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## Crawfish Festival



Saturday, April 21  
7 PM

Carl Scott's  
6910 White Tail Dr.

(see map at [www.TheKGB.org](http://www.TheKGB.org))

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### Edicts From The Czar

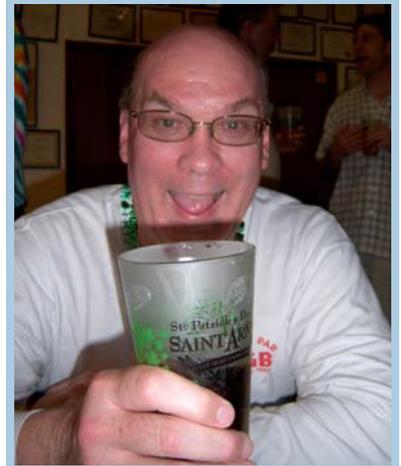
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Comrades, the chili cook-off came off at CB Jeff's hacienda. There were a plethora of chili to taste and they were all so good that there was a tie for first in all categories. Well, we lost the list of winners and it seems that this is the best we can do. It must have been due to the barley wine overload CB Jeff whipped out on us.

The next meeting will be the crawfish boil at Carl Scott's place Saturday April 21st 7 PM. Bill King will be a-boiling the crawfish to perfection so come on out and eat some mud bugs and quaff a beer or two.

This past weekend, we had the homebrewer's camp out up in Warda, Tx and it was a blast. We had all kinds of beer, the beer Olympics, salsa contest, and a fabulous raffle. We had people from the Golden Triangle, Houston with BAM, KGB, and Foam Rangers well represented. There was a light rainfall early Saturday morning, but the campers were passed out during the rain. Unfortunately, the lightening and thunder

woke everyone. The good news is all the rain was from 4 to 5 AM and the rest of the camp out was held in gorgeous weather. Please consider attending next year. We had close to 20 kids and teens attending so it is not just a drunk festival.



Saint Patrick and Saint Arnold: Two great saints that saint great together!

Next first Sunday will be at Stag's Head on Sunday May 6<sup>th</sup> at 4PM. Wear your col-

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### Ruble Collector's Report

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Comrades! Sorry I missed last meeting.....and did not contribute to the newsletter. I was busy in Costa Rica soaking up the sun and doing a little fishing...exactly 4 days of fishing in the beautiful waters of the Atlantic. This is where your membership dues go! Ahhh, what a great place, too.

Thanks to Don and Herb for taking over for me in February! As the new Ruble Collector I think I am getting up to speed collecting rubles and entering new members. And I did make the March meeting and plan on the April meeting. Crrraaawwwfish!

Thanks to Jeff Scheerhorn for hosting. We had roughly 35-40 people and several new members; some from Barley Coherent in The Woodlands. New members include Andrew B. Hull, Hank Lynch, Joe Wolf, and Steven Spillar. And thanks to all the memberships that renewed Tony Brown, Alex and Tracey Terronez, Nadine Krebs, Bob and Nannette Daughy, and Bev Blackwood. Hopefully I didn't forget someone...like I

said I am getting the hang of it. If I did, I am sure someone will correct me.

Our financials for our club is in pretty good shape. At least we have positive cash flow. Just a friendly reminder though, the upcoming crawfish boil is a loser for the club. In other words, the food costs more than what we are collecting. This event, we will be fairly strict and you will be given a ticket for food purchases. I didn't make it last year but I hear we ran out of food. So hopefully we can have enough for everyone and we can enjoy the day.

On another note, the RC was able to make it to the Blue Bonnet, and he had a great time. I judged some great Kolsches and met some old friends I haven't seen for over a year. Can't wait for the BBBB (Big Bash Brew Bash), May 20 to see other friends. The RC did win a rrrraaafffille prize at the Blue Bonnet, and will donate it to the BBBB for a silent auction. My dear brewers, it is a 3 liter bottle of Belgian ale; St Paul Dubble. I

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I'm happy to report that a legion of **9 KGB members** survived the weekend of festivities at the **Bluebonnet Brew-Off**, March 23. Two days of beer, beer and more beer. There were 14 full kegs of beer at the hospitality room, an ungodly amount of beer at the commercial beer tasting and who knows how many kegs of homebrew at the infamous room crawl. I have to admit, come Sunday morning I was totally beered out.

