



THE KGB FILES

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EDICTS FROM THE CZAR

BY ED CONDON (CZAR@THEKGB.ORG)

The big news of the past month was without a doubt the 11th Annual Big Batch Brew Bash, it was the biggest ever in entries, attendance, judges and stewards. Without question the BBBB is the world's largest single style brew competition with 107 entries this year. Has Been Czar Don Sajda as the KGB representative for the newly formed Lone Star Circuit did a fantastic job promoting the BBBB with the other club members of the circuit. He may have done just a little too good of job though, the KGB did not receive any of those big and beautiful ribbons provided by Saint Arnold Brewery. The first and third places were even out of town brewers, here is how it broke down for ribbons.

- 1st - David Majoras - Ale-ian

Society

- 2nd - J&J Brew Crew (Jimmy Paige and Jeff Reilly) - Foam Rangers

- 3rd - Richard Dobson - Red River Brewers

- 1st Honorable Mention - Ed Moore - Foam Rangers

- 2nd Honorable Mention - J&J Brew Crew (Jimmy Paige and Jeff Reilly) - Foam Rangers

Congratulations to all of the winners and to all the competitors for a very fine effort and the support of the BBBB. With all the trash talk going around at the KGB meetings about how good the Imperial IPA's are, yes I was talking trash too; I did think we were going to sweep the



Another great turn out at the Big Batch Brew Bash!!!

awards. Oh how humbling. If not getting any ribbons wasn't bad enough, as you can see from the results the KGB almost lost the honor of the "Heavy Hitter's Award". This year the Foam Rangers brewed some good Imperial IPA's and tied the KGB for the award. This presented a very serious problem during the

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Pot Luck



Sunday,
July 16
@ 12:00 PM

The Brew Stop
6460 Kuykendahl
Rd., Suite 140
See map at
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RUBLE COLLECTOR'S REPORT

BY TIM WHITE (RUBLECOLLECTOR@THEKGB.ORG)

CHA-CHING!! The cash collected from the raffle and auction of the Big Batch Brew BASH (BBBB) broke the \$1,000 mark!! Thank you... to all that attended and enjoyed buying raffle tickets from the HOOTERS Girls and those who bid on and won the auction items, and especially to our sponsors, the KGB is extremely appreciative of your



A pair of Hooters shown demonstrating the Rocket Man beer tap system...

continued generosity. To the Comrades who commented that over the past three years of having the Hooters Girls support the raffle, they appear to be getting younger each year... you're right (enough said since the RC doesn't admit to getting older either!)

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competition. Rules for a tie for the HH award had never been addressed. With a Keg of delicious Saint Arnold beer going to the winner we are talking serious good beer drinking. With a short meeting with Brock at Saint Arnold he came up with a quick solution. Brock simply said "I will give a keg to both clubs" With quick executive decisions like that it is no wonder Saint Arnold Brewing is so successful. As for the trophy for the Heavy Hitter, details are still being worked out. Rumor is there could be a wrestling match for the trophy. No the Czar and the Waz will not be wrestling.

I sure want to thank everyone that made the 11th Annual Big Batch Brew Bash so successful especially Brock and everyone at Saint Arnold for all their help with providing the facilities, awards, and for promoting the event. Thanks also to the home brew supply stores in town, we sure couldn't do this without their

support of providing awards and raffle items. And to the numerous bars, restaurants and o t h e r establishments that contributed to the raffle, we are very lucky to have all of their support. I sure can't leave out all the effort put in to the event by the KGB members. I am not going to name names because I know I would leave people out (I have drank a few beers and slept since the event). You all know who you are, a big sincere Thank You.

With all that being said it is now time to focus on the 12th Annual Big Batch Brew Bash. As Czar I hereby decree the KGB will not go without taking home ribbons next year. The category will be Imperial Stout. HBC Don Sadja is already trash talking saying he already has the winner

brewed, we will see. I am calling upon all of our members to come up with ideas for getting our members to brew together more and come up with that perfect winning recipe. I think we have learned a good lesson this year, let's never have this happen again.

Our next KGB meeting will be Sunday July 16th starting at noon at the Brew Stop. This is the Annual Brew-In and Pot Luck meeting. I don't know if anyone has reserved the brewing equipment at the Brew Stop for that day yet. It would be a good opportunity to show off your brewing skill and also get some constructive criticism from your fellow brewers. You know they are always willing to put their two cents worth in, especially with one or two beers under their belt. Also bring your favorite dish to put in the pot luck line. We always have a very fine selection of food at this meeting so cook up your best and bring it along.

