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Next Meetings

November 25th

Daisy Loftis Mom's
House
1711 5th Street
Clovis, CA 93711. (Off
Fowler, 1 block north of
Bullard)

December

To Be Announced

San Joaquin

Valley Worthogs

<http://www.sjvworthogs.com>

San Joaquin Valley

Worthog Review

Last Meeting

Could not have asked for better weather for our annual Hogtoberfest celebration. 75 degrees and sunny, it just doesn't get much better for the valley! Lost track of the number of homebrew beers brought by the members, but it was somewhere around 25. As usual, not a bad one in the bunch.

One of our invited guests was Doug Dresser, the central valley regional sales manager for the Firestone Walker Brewing Company in Paso Robles. Doug brought a Bourbon barrel aged Stout that was awesome. If you tried this beer you are among a select number in the entire state who did.

Special thanks to everyone who pitched to help with the setup and to Andy Ramm and Dave Morford for handling the BBQ chores. Excellent ribs, chicken, and tri tip.

Last but not least a very special thanks to the Lester's for allowing us to "borrow" their beautiful property on the San Joaquin River.

Next Meeting

At Daisy Loftis's mothers house. We know this is not the ideal weekend for a meeting due to Thanksgiving, but we would appreciate your participation. Nothing like washing down some of that turkey dinner with some great homebrew. No brewing demo is currently scheduled, but we may discuss a topic of general interest to the membership. If anyone has any suggestions please contact one of the board members.

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!



2007 CLUB ONLY COMPETITIONS

February 2007

Low Gravity/Session Beers (OG < 1.045)

Entries are due by 2/8/07 and judging will be held 2/11/07.

Shipping/drop-off location:

TBD

Hosted by Drew Beechum and the Maltose Falcons of Woodland Hills, CA.

This competition covers BJCP beer styles with original gravities less than or equal to 1.045. Categories accepted for this competition include: 1. A, B, D (Light Lagers); 2. A, B, C (Pilsners); 4. A (Dark American Lager); 6. A, B, C, D (Light Hybrid Beers); 8. A, B (English Pale Ales); 9. A, B, C, D (Scottish and Irish Ales); 10. A, B, C (American Ale); 11. A, B, C (English Brown Ale); 12. A (Porter); 13. A, B (Stout); 15. A, B (German Wheat and Rye); 16. A (Belgian and French Ale); 17. A, C, D, E, F (Sour Ale); 20. (Fruit Beer); 21. A, B (Spice/Herb/Vegetable Beer); 22. B, C (Smoke-Flavored & Wood Aged Beers). Please refer to the BJCP Guidelines (<http://www.bjcp.org/stylecenter.html>) for a complete description of the styles listed.

Only entries from this list of categories with a starting gravity at or below 1.045 will be judged in this competition.

For more information, contact Drew Beechum at drew@maltosefalcons.com.

March/April 2007

Scottish Ale

Entries are due by TBD and judging will be held TBD.

Shipping/drop-off location:

TBD

Hosted by Phil Clarke of the New York City Homebrewers Guild of New York, NY.

This competition covers BJCP 2004 Category 9 A, B, and C: the Scottish Light 60/-, Scottish Heavy 70/-, and Scottish Export 80/- styles.

For more information, contact Phil Clarke at doglebe@yahoo.com.

May 2007

Extract Beers

Entries are due by TBD and judging will be held TBD.

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.



ADDITIONAL NEWS

Congratulations to Dave & Jason Decker for their recent first place divisional win at the Tulare County Fair for an awesome Barley Wine. They were the only entry from Fresno. It would be great to have more club participation at this BJCP sanctioned event, there is no entry fee and they offer cash prizes! We will be posting information next year for the members, but keep in mind the entry's are due in early September.

For those of you who reside in the NE Fresno/Clovis area there is a new Irish Pub that opened in early November. The pub is located at the NE corner of Nees and Willow and is called Grogg's. Twelve beers on draught and about 50 or so available in the bottle. They have a limited menu, but what we have tried is good. Only two are of beers on draught are not drinkable, they start with a B and a C. As we recall the following beers are available on draught: Bass, Newcastle, Smithwick's, Firestone Double Barrel, Sierra Nevada Pale, Fat Tire, Widmere Hefe, Arrogant Bastard and Sam Adams Octoberfest.



UPCOMING EVENTS

There is an AHA membership rally at Sierra Nevada Brewing Company early next year, if you don't mind the long drive to Chico, this would be a worthwhile event to attend. We are not exactly sure of the date as the AHA website has two dates listed, one on January 20th and one on February 24th. We will try and clarify the date and let you know.



QUOTE OF THE MONTH

Sometimes when I reflect back on all the beer I drink I feel ashamed. Then I look into the glass and think about the workers in the brewery and all of their hopes and dreams. If I didn't drink this beer, they might be out of work and their dreams would be shattered. Then I say to myself, "It is better that I drink this beer and let their dreams come true than be selfish and worry about my liver."

-Deep Thoughts by Jack Handy

BEER TRIVIA

Studying the experimentally induced intoxicated behavior of ants in 1888, naturalist John Lubbock noticed that the insects that had too much to drink were picked up by nest mates and carried home. Conversely, drunken strangers were summarily tossed in a ditch.

YOU KNOW YOU'RE A HOMEBREWER IF.....

You take your wife out to garage sales in hopes of finding brew gear.

CHEERS

SAM: "What'll you have Normie?"

NORM: "Well, I'm in a gambling mood, Sammy. I'll take a glass of whatever comes out of that tap."

SAM: "Looks like beer, Norm."

NORM: "Call me Mister Lucky."



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 .



HOGTOBERFEST 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://pg.photos.yahoo.com/ph/dave.decker1/album?.dir=/5525scd&.src=ph&.tok=p_h7mlyFBK5VMPjSF

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.

There is one more photo album that is available for viewing. There are photos from the AHA membership rally at the Firestone Walker Brewery in Paso Robles taken back in August.