Then, to top it off, I spent two nights with a roommate better known as **Phil "Brokeback" RC**. Luckily there wasn't much squealing or snoring at night.

From what I remember, the weekend was a great time.

When the dust finally settled, the **KGB** faired very well in possibly the largest single-site contest in the world. **HBCB Jonathan Goudy brought back the Best of Show** for his **Berliner-Weisse!** In addition **Jonathan earned a second place** for his **Oak Aged Imperial Stout**. **MOW/HBC Don Sajda (that's me)** earned a first place for his **Strong Scotch Ale**. **John Donaldson earned a third** for his **American Barley Wine** and **Mark Gerding earned a third place** for his **Schwarzbier**. Congratulations to these brewers for their placing in a very stiff competition that had 1100 entries!

The time is quickly approaching for our contest, **The 12<sup>th</sup> Annual Big Batch Brew Bash**. This year's style is **Imperial Stout**. We need the help of you, our membership, for judging, stewarding, and helping to pull off the world's largest single style contest. And of course we need your entries. The KGB has won the **"Heavy Hitters Award"** the past few years, which entitles us to a full keg of Saint Arnold beer to be enjoyed at one of our meetings. Help us continue this tradition by entering your Imperial Stouts and hopefully having them advance to the second round. At the crawfish meeting in April there will be a sign up sheet for you to volunteer in helping make this a very successful event. Entries can be dropped off at Brew It Yourself, DeFalco's or my home Friday May 11. Or you can take them to Saint Arnold's Saturday

May 12<sup>th</sup> from noon to 2:00.

Another Lone Star Circuit Event coming up soon is the **Celtic Brew-Off**.

Entries are due May 9<sup>th</sup>. Rumor is **HBCB Jonathan Goudy** may be

traveling to the Scarborough Fair one weekend, and he may be willing to take up our KGB entries, saving you shipping charges. I'm sure Jonathan will let us know the details about the shipping ASAP. For more info about the **Celtic Brew-Off** go to [www.hbd.org/kobb/celtic/celtic11.htm](http://www.hbd.org/kobb/celtic/celtic11.htm)

Well in closing I am flying up to Buffalo this weekend (yes it may be snowing up there). Anyhow after a little surfing I found a bar, Mr. Good Bar, within walking distance to my brother's house that offers the following specials. \$2.50 pints all day Friday, plus a special cask that it tapped that day. Big deal you might say, but wait, how about this to sweeten the offer. They have 30 taps and these are 5 that they mention. Kulmbacher Eisbock, Wagner Valley Sleddog Doppelbock, Flying Bison Heck, (a 10% American Barleywine). Saint Bernardus Grotten Beer, and Hop Wallop. Well, enough said! These choices should keep me busy this upcoming Friday.

See you soon, **MOW Don**



Has-beens, both, but not in brewing prowess. Has-been Czar (and current Minister of War) **Donald Sajda** and has-been Commissar Brewski **Jonathan Goudy** display their Bluebonnet prizes.



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It's finally happened, folks. I kind of thought that it would, but I thought we'd at least make it half a year, first. What am I talking about? Well, the Commissar Brewski has failed to deliver an article for the newsletter, so I, Mark Rogerson, your intrepid Minister of Tabloid, will make a humble attempt at filling his space with something marginally entertaining, that might end up having something to do with beer or brewing or KGB hijinks, and if that fails, I'll throw in a pun or a run-on sentence here and there, just for my own amusement.

One thing you're supposed to find in this article is the Beer of the Month (BOM). You know how we always have a special beer style or a region of the world to study and examine and taste? I'd be a might remiss if I failed to tell you all about it, now wouldn't I? Okay, so this month, it's ... well, we don't know what the flying frag it is. Nobody seems to have heard from our personable purveyor of pilsners and porters, so I'm left wondering things like; will there actually *be* a beer of the month this month?; will somebody come up with a keg for the KOM?; if so, what will be in it? We'll need plenty to wash



I'm not sure what's happening here, but this is Jeff Scheerhorn, our Commissar Brewski. Grimacing or grinning? You decide.

down all those mudbugs we have to dispose of properly.; did he abscond with the KGB coffers and all the beer he could carry? That would truly be a hanging offense.

I can already see the 24-point headline: **Commissar Brewski Well Hung!** (See? Headlines are my bailiwick.) So what's the BOM? Show up at the meeting and we'll all learn the answer to that question at the same time, comrades.

