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Edicts From The Czar

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Comrades! Dixie Cup has come and gone and it was a great time. The Monty Python skit went well and it may become an annual event. The KGB did quite well and the BOS went to Andrew Elliott and Jeff Hilland with their UB Dunkel/Munich Dunkel. So, congratulations to all the winners which are the whole homebrew community.

The KGB had four of the top 12 homebrewers in the Lone Star Circuit and the club finished 3rd in the Lone Star Circuit.

Elections will be held during the November meeting. The famous Smörgåsbeerd will be November 17th at the Has-Been's palace. Nominations are still open, so you better show up or you may get a surprise at the Xmas party.

First Sunday in November will be the famous light rail crawl. Details will be on the web site. The December first Sunday will be at the Alamo Draft House at the West Oaks Mall.

The Xmas party will be December 9th at St. Arnold, from noon to 4 PM. Please bring food for the pot luck. Also, please remember that St. Arnold beer needs to stay in the Brewery and the non St. Arnold beer needs to stay outside of the brewery. Please dispose of the bottles in the dumpster and not the grain bins.

We still need people to sign up and brew at Ray's shop. Please check your schedule and see when you can brew. It will help Ray and the KGB attract more members. I will be looking for volunteers at the next meeting.

Also, we are bringing back the double agent brew in to get everyone brewing for the BBBB. We will work to pair up brewers at the next meeting. BBBB will be May 18th, so mark it on your calendars.

As always, I am here to serve the party and its comrades. I am now in Denver and if anyone comes up this way, I have a four bedroom house so please let me know if you get up here. My address is 9772 South Sydney Lane Highlands Ranch Co 80130. Please let me know if you have any ideas or questions.



Current 2007 Ballot Elected Positions

Czar
Bill King
General Secretary
Chris Landis
Commissar Brewski
Jeff Scheerhorn
George West
Ruble Collector
Phillip Kaufman
Herb Baker

Appointed Positions (Not Certain but Seems Likely)

Minister of Propaganda
Andy Dyer
Minister of War
Donald Sajda
Minister of Tabloid
Mark Rogerson

Ruble Collector's Report

Phillip Kaufman — Czar@TheKGB.org

Comrades: November has arrived...and so has the cold. One day I have my AC on and that next day turn on the heat. The good news is that there is a new harvest of malt! And time to brew yet another batch of beer. I like it because the holidays give me a chance to brew and to enjoy a cold one. Just to let everyone know how busy I am this month...OK I said the same thing last month...but November 2-10 I will be Brazil fishing in the Amazon for Peacock bass...then November 11-15 to the Society of Petroleum Engineers where I am to present a paper November 13. So to all that say they are too busy to volunteer for the club... Oh did I mention that December 1-6 I am in Brussels, Belgium. Perhaps I can bring a few bottles back? Is anyone reading this droll? Anyone want some Belgian beer? *[May I suggest that, at the end of your trip, you donate all of your clothes to a worthy Belgian charity? If you do, you'll have lots more room for beer in your luggage on the return trip. But not only will you get more beer back home that way, your wife will have days of fun dressing*

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you up while buying you a new wardrobe. This, comrade, is a win-win situation!—MOT]

Dixie Cup:

Again a very successful Dixie Cup. Foam Rangers did an excellent job and the KGB was there in full force. I, my friends, took it very easy this year. I did not judge Friday but did partake in the "skit" of the Knights of the Brown Ale. As I was told walking off stage, "that was the worse thing I have ever seen", yelled Ed Condon....ya know, I think he had a point! But we did it and Jonathon did a great job working with non-professional homebrewers. Good thing most people were drunker than us!

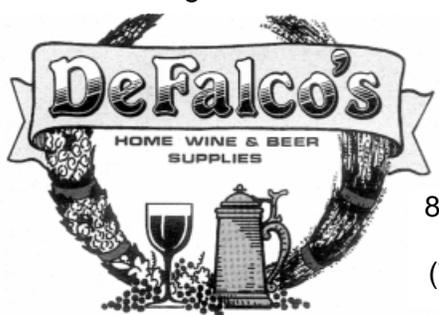
Saturday, I judged several flights and was fortunate to judge the dark lagers, of which, one of them won best of show. Very good beer indeed and well done...I am sure Don will cover that part of this issue. Is it me or have the beers

Hopefully I will make it back from the Amazon with all my body parts. No piranha or anaconda's biting me!! Or no see-ems to give me some disease...

gotten much better over the years?

