



## San Joaquin Valley Worthogs

# Brew News

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### NEXT MEETING

Saturday July 19, 2008  
Russ Pipo's  
4134 North Maroa, Fresno

## June meeting update **by Ron McIlroy**

The June meeting was a typical Valley summer day—hot. But the 'hogs stayed cool at Dave and Kim Chappelle's pool party. They provided a great selection of smoked and grilled meat and everyone was impressed by Dave's homebrew system. Of course, lots of members brought their brews to sample—including a great selection of IPAs—perfect for a hot day.

## Beat the Heat: Escape to the Sierras with the Worthogs

**When:** Friday July 25 to Sunday July 27  
**Where:** Dorst Creek Campground Sequoia National Park  
**Cost:** Members: \$5  
Members Families: \$5  
Non-member guests: \$10

### What to Bring:

- Camping gear!
- A dish for the potluck dinner Saturday night.
- You family—A great event for the kids!
- Brewing Equipment

**Call or email Ron McIlroy or Dave Morford to sign-up!**

Visit our newly updated website at:  
[www.sjworthogs.org](http://www.sjworthogs.org)

Thanks to our webmaster, Chris.

Members: If you need a new badge, let Chris know.

### Mark Your Calendar!

Northern California Homebrew Festival  
Sept. 19 - 20

[www.nchfinfo.org](http://www.nchfinfo.org)

Don't forget the Big Fresno Fair Homebrewing Contest, sponsored by the Worthogs!

Entry forms due Sept. 6. Entries received Sept 5—11 at Bencomo's and Sept. 12-13 at the Fairgrounds. Judging is Sept. 27.

See the website for more details.

## Get your Pub Crawl Tickets!

The Worthogs are northern-bound for the 2008 Pub Crawl on **August 9**

The one-day bus trip will visit four pubs in the Sacramento area:

- **Auburn Ale House**
- **Hoppy Brewing Company**
- **Rubicon Brewing**
- **Sacramento Brewing Company**

Due to increase in gas and beer prices, tickets are \$115 for members and \$140 for non-members.



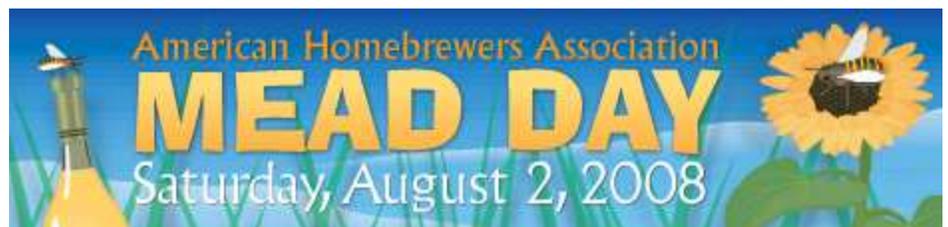
The price includes the bus ride—on Golden Eagle Charter, breakfast burritos on the bus, a brewpub lunch and, of course, beer-tasting at all the breweries.

For more information or to reserve your spot, call Patty at 559-903-0742.

## Club Dates to Ferment

- July 25-27: Campout: Dorst Creek  
Aug. 9: Pub Crawl  
Aug. 16: Meeting: Dave Morford's  
Aug. 23: Central Valley Craft Brewer's Festival  
Sept 20: Meeting: Tom Kallos'

*Dates & Locations tentative*



# Beer Briefs: News from the brewing world

## Irish woman seeks "husband" for 120 litres of beer

SONKAJARVI, Finland (Reuters) - Julia Galvin came to Finland looking for a man that would carry her 120 kg over a 253-metres track -- the incentive being the chance to win the wife-carrying world title and beer worth her body weight.

In the end the Irish woman was carried by an English man through a pool and across hurdles. She did not make the gold, but said she would keep trying until the title and the beer was hers.

"I think I am worth carrying because I am a walking party," she said.



Wife-carrying is one of a host of bizarre contests that Finns, who can tend to gloominess in the long winter dark, have devised for the scant months of summer when the sun hardly sets and people's mood turns frolicsome.

Forty-eight couples from 13 countries, including Kenya, Australia and Canada, gathered in the remote Finnish village to complete the track.

Estonia reigned supreme once again, as Alar Voogla sprinted home in just over one minute to win the Baltic country's 11th title, with Kirsti Viltrop clinging upside-down to his back.