Another thing I've been wondering is this: Did anybody contact PETA and tell them about how we always get together in April and mercilessly slaughter several hundred sweet and innocent crawfish? Do they know that before we giddily boil them alive in a spice-laden liquor, that we plan to purge their helpless little bodies of whatever unmentionable muck that happened to be fermenting in their wee alimentary canals by forcing them to live their last few torturous minutes of existence soaking in and breathing a brackish brine? Have they been enlightened with the knowledge that this hellish death will come to many of them while hundreds of their equally



Ain't we omnivores a lucky lot?

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## Randy Stoa Rye

Mark Rogerson

Batch Size: 10 gal      Boil: 60 Minutes  
Original Gravity: 1.054      Final Gravity: 1.015

### Grains

13 lbs      Schreier Special Pale Ale  
3 lbs      Flaked Rye  
2.25 lbs      Light Munich

### Hops

3 oz      Mount Hood [3.5%] (60 min)  
3 oz      Hersbrucker [3.3%] (15 min)  
1 oz      Mount Hood [3.5%] (15 min)  
2 oz      Hersbrucker [3.3%] (2 min)  
1 oz      Mount Hood [3.5%] (2 min)

### Yeast

Wyeast 1007 German Ale

Late breaking news! See page 9

*One from the archives.  
Not the KOM.*

### Mash Schedule

15 min at 122°  
30 min at 140°  
30 min at 157°  
10 min at 178°

### Notes:

1st Place:      1998 Dixie Cup  
Herb/Spice Beer  
Add 2-3 pounds of rice hulls to the grain bill to keep the mash loose during the sparge.

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## What The Heck Was The HCB Thinking?

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**W**arning: The following text may be considered drivel to some. Any “useful” information should have been conveyed by the officers because that is what they do. This article is just the ramblings of a “Has Been”. Proceed with caution.

It has been an interesting past couple weeks for me, and it has been all about the beer. Since this newsletter is all about the beer, I figured that this would fit right in, so here we go...

Five AM came too bloody early Friday March 23. I had my gear packed the night before for the marathon I was about to undertake, but the beer still needed to be iced down. An “English Barley Porter” was extracted from the lagering cooler that it had been living in for the last 8 months and outfitted with all of the accessories required to put a serious dent in the sobriety of a small army. Yes, this beer was big, weighing in at over 8% ABV. This well carbonated dark Ale was medium bodied with deceptive alcoholic strength and malt driven flavor through to the finish. It was the first partial mash beer that I had brewed in over 100 batches, and was intended to be an English Barley Wine. The roast was a pretty dominant component of the flavor, so this put it out of that style. My philosophy about beer that is to be served at a function is that it doesn’t have to fit a style as long as it is good beer; however, when dealing with judges/beer snobs, if it doesn’t fit the style you intended, you need to make a style up. This way, instead of getting knocked for being too roasty for an English Barley Wine (something I already knew), it was taken for ascertainment of an undiscovered style. It can’t be out of style if it is its own style, and if you don’t believe me just ask Anchor Brewing.

Mark my calendar, my lovely wife Nadine smoked me on the way out the door and was sitting in the car with the engine running as I was still getting the last of my supplies together. Nadine is normally the one to delay leaving the house, but maybe the fact that she was dropping me off to be out of her hair for three days had something to do with her enthusiasm? (Hmmm) Anyway, Chris Mittel and I were going to share a room at the Bluebonnet again this year, and hats off to this man for accepting this challenge because I decided to use the Charmin for a pillow last year. Chris called me from the road when he was in Katy, and I think that he must have been sharing his Double Espresso’s with that little Geo because he flew through Houston like nobody’s business and called me (what seemed like) 10 minutes later when he was just about to our rendezvous point in Shenandoah. We met up, and a little after seven AM, we were on our way to the big event.

