgian Drafthorse (Horsemen of the Hopocalypse), Santa Bee (Cap and Hare).

Lone Star Circuit: The mission of the Lone Star Circuit is to actively promote and support the homebrew clubs, contests, and homebrewers of Texas." These awards will be announced at the end of the Dixie Cup Competition for the accumulation of points for the competition year: "Lone Star Homebrewer of the Year" for the single homebrewer that earns the most total points for the competitions; "Lone Star Homebrew Team of the Year" for the homebrew team that earns the most total points for the competitions; and "Lone Star Homebrew Club of the Year" for the homebrew club that earns the most total points for the competitions. The competitions included in the Lone Star Circuit are Bluebonnet Brew-off, Lunar Rendezbrew, Belgian Brew Brawl, KGB Big Batch Brew Bash, Alamo City Cerveza Fest, Operation Fermentation. Austin Homebrew Inquisition, Limbo Challenge, Spirit of '76, and Dixie Cup.

The points will be awarded as follows: 3-2-1 points will be awarded 1st-2nd-3rd place medals respectively (the KGB competition will be an exception awarding points as 8-6-4-2-1 for 1st-2nd-3rd-1st HM-2nd HM as long as it remains single style). Also, non-standard style categories will not receive points such as "wine and liquor" at Lunar Rendezbrew, "New Entrants" at Bluebonnet and Dixie Cup, and "Special Categories" at Dixie Cup. Ties are allowed; there are no tie-breakers. See <http://www.lonestarcircuit.com> .

BLUEBONNET AWARD HISTORY



Homebrewer of the Year Winners

1999 Tim Nagode
2000 Wes & Nancy Sampson, Mark A. Wedge
2001 Wes & Nancy Sampson
2002 Richard Dobson
2003 James Paige
2004 Mike Heniff
2005 Dennis Evans
2006 Richard Dobson
2007 Richard Dobson
2008 Richard Dobson
2009 Jeff Oberlin
2010 Jeff Oberlin
2011 Jeff Oberlin
2012 Mark Shoppe
2013 David Rogers
2014 David Rogers
2015 Jeff Oberlin
2016 Jeff Oberlin
2017 Jeff Oberlin
2018 David Rogers
2019 Fred David
2020 Jeff Oberlin
2021 David Rogers
2022 Mark Rendon

Team Homebrewers of the Year

2010 - David and Michelle Darity
2011 - Dave and Michelle Darity
2012 - J&J Brewcrew
2013 - Jeff Poirot & Thomas Anderson
2014 - Sean Vreeland and Mike Treadway
2015 - Pete Walden and Greg Etzel
2016 - Sean Vreeland and Mike Treadway
2017 - Mike Treadway and Sean Vreeland
2018 - Clifton, Colten and Barney Ellis
2019 - Jeff Poirot and Nicholas McCoy
2020 - Sean Vreeland and Mike Treadway
2021 - Jeff Poirot and Nicholas McCoy
2022 - Sean Vreeland and Mike Treadway

Lifetime Achievement Award

2011 “Just Dave” Girard, Steve Wesstrom
2012 Steve Hacker, Kelly Harris
2013 Brian Schoolcraft, Rob Stenson,
Mark Wedge
2014 Richard Dobson, Sue David,
Jane Dobson, Carolyn Hacker
2015 Fred David, Don Trotter,
Brad Berven, Jamison Kirmser
2016 James Dorman
2017 Matt Wilson
2018 Mike Grover
2019 Steve Brown, Vicki Brown
2020 Jimmy Orkin
2021 James Lallande
2022 Danny Kocurek

Best of Show Winners

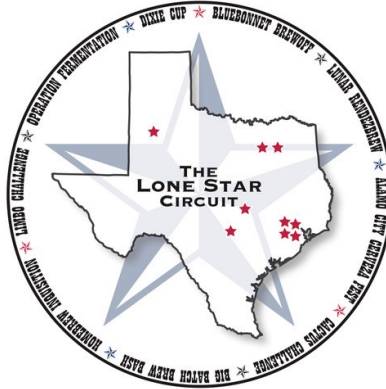
1999 Robert Wietor
2000 Jim Layton
2001 Richard Dobson
2002 Bob Carbone
2003 Beer Steve Haney
2003 Mead/Cider Richard Dobson
2004 Beer Mike Heniff
2004 Mead/Cider Kurt & Kathy Stock
2005 Beer Dean Domec
2005 Mead/Cider Kelly Harris
2006 Beer Rob Kolacny
2006 Mead/Cider Mark A. Wedge
2007 Beer Jonathan Goudy
2007 Mead/Cider Chris Owen
2008 Beer Jason Lyon
2008 Mead/Cider Michael White
2009 Beer Darryl Kochaniec
2009 Mead/Cider Richard Dobson
2010 Beer Philip Rose
2010 Mead/Cider John Jurgensen
2011 Beer Tony Tielli
2011 Mead/Cider Cesar Gonzalez
2012 Beer Mike Haws
2012 Mead/Cider Mike Haws
2013 Beer Lee Friske
2013 Mead/Cider Jeff Reilly
2014 Beer Sean Vreeland/Mike Treadway
2014 Mead/Cider Jeff Oberlin
2015 Beer David Toups
2015 Mead/Cider Jeff Oberlin
2016 Beer Grant Chandler
2016 Mead Jeff Oberlin
2017 Beer Karl King
2017 Mead Cindy Oberlin
2018 Beer Janine Weber
2018 Mead Cindy Oberlin
2019 Beer Eric Heinz and Kyle Autry
2019 Mead Jeff Oberlin
2020 Beer Mike Rendon
2020 Mead Jeff Oberlin
2021 Perry Cindy Oberlin
2021 Beer Karl King
2022 Beer Keith Wright
2022 Mead Matthew Mead

