



Quality Ale and Fermentation Fraternity

May 2000

NEXT MEETING

Tuesday, May 16
7:30 PM at Callahan's
MEETING TOPICS

- **Kegging and Cask Conditioning, by Rich Link**
- **Bring Your Homebrew**

Future AHA Club-Only Competitions

Categories	Due to QUAFF	Due at Contest
American Pale Ale	TBD	August
Oktoberfest	TBD	October
Historical Beers	TBD	December

Bring three 10-14 oz bottles (brown or green only) to the regular meeting or to the Board meeting. The bottle should have no distinctive marks on the bottle or cap that might identify the entry as yours. No Grolsch bottles either. Include a filled-out AHA entry form with your entry. Due dates are either the Board meetings (usually the first Tuesday in each month), or the regular monthly meetings (third Tuesday in each month). Entries may be turned in to any Board member, or brought to the meeting. (Check to make sure the Board member will be attending the meeting.)

CALENDAR

May	
12,13	San Diego Real Ale Festival at Pizza Port Carlsbad
16	QUAFF Monthly Meeting at Callahan's (7:30)
June	
7	QUAFF Board Meeting at San Diego Brewing (6:30)
9	Entry forms deadline for Del Mar Fair (by 5PM)
20	QUAFF Monthly Meeting at Callahan's (7:30)
25	Del Mar Fair Homebrew Contest (entries in by 12 noon)
July	
5	QUAFF Board Meeting at San Diego Brewing (6:30)
18	QUAFF Monthly Meeting at Callahan's (7:30)
August	
1	QUAFF Board Meeting at San Diego Brewing (6:30)
5	QUAFF Day at the Padres (tentative)
15	QUAFF Monthly Meeting at Callahan's (7:30)

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QUAFF Storms Through AHA Southwest Regional

In 1999, QUAFF made its best ever performance in the first round regional of the National Homebrew Competition (NHC), sponsored by the American Homebrewers Association. That year we won 12 ribbons (1 first, 5 seconds, and 6 thirds) and amassed 27 points (based on 6 points for a first, 3 points for a second, and 1 point for a third). Points earned in the first and second rounds of the NHC and the club-only competitions are totaled by AHA to determine their homebrew club of the year. Last year, the Capitol Brewers of Oregon and the Urban Knaves of Grain of Illinois tied for first with a total of 77 points.

This year, QUAFF made a strong statement that we want the title in San Diego for 2000. In the first round Southwest regional alone, QUAFF collected 24 ribbons (8 firsts, 9 seconds, and 7 thirds), and accumulated 82 points. And these are only preliminary results, since one category (Specialty, Experimental, Historical Beers) remains to be judged, and also monster brewer Tyce Heldenbrand's beers have not yet been judged in Philadelphia (at press time). In addition, adding another point for Greg and Liz Lorton's third place finish in the national Club-Only competition for lambics in April, QUAFF now has 83 points and (hopefully) counting.

QUAFF hosted its first ever AHA NHC regional competition from April 22 through May 8. Tyce Heldenbrand was the official organizer, although because of a field assignment in Philadelphia, much of his work was long distance, and a lot of work was delegated to other QUAFF Board members, including Tod Fitzsimmons, Harold Gulbransen, Peter Zien, Randy Barnes, and Greg Lorton.

The Southwest Regional Competition was open to homebrewers from California, Arizona, Nevada, Utah, and Hawaii. The regional drew 457 entries, mostly from California, but quite a few also from Arizona. 28 categories were contested. The Southwest Regional is one of seven (six in the U.S. and one in Canada). The top three finishers from each category in each region advances to the second round judging at the AHA National Conference in Livonia, Michigan. The AHA has minimum score requirements for a beer to advance to the second round, so it is conceivable that some categories in a region may not advance three entries. Therefore, each category can have up to 21 entries in the second round.

more, including QUAFF winners on page 2.