Beer, beer and beer aplenty was everywhere you turned. I judged a flight of second round Old Ales and English Barley Wines (none of which were English Barley Porter) with Ed Condon and commenced to indulge. There were commercial kegs on tap from Rahr, Big Buck to go with the deluge of homebrew and other bottled delicacies that were about. Dinner was about the only break in the onslaught on the ole liver because there was a commercial beer tasting right afterward. The tasting sported a new beer from Unibroue called La Seigneuriiale that should be available in Texas soon, so I hung out at that table quite a lot. By the time the room crawl started, things were beginning to come out of focus for me a bit. I



HCB Jonathan Goudy and Nadine Goudy (who’re related by marriage, so the hugging is actually encouraged by the church, although I have no idea if they’re religious at all).

stayed there until sometime far, far too late. That is all I know as Saturday morning came and went, and I missed everything including the conference with Grant Wood from Sam Adams who was supposed to talk about the creation of the Utopias among other things. Fast forward to the early afternoon where Chris and I just missed the departure of our pub crawl bus, and had to catch a \$50 cab ride to the first stop to join our “drunks on a bus” tour of Fort Worth. On this tour, the thought of food escaped me, and this may have had catastrophic consequences as I was drinking quality beers like Maredsous by the gallon on

this “power drinking” tour. We got back to the hotel and the awards ceremony was soon underway.

I was at the ceremony and was mostly coherent when I won a first place for my Berliner Weisse. Since the sour ales were pretty late in the category list, I left to go get a refill. Low and behold, while I was gone I won a second place medal for the Oak Aged Imperial Stout that came from the Barley Coherent project. So I am back at the ceremony and am staying somewhat upright at this time. The awards ceremony went on for quite some time, and I just couldn’t wait any longer...I had to excuse myself to go to the bathroom. Wouldn’t you know it...as I was away they announced that I managed to win Best Of Show. I had no clue! I was smiling and coming out of the bathroom when Ed Moore comes around the corner carrying the plaque. I was stunned...and still am because there were some incredible beers in this contest of over 1100 entries and it seems a bit surreal to win with such an unusual style as a Berliner Weisse. Of course now I had to REALLY celebrate (as if I had been pretending this whole time), so back down to the room crawl rooms! I had a good conversation with John Donaldson that evening and I

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believe that we were two of the very last to leave. It is a good thing that Chris was driving as I think that my BAC stayed over the legal driving limit until about Wednesday.

I got about a day of “normality” on Thursday 3/29 and then we were off to the Beer in the Backwoods camp-out in Warda that Friday. This departure was a little more typical for my family so we left the house a few hours after we intended to get on the road. We didn't set any land-speed records on the way up, and rolled into Bluff Creek Ranch about 11PM. This place is huge and it was really dark, but we managed to find what looked like evidence of civilized life (I use this term loosely because I am talking about homebrewers that have been partying all day). There were kegs and food everywhere, but not a damn soul to be found! What the hell is going on here? Did aliens take a liking to our merry bunch of brewers, or did everybody pass out already? Standing still and holding my breath I do hear people snoring (especially from the direction of a little silver Dodge pickup), but this was in no way the symphony I would expect from this group. Suddenly, out of the corner of my eye, I see movement across the lake. It's a bonfire and what looks like Sean Lamb doing some sort of tribal jig in front of it...I thought that this may be proof that there was civilized life on the other side of the water somewhere (just kidding, Sean). We drove over and found the Pickets up to their necks in drunks. Apparently they all piled in a canoe and paddled across the lake in the middle of the night (I wonder what the BAC cutoff is for an oar?). I didn't feel that brave, so we drove back to the other side and proceeded to set up camp. Need I say it?...beer, beer, and beer aplenty was everywhere you turned. There was one hell of an electrical storm that night, and then once the smoke cleared it was time for breakfast and some barley wine. Waz T-Bob had a vertical tasting of Bigfoot 2002-07. He was short the 2006, so I raided the 2003-07 lineup that I brought myself for the same reason (Great minds drink alike...hey, I

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As hard as you might find it to believe, these photos attest to the fact that several folks at the Beer in the Backwoods camp out were still standing after the sun went down.

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ors and get a beer.

Remember the BBBB—category Imperial Stouts—and please plan on attending, Sunday, May 20<sup>th</sup>. We need volunteers to help keep things going smoothly at the BBBB. Please see any officer to offer your assistance. Volunteers work better than people pressed into service, so please volunteer. We will be looking for volunteers (aka, *arm twisting—MOT*) at the next meeting.

As for the Brew Stop, I believe Ken's family is still looking for a buyer. We will have to see how things work out. After Ken's funeral, we went to the Brewery Tap (Ken's home bar) and toasted him several times. Ken's father, Marvin, appreciated the support given to his family by the home brew community. He especially appreciated the roses on the bed of hops. Many thanks to the people who did the little things to make life better for Ken's family.

