



Kuykendahl Gran Brewers



EDICTS FROM THE CZAR

Hello Comrades. Here comes Feb, birds are chirping, spring is here although some nights are in the 40's and my American Barleywine is aging for BBBB 2015. Thanks to Dave from Southern Star Brewery for hosting and allowing us to taste those awesome brews on tap... again. Also, thanks to Sam & Jeff, our new GSasss for providing spuds and fixings to fill our bellies. We had a great turn out with lots of new and not so new members!!!

Next Meeting will be at Tim and Jake's place who will gladly be hosting the Feb meeting. Please see website for detail. Knowing their cooking skills, something delicious food will be offered to pair with BOM - Barleywine. I hear KOM will also be something awesome.

Our Club participated at St Arnold's One Pot contest and the team made a delicious stew. I think GS Sam will bring some left over for us to try. No winnings but lots of cheering.... That's what I heard. Better try next year and if you want to be in the Team, let us know for next year.

Saint Arnold's Brewery will be hosting the annual AHA rally on February 22, 2015, the day after our club meeting. We will be manning a table to promote the KGB and hopefully, RC Tyler and assistant John can sign up some new members. Please come to the AHA rally wearing the KGB shirt and there might be a surprise for you. See you'all soon. AND as always, I want to remind everyone to drink responsibly.

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Monthly Meeting

Date & Location

SUNDAY

February 21, 2015
5-8 pm

Jake & Tim Frost's
25114 Bovington Dr.
Spring, Texas 77389

Style of the Month

Barleywine

Meeting Cost

TBA

Special Event

Southern Star Brewery

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RUBLE COLLECTOR'S REPORT

Comrades! Happy February! Hope that people are out there brewing in the nice mild weather we've been having lately. Hopefully by now your BBBB 20 entry is in the fermenter or secondary and well on it's way to being the winner in May this year! American Barleywine takes a good amount of time to age, and there isn't much time left to have a proper entry in before the deadline, May 1st.



Well we had a great turn out for the January meeting and great weather for the day as well! Thanks to Dave for opening up the taps and letting the KGB run amuck in the place. There were lots of HUGE spuds to go around with the fixings as well. I've found there's almost nothing better than a hot baked potato and a Buried Hatchet!

One thing that was announced at the last meeting was the club has raised its membership dues slightly as of February 1st. New/Renew membership Dues are as follows:

One year Membership: \$25 – Family \$40

Two year Membership: \$40 – Family \$65

At these prices, its STILL a bargain! Most meetings will be about \$10 unless otherwise advised, due to the rising cost of the food we all love to eat the meetings, and the awesome BOM beers we enjoy with the food!

Next meeting for February will be at HBGS Jake and Tim Frost's place on the 21st, and BOM will be Barleywines! This is a very dangerous meeting due to the heavy alcohol content of these beers! Everyone, please be safe!

The Day after the meeting, on the 22nd is the AHA Rally at Saint Arnold from 1pm to 3pm! Come out, renew your membership, wear the KGB colors, and help support the club while you're there! The AHA rally is always a fun event, and there's an AHA RAAAAAAAAAAAAAFLE!! (nope, still can't do it like Phil). See you there!

-RC Tyler

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KGB Membership Benefits

- **Use Our All Grain Brewery** - KGB members can brew 10-gallon batches using the club's 3-tiered brewery which includes the stand, sparge liquor tank, mash/lauter tun and brew kettle. All you supply is propane and the ingredients for your batch of beer. The brewery is conveniently stored at Brew-It-Yourself, and can be used during normal business hours, simply by calling Ray and reserving it.
- **Brew It Yourself** - 5% off ingredients and equipment. Spend >\$250 in 6 months and get 10% off for the next 6 months.
- **Cypress Grape and Grain** - 5% off equipment, 10% off everything else
- **Defalco's** - 5% off ingredients and equipment
- **Backyard Homebrewer's (Humble)** - 5% off ingredients and equipment
- **Hop Scholar** - \$2.00 off your bill

Note: To receive a membership card, see the Ruble Collector at any meeting or event.

COMMISSAR BREWSKI'S WORLD

Happy Febrewary, Comrades!

Ok, I know that it's old and corny but hey, you don't have to sit here and come up with a column each month that you are not sure if anyone reads so lighten up, Francis. Anyway, I hope your new year is progressing nicely and you are enjoying the warmer weather as of late. Hopefully you have had some time to brew and will not be afraid to share at the upcoming meetings. We are; of course, a HOMEbrew club first. The commercial beers at the meetings are mainly there for reference purposes to educate you to the different styles of beers.