"Yesterday we have had a really bad luck, because we fell and we lost our first place in the sprint and today it's

super," Viltrop said, after completing the main track.

Germany took away the silver and England the bronze, while hosting Finns had to do with a win for the 100-metre sprint, organised as a side-competition to the world-known event.

While some competitors are nearly professional athletes, others do it for fun or as a hobby.

Third-place winners Ash Davies and Aila Bruce put extra thought in designing their costume, to get the extra edge.

"We came with our costume designer all the way from England -- she has designed this especially, so we can compete, streamline you know, aerodynamic tuning," Davies aid.

Some 5,000 people came to view the event, set deep in forests and lakes a couple of hours' drive from the Arctic Circle.

The contest is rooted in the legend of Ronkainen the Robber, said in the 19th century to have tested aspiring members of his gang by forcing them to lug sacks of grain or live swine over a similar course.

It also purportedly stems from an even earlier tribal practice of wife-stealing, in honour of which many contestants now take up the challenge with someone else's wife.

It has also inspired others to organise events such as sauna sitting, swamp football, cell phone throwing or karaoke singing. All are part of a summer bonanza of events that rake in visitors and cash for as long as the midnight sun shines.

(Reporting by Attila Cser, Writing by Agnieszka Flak) © Reuters 2008.

## Philanthropic Efforts from the Brewing Community ([beertown.org](http://beertown.org))

Two groups have recently been formed with a common and extremely important message, cancer awareness.



**Beer for Boobs**, a team that was formed by the ladies of Whitelabs, will be participating in the Susan G. Komen 3-day, 60-mile walk for the cure this November in San Diego. Each team member must raise at least \$2,200 to participate in the walk, help support the Beer for Boobs team by visiting [http://www.whitelabs.com/breast\\_cancer.html](http://www.whitelabs.com/breast_cancer.html).

[Pints for Prostates](#) is working to deliver the message of awareness and regular testing for prostate cancer, "through the universal language of beer." The group helps deliver the message that because very little symptoms are present until the disease has progressed a [PSA blood test](#) is very important to early detection.



**Mead Day**, organized by the [American Homebrewers Association](#) (AHA), is a national event to help increase camaraderie among homebrewers and to introduce or reintroduce the meadmaking hobby. Each year on the first Saturday in August, homebrewers around the nation are encouraged to invite non-brewing and brewing friends and family to celebrate by making mead.

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# Upcoming BJCP Competitions

These are all of the Brew Judge Certification Program (BJCP) sanctioned events in California through the end of the year.

08/09/2008

## "Go For The Gold" Homebrew & Label Contest

San Mateo, CA, US  
Contact: John Watson  
Phone: (408) 732-6193  
Email: jswatson@yahoo.com  
Web: <http://www.sanmateocountyfair.com>

09/06/2008

## Santa Cruz County Fair Homebrew Competition

Watsonville, CA, US  
Contact: Mia Bossie  
Phone: (831) 336-4569  
Email: bossies@cruzio.com  
Web: <http://santacruzcountyfair.com>

09/07/2008

## Tulare County Fair Homebrew Competition

Tulare, CA, US  
Contact: Bert McNutt  
Phone: (559) 592-8175  
Email: bertmc42@earthlink.net  
Web: <http://tchops.org>

09/20/2008

## Pacific Brewers Cup

Los Angeles, CA, US  
Contact: Kevin Koenig  
Phone: (310) 254-7095  
Email: kevingk@earthlink.net  
Web: <http://www.PacificGravity.com>

09/27/2008

## The Big Fresno Fair Homebrew Competition

Fresno, CA, US  
Contact: Dave Morford  
Phone: (559) 970-2482  
Email: fshrdave@qnis.net  
Web: <http://www.sjworthogs.org>

10/19/2008

## 2008 National Organic Homebrew Challenge

Santa Cruz, CA, US  
Contact: Amelia Slayton  
Phone: (831) 454-9665  
Email: 7bridges@breworganic.com  
Web: <http://www.breworganic.com/Competition/index.html>

10/25/2008

## Queen of Beer Women's HBC

Placerville, CA, US  
Contact: Madeline Franke  
Phone: (555) 555-5555  
Email: mfranke@ebay.com  
Web: <http://www.hazeclub.org>

11/08/2008

## 30th Annual California State Homebrew Competition

San Francisco, CA, US  
Contact: Mike Riddle  
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Email: mjriddle1@comcast.net  
Web: <http://nchfinfo.org>



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