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## Hoppy Holidays

Homebrewer's  
Christmas Party  
Sunday, December 9

Saint Arnold Brewery  
2522 Fairway Park Dr.  
Noon—4pm

### Election Results

#### Czar

Herb Baker

#### General Secretary

Chris Landis  
(unofficial)

#### Commissar Brewski

Donald Sajda

#### Ruble Collector

Phillip Kaufman

### Edicts From The Czar

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There are several Tropical Storm and Typhoons in the Indonesia area. The Anker and Bintang Lager beers have a low hops flavor and mouthfeel. The Tiger Pils from the Philippines is as good as the local Bali Hai beer from Bali, Indonesia. It seems that each island has a beer of choice in bottle or keg. There is only Guinness on tap for the only big ale made in the islands.

It seems that everyone had a great time at the Smörgåsbeerd and the new slate of officers have been selected. It was a great year for the BBBB and other great activities and competitions.

I will be at the Samichlaus brew in at Don's on December 6th then see everyone at St. Arnolds on December 7 for the Houston Area Brewers Pot Luck. Remember to bring a toy or monies for our annual charity giving. The new Czar and officers will be formally names to all the clubs at the Pot-

luck. Then I can join the ranks for the the has been Czars.

Herb and the new officers will be planning a full year of brewing, meetings and things to improve our partiicipation in competitions. So be sure to check the Website for details and when things are happening. Brew It Yourself is our home brew shop and things in 2009 will focus on increased activities and brew in days at Ray's. The KGB has a long tradition of mentoring members on how to make great ales, meads and ciders. In 2009 there will be a focus on showing others our talents.

I have enjoyed this year greatly and thank each of you in the KGB for allowing me to serve this year as Czar. Remember all the elected and appointed officers need help from everyone all year long to make this brew club fun for all.



### Ruble Collector's Report

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Comrades: Time for another famous article from the RC. Now that Thanksgiving is over, and I am sure you consumed a large amount of delicious homebrew, time to brew some more. May I remind you that soon is the BBBB (Big Batch Brew Bash) and the style is Strong Scotch Ale? Start brewing...it takes time to age well. I am planning to make at least one. A date has been set, but of course I didn't write it down! Sometime in May or June 2009.

Election was held and if you are up to date on your dues, you know there is a new sheriff in town. Congrats to Herb Baker in buying enough votes to lead a bunch of crazies...He'll have his hands full I'm sure. So show your support and give him a hand. Any help will be greatly appreciated. Don't know what to do? Ask.. And buy more raffle tickets!

Congrats goes out to Don Sajda for Commissioner Brewski. Can you say BIG BEERS? I hope we have enough Rubles ...I know I know. Sell more tickets!

Congrats goes to Susan and Chris, who will likely retain their position of General

Secretary.

And of course this year I narrowly won the position as Ruble Collector. Competition was intense. My opponent was stronger than the pollsters has predicted. "Scuffy the Cat" had an unfortunate accident the night of the election, and was found under someone's tires. Accident, I say! "Scuffy the Cat" will no longer be running, unless he has 9 lives.

On a personal level, Rhonda made it back safely from Scotland, and we tried our best to drink all the beer. Nice trip, cloudy but little rain and a little chilly. The pubs are great and the people really friendly and helpful. And they speak English that you can actually understand, unlike London, England.

Also I will not be able to make the Christmas Party Dec 7. I will be again fishing in The Amazon Dec 6-14. If I do not return for some reason, I graciously donate buy brewing equipment and beer to the club. I will see ya at the January Spudfest at Southern Star Brewery in Conroe January 17, at NOON.

For those watching calories after the holi-

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## Ruble Collector's Report

days, here's a few beers to drink with flavor.

**Drink the Beer, Lose the Gut — Find out the most satisfying beers for under 150 calories.**

Most light beers save only about 20 to 50 calories per bottle—and some even outweigh regular beers. It's mostly marketing, says Garrett Oliver, Brooklyn Brewery brewmaster and author of *The Brewmaster's Table* (Ecco, 2003). Want maximum taste, minimum guilt? Consult our guide to the best beers under 150 calories.

Ratings (out of \*\*\*)

**Guinness Draught Bottle** (4.2 percent alcohol)

Calories: 125 \*\*

Carbohydrates: 9.9 grams (g) \*\*

Foods it goes best with: Creamy, mild taste plays well with shellfish and soups.

Taste test: "Smoky flavor with hints of coffee. Breakfast, anyone?" \*\*\*

**Yuengling Premium** (4.4 percent alcohol)

Calories: 150 \*

Carbohydrates: 12 g \*

Foods it goes best with: Hoppy, sweet notes blend best with barbecue or pan-Asian foods.

Taste test: "A little bitter and a little sweet, like my relationship with my ex." \*\*

**Sol Cerveza Especial** (4 percent alcohol)

Calories: 127 \*\*

Carbohydrates: 10 g \*\*

Foods it goes best with: Its light body and fizzy texture are the perfect foil for spicy fare, like jalapeño heaped nachos.

