

# Kuykendahl Gran Brewers



## This Month's Meeting

May 21st  
1 pm

St. Arnold's  
2000 Lyons Ave  
Houston, Texas 77020

Meeting Cost  
\$5

## COMMISSAR BREWSKI'S WORLD

Greetings Comrades,

May is here and that of course means that homebrewers from across the region have been hard at work getting their entries ready for the KGB Big Batch Brew Bash. The date is Sunday, May 21, 2017. This is the 22<sup>nd</sup> year of the BBBB and we hope you can attend. The style this year is Specialty IPA: Belgian IPA (BJCP style 21B). The awards ceremony will once again be held at the Saint Arnold Brewery. The public is welcome to join us for this auspicious event and cheer on the winners as the awards are presented. The public is invited and taps are open from 1:00-4:00 PM. Be sure to buy your tickets for the famous BBBB Raffle. Many great prizes have been donated from across the country and you could be a lucky winner. You really don't want to miss the raffle.



Ever wonder how the BBBB got started? Turns out it was the brainchild of John Donaldson and Rob Brown. After consuming unknown amounts of beer at the KGB Christmas Party at the old Saint Arnold Brewery in December of 1995, they started discussing how great it would be to have Saint Arnold's sponsor a homebrew contest. John was a KGB member who would later serve two terms as Czar. Rob worked at the brewery as was also a KGB member. Brock and Kevin were consulted and the planning began. It was decided that the event would be free to enter and the beers would only be from a single category. Ron Hamm was the KGB newsletter editor and computer expert at the time. He is credited with coming up with the Big Batch Brew Bash name.

The First Annual KGB Big Batch Brew Bash launched in 1996. The category was Stout. There were 34 entries and the event was a huge success. Brock liked the winning entry so much that it became St. Arnold's Winter Stout. Over the years more winning entries have been brewed at Saint Arnold's including a couple from the Divine Reserve series. The style changes each year but a couple of styles have been repeated over the course of 22 years. This is the first time that Belgian IPA has been chosen. It is a relatively new style and we anticipate some great entries.

There are 2 factors that distinguish the BBBB from other homebrew contests. The first is that it is totally free to enter. Just follow the rules and submit 3 bottles.

The second is that it is a single category contest. In fact, the BBBB is the largest

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AHA sanctioned single category homebrew contest in the country, if not the world. The first year had 34 entries but it has grown considerably throughout the years. The 2012 contest category was American Style India Black Ale and had 144 entries. On average there are between 75 and 100 entries from year to year. That's some pretty stiff competition and the ribbons are highly coveted. Another great part of the BBBB is the friendly competition between the local homebrew clubs. The club with the highest number of entries making it to the second round wins the Heavy Hitters Award which gets them free beer from Saint Arnold's.

We hope you can come out the brewery and join us as we celebrate great beer and friendly competition. Details for the BBBB and more can be found on the KGB website at [thekgb.org](http://thekgb.org).

Cheers!  
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## KGB Calendar

Event	Date	Location	Time	Style or Region of the Month
Big Batch Brew Bash	Sunday, 5/21	St. Arnold's	Noon	N/A
June Meeting	Saturday, 6/10	Craig & Katie's	6 pm	BBBB Leftovers
July Meeting	Saturday, 7/8	Brew-It-Yourself	1 pm	Pilsners/Lagers
August Meeting	Saturday, 8/12	The Grain Cellar	12 pm	Wheat/Summer

**More to Come! Stay Tuned!!**

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