SPENT GRAINS

Notes from the April Meeting

by Greg Lorton

The April meeting at Callahan's was called to order by President Peter Zien at around 7:36. There were a number of guests, including Meredith Irwin, who subsequently joined QUAFF. The turnout is the largest that I recall to a regular meeting (but then my memory is suspected of being beer-impaired!). The back area was packed, between the QUAFF meeting and other groups. QUAFF members spilled over areas that Callahan's had intended to reserve for others.

A couple business items and some future potential events were discussed. These included discussions and announcements about the judging for the AHA National Homebrew Competition, the Temecula festival, and another QUAFF night at the Padres. Some of these items are summarized in the QUAFF News section.

Rich Link and Bob Whritner gave the feature presentation, which was a recap of their trip last year to Belgium and Germany. Along with MaryJo Whritner and Teresa Link, the dynamic duo embarked on a crusade across two of the most renowned beer countries in the world. Bob took a digital camera, and the four of them managed to document most of the trip, including beer highlights. The presentation featured overheads made from the photographs. It looked like the Links and Whritners had a good time! In addition to the presentation, a number of classic Belgian beers were sampled, including Westmalle Dubbel, Grimbergen Double and Triple, DeDolle Brewers' Oerbier, and Rodenbach Alexander.

April Beverage List

Roger Wammack	John Courage Amber
Loren Miraglia	Amber ale
Meredith Irwin	Amber ale
Leonard Ackerman	Extra Special Bitter
Leonard Ackerman	Apricot ESB
Dana Edgell	Community Brew (APA)
Joe Buchan	IPA
Randy Barnes	Rauchbier
MaryAnne Bixby	Mead
Rick Steele	Carafa Sorghum Strong Ale

Kegging/Cask Conditioning in May

Rich Link returns to the feature podium, this time to talk about kegging and cask conditioning. Rich is probably the most veteran brewer in QUAFF, bring decades of experience. The May meeting will held on Tuesday, May 16, beginning at 7:30 at Callahan's Pub and Brewery in Mira Mesa.

FUTURE MEETING TOPICS

May	Kegging and Cask Conditioning
June	American Ales

QUAFF Awards in AHA NHC First Round

The QUAFF award winners, listed by category, are:

Peter Zien	1 st in American Lager
Peter Zien	1 st in Light Ale
Leonard Ackerman	1 st in Bitter and English Pale Ale
Greg and Liz Lorton	2 nd in Scottish Ales
James Weiner	1 st in American Pale Ales
James Weiner	2 nd in American Pale Ales
Pat McIlhenney	2 nd in India Pale Ale
Peter Zien	1 st in Kölsch and Altbier
Peter Zien	1 st in German Amber Lager
Peter Zien	1 st in Mild and Brown Ale
Peter Zien	3 rd in Mild and Brown Ale
Jon Peterson	2 nd in Bock
Harold Gulbransen	3 rd in Bock
James Weiner	2 nd in Porter
Jon Peterson	2 nd in Stout
Harold Gulbransen	3 rd in Wheat Beer
Greg and Liz Lorton	1 st in Belgian and French Ale
Harold Gulbransen	3 rd in Belgian and French Ale
Harold Gulbransen	2 nd in Spice/Herb/Vegetable Beer
Loren Miraglia	3 rd in Spice/Herb/Vegetable Beer
Harold Gulbransen	2 nd in Smoked Beer
Harold Gulbransen	3 rd in Smoked Beer
Greg and Liz Lorton	3 rd in Traditional Mead
Pat McIlhenney	2 nd in Herb/Spice Mead and Braggot

These points do not include the results of the Specialty, Experimental, Historical Beer category (in which there were several QUAFF entries), and the results of Tyce Heldenbrand's entries in Philadelphia. (As organizer of the the Southwest Regional, Tyce was not allowed to enter beers in that region. So he chose to enter them in the region that he is currently working in, the Northeast Regional.)

With the AHA's scoring system of six point for a first, three for a second, and one for a third, QUAFF scored points than the next six highest scoring clubs combined. Peter Zien's 31 points were more than twice as many as any other club or individual. (Bob Thompson of the Temecula Valley Homebrewers scored all 15 of the TVHA's points, with six awards.) Our friends, the Brew Techs, amassed 10 points (Greg Distefano had a first and a third, and Dave Askey had a second.)