Next meeting will be held at MOW (Minister of War) Don Sajda's house. Don't forget to make your label and show us your creative side. Please note the day change to November 17. Hopefully I will make it back from the Amazon with all my body parts. No piranha or anaconda's biting me!! Or

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no see-ems to give me some disease...I did get yellow fever shots, as well as Hep A and B and typhoid fever shots. And don't forget Malaria.

See ya Saturday, God willing, Nov 17. Bring money for the raffle! And remember Raaaaaafflllllll.

My Comrades: It is late and my glass is empty...time for bed....

RC Phillip



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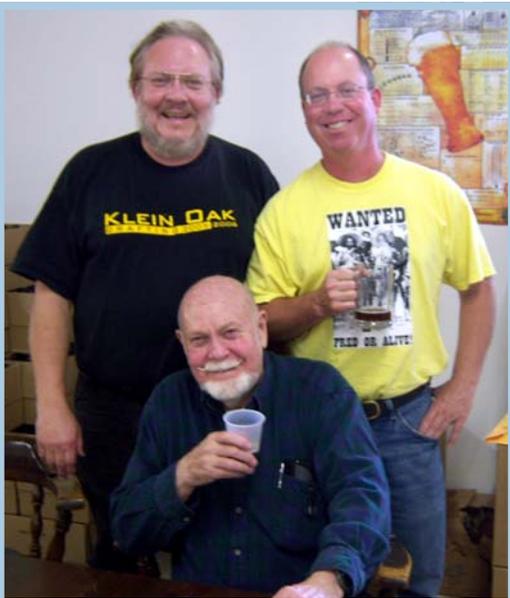
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Fewer than 100% of those who can register to vote, do so. In the recent election, fewer than 10% of those who actually registered to vote, saw fit to vote. Most of the ballot measures passed or failed by a slim margin in the 50/50 percentage range. This means that in most cases, far fewer than 5% of the people are telling us all what we have to pay for! This is insanity, folks. How can these results have the force of law? If I was the only one voting, I'd have nothing to complain about, but a democracy (and this is supposed to be a constitutional republic, not the democracy it's become, but don't get me started on that, comrades) is supposed to be majority rules, not 5% rules. This sucks ass.
MOT Mark

Comrades! It's been an honor to serve you as the Minister of War this past year. Besides the 6-figure salary that I draw from the KGB coffers, I do get a feeling of satisfaction when I am attending various beer contests and I hear them call out KGB member names. It's really a cool feeling to earn those bragging rights from medals earned. Overall, the KGB earned a very impressive 3rd place in the "Lone Star Circuit". We were only 7 points behind the second place team. When you figure that there were 7 contests that make up the "Lone Star Circuit", and we could have been in 2nd place by just earning one additional third place medal in each contest! Members that made the KGB proud by earning state ranking were, Czar Ed Moore - 4th place, HBCB Jonathan Goudy - 8th place, MOW Donald Sajda - 10th place and HBMOW Wes Powell - 12th place. Pretty impressive, I must say.

In the 24th Annual Dixie Cup the KGB took 2nd place overall. Members Andrew Elliot and Jeff Hilland earned the top



Current MOW Donald Sajda and Has-Been MOW Wes Powell pose with Dixie Cup-feted-forever Fred Eckhardt.

honors winning **Best of Show for their Munich Dunkel**. Way to go, guys!!!!!! In addition, KGB members **Ed Moore, Wes Powell, Dean Dobba, Jonathan Goudy, Mark Rogerson, and I, Donald Sajda** brought back a ton of hardware. No doubt that the KGB has some of the top brewers in the state.

I realize that May 18th may seem like a long way off, but we need to start making plans for our **13th Annual Big Batch Brew Bash**. This year's style will be **Weizenbock**, so get your brew kettles ready and start brewing so that the KGB can once again win the highly coveted **Heavy Hitters Award and a keg of Saint Arnold beer**. By the way, at the November



Roberta and Donald Sajda, the has-been Czarina and her has-been Czar celebrate going home with Dixie Cup Hardware.