See you at the meeting and cheers,


Czar Ed



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- **The Brew Stop** - Brew 10 gallons of beer leave 5 at the Brew Stop take 5 gallons home. You bring the propane Ken will supply the equipment and ingredients (except for your carboy).

NOTE: To receive a membership card, see RC Tim at any meeting.



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Good news and bad news from the Ruble Collector (RC) ... first, the good news. The score of the Double IPA beer I submitted to compete in the BBBB received a score within a few points (of course, lower) of what I would have scored the beer had I been judging it. Now the bad news... only one of the three score sheets I got back was worth a crap (and limited worth at best). The other two judge sheets were just crap. Here's what I found on them:

Judge B - no judge qualification listed, illegible and scribbled-out comments/scores in pen, no bottle inspection (no big deal there) and no comments that would result in any improvement.

Judge C claimed to be "experienced - but not BJCP", (the RC considers himself currently in this category) - no comments for aroma with a score of 6 out of a possible 12, no comments for appearance with a score of 3 out of a possible 3, a "very nice session beer"... a total score of 26 with no comments of value.

Comrades, when we judge beers, I suggest we need to do a complete job. That requires that we fill out the beer score sheet completely, not just put down some numbers. Include comments that will enable the brewer to brew a better beer on a future attempt. As to an 8.5% ABV beer being a "session beer", waddyathinkabout*%!@!

Your RC and a couple other comrades are currently taking the BJCP certification class offered by the Foam Rangers with the intention of sitting for the BJCP Examination later this year. There are six classes remaining after we've attended the first two classes in June; so, if you have an interest in learning how to judge beers, contact Mike Heniff and ask if he'll make a spot for you.

The end of my third year serving as Ruble Collector is coming up in six months... if you're at all

interested in serving the Czar and the Comrades of The KGB in this elected position, stop by and visit me at a future meeting and I'll tell you what it's all about. I am not looking forward to doing this for a forth year!!

Another membership note regarding membership cards... see me at any KGB function or stop by and see Ken at The

privileges of KGB membership.

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 and remember to bring propane). You also get cash discounts at BJ's Brewhouse, Flying Saucer and several other places. We have an incredible supply of shirts, glasses (pint and really cool 3 ounce Obreal sampling) and ladies thong-style panties with the KGB logo. Check out the website www.thekgb.org for prices and pictures (sans the thong - see the RC to model and schedule a photo shoot!)




KGB Comrades attending the Foam Rangers BJCP Training Class include double agent Ed Moore, triple agent Ron Solis, Ruble Collector Tim White and Comrade Chris Rich.

Brew Stop. We both have membership cards that can be issued to you allowing you to take advantage of the


Hail the Czar!!
Ruble Collector Tim



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DECREE FROM HB CZAR

BY DON SAJDA

Texas Supreme Court Makes a Landmark Decision

In a landmark decision the Texas Supreme Court ruled that Texas Brewing Clubs may not discriminate membership for individuals based on race, color, national origin, sex, handicap and **species of mammal** if that individual qualifies for membership. The defendant, Tasha the Brew Dog, was denied membership to the KGB after a KGB Brew Challenge event. During trial it was brought out that Tasha had beat Czar Ed in two KGB brewing functions and the Czar was pissed and wasn't happy about being beaten by a dog. The executive committee contended that Tasha's online membership form got lost in cyber space thus Tasha was really not a member. They even pulled out a little known KGB constitutional clause stated the member must be 21 years of age.

Chief Justice, Wallace Jefferson, thought it odd that Tasha wanted to become a KGB member so he requested a case of beer brewed by the dog to determine if this was just a publicity stunt. A few days' latter addition cases were placed into evidence and consumed by the members of the Texas Supreme Court. The judges have never looked so happy during a trial.

Character witness, Mak Rogerson commented, "Damn that dog knows how to brew, and she is one malt hound. Granted most KGB members are hopheads, but we don't discriminate from those who brew the big malty beers. It



must be in her blood, her owner HBC Don too likes big and malty beers. Besides that I've never seen anyone lick their equipment clean like the way Tasha can do it".

During the well-publicized trial some stunning testimony came forth to the public. When RC Tim was questioned about collection of dues his comment was "Comrade I will take money from anyone, only a fool would pass up donations of rubles. How do you think we pay for our beer?"

