





DIRECTOR'S WELCOME



Welcome to the 38th annual Bluebonnet Brew-off!

The dedication to homebrewing continues strong from last year, evident in the exceptional quality of entries this time around. I'm thrilled about our keynote speaker, Carvin Wilson. He's the mastermind behind the Mazer Cup, the world's premier mead competition, and a true heavy-weight in the mead universe. Big shoutout to all the volunteers who've poured endless hours into making this year's Bluebonnet a success. Our board tirelessly works year-round to elevate this event into one of the planet's top-tier homebrew competitions. Massive thanks to our committee members for tackling all the crucial tasks with gusto. We've had generous folks opening their homes and businesses for distributed judging, and over 85 enthusiasts lending a hand with the judging process. And of course, a heartfelt thank you to all you HOMEBREWERS out there. Your unwavering support for homebrew shops and your passion for competition keep our hobby thriving. Cheers! Nate Newcomb, 2024 Bluebonnet Director

KEYNOTE SPEAKER



Carvin is a mead advocate, winning over 100 awards and competing in mead competitions. He travels across the country speaking about mead-making techniques, honey, and how to enjoy mead. Carvin organizes the Mazer Cup, the largest mead competition in the United States. He is also a beekeeper! He is a BJCP-certified beer and mead judge and has attended numerous mead-making courses at UC Davis. He served in the Marines and resides in Mesa, AZ, with his lovely wife Robin, four kids, five grandkids, and two dogs!

CONFERENCE SCHEDULE



March 22 4-9p	Big Thirsty Hospitality Suite	Prefunction area
March 22 7-8:30p	Trivia at Big Thirsty	
March 22 4:30p-6:30p	Registration Desk Open	Hotel Lobby
March 22 5:30p	Beer & Food Pairing bus departs	Hotel Parking Lot
March 22 5:45p	Fort Worth Pub Crawl departs	Hotel Parking Lot
March 22 6:30p	Denton Pub Crawl departs	Hotel Parking Lot
March 23 11:00a-2:00p	Registration Desk Open	Prefunction area
March 23 11:00a-5:00p	Big Thirsty Hospitality Suite	Prefunction area
March 23 12:00p-1:30p	VIP reception and exotic beer tasting	Sundance A
March 23 1:00p-4:00p	Cigar Clinic	Rear Patio
March 23 2:00p-3:00p	Technical talk: Meadmaking with Carvin Wilson	
	Sundance B & C	
March 23 4:00p-6:00p	Late Registration	Prefunction area
March 23 4:00p-5:00p	Director's Welcome and Keynote Speaker	
	Sundance B & C	
March 23 5:00p-6:00p	Pizza Buffet	Prefunction Area
March 23 6:00p	Steinholding Competition	Sundance Ball Room
March 23 6:30p-8:30p	Awards and Door Prize Drawing	Sundance Ball Room
March 23 8:30p-12:00a	Homebrew Club Showcase	Sundance Ball Room
March 23 8:30p-10:00p	People's Choice Voting	Sundance Ball Room

Technical Talk

We are excited to have Carvin Wilson. Carvin organizes the Mazer Cup, the premiere national mead competition. He has also been named Meadmaker of the Year at National Homebrew Competition several times. Carvin will share his hard earned lessons on crafting, caring for, and showcasing a wide variety of meads. He has lots of opinions about mead judging. Ask him how many honeys he has.

Stein Holding Competition

Many thanks to Hop and Sting Brewery (Grapevine TX) for filling the beer steins for the steinholding competition.

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BEER LOGIN AND JUDGES



LOG IN LOCATION

Many thanks to James Lallande and Peace Lutheran Church for generously letting Bluebonnet 2024 use the Fellowship Hall to check in beer entries.



Thank you to our Bluebonnet 2024 Judges! This event could not have happened without Head Judge James Lallande, Mark McCurdy, Jarrett Long, North Texas Homebrew Supply, who hosted judging sessions.

Harry F Anderson	Mike Grover	Mark McCurdy	Steve Russell
Steve Ballantyne	Joshua Hayes	Brandon Melton	Fritz Schanz
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Bryce DeShazo	James Klee	Scott Mullis	Alf Syftestad
James Duke	James Lallande	Stacy Myers	Angi Thomas
Dianne Duke	Mark Lane	Nate Newcomb	Ronnie Tiner
Michael Dwyer	William Lawrence	Terry Olinger	Mark Rendon
Sylvia Eyster	Steve Littel	Jimmy Orkin	Mike Treadway
Marcio Fazzani	Dave Littleton	Nicole Pena	Kimberly Truesdell
Nathan Fenster	Amanda Long	Travis Pollan	Sean Vreeland
Barry Forrest	Jarrett Long	Randy Rancier	Steve Wesstrom
Christopher Galletto	Keith Marius	Jerry Richard	Matt Wilson
Amanda Garland	Brandon Martin	Jonathan Rollins	Collin Zreet
Erich Gens	Jonathan Marut		

Best of Show Judges: Matt Morriss (Three Wide Brewing), Clifton Ellis (Edgewise Eight Brewing), Kyle LaPointe (Texas Foothills Distillery/Brewery/Winery), Mike Grover, Carlos Herrera (Texas Longhouse Meadery), Vicki Brown





ENTRY DROP OFF PARTNERS

Many thanks to the partners who served as shipping destination and dropoff/pickup locations. Bluebonnet Brewoff could not exist without your gracious agreement to handle what adds up to three pallets of beer in case boxes!