The individual contributions to QUAFF's point total for AHA Homebrew Club of the Year are as follows:

Peter Zien	31 points (five firsts and one third)
James Weiner	12 points (one first and two seconds)
Greg and Liz Lorton	11 points (a first, second, and third, plus a third in the Lambic Club-Only)
Harold Gulbransen	10 points (two seconds and four thirds)
Leonard Ackerman	6 points (one first)
Pat McIlhenney	6 points (two seconds)
Jon Peterson	6 points (two seconds)
Loren Miraglia	1 point (one third)

Club-Only Contests

Lambic

The national Club-Only competition for lambics was held on April 1 in Illinois, and Greg and Liz Lorton took third place overall. First place went to Douglas Faynor of Woodburn, Oregon, and second to Mark Gaspard of Kansas City, Missouri. A total of 23 entries were received.

Weiss is Nice

The Weiss is Nice Club-Only competition will be held in mid May in Louisiana. QUAFF entries are already due in, but the winning QUAFF representative has not yet been selected. The contest covers the four German wheat styles: Bavarian Weizen, Bavarian Dunkelweizen, Berliner Weisse, and Weizenbock.)

Best of Big Brew

The Best of Big Brew Club-Only competition is designed to feature the beers brewed in the National Homebrew Day (May 6) Big Brew. Since this beer is an American pale ale, the Club-Only competition focuses only on American pale ales (category 6a in the new AHA/BJCP guidelines), and not the other subcategories (American amber ale and California common ale). The contest is scheduled for the end of August and will be hosted by the Cross Street Irregulars.

Best of Fest

The Best of Fest Club-Only competition features German amber lagers, Oktoberfest and Märzen (AHA/BJCP categories 9a and 9b). The competition is in mid-October, and is sponsored by the Minnesota Timberworts.

Historical Beers

Finally, 2000 will wind up with Historical Beers in early December, hosted by the High Plains Draughters (Oklahoma). This contest will cover on the historical beers of the Specialty/Experimental/Historical Beer category.

2000 Club-Only Competition Standings

	Total Points	Points from last contest	Total Beers Entered
1. Tyce Heldenbrand	17	2	5
2. Greg and Liz Lorton	14	7	3
3. Peter Zien	13	4	6
3. Greg and Liz Lorton	14	7	3
4. Roger Wammack	9	0	2
5. Harold Gulbransen	6	0	4
6. Chris Toth	2	0	2
7. Dan Sherman	1	0	2
7. Jim Howard	1	0	1
7. Duane Bonderson	1	0	1

Brewing To-Do List

- Hopefully you've been brewing for the **Del Mar Fair**. The Homebrew Competition will be held on Sunday, June 25, and the deadline for the entry form is June 9. More details on page 4.
- **Best of Big Brew** will be the Club-Only competition in late August. This contest covers a single subcategory (American Pale Ale, AHA/BJCP subcategory 6a).

QUAFF News

QUAFF Padres Game

At the April meeting, Bob MacKay solicited for interest in another QUAFF day at the Padres. With a very favorable response, Bob suggested Saturday, August 5. More details will be coming, but be sure to reserve this Saturday evening. Last year's game was greatly enjoyed by all!

Local Beer News

San Diego Real Ale Festival

Pizza Port in Carlsbad will host the 3rd Annual San Diego Real Ale Festival on Friday, May 12, and Saturday, May 13. Festivities will begin on Friday at 4:00 PM and Saturday at 11:00 AM, and will continue each day until closing. Forty firkins are expected of cask-conditioned ales are expected. Be warned however, that when each cask is done that's it, there are no more!