With the issue of the 21-year-old age limit the Supreme Court requested TABC

chairman John Steen Jr. was brought in as an expert witness. "Of course the legal drinking age in Texas is 21 for human. Of course that will be strictly enforced. But remember 1 dog year is the same as 7 human years. When this case was brought up to court Tasha was already 3 dog years old, which equals 21 human years. I don't have a problem with that. The TABC will not raid KGB

meetings just because dogs are present".

When Tasha was asked to comment on the court decision "all I can say is that it is truly a monumental day for all dogs that just want to brew and be part of an organization. All I want to do is to get back to brewing, matter of fact we are going to brew tomorrow an Imperial Stout for the next years BBBB. Oh by the way Czar I'm gonna kick you ass in this beer contest too!"



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BEER OF THE MONTH

By ROBB WAHLSTROM (COMMISSARBREWSKI@THEKGB.ORG)

The end of the month is here and one more month has passed. It feels like just yesterday that Czar asked if I wanted to be Commissar Brewski. This year is just flying by. I am excited to know what next year brings.

with a keg of refreshing St. Arnold's Beer. Well when we are enjoying our keg of St. Arnold's Beer, we need to be thinking about what we can do make sure that in the future we do not have to share anything else in the future. Not to mention, we need to win at least a couple



Well this past meeting was lots of fun. I got to sit back and enjoy all the beers and for once have someone else serve me. I am sure that RC is happy I did not have a BOM this month since I probably broke the ruble bank last month.

of those cool ribbons if not all of them. I know that I will be fine tuning my recipe for next years competitions. What about you?

This years Big Batch Brew Bash was a hop heads dream. How much better can it get for the beer to be not just IPA but Imperial IPA. Unfortunately, the KGB did not walk away with any ribbons. In fact we are sharing the one club award with the Foam Rangers. With that aside, isn't Brock great? When there is a tie between two clubs for the Heavy Hitter's Award, he awards both clubs



Look at all the rubles the Hooter Girls helped collect for the KGB.



Now that you have looked at the picture, look in the background at HBC Don Sweating up a storm, working hard at the BBBB making sure all Comrades had their beer mugs full. Thanks HBC!!!

For this next meeting, we will be meeting at the Brew Stop to enjoy the lighter side of beer. I am wanting to show a nice array of good summer time beer choices. Don't forget your brewing equipment. This is a great opportunity to share brewing tips at this meeting. If you are still in the early stages of brewing, come and ask questions. I can't think of one KGB member that would not share at least one of their prized secrets. Remember, everyone was a beginner at

some time. Even HB Czar Don was a beginner at one time. Come brew or come learn. No matter what, we will have a good time.

Until next time, remember that it is better to drink good beer than alcoholic water.

Cheers,
CB Robb



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Date	Location	Description	Beer Region of the Month	KOM
Sun., January 15th @ Noon	The Brew Stop 16460 Kuykendahl Rd., Suite 140	Spud Fest	West Cost USA	HBCB Jonathan— Masochator
Sat. Feb. 11th @ 7PM	Brian Ellis 18126 Delta Estates Ct.	Fish Fry	Western USA	Andrew Elliot—English Pale Ale
Sat. March 11th @ 7PM	CB Robb Wahlstrom 17503 Pine Brook Trl.	Chili Cook Off	British Isles	Czar Ed—Porter
Sat. April 22nd @ 3PM or 7PM	Carl Scott 6910 White Tail Dr.	Crawfish Boil	North East America	CB Robb Special
Sat., May 20th @ 4PM	MOT Jamie Knapick 17227 Modbury	KGB Steak-Out (All Houston area homebrew club mem- bers invited)	Germany	Mastercater—Chris Mittel
Sun., June 4th @ 12:00 Noon	St Arnolds Brewery 2522 Fairway Park	BBBB	N/A	N/A
Sun., July 16th @ Noon	The Brew Stop 16460 Kuykendahl Rd., Suite 140	Brew-In and Pot-Luck Lunch	Light Lagers and Ales	DoppelBock—HBCB Jonathan
Sat., August 12th @ 7PM	Chris Landis 3807 Cypresswood	Mexican Fiesta & Salsa Contest		
Sat., August 26tg	Stuart and Sandy West 17402 Apache Hills Dr.	BBO III		
Sat., Sept. 16th @ 7PM	HBCB Jonathan Goudy 21706 Leonard	Pizza Party		
Sat. Nov. 11th @ 7PM	Don Sajda 25106 Bovington Dr.	Smorgasbeerd & Label Contest		
Dec. TBA	St Arnolds Brewery 2522 Fairway Park Dr.	Houston Area Home- brewers Christmas Party	N/A	N/A

Kege are still needed at meetings. See CB if your interested.

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