Speaking of meetings, the February meeting on the 21st at Has-Been GS Jake's house will be another great one. I have managed to acquire a keg of the Saint Arnold's 20th Anniversary Barleywine for the KOM and of course the BOM cooler will have an assortment of gems for your tasting pleasure. I would recommend bringing small tasting glasses because we all know that barleywines can pack quite a punch and we don't want anyone having too much without a designated driver. We will also have another version of the "Guess the style" contest like we did last year. It was so much fun watching people try to figure out what was in the mystery bottles.

Just when you think you have had enough beer and cleared the cobwebs from your head with lots of coffee and a good greasy bacon cheeseburger the morning after our meeting, it's time to drive down to Saint Arnold's for the American Homebrewers Association Rally. Saint Arnold's hosted the first AHA rally and they have been going strong nationwide since. Come and support the KGB as we show that we are a force for good in the homebrewing community and help us attract new members and of course, DRINK FREE BEER!

By now I'm sure that most of you have heard that Fort Bend Brewing ceased operations a couple of weeks ago. Regardless of whether you liked their beer or not, it's sad when a local craft brewery closes. I do not know the owners, but I heard they are good people and I wish them the best of luck in their future adventures. It's another testament to how strong the craft beer world has become. There are now countless choices and you can find top quality beer of just about any style without much searching. If you have even minimal issues, you might not last long. Last month I made a list of local breweries in the column and I hope you are helping to keep them alive and growing. California, Oregon and Colorado can't have all the fun, right? In fact, I just read that there are 435 congressional districts in Congress and each one has at least one brewery. Who would have thought that possible 15 or 20 years ago? It was funny to watch the lame Budweiser ad during the Superbowl that made fun of the craft beer revolution. Some people were offended and angry, but I laughed at it because it means that they have lost significant enough market share that they have to address it in their own pathetic way. I didn't think you were buying their product before the game and you probably are not buying much of it since. I wonder how many gallons of Pumpkin Peach Ale have been brewed since the commercial aired.

Well, it's time to refill my glass with another incredible barrel aged stout. See you at the meetings and stay KGB Proud!

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NOTES FROM GENERAL SECRETARY

Well, it finally happened.... after one too many exertions of his forearm, General Secretary Sam Mitchiner has suffered a debilitating injury and is scheduled for surgery. Sam is the adaptive sort and is already learning to perform certain forearm activities with the other hand/arm. Personally, I admire his commitment and his never say "not now" attitude. He has been soldiering on and, yes, becoming more ambidextrous with every passing day. Sam, you are an inspiration to so many of unattended types and yes, we will be happy to open your beer bottle, carry your beer cooler, or otherwise give you the privacy you rightfully deserve.



Now, on to some KGB news. GS & SG Sam & Jeff toiled on the club's behalf to make from scratch bacon potato soup during the One Pot competition at the park adjacent to Saint Arnold on January 25th. The variety of foods at this competition was amazing and we used all of our stomachs' shrink-swell potential to make the most of the occasion. The Thai red curry dish won the top prize. How did your KGB representatives do? Well, if points were awarded based on social outreach and food-n-beer consumption moxie, we would have taken home top prize. We did keep our pot good and hot and never worried the food inspector would flunk us.

So, we are now aiming our gaze at the February meeting (Feb. 21st at 5:00 pm) at Jake and Tim's place. With Jake being at a high level in the food business, Sam and I get to take a break... so as to rest forearms and such. Like you, we will have our taste buds game ready and we can't wait to enjoy the tasty offerings while we imbibe mas quantities of barley wine. Do join us for this February meeting and as many of the future meetings as you can. We will not bore you so prepare for something amazing.that's more of a snappy catch phrase than a promise of anything specific. The point here is.... if you snooze, you loose. No, that's a catch phrase too. There is a flair for the dramatic at play here but don't let that detract you from the great beer, camaraderie, and fun that is easily had at all KGB meetings. Don't meet us there.... beat us there! Sam told me it's hard to beat but I'm not sure what he meant by that.

