



# THE KGB FILES

The Official Newsletter Of The Kuykendahl Gran Brewers Homebrew Club

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## EDICTS FROM THE CZAR

BY ED CONDON (CZAR@THEKGB.ORG)

What a SteakOut meeting. Pam Wall provided a wonderful setting for the meeting and was a great host for the party, I mean meeting. Thanks a lot Pam. A big thank you to Simon "SwampAss" Spiller for bringing his 20 ton grill (at least that's what it felt like unloading it) and grilling all the steaks and whatever for the masses. Sorry Simon had previous commitments and had to leave early but most of all I'm sorry he wasn't able to help out with that keg of Optimator, I know it was a SwampAss kind of beer. Speaking of the Optimator I want to give one more thank you to Britt McFarland who provided the keg to the KGB. Britt is a new KGB member and works for C. R. Goodman Distributors. If you have any questions about what good beers are available in the Houston area, talk to Britt, he's got the answers. Between the Optimator and another outstanding lineup of BOM beers lined up by Commissar Brewski Jonathan I hope nobody went away wanting more beer. Oh I forgot about the keg of Imperial Oatmeal Stout in the back of Comrade Chris M's. truck which seemed to have a small crowd standing around sampling most of the evening. I hope a good time was had by all.

Congratulations to Ed Howell and Joe Neal for capturing 1<sup>st</sup> place in the 2005 KGB Brew Challenge. From what I heard from the judges they won hands down. As hard as it is to do I also want to congratulate Tasha for taking 2<sup>nd</sup> place

in the competition. For those who don't know Tasha is Has Been Czar Don and Roberta's dog. The reason it is so hard to congratulate her is that this is the second year in a row that I have been pushed to 3<sup>rd</sup> place by a dog. I am not bitter however I have been trying to line up a time that I can brew with Tasha to pick up some of her brewing tricks.

Our next competition is going to be the "Double Agent" where an experienced and novice brewer will together brew the style chosen by last years winners. Brian Ellis was the experienced brewer on last years winning team and he has decided this year the style will be an ALT Beer. The beers will be judged at the September meeting. I will email everyone with details and post it on the forum in the near future.

This has been another pretty full month of KGB gatherings. To start with every Tuesday for the past six or 8 weeks we have had a nice little gathering of KGB Comrades at BJ's North for the Belgian Glass night. As I write this it will be my first Tuesday in a long time I don't have plans to make it to BJ's. I think Czarina Merry is fairly happy about this, she was starting to not see the humor in me coming home with a handful of new Belgian glasses every week. BTW this function was sponsored by Comrade Britt McFarland of C. R. Goodman who gave away a lot of Belgian mirrors, lights and other items to some of the participants of the Belgian Glass Night. Hopefully BJ's will get



E-Bay, here comes the KGB. There has been the Virgin Mary in a grilled cheese sandwich, American Idol Carrie Underwood on Toast, well now we have the devils face in a glass. Starting bid for *Devil in the Glass* - \$100.00

something going to replace Belgian Glass night. Also this month, we had 1<sup>st</sup> round judging for the AHA 2005 Home Brew Competition. I am proud to say that my Ginger beer advanced to the 2<sup>nd</sup> round which will be held at the National Homebrewers Conference in Baltimore on June 16<sup>th</sup> and 17<sup>th</sup>. There are over 4100 entries in the competition this year so getting a medal there would really make me proud. Then there was "First Sunday" this one was at Two Rows. For those who made it there we were welcomed to a pleasant surprise, \$1 Two Row pints. Hard to beat a deal like that one. The other big function for the month was National Home

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## Big Batch Brew Bash



Sunday,  
June 5, 1:30 PM

Saint Arnold's  
2522 Fairway Park  
Dr.

See map at  
[www.thekgb.org](http://www.thekgb.org)

# EDICTS FROM THE CZAR

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Brew Day. If I remember correctly there were 14 rigs set up and there was 110 gallons of beer brewed. Rob Whatstrom and his soon to be wife Jennifer were there brewing a mystery beer with a ton of hops, looking forward to trying that one. RC Tim White and myself assisted by Czarina Merry brewed a fine Kolsch. We did have several KGB Comrades come by and make sure we didn't go thirsty while we were brewing and offered a ton of moral support. I tell

you using that St. Arnold yeast is a good thing. Brewed on May 7<sup>th</sup>, starting gravity of 1.056. Racked to secondary on May 12<sup>th</sup>, gravity was down to 1.012. Kegged on May 23<sup>rd</sup>, FG 1.009. Pretty tasty, I'll bring some to the Big Batch Brew Bash if there is any left.