Pro-Am Brews

2015 David Toups American Amber “ProAm(ber)
with Pro Rabbit Hole
2016 Brian Schoolcraft Eisbock “School of Bock”
with Pro Rabb it Hole
Robert Brown Schwarzier “Skroob’s Black Lager”
with Pro Rabbit Hole
2018 Justin Holman “Comrade Snark” Russian Imperial Stout
with Pro Rabbit Hole
2019 Phillip Verdiek “Gose Encounters” with Pro Rabbit Hole
2020 Gary Bruns “Black Forest II” Schwarzbier
with Pro Hop Fusion
2021 Douglas Hicks with a Biere de Garde (pro Hop Fusion)
Robert Brown with an American Porter (Cowtown Brewing)



LONE STAR CIRCUIT



Big Batch Brew Bash



Homebrew Inquisition



NORTH TEXAS HOMEBREW CIRCUIT



BELGIAN DRAFT HORSE
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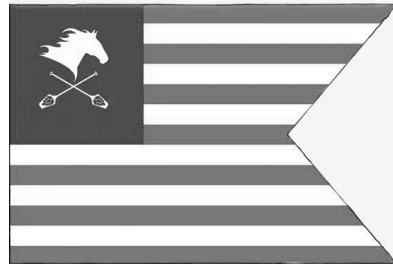
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CHALLENGE

Hosted by Denton County Homebrewers Guild

SPiRiT OF '76



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German Homebrew Competition



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ple places.

Denton
Drop off at Courthouse/
Town Square, multiple
choices in walking dis-
tance. Food available in multiple
places.

Buses depart from hotel parking

Lot Friday

Fort Worth 5:15

Denton 6:15



The Guardian's Woodshop, of Burleson, TX, has donated a very unusual and bespoke wooden door prizes. Interest piqued? Buy lots of door prize tickets to maximize your chances of snagging an awesome brewday accessory!



Door Prizes— The two paths:
We had so many high interest high dollar
donations this year, so we are having two
door prize pools: Regular fun stuff, and
BIG fun stuff. Regular tix \$1 each, major
stuff tix \$5 each





BREW HOUND



Maisie is the shop dog and PR hound. She started filling in for Clyde in December of 2016 when she showed up at the shop and we weren't able to find her home. She's here nearly every day during the week, occasionally on the weekend, and she's pretty awesome! She's the greeter and she cleans up any spilled grain for me.

Christopher Bart

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LAKWOOD *Brewing*



Lakewood Brewing Company was founded in 2011, but the inspiration behind our family-owned craft brewery began long ago. I was born in Belgium and moved to North Texas when I was 7 years old. Growing up, we took regular trips to visit family in Belgium which led to a great appreciation for the craftsmanship and unique flavors found in beer. I graduated from SMU in Dallas when craft beer was still in its infancy. My beer journey began with the search for a taste from Belgium here in Texas. That search led me to discover American craft breweries that were pushing beer boundaries. During that time I moved to East Dallas and found a part of the city that is full of creative people putting their energy back into the community. From the classic Art Deco Lakewood Theater, to over the top block parties, I fell in love with this invigorated neighborhood, and the vibe that came with it. It wasn't long before I dove head first into home-brewing and after the first few brews, the train had left the station and there was no turning back.

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Chase and Austin founded TexMalt in 2015 to become a part of the industry they appreciate so much. As they both often explain when asked why they started a malt house- “Texas craft beer and spirits deserve and should demand high quality, locally farmed and malted grains. Currently, the only thing local about most of these products is the water they use.”

TexMalt’s mission is to partner with breweries, distilleries, and farmers to produce quality malted grains. These efforts help provide the farming community with a new cash crop, as well as put the “local” in craft beer and spirits.