SAD FAREWELL TO NGBC



The impact my first Bluebonnet had on me years ago cannot be measured; nor can the importance of the community I found in my club, Cap and Hare, and the home-brewing world as a whole. Every detail, every trick, every creative idea; all of it culminated in opening NGBC. And although that particular dream may be ending, my passion for the art and science of brewing will never fade. Thank you all for what you have taught and continue to teach me.
Stan

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
2023 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
2023 Damon Lacey and Jason Jo y

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
2023 Kyle LaPointe

Best of Show Winners

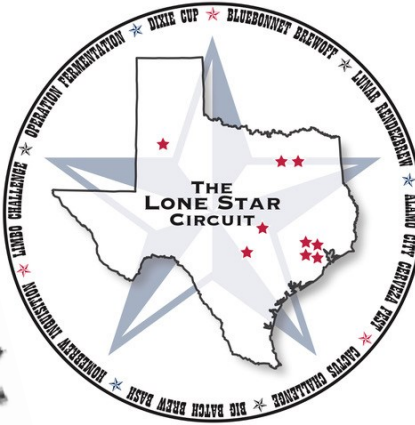
1999 Robert Wietor
2000 Jim Layton
2001 Richard Dobson
2002 Bob Carbone
2003 Beer Steve Haney
2003 Mead/Cider Richard Dobson
2004 Beer Mike Heniff
2004 Mead/Cider Kurt & Kathy Stock
2005 Beer Dean Domec
2005 Mead/Cider Kelly Harris
2006 Beer Rob Kolacny
2006 Mead/Cider Mark A. Wedge
2007 Beer Jonathan 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 Mark Rendon
2020 Mead Jeff Oberlin
2021 Perry Cindy Oberlin
2021 Beer Karl King
2022 Beer Keith Wright
2022 Mead Matthew Mead
2023 Beer David Rogers
4 Mead Cindy Oberlin

Pro-Am Brews

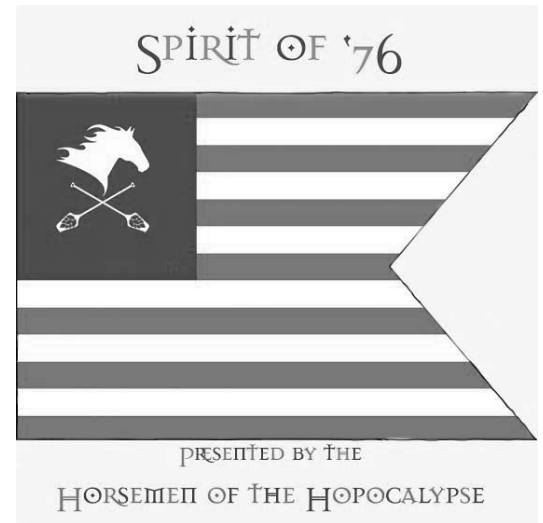
2015 David Toups American Amber "ProAm(ber)
with Pro Rabbit Hole
2016 Brian Schoolcraft Eisbock "School of Bock"
with Pro Rabbit Hole Brewing
Robert Brown Schwarzier "Skroob's Black Lager"
with Pro Rabbit Hole Brewing
2018 Justin Holman "Comrade Snark" Russian Imperial Stout
with Pro Rabbit Hole Brewing
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



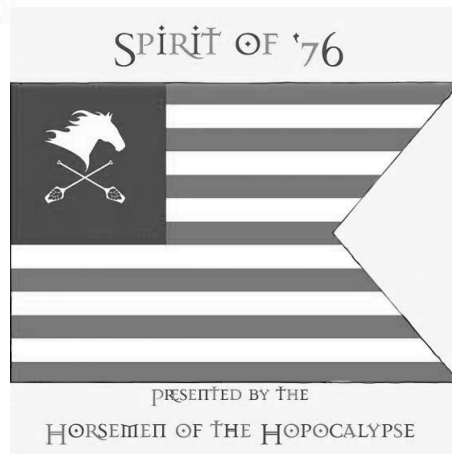
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NORTH TEXAS HOMEBREW CIRCUIT





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Fort Worth: Depart from lobby 6:00
Drop off at Funky Picnic, multiple choices
in walking distance. Food available multi-
ple places.