No June meeting but I do hope to see you all at St. Arnold Brewery on June 5<sup>th</sup> for the 10<sup>th</sup> Annual Big Batch Brew Bash. We are expecting a lot of entries in this Porter competition and we will need

all the judges and stewards as we can get. Please show up early and be ready to start judging at 10:00 am sharp. If you can't make it to judge, the fun and festivities (Beer) will start at 1:30. Bring your friends and neighbors that have an interest in good beer and or home brewing, they will have a blast.

On a final note I would like to congratulate Minister of War Scott Teeter and his wife Sandi on their recent marriage (on National Home Brew Day no less). Please join me in

wishing them much happiness for many years to come.



RC Tim and Czar Ed brewing on National Home Brew Day. Yes the Czar recruited an assistant to do the hard work.

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# RUBLE COLLECTOR'S REPORT

BY TIM WHITE (RUBLECOLLECTOR@THEKGB.ORG)

**O**n the eve of the Memorial Day weekend, I am reminded of the sacrifices made by brave soldiers on battlefields around the world and I am thankful. My thoughts and prayers as well as my heartfelt gratitude are with the soldiers who have served our country as well as those who are currently in the service. God bless America.

Chairman of the Big Batch Brew Batch (BBBB), Has-Been Czar (HBC) Don Sajda, met at his house last month to insure that all details are addressed so that this event will surpass all expectations. As you all know, raffle ticket sales at the BBBB provide a big financial boost to the club and sales are increased by attendance at the event. SO, BRING A FRIEND AND BUY LOTS OF TICKETS!!

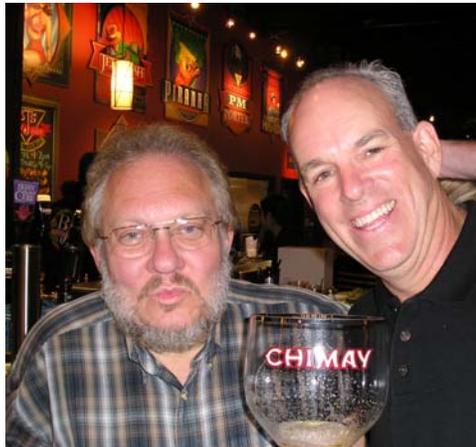
have food for those participating in the judging and stewarding of the competition as well as available to the general public attending the award ceremony and raffle. Comrade Alex Terronez has volunteered to perform the cooking and serving but help is always welcome. Contact the Czar if you're interested in helping.



RC Tim supervises Comrade Chris Rich at National Homebrew Day. "You missed a spot."

TABC (Texas Alcoholic Beverage Commission) Seller/Server Certification for serving beer is available on the internet for \$25. It's a four hour course that you can take while multi-tasking surfing the internet, so it's not a total waste of time. There are some good things that you'll learn in the process; however, there wasn't any instruction as to how to pour beer into a glass... I think everyone reading this already has experience in that anyway. Why is this important you ask? Because the Czar wants to see more Comrades pouring beer at the weekly St. Arnold Brewing tour wearing the KGB colors!! Therefore, for Comrades who take the TABC training and agree to wear the KGB colors while pouring at the Saturday tour, a \$5 rebate will be given!! So, who will be the first Comrade to take advantage of this offer?? Oh, and as a volunteer at St. Arnold Brewing, you will be in the inner circle of St. Arnold's volunteer events...

FOOD for the BBBB... we will



Has-Been Czar Don Sajda demonstrates his puckering prowess, a talent that has served him well.

TICKETS ARE GOING... for Belgian Blow-Out III (BBO III). See, e-mail, call or Forum post me if you want to get a ticket to this special, limited entry club function scheduled for September 3, 2005. The cost for attending is \$25 for members in good standing, \$30 for guests. See the website [www.thekgb.org](http://www.thekgb.org) for more details.

A closing reminder... as a Comrade in good standing of the KGB, you are entitled to brew a "free" batch of beer at the Brew Stop on a monthly basis (talk with Ken for details

[www.brewstop.com](http://www.brewstop.com) and remember to bring propane). You also get cash discounts at BJ's Brewhouse, Flying Saucer and several other places. On the financial front, we have a positive balance in the coffers as well as an incredible supply of shirts, glasses (pint and really cool 3 ounce Obreal sampling) and pottery mugs. Check out the website [www.thekgb.org](http://www.thekgb.org) for prices and pictures!

Hail the Czar!! Ruble Collector Tim



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# BEER OF THE MONTH

BY JONATHAN GOUDY (COMMISSARBREWSKI@THEKGB.ORG)

Greetings Comrades!