As always, I am here to serve the party and its comrades. Please let me know if you have any ideas or questions.



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like the sound of that). The rest of the day blew by and we all ended up in a tent at the front part of the campground drinking beer like crazy and listening to Joe Lindsey scream himself hoarse while putting on a top-notch raffle with tons of support from people handing stuff out. This entire event was really fun and the best part was that I really got to know homebrewers from a number of different clubs. It was really nice have so much time to get to talk with the people that you see at the big contests and their families. We all know that homebrewers are some of the best people on earth, but now I can call a few more of them friends and that is certainly a good thing. I especially enjoyed the time my wife and I got to spend with JD and Sarah Gonzales. Here's to all the folks who put this thing on. It was a really great time overall, and I certainly hope to make it one of my family's regular events.

So there you have it. About 10 days of beerness from my perspective in about 1600 words for what was likely about 1600 ounces consumed. If you have made it this far, I hope you enjoyed my little adventure and that maybe it inspired some of you to go out and get involved in this incredible hobby. Prost!



## Ruble Collector's Report

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think the minimum bid will be \$20. If I can't get that, I'll pop it open at one of our functions/meetings. Either way the club wins!

Remember BBBB May 20<sup>th</sup>. Bring your friends, colleagues, neighbors. This event is the KGB's big money maker. It makes the club liquid for the rest of the year. The raffle is huge and we usually have some great prizes. And if you have some donations to make to the club, the RC will raffle those off as well. In the past I personally have donated. After all, isn't that what the club is for! And if your business has something to donate, that's fine as well. It does NOT have to be beer related.

Let's have some fun!!!!

Rrrrrraaaaffffllllllle!!!



Cenosillicaphobia: Fear of an empty glass

## From The Brewski Cellars

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doomed cohorts are piled heavily on their ever so suckable heads? Do the meddling myrmidons at PETA know that we will ravenously rend those conveniently compartmentalized carapaces and rip the delicious flesh from within, then toss the lifeless husks into their mass grave of a garbage can, where the last shreds of any dignity that might still cling, however tenuously, to that which used to be a living, piteous being, will finally find the sweet relief of nothingness after seventeen stray cats tip it over and revel in a blissful orgy of rotting crustacean comestibles.

Gosh, I sure do hope not.



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Date (Article due date)	Meeting Location	Event	Style or Region of the Month	KOM
Sat Apr 21 4PM	Carl Scott 6910 White Tail Dr.	San Jacinto Day Crawfish Boil	It's a mystery!	Please!
Sun May 20 Noon (May 4)	St Arnolds Brewery 2522 Fairway Park	Big Batch Brew Bash	N/A	N/A
Sat Jun 16 7PM (Jun 1)	Jamie Knapick 17227 Modbury	6th Annual KGB Steak- Out (All Houston area homebrew club members invited)	TBA	TBA
Sat Jul 14 7PM (Jun 29)	Jonathan Goudy 21706 Leonard	Pizza Party	TBA	TBA
Sat Aug 18 7PM (Aug 3)	Chris Landis 3807 Cypresswood	Mexican Fiesta & Salsa Contest	TBA	TBA
Sat Sep 15 7PM (Aug 31)	TBA	Brew-In and Pot Luck Lunch	TBA	TBA
Sat Sep 22 7PM	Stuart and Sandy West 17404 Apache Hills Dr.	BBO IV	NA	NA
October	YKWIK	Dixie Cup	NA	NA

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# Stop the presses!

## From the Brewski Cellars

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So you have read through the newsletter and found your thirst wasn't quite quenched... that you needed something more. You are an astute reader who, at one level or another, realized that you hadn't found out about the Beer of the Month for our April 21<sup>st</sup> shindig. As you have waited long enough, let me give you the good news that we'll enjoy two styles – those being bitters and pale ales. Let me bring to you dear friend the best examples from England and the U.S.

As warmer times return to our land, let us strike a balance not only between sweet malt and bitter hops but also between those who have championed the serving of big beers as of late with those who seek more refreshment on a warm crawfish-eating evening. As always, there will be plenty, they will taste superb with their own nuances to explore, and we'll have a great time sampling them. See you then comrades!

- CB Jeff Scheerhorn