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We had so many high interest high dollar
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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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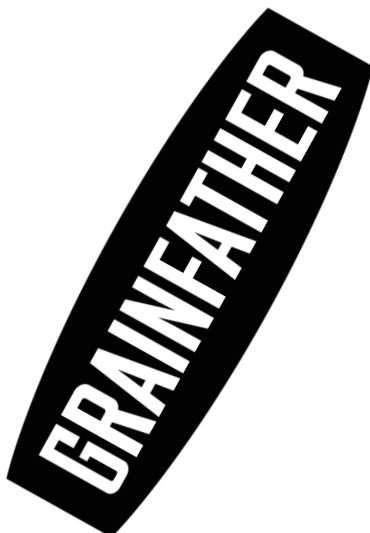
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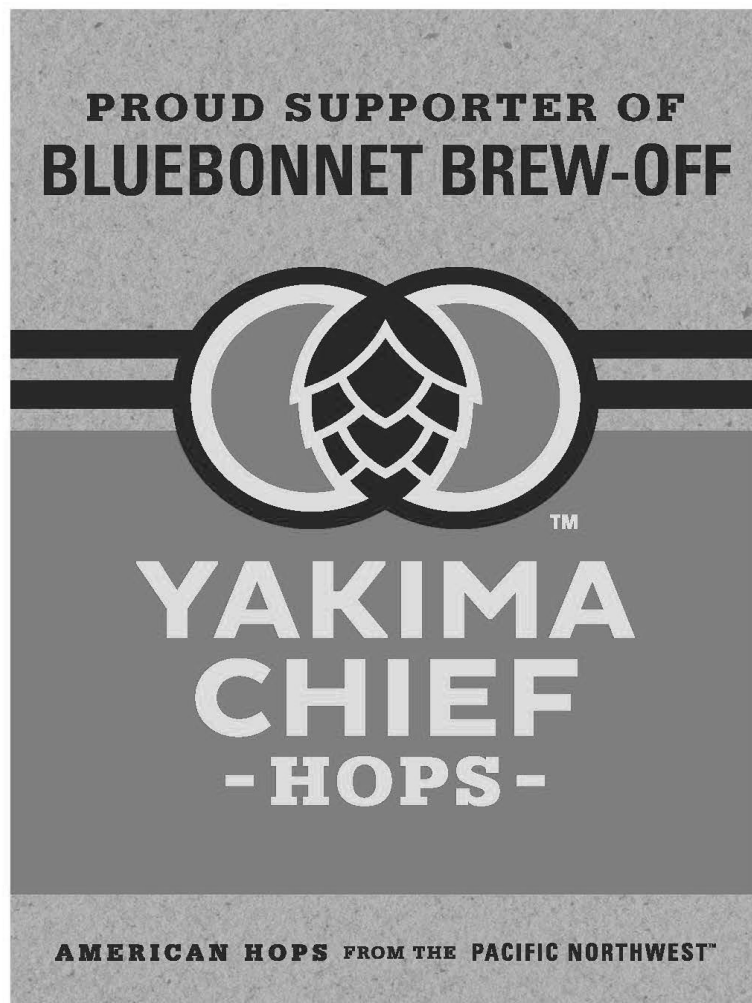
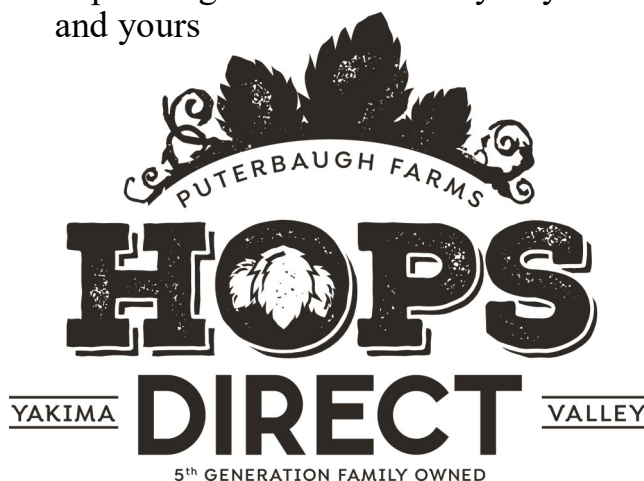


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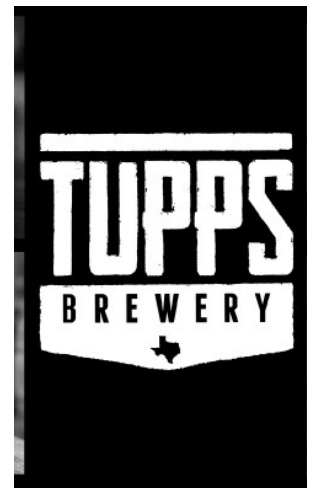
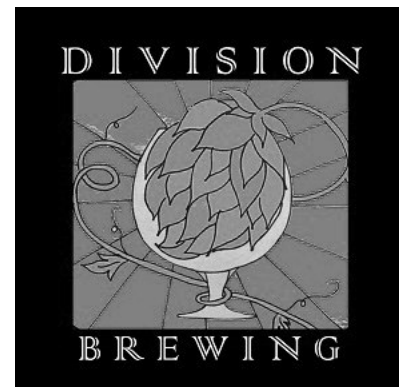


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