I must say that we have a truly dynamic club! It is constantly changing, and every meeting it seems like something is just a little different. Pam Wall hosted one of my most memorable KGB meetings yet. Let me reminisce for a moment for those who couldn't attend (*Cue the dreamy harp music*) ... It all started when Britt McFarland (from C.R. Goodman distributors - See

*the list page 6, and buy their beers!*) brought a keg of Spaten Optimator for all to enjoy along side of my own delicately hopped-up MaiBock that had been sitting in my lagering fridge for five months (driving me crazy). To top it off, that "zany" Czar Hop-Ed brought a Brown Ale with the "Hop-Monster" attached to it. All this to go with a steak (I brought a Ribeye) grilled to perfection by HBGS Simon! After the judging was complete from the KGB Brew

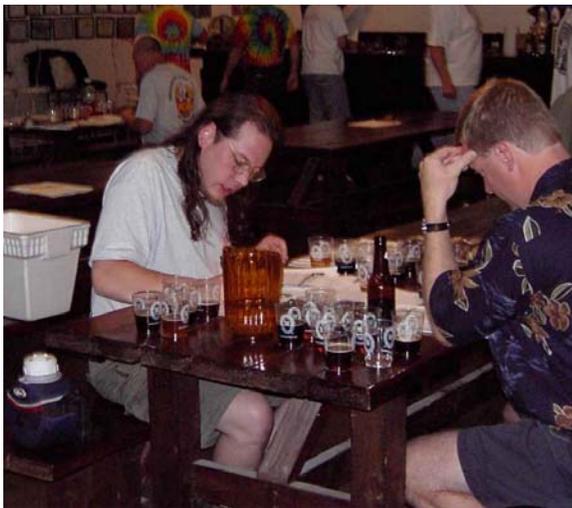
Challenge, I was called to duty to serve the BOM. This is the part that was different than any other BOM in the past, in that the discussion on Melanoidins was much more low-key. Everybody was able to spread out a little, and still get served the BOM beers without having to crowd the table. This would have been impossible for me to accomplish by myself. So I send a huge "Thank You" to MOW Scott, Chris Mittel, The Czar, MOT Jamie, and others who made it all work this last month to pull off that massive BOM in style! I liked this quieter and more open BOM better, so as long as I can get a bit of help serving, I would like to continue doing it this way in the future.

only have to sample one style of beer in two subcategories. This will let you concentrate more on your palate than reading a bunch of guidelines. You can familiarize yourself with the style, and just...taste. This is the fun part!...you know...tasting beer? You just look, smell, and taste...and just write what you notice. Easy! I hope that you give it a shot.

This is going to be an easy month for your Brewski, since I don't have a BOM to host. I am planning on spending time with the family, as well as getting back to the all important task of brewing beer. My fermentation fridge is still busy at the moment, but I am planning on brewing two batches before the end of June. I could be persuaded to brew outside of my little "Skeeter Hawk" brewery, so if you want to initiate a brew-in somewhere, drop me a line at [CommissarBrewski@TheKGB.org](mailto:CommissarBrewski@TheKGB.org) so we can work something out if you want to brew together. Watch the Brewski Cellars for up-and-coming brew-ins.

So now that we know what was, let's move on to what will be...The **Big Batch Brew Bash!** I imagine after you have gotten to this point in the newsletter, you have already heard from my fellow officers about how fun it is to go to and all that...so I won't push this anymore. What I would like to talk about is the judging part of it. This is probably the best place to go to find out what it is like to judge. I say this because you

CB Jonathan 



CB Jonathan Goudy showing that he know his beer as he judges for the National Homebrew Competition

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# OVERHEARD IN THE WAR ROOM

BY SCOTT TEETER (MINISTEROFWAR@THEKGB.ORG)

National Homebrew Day was May 7<sup>th</sup>. While I was busy getting married, I am sure several of you were brewing some excellent beers. National Homebrew Day is always a great learning opportunity for all. A special thanks to St. Arnold's for hosting a brew-in, and to everyone who took time to share their knowledge with a newbie.

judged during the May Steak-Out meeting at Pam Wall's house. Thanks to all who participated (judged or entered) in this KGB tradition.



Comrade Alex Terronez asks his wife, Comrade Tracy, to demonstrate her puckering technique... word has it that Comrade Alex is up for a big promotion!

Congratulations are in order for the 2005 winners of the KGB Brew Kit Challenge. The style for the competition was Robust Porter.

- ✦ 1st Place Ed Howell & Joe Neal
- ✦ 2nd Place Tasha Sajda
- ✦ 3rd Place Czar Ed (beaten out by a dog two years running)

I hope that the quality of the entries submitted is an indication of the strong showing that the KGB will have at the 10<sup>th</sup> annual Big Batch Brew Bash. The beers were

The 10<sup>th</sup> annual Big Batch Brew Bash is upon us. The event will be held at Saint Arnold's (2522 Fairway Park Drive) on Sunday June 5<sup>th</sup>. The styles for the competition are Brown and Robust Porter. The tradition of not charging an entry fee will be upheld. Check out the website ([www.thekgb.org](http://www.thekgb.org)) for more

details. There are still plenty of volunteer opportunities! Judging will begin at 10:00 am sharp. The event will be open to the public (beer and food will be available) at 1:30 pm. Awards and raffle will be held at 3:00 pm. I look forward to another strong showing by the KGB and another excellent keg of Saint Arnold's beer when we bring home the heavy hitters award.