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We are thrilled that they have donated 2 - 5 Liter Oak barrel with stand, with the Bluebonnet Logo burned on one side.

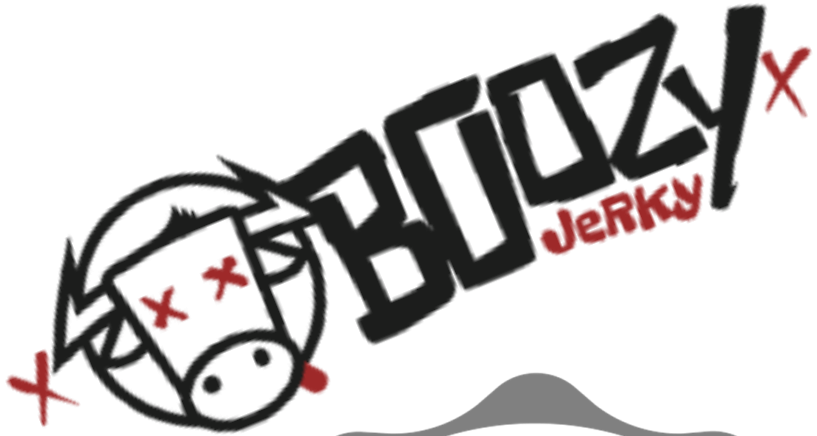


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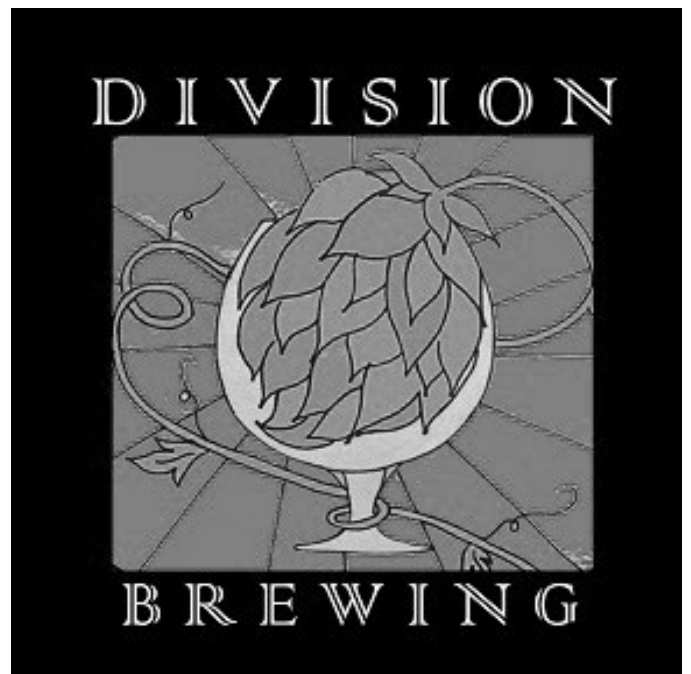
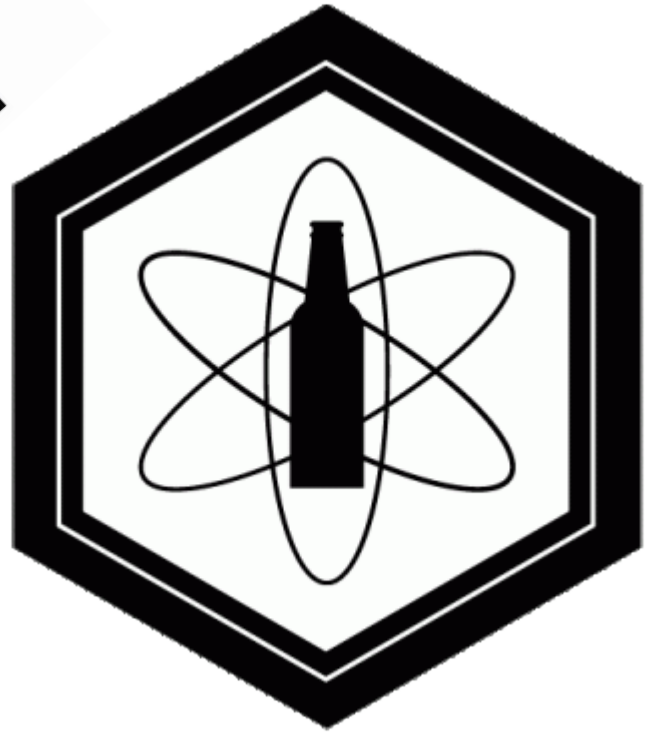
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As they have for many years, Texas Brewing Inc./Pro Brew Supply served as the shipping location for entries from near and far. Many thanks!



Thank you BrewHound, North Texas Homebrew Supply, and Kettle to Keg for letting locals drop off entries at your great HB supply stores!