Taste test: "Tastes like a Mexican Budweiser. Can someone snag some nachos and a lime?" \*

**Victory Lager** (4.8 percent alcohol)

Calories: 138 \*

Carbohydrates: 11 g \*

Foods it goes best with: This crisp lager cleanses the palate after a burger.

Taste test: "A little hops-heavy at first, but the taste grows on you." \*\*\*

**Winner**

**New Belgium Skinny Dip** (4.2 percent alcohol)

Calories: 110 \*\*\*

Carbohydrates: 7 g \*\*\*

Foods it goes best with: This bright, light beer pairs nicely with chicken and fruit.

Taste test: "A good beer for kicking back after a long day of hard work." \*\*\*



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The election results have been tabulated. I have been elected the Commissar Brewski of the KGB. He who controls the beer controls all. The real power is mine and I do plan to flaunt it during my term of office. As Commissar Brewski we will enjoy the "Big Beers". YES!!!! I'm thinking Barley Wines, Stouts, Holiday Beers, Imperial IPA's, Bocks.....yes all shall rejoice the BOM's. I can't wait till January, and I have been making selections to satisfy my, I mean the membership's taste buds. The January BOM will be.....can you keep a secret? Well so can I. You will need to wait for the January newsletter to find out what "Big Beer" style will be at the Southern Star Brewery, Sunday January 18th.

Once again, the November Smörgåsbeerd meeting was a big hit. Believe it or not, this was the 8th Annual Smörgåsbeerd. What a time we had. Plenty of German style food, a keg of Saint Arnold Christmas Ale and other assorted ales. Many members worked hard to make this a big success. My special thanks goes to Mark Rogerson. Mark came over early to help with the massive job of cooking this Oktoberfest feast. Mark has been no strangler to this task. He has graciously helped in the past and I know I can count on him to help for next years 9th annual. *[You presumptuous bastard! But yeah, I'm sure I'll be there.—MOT]* More thanks go to Susan Ayling and GS Chris Landis for creating some tasty side dishes. In addition, it was great to see old time Comrade Lee Bahr. His wife Marcia cooked a wonderful German Potato salad dish for all to enjoy.

Yes the 4th Annual Samichlaus Brew In will take place this Saturday, December 6th at 6am. This historic, one time world's strongest beer was only brewed once a year on you guessed it, Samichlaus Day. We are keeping this tradition alive. There will be many years of both commercial and homebrewed examples to sample. The KGB will provide some sort of meat dish (I haven't decided yet) and the rest is pot luck, so if you show up, bring something good.

My brewing partner, Mark Rogerson, and I will be starting at 6:00 am, but only the hard core may be there by then. If you get a chance, stop by to be part this historic event. We will have a number of brewing teams so that you can see the process. Mark and I start this early so that we can be done with cleanup around 1:00 pm.

Rumor has it that other brewers (HBC Bill King, GS Chris Landis and HBCB Jonathan Goudy) will be starting the brewing process later around 10:00 am. While these guys are still working you can join me and

Mark sipping some of this high gravity nectar. In addition, Mark and I will be brewing the First Place Big Batch Brew Bash Beer. Yep, we can multitask, and in addition to the 10 gallons of Samichlaus we will also be brewing a 5 gallon batch of a Strong Scotch Ale. I can already hear Brock calling our names out at the 14 Annual BBBB, May 17th, 2009. By the way, we need the membership of the KGB to get brewing so that we can maintain our "Heavy Hitters" title.

Comrades, in closing I hope to see you at both the Samichlaus Brew In Saturday and the Homebrewers Christmas Party at Saint Arnold on Sunday.

Take Care,  
CB-Elect Don



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- **Tomball Welding**—Show your KGB ID and exchanging your CO2 tanks for a price of \$7.00 for a 5 lb. bottle. (tax included) Located on Hwy 249 across from Hughes Propane.
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# KGB Calendar

(Updated 5-Dec-2008)

Event	Date <small>(Article due date)</small>	Location	Style or Region of the Month	KOM
<b>December</b> Christmas Party	Sun Dec 7	St Arnold Brewery 2522 Fairway Park Dr.		
<b>It's the KGB's 2009 calendar!</b> It means nothing! New officers will be in charge! Anything can change!				
<b>January Meeting</b> Spudfest	Sat Jan 17 Noon <small>(Jan 2)</small>	Southern Star Brewery Conroe, TX	TBA	TBA
<b>February Meeting</b> Fish Fry	Sat Feb 21 7PM <small>(Feb 6)</small>	Ed Condon 1718 Camille	TBA	TBA
<b>March Meeting</b> Chili Cook Off	Sat Mar 21 7PM <small>(Mar 6)</small>	Jeff Scheerhorn 5919 Bayonne Drive	TBA	TBA
<b>April Meeting</b> Crawfish Festival	Sat Apr 18 7PM <small>(Apr 3)</small>	Carl Scott's?	TBA	TBA
<b>Big Batch Brew Bash</b>	Sun May 17 <small>(May 1)</small>	St Arnold Brewery 2522 Fairway Park Dr.		

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Commissar Brewski	Jeff Scheerhorn
Minister of Propaganda	Andy Dyer
Minister of Tabloid	Mark Rogerson
Minister of War	Donald Sajda

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