Although not on the radar of regional competitions, an interesting national competition is the 27<sup>th</sup> Annual National Homebrew Competition hosted by the American Homebrewers Association. The event will be held June 16-18, at the AHA National Homebrewers Conference in Baltimore, MD. The entry deadline has already past, but you can check out the [www.beertown.org](http://www.beertown.org) website for more event details. If you are in the neighborhood there are some excellent speakers and events planned.

free to go crazy and "mix 'em up": Wheat (June 19-25), Pilsner (June 26-July 2), Pale Ale (July 3- July 9), Brown Ale (July 10- July 16), American Amber (July 17- July 23), IPA (July 24- July 31).

The Bay Area Mashtrons will host the Lunar Rendez-brew XII on July 24 at the Seabrook Community Center. Entries are due **July 9<sup>th</sup>** at Defalco's, The Brew Stop, Brew It Yourself, and Molly's Clearlake. Entries will be \$5 per entry for online entries and \$6 for paper entries. Judges are needed on Saturday, July 16<sup>th</sup>, at the Outpost Tavern and Saturday, July 23<sup>rd</sup> at the Bay View Duck. More information is available at their website [www.mashtrons.com](http://www.mashtrons.com). Also on the horizon is the Cactus Challenge. The Aleian Society of Lubbock has scheduled this annual event for September 16-17<sup>th</sup>. More details to follow.

If you have a few extra days vacation you might want to reserve them for the Great American Beer Festival. It is going to be in Denver Colorado September 29- October 1. There will be over 1,400 beers available to sample from over 395 breweries. Tickets for this event sell out in a matter of hours! Over 28,000 people attended last year. [www.beertown.org](http://www.beertown.org) has more information.

Finally, the Dixie Cup is fast approaching. There are only four months remaining to get your world-class beers ready. Let's represent the KGB well at this prestigious event.





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National American Beer month is July; however there are just too many good beers to only dedicate one month to the cause so it is actually six weeks! They recommend the following tasting schedule, but feel

## 2005 KGB MEETING SCHEDULE

Date	Location	Description	Beer Region of the Month	Discussion/Beer Flavor of the Month	KOM
Sun., June 5th @ 12:00 Noon	St Arnolds Brewery 2522 Fairway Park	BBBB	N/A	N/A	N/A
Sun., July 17th @ Noon	The Brew Stop 16460 Kuykendahl Rd., Suite 140	Brew-In and Pot-Luck Lunch	England / Australia / Ireland / Scotland	Nutty	Ed Howell - Dog Days Best Bitter Jeff Sheerhorn - King Arthur's Steed's Southern English Brown Ale
Sat., August 13th @ 7PM	Chris Landis 3807 Cypresswood Dr.	Mexican Fiesta & Salsa Contest	USA	Oxidation	St Arnolds "Heavy Hitters" keg Peter Rosales - Texas Liberty Beer
September TBA	Scott Teeter	BBO III	Belgium	Belgian...duh!	Who needs kegs when we have 70+ Belgian beers???
Sat., Sept. 17th @ 7PM	John Donaldson 15706 Lakedale Dr.	Pizza Party	Germany / Austria / Eastern Euope	Sulfitic	John Donaldson - Between Nothingness and Eternity
Sat. Nov. 12th @ 7PM	Don Sajda 25106 Bovington Dr.	Smorgasbeerd & Label Contest	Baltic Regions / Anywhere with strong beer	Alcoholic	HBC Don - Buffalo Chip Imperial Stout
Dec. TBA	St Arnolds Brewery 2522 Fairway Park Dr.	Houston Area Homebrewers Christmas Party	N/A	N/A	N/A

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- Lindemans (Belgium)
- Maredsous (Belgium)
- Belborn Bros. (England)
- Murphy's (Ireland)
- Old Speckled Hen (England)
- Pilsner (El Salvador)
- Samuel Smith (England)

- Spaten (Germany)
- Spaten Franziskaner (Germany)
- Tuborg (Denmark)
- Urthel (Belgium)
- Weihenstephan (Germany)
- Wurzburger (Germany)
- Wychwood Brewery (England)
- Xingu (Brazil)
- Youngs (England)

### Ciders

- Ace Cider (California)
- Taunton Blackthorn (England)

\*\* For a list of the specific beers from one or all of the breweries, please see Comrade Britt McFarland or MOT Jamie Knapick



Ministress of Tabloid, Jamie Knapick, models with her complimentary Maredsous glass prior to dashing off to officiate the Houston Rocket's run for basketball stardom.

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