Your general Secretariessssssssss

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A rectangular advertisement for Saint Arnold Brewery. The top half features the name "SAINT ARNOLD" in large, red, serif capital letters. Below the name is a circular illustration of a bearded man in a red and gold robe, holding a chalice, set against a landscape with green hills and a blue sky. To the left of the illustration, the text reads "Tour & Tasting Every Saturday At 1:00pm". To the right, it says "Brewed in Texas Since 1994". Below the illustration is a blue banner with the text "FINE HANDCRAFTED BEERS & ALES". At the bottom, it says "TEXAS' OLDEST CRAFT BREWERY" and "WWW.SAINTARNOLD.COM • HOUSTON, TEXAS".

A rectangular advertisement for DeFalco's Home Wine & Beer Supplies. The top text reads "Serving homebrewers since 1971!". Below this is a logo featuring a banner with the name "DeFalco's" and the text "HOME WINE & BEER SUPPLIES" underneath. The logo is flanked by a glass of wine and a beer mug. To the right of the logo, the address "8715 Stella Link Houston, TX (713) 688-9440" is listed. At the bottom, the text reads "For all of your homebrewing needs KGB members receive a 5% discount on all purchases!". The entire advertisement is framed by a decorative black and white border.

DECLARATIONS OF WAR



MEMBERSHIP SECTION

"Newals"	Renewals
Bill Downs	Phillip Kaufman
Cameron Longoria	Nadine Krebs
Brian Mittelstadt	Sam Mitchiner
Philip Perez	

North Homebrew *Houston's Headquarters*
BEER & WINE
BREW-IT YOURSELF

brew-it-yourself.com 25770 IH 45 N - #107
 Ray@biy-tx.com *Home of the KGB!* Spring, Texas 77386
 281-FOR-BREW (2739) *Barley Coherent, too!* Fax: (281) 292-3865

Professional Welding Supply

503 E. Main Street
Tomball, Texas 77375

832-698-7777
832-698-7778 (fax)

M-F 8-5
Sat 8-2

10% discount on beer gasses
(Carbon Dioxide and Beer Gas)
[75% nitro, 25% carbon dioxide]

PHOTOS FROM JANUARY'S MEETING



SHOW YOUR KGB PRIDE!



KGB TASTING GLASSES

6 OZ TASTING GLASS WITH KGB LOGO EMBLAZONED ON THE SIDE!

JUST \$4 AT THE MEETING



KGB T-SHIRTS

KGB LOGO SMALL ON THE FRONT AND LARGER KGB DESIGN ON THE BACK.

JUST \$20 (TIE-DIE) AND \$ 15 (OLIVE GREEN) AT THE MEETING



DONATIONS FOR BBBB NEEDED!

PLEASE START THINKING ABOUT POSSIBLE DONATIONS FOR THE RAFFLE FOR BIG BATCH BREW BATCH COMING THIS MAY. WE ARE LOOKING FOR ITEMS THAT ARE FOOD OR BEER RELATED. FORMER RC PHIL KAUFMAN IS HEADING UP THE BBBB COMMITTEE SO PLEASE CONTACT HIM FOR DETAILS.

MORE INFORMATION WILL BE IN NEXT MONTH'S NEWSLETTER.

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KGB Calendar

Event	Date	Location	Style or Region of the Month	KOM
February Meeting	Saturday 2/21	Jake Frost's Spring, Texas	Barleywine	St. Arnold's Barleywine
AHA Rally	Sunday 2/22	St. Arnold's Houston, Texas	-homebrew event-	N/A
March Meeting	Saturday 3/21	Jeff Scheerhorn's Spring, Texas	Porters	TBD
April Meeting	Saturday 4/18	Phil Kaufman's Conroe, Texas	IPA	TBD
May Meeting	Sunday 5/17	BBBB St. Arnold's Houston, Texas	Barleywine	TBD
June Meeting	Saturday 6/13	Craig & Katie's Spring, Texas	BBBB Leftovers	TBD
July Meeting	Saturday 7/18	TBA	TBD	TBD

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Single one year KGB Membership \$25 – Family \$40
 Single two year KGB Membership \$40 – Family \$65

Payable in cash or personal check (made payable to KGB). Give completed form to a club officer along with your dues. Paid membership entitles you to full club benefits, including a monthly newsletter, discounts on equipment and supplies at the local homebrew shops, as well as other local establishments, and much more.

Single one year (\$25)
 Family one year (\$40)
 Renewal
 Single two years (\$40)
 Family two years (\$65)
 Update my Information

Name: _____ KGB Website Username: _____

Address: _____

City: _____ State: _____ Zip Code: _____

Home Phone: _____ Alt. Phone: _____

E-mail: _____ Birth Month: _____

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