

March 2007



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Next Meetings

April 28, 2007

Ed Amerson's House
6730 E Kings Canyon
Fresno, CA

May

To Be Announced

San Joaquin

Valley Worthogs

<http://www.sjvworthogs.com>

San Joaquin Valley

Worthog Review

Last Meeting

The meeting was held at Donald and Cathy Thornton's house. We had a decent turnout with about 30-40 people in attendance and a dozen or more great homebrews on tap.

We had several new potential members view the demonstrations and they seemed very happy about how the meeting are handled (no textbooks required).

Jason Decker brewed an all grain IPA and Ron McIlroy brewed an extract. We thank them both for doing the demonstrations.

Thanks to Andy for doing his usual fantastic job at handling the BBQ chores and to Donald and Cathy for hosting the meeting.

We received a fly by from Fresno County's finest.

Next Meeting

All of you extract brewers please bring your best. We will be judging the extract brews and send the winning beer to the club only competition in early May.

Ed's house is located between Fowler and Temperance on the North side.

All-grain Demo - 10:00 am
Club Business - 1:00 pm
Brewing Information - 1:00 pm

What to bring to meetings:

- Yourself and anyone who's interested in beer and brewing.
- Beer to share. (Homebrew or store-bought craft brew and imports).
- Food to share. (Chili, things to throw on the grill, sides dishes, etc.).
- Good vibes to share.
- Money for raffle tickets, dues (\$25.) and/or non-member entry (\$5.).
- Pen and paper for recipes and phone numbers.

Please Drink and Drive Responsibly !



IMPORTANT INFORMATION !!!!!

Members and guests MAY NOT use illegal substances at the meetings. This puts the club and the home or business owner at risk. Violators will have to leave the club function. This is for the good of the club member and the entirety of the club. Some of our active members are POLICE officers and CANNOT choose to ignore these violations. In short if you wish to use illegal drugs of any kind don't do it at our meetings or events, it places the very existence of our club in jeopardy.

***Thank you,
The Boardmembers***



ADDITIONAL NEWS

- A weekend camping trip is being planned for August 10th and 11th and is being coordinated by Ron McIlroy. The camping site is called Fir Group Site located off of highway 180. More details to follow.
- The next local AHA membership rally will be on June 2nd at Firestone Brewing in Paso Robles. This was a great event last year. Doc's Cellar homebrew shop, Beer, Beer and More Beer will conduct a homebrewing demonstration, Author of "How to Brew" John Palmer will be present, bring your homebrew to share..The club or individual members may want to consider bringing some homebrew to this event? The entry fee is a years membership in the AHA and comes with a membership card good for discounts at participating pubs and a years subscription to Zymurgy magazine.
- There are a bunch of AHA homebrew competitions that are open to any homebrewer, so don't be shy and send your best in. A list of competitions can be found at <http://www.bjcp.org>. Just click on Competitions.



You know you're a homebrewer if....

You ask the guy at the hardware store if something is "food grade".



CLUB MEMBER INPUT NEEDED

If any member has a tip, event, etc. that they would like to share with your fellow club members, please forward to dave_decker@comcast.net or Jason_decker6@yahoo.com .



LAST MEETING PHOTOS

Meeting photos will no longer be included in the newsletter due to their large size.

To view the photo's please use the following link or cut and paste into your browser.

http://new.photos.yahoo.com/album?c=dave.decker1&aid=576460762395819444&pid=&wtok=7_wb8vG0_UhHjetEyLK0_w--&ts=1175296714&.src=ph

This link will take you to a photo album on Yahoo. You can double click on each photo for a larger view. These photo's can also be saved on your computer.



2007-2008 CLUB ONLY COMPETITIONS

May 2007

Extract Beers

Entries accepted between 4/20/07 and 5/4/07 and judging will be held 5/11/07. Entry fee \$7.

Shipping/drop-off location:

TBD

Hosted by John Martin and the Homebrewers Of Peoria (HOPs) of Peoria, IL.

This competition covers All BJCP 2004 beer styles (Categories 1-23)*. Extract must make up more than 50% of the fermentables.

For more information, contact John Martin at n922m@dr.com .

August 2007

Strong Ale

Entry fee \$7.

Hosted by Mike Heniff and the Foam Rangers of Houston, TX.

This competition covers BJCP Category 19 beer styles.

For more information, contact Mike Heniff at Mike.Heniff@evalca.com .

September/October 2007

Bock

Entry fee \$7.

Hosted by Larry Kemp and the Cap 'n' Hare Homebrew Club of Ft. Worth, TX.

This competition covers BJCP Category 5 beer styles.

For more information, contact Larry Kemp at lke149@airmail.net .

November/December 2007

Pilsner

Entry fee \$7.

Hosted by Todd Crockett and the Gold Country Brewers Association of Orangevale, CA.

This competition covers BJCP Category 2 beer styles.

For more information, contact Todd Crockett at toadlc@pacbell.net .

January/February 2008

Dark Lagers

Entry fee \$7.

Hosted by Susan Ruud and the Prairie Homebrewing Companions of Fargo, ND.

This competition covers BJCP Category 4 beer styles.

For more information, contact Susan Ruud at Susan.Ruud@ndsu.nodak.edu .

March/April 2008

Perfect Porter Challenge

Entry fee \$7.

Hosted by Ron Smith and the Foam Blowers of Indiana (FBI) of Indianapolis, IN.

This competition covers BJCP Category 12 beer styles.

For more information, contact Ron Smith at RonSmith@MarketWiseSolutions.com .

May 2008

Extract Beers

Entry fee \$7.

The host for this competition is available.

This competition covers All BJCP 2004 beer styles (Categories 1-23)*. Extract must make up more than 50% of the fermentables.

For more information about hosting this or other Club-Only Competitions, contact Janis Gross at janis@brewersassociation.org .

August 2008

Mead

Entry fee \$7.

Hosted by Al Boyce and the Minnesota Home Brewers Association of Edina, MN.

This competition covers BJCP Categories 24, 25, 26.

For more information, contact Al Boyce at allan.boyce@usbank.com .

September/October 2008

Imperial Anything

Entry fee \$7.

Hosted by Fred Bonjour and the Clinton River Association of Fermenting Trendsetters (C.R.A.F.T.) of Macomb Township, MI.

This competition covers imperialized versions of all BJCP categories; you must state the imperialization of the beer (ABV, IBU, etc.) on the entry form.

For more information, contact Fred Bonjour at homebrew@wideopenwest.com.