The festival will be held adjacent to Pizza Port Carlsbad, which is located at 572 Carlsbad Village Drive in downtown Carlsbad, about ½ mile west of I-5. The entry price of \$10.00 gets you a logo English pint glass, five taster tickets (5 ounces each), and a program to guide you through all of the beers. Each additional taster ticket is \$1.00 each. Raffle tickets are \$1.00 each or 6 for \$5.00. Festival T-shirts are \$10.00.

Temecula Festival

The Tenth Annual Southern California Homebrew Festival (SCHF X) has come and gone, another rousing success. The festival continues to be great, this time under the supervision of festival president Rich Link. The feature speakers were George Fix and Alan Sprints (Hair of the Dog Brewery). And the raffle, hosted by Teresa Link, continues to grow in size.

After a slow start in the morning, QUAFF managed to crank up an impressive selection of beers. Short of CO₂ for an hour and a half, the selection included an IPA from Leonard Ackerman, and ESBs from Rich and Teresa Link and Joe Buchan. Once the CO₂ showed up, more beers hit the taps, including beers from Greg and Liz Lorton, Peter Zien, more from Rich Link, Randy Barnes, Jeff Majors, Harold Gottschalk, and several others (forgive me for not writing them all down).

Del Mar Fair Home Brew Contest

One of the largest (if not the largest) homebrew competitions in California is the Del Mar Fair. **To enter the contest, you must submit an entry form by no later than 5:00 PM on Friday, June 9.** Entry forms may be obtained from the Del Mar Fair Entry Office, 2260 Jimmy Durante Boulevard, Del Mar 92014-2216. The entry fee is \$5.00 per entrant (not per entry), so \$5.00 gets you into the contest, no matter how many beers you bring. Also, you entries allow you free entry into the fair. (Just tell the admission people that you are bringing entries for the Home Brew Contest.) In the last several years, the Home Brew contest has been the largest arts and crafts contest in the fair.

There are 5 divisions, and 33 categories. Ribbons are awarded to the top five beers in each category (if merited by the judges). Also ribbons are awarded to the winners of each division. The first place winner in each category also wins a \$10 gift certificate to Home Brew Mart, and awards from Karl Strauss Brewery and Stone Brewing. The winner of each division also wins a \$25 gift certificate to Beer & Wine Crafts, another award from Stone Brewing, and a special trophy from Karl Strauss. The Sweepstakes Winner is selected from the five division winners, and represents the Best of Show. The Sweepstakes Winner wins another \$25 gift certificate from Beer & Wine Crafts, a \$25 gift certificate from Home Brew Mart, a double magnum of ale from Stone Brewing, and a special trophy from Karl Strauss Brewery.

Here are the categories and divisions:

ALE DIVISION

1. Barley Wine
2. Belgian and French Ale
3. Belgian-Style Lambic
4. Mild and Brown Ale
5. Classic English Pale Ale
6. American Pale Ale
7. India Pale Ale
8. English Bitter
9. Scottish Ale
10. Porter
11. English and Scottish Strong Ale

STOUT DIVISION

12. Classic Irish-Style Dry Stout
13. Foreign-Style Stout
14. Sweet Stout
15. Oatmeal Stout
16. Imperial Stout

LAGER DIVISION

17. Bock
18. German Dark Lager
19. German Light Lager
20. Classic Pilsener
21. American Lager
22. Vienna/Märzen/Okttoberfest

MIXED STYLE (LAGER-ALE) DIVISION

23. American-Style Wheat Beer
24. German-Style Ale
25. German-Style Wheat Beer
26. Smoked Beer
27. Fruit and Vegetable Beer

28. Herb and Spice Beer
29. Specialty Beer
30. California Common Beer

MEAD DIVISION

31. Traditional Mead and Braggot
32. Fruit and Vegetable Mead
33. Herb and Spice Mead

2000 QUAFF Membership

Here is the list of QUAFF members that are current in their dues. If you notice that someone is missing, please call them and have them give Harold Gulbransen a call, or mail him a \$20 check.

