

# WORTHOG REVIEW



February 2003 (anybody care which edition and issue this is?)

## President's Message:

A very special opportunity has been offered to our club. Our March meeting will be at Fresno's Bulldog Brewing Company and we are going to brew a 7-barrel batch of beer on their system! The recipe will be of our choice and we'll be under the supervision of Matt, the head brewer. When our beer is ready it will be tapped and served at the restaurant!

We need to formulate a recipe **As Soon As Possible**. All levels of brewer are welcome.

Also, I am assembling a "brew group". We will formulate and brew a group beer for the bi-monthly AHA club-only competition. Our "group brew" will compete against other brews at the Worthog monthly meetings and could represent the club in the AHA competition.

We need to start the ball rolling on both of these items. If you have any questions or interest in these activities please contact me: [garyp6@yahoo.com](mailto:garyp6@yahoo.com).

Gary Petrosian

## January Meeting:

The January meeting was hosted by our new president, Gary Petrosian. Ron McIlroy brewed and actually got some company around the brew kettle as it was way too cold to be standing around drinking beer. The steam and heat from the boil kept us from getting frostbite. A good assortment of very tasty homebrew was flowing – evidence that we should be up to the challenges and opportunities that 2003 will bring.

## Calendar of Events

*(Details will be updated as available)*

### **Club Meetings**

#### February 2003

February 15 at Alan Nyitray's

#### March 2003

March 15 at Bulldog Brewery

Thanks to the head brewer, Matt Beatty!

#### April 2003

April 12

Donna Daniels

### **Other Events**

June 7 - Pub Crawl

June 28, 29 - Blues and Brews Reno



## February Meeting /Style Notes:

The 8th Annual Worthog/BBQ is at Alan Nyitray's Saturday Feb 15th. 428 N Ferger Av. is one block east of Palm and two houses south of Belmont on the East side with the chain link fence. 287-3348. Randy Miller will brew a Scotch Strong ale starting at 10:00 am, and Andy Ramm will be the BBQ chef again.

Please bring pot-luck dishes. There will be soda for kids, and of course plenty of home brew. Brown Ale club competition will be judged, so bring three bottles of your best sample. The winner will represent the club and will receive a **50 pound sack of grain**. Other styles to be brewing this spring are India Pale ale, Kolsch, Lambic, Pale ale, Dunkelweisen, Festbier, US Lager, Scotch Ale, Fruit beer, and old ale. Of course there is never any old ale around here. The upcoming AHA Club only competitions will be printed in the box. Dig up your old newsletters for the club history book and bring them with you.

The following is a list of **AHA Club-Only** competitions for 2003/2004. Plan your brewing accordingly. We will be having competitions at our monthly meetings to determine the brews selected to represent the club.

<u>Month</u>	<u>Style</u>	<u>BJCP Cat. #</u>
March/April	Brown Ale	10
May	English and Scotch Strong Ale	11
August	European Pale Lager	2
Sept. /Oct.	Specialty/ Experimental/ Historical	24
Nov. /Dec.	Koelsch & Altbier	8
Jan/Feb 2004	Barleywine	12
March/April 2004	Mead	25

**A Brown ale style** can be defined as the bottled equivalent of mild ale, but it may be stronger than the average mild. It generally has an original gravity of 1.035 - 1.049, resulting in an alcohol content of 3.5 - 4.5 percent by volume. The color of brown ale is dark amber to chestnut, and it is brewed from a combination of dark caramel malts and a small amount of black malt. It is lightly hopped for bitterness with little or no hop flavor and no aroma. Very low to low diiacetyl is appropriate. American brown ale is similar but often is more heavily hopped and significantly stronger.

**English Strong ale/ English old ales** are typically dark, and sweet with soft notes of fruit and molasses although neither are used as ingredients. Their gravity implies a high alcoholic content although they may or may not be strong. Although the gravity is high they are not thoroughly fermented leaving behind high residual sugars to highlight the malt flavors. They tend to be full in color and rich in flavor. Sometimes "old" indicates that the beer has been aged, But not always. (well that explains it) When these beers are aged, the beer's character emerges markedly. Amber to copper. English strong ales are medium to full bodied with a malty sweetness. Bitterness should be evident and balanced with malt and/or caramel sweetness.

### **Important Stuff:**

**Pub Crawl Details** – This year the plan is to head to Hollister, Santa Cruz and Los Gatos. Mark your calendar for June 7 and stay tuned for more details. See [www.toman.us](http://www.toman.us) for up to the minute information.

**Blues and Brews Hotel Details from Robert Toman** - I checked on a room block for the Reno Blues and Blues in June, 28, 29, 2003. There are no room blocks or discounts for that weekend. There are several other functions going on that weekend (rodeo, bowling, and craft fair). Rooms are \$120.00 + tax and \$3.00 energy charge. The room rate was for the Silver Legacy phone # 1 800 687 8733, or there are several other hotels near by on Virginia Street.

**Kegs and CO2** – Dave Smith has a lead on more used kegs at attractive prices. 3 gallon kegs for \$35.00, 5 gallon kegs for \$15.00 and possibly 20lb. CO2 for \$35.00. Catch up with Dave on or before the February meeting for details.

**Dues are Past Due for 2003** – If you have not paid your dues for 2003 be sure to do it at the meeting so the Treasurer doesn't have to keep bugging you about it. Worthog dues are a bargain at \$25.00. Dues cover meetings for members and family. Non-members pay \$5.00 per person per meeting. Paid members and family also get into Hogtoberfest for free. Non-members pay 15.00 per person.

**Don't leave home without it!**

1. **Beer** – homebrew or commercial
2. **Food** if you want to eat
3. **Recipes** of that great beer you brought so you can share it or get help with it
4. **Ice Chest** -- small or large for your bottles or kegs, and a little ice
5. **Beer Glass** – your favorite one that is a little different so when you lose it you can find it
6. **Money** or checkbook for the great things we raffle off
7. **Nametag** so we know who you are
8. **Notepad and pencil** to write down names and phone numbers and that recipe or bit of advise you know you must remember

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