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17th meeting we will be drinking a keg of **Saint Arnold Christmas Ale** that the KGB earned at the 12th BBBB [do we rock or what?—MOT].

For sure I am looking forward to the biggest blowout of the year **November 17th** starting at 5:00 pm at Don and Roberta Sajda's patio, pool, and hot tub located at 25106 Bovington Drive, Spring, Texas. This legendary event has been dubbed as "Smörgåsbeerd". We will have Plenty of German style of food and only the biggest of the big beers. See you then Comrades!

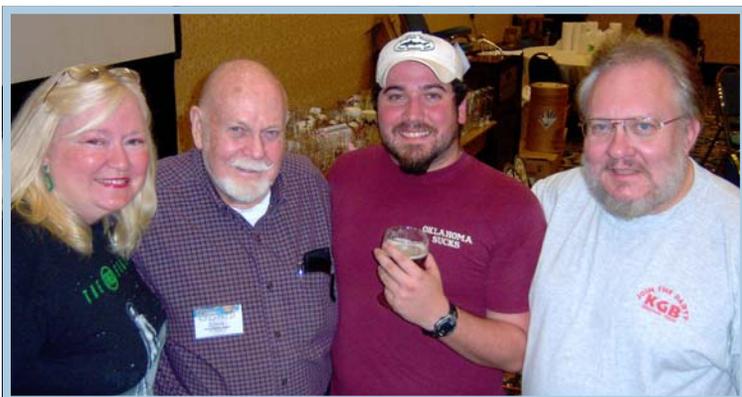
MOW Don



...and there was much rejoicing.



Hearken back with me, comrades, to the September issue, page 5. Remember what I told you about the Czar's glutes? Can you guess where her left hand is? *Hail to the Czar!*



From the Brewski Cellars

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Comrados and Comradas, Another Dixie Cup has come and gone. We really made some noise at this last one. I am, of course, referring to the beating of the shields (pot lids) with swords (mash paddles) that we did as “Knights of the Brown Ale.” The costumes were a big hit and the Monty-Python-ish skit was a lot of fun; my thanks to Comrade Jonathan Goudy for giving birth and life to the whole thing. Congrats to all who medaled, drank, socialized, or otherwise consumed the air there. I continue to dream of the many fantastic beers that were there.

So what's next you ask? **Smörgåsbeerd** is what's next. Let's all get over to Don and Roberta's place on the 17th and do it up in great KGB style. We'll be getting a keg of Christmas Ale from Saint Arnold and I'll serve up a slew of big beers (Don's #1 request nearly every month). So who's up for some high gravity beers, some brats, some officer elections, some sauerkraut, and some live entertainment? The later is sort of a self participation thing; I think we can egg on the most inebriated among us and just see what happens (like maybe they'll agree to be KGB officers for next year). I can't wait! See you there comrades.

CB Jeff Scheerhorn



KGB Calendar

(Updated 8-Nov-2007)

Event	Date (Article due date)	Location	Style or Region of the Month	KOM
November Meeting Smörgåsbeerd & Label Contest	Sat Nov 17 5PM (Nov 2)	Don Sajda 25106 Bovington Dr	Selena Beers	St. Ziggy's Strong Ale BC Oak-aged Dubbel Weizenbock One St. Arnold Christmas Ale
Houston Area Homebrewers' Christmas Party	Sun Dec 9, Noon-4 (Nov 30)	St Arnold Brewery 2522 Fairway Park Dr.	It's the holidays. Use your imagination.	Saintly Stuff

The Tentative Beginnings of a Preliminary, Loosey-Goosey Calendar for 2008

January Meeting Spudfest	Sun Jan 19 Noon (Jan 4)	Southern Star Brewery Conroe, TX	TBA	Robust Porter Donald Sajda & Herb Baker
February Meeting Fish Fry	Sat Feb 16 7PM (Feb 1)	Ed Condon's?	TBA	TBA
March Meeting Chili Cook Off	Sat Mar 15 7PM (Feb 29 – Leap Day!)	Jeff Scheerhorn's?	TBA	Another TBA
April Meeting Crawfish Boil	Sat Apr 19 7PM (Apr 4)	Carl Scott's?	Yet another TBA	<i>Gimme a T!</i> <i>Gimme a B!</i> <i>Gimme an A!</i>

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