



San Joaquin Valley Worthogs

Brew News

NEXT MEETING

December 13

Bencomo's Homebrew Supply

Olive Avenue, Tower District, Fresno

Demo Brew: Tom Kallos, English Brown Ale

*December
2008*

OFFICERS

- Joe Van Groningen
President
- Dave Morford
Vice President
- Don Thornton
Secretary
- Chris Steinkraus
Treasurer
- Ron McIlroy
Newsletter
- Tom Kallos
Sgt. at Arms

**Club Account
Balance:**

\$5224.85

**Worthogs
on the web:**

sjworthogs.org

Webmaster:
Chris Steinkraus

President's Message

Hi Worthogs,

The November meeting at Bencomos was on a nice sunny Saturday afternoon. Ron showed many new brewers the basics of brewing (thanks, Ron!). I would also like to thank Julien for having the meeting at his place.

You may pick up your new badges at any meeting. If you don't have one please let me know.

We still have some T-shirts left. They would make a great Christmas gift for the brewer in your life! We also voted to make 10oz sample glasses with the club logo on them. They will be ready in the spring of 2009.

Hope you are having a wonderful holiday season! See you at the meeting December 13 at Bencomo's.

Cheers,
Joe

HOPPY HOLIDAYS!



National Homebrewers Conference

Register now for the 2009 conference in Oakland!

Registration now open!

Registration for the **2009**

National Homebrewers Conference is now open!

The conference will be June 18-20, 2009 at the Oakland Marriott City Center.

More than 950 homebrewers attended the 2008 conference, and the AHA looks forward to another record breaking year next year!

Last year's conference **SOLD OUT!** So be sure to register as soon as possible!

The host hotel is the **Oakland Marriot City Center**.

The group room rate is \$129 per night (plus tax). The hotel also offers a discounted 24-hour parking rate of \$20/day.

Call 1-888-236-2427 to book a room at the group rate. The Group Code is "ahbahba."

Rooms are filling up fast. Reserve yours today.

Or see beertown.org for overflow hotel information.

Full Conference Package

Includes the following:

- All conference seminars

- Pro-Brewers Night
- Club Night
- Keynote Address
- Grand Banquet/Awards Ceremony

• Hospitality Suite access
Does not include any pre-conference events organized by the local committee.

AHA Members: \$230 (\$255 after March 31, 2009)

Non-AHA Members: \$268 (\$293 after March 31, 2009. (Price includes a \$38 AHA membership.)

Social Package

Includes the following:

- Pro-Brewers Night
- Club Night
- Keynote Address
- Grand Banquet/Awards Ceremony

• Hospitality Suite access
Does not include any pre-conference events organized by the local committee or conference seminars.

AHA Members: \$175 (\$200 after March 31, 2009)

Non-AHA Members: \$213 (\$238 after March 31, 2009. Price includes a \$38 AHA membership.)



AHA Members can purchase an additional guest registration at the member rate.

The **WORTHOGS** have requested a table at the NHC "Club Night". We will need club members to support the event.

Several Worthog members have already made their reservations to attend, so you will be in good company.

This is a no-cost event for the club as members each pay for their own registration.

It's a great opportunity to socialize and network with other homebrewers from around the state and the country.

It's also a fantastic educational opportunity with a great selection of seminars to take choose from.

For additional information, check out beertown.org.

Mark Your Calendar

January 24, 2009

Doug King Memorial Lager and Specialty Beer Competition

Woodland Hills, CA, US

Contact: Aaron Selzer

Phone: (818) 825-1074

Email: ASelzer77@gmail.com

Web: <http://maltosefalcons.com>

March 11, 2009

Kona Brewers Festival Homebrew Competition

Kailua Kona, HI, US

Contact: Fred Housel

Phone: (808) 331-8602

Email: Fred@kieleokona.com

Web: <http://konabrewcontest.googlepages.com>

March 25-April 8, 2009

1st Round AHA National Homebrew Competition Entries

Due 10 Regional Sites, US & Canada

Contact: Janis Gross

Janis@BrewersAssociation.org

www.beertown.org/events/nhc/index.html

April 4, 2009

World Cup of Beer

Berkeley, CA, US

Contact: Lee Shephard

Phone: (510) 508-9193

Email: shephardlee@gmail.com

Web: <http://www.bayareamashers.org>

May 2, 2008

AHA Big Brew / National Homebrew Day Worldwide Event

Contact: Janis Gross

Janis@BrewersAssociation.org

www.beertown.org/events/bigbrew/index.html

June 18, 2009

AHA National Homebrew Competition Finals Oakland, California

Contact: Janis Gross

Janis@BrewersAssociation.org

www.beertown.org/events/nhc/index.html

June 18-20, 2009

AHA National Homebrewers Conference Oakland, California

Contact: Bradley Latham



**Visit our newly updated website at: www.sjworthogs.org
Thanks to our webmaster, Chris.
Members: If you need a new badge, let Chris know.**

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SAN JOAQUIN WORTHOGS HOMEBREWING CLUB MEMBER RULES OF CONDUCT

1. Members are expected to participate in club events by bringing beer and food to share at the meetings.
2. Guest policy- Members are allowed to bring one guest to a meeting. Approval from the club President is required for additional guests. Guests are to pay \$5. each for a one-day membership without voting privileges, and are also required to bring food or beverages. Members are personally responsible for the behavior of their guests.
3. Members are expected to be courteous and respectful of other members.
4. Members are de facto representatives of the club and are expected to behave in a courteous and respectful manner with the public.
5. Members are encouraged to invite those with an interest in homebrewing to the meetings. Members are discouraged from inviting those who are simply interested in drinking beer.
6. Members are expected to familiarize themselves with and observe the rules and regulations of the club as established by the Club Officers.

“I like beer. On occasion, I will even drink beer to celebrate a major event such as the fall of communism or the fact that the refrigerator is still working.”

~ Dave Barry