Leonard Ackerman
David Adkins
Randy Barnes
Mike Bates
Horace and Mary Anne Bixby
John Boro
Joe Buchan
Thomas Buchenau
Tom and Nancy Canty
Peter Carlson
Kit Cheves
William Disher
Dana Edgell
Drew Engles
Tod Fitzsimmons
Harold Gottschalk
Harold Gulbransen
Tyce Heldenbrand
Dion Hollenbeck
Pete Hovde
Jim Howard
Meredith Irwin
Sandy James
Garth Jones
Tom Kelly
Joe Kiely
Erol Kilki
Rich and Teresa Link
Steve and Carol Lord
Greg and Liz Lorton
Bob and Linda MacKay
Jeff Majors
Pat McIlhenney
Richard McLaughlin
Ron and Sheri Menelli
Loren Miraglia
Ted Newcomb
Jon Peterson
Paula Polentz
Jim Przywara
Blake Rowe
Dan Sherman
Rick Steele
Chris Toth
Skip Virgilio
Roger Wammack
Jim Weiner
Chuck West
Chris White
Bob and MaryJo Whritner
Gary Yerkes
Peter Zien

THE SAN DIEGO BREWING SCENE

Brewpubs

Callahan's Pub and Brewery 8280A Mira Mesa Boulevard (Mira Mesa Mall)	(858) 578-7892
Coronado Brewing Company 170 Orange Avenue (Coronado)	(619) 437-4452
Del Mar Stuff Pizza Café & Restaurant 12840 Carmel Country Road (Carmel Valley)	(858) 481-7883 Tom Nickel
Dino & Luigi's Stuff Pizza 10155 Rancho Carmel Drive (Carmel Mountain Ranch)	(858) 592-7883
Gordon Biersch 5010 Mission Center Road (Mission Valley)	(619) 688-1120
Hops! Bistro & Brewery 4353 La Jolla Village Drive (UTC)	(858) 587-6677 Chris Leonard
Karl Strauss Brewery Gardens 9675 Sorrento Road (Sorrento Valley)	(858) 587-2739
Karl Strauss Old Columbia Brewery 1157 Columbia Street (Downtown)	(619) 234-2739
Karl Strauss Brewery & Grill 1044 Wall Street (La Jolla)	(858) 551-2739
Pizza Port/Carlsbad Brewery 571 Carlsbad Village Drive (Carlsbad)	(760) 720-7007 Kirk McHale
Pizza Port/Solana Beach Brewery 135 N. Highway 101 (Solana Beach)	(858) 481-7332 Tomme Arthur
Rock Bottom 8980 Villa La Jolla Drive (La Jolla)	(858) 450-9277
Rock Bottom 401 G Street (Gaslamp Quarter)	(619) 231-7000
San Diego Brewing Company 10450 Friars Road (Mission Gorge)	(619) 284-2739
San Marcos Brewery & Grill 1080 W. San Marcos Boulevard	(760) 471-0050 Dave Nutley
Sports City Café and Brewery 8657 Villa La Jolla Drive	(858) 450-3463
Terrific Pacific Brewery & Grill 721 Grand Avenue (Pacific Beach)	(619) 270-3596

What's new? Call Greg at (760) 635-0528 (or e-mail to glorton@cts.com) with new information on San Diego brewpubs, microbreweries, BOPs, homebrew shops, and other local beer news. 3/2000

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Microbreweries

AleSmith Brewing Company 9368 Cabot Drive (Miramar) Brewers: Skip and Tod	(858) 549-9888 www.alesmith.com <i>AleSmith ESB, Golden Anvil, Nautical Nut Brown, and rotating specials</i>
Stone Brewing Company 155 Mata Way, Suite 104 (San Marcos) Brewer: Steve Wagner	(760) 471-4999 www.stonebrew.com <i>Stone Pale Ale, Lee's Mild, Smoked Porter, Arrogant Bastard Ale</i>
Ballast Point Brewing Company 5401 Linda Vista Road, Suite 409 Brewer: Peter A'Hearn, Yuseff Cherney, and Colby Chandler	(619) 298-2337 www.ballastpoint.com <i>Yellowtail Pale Ale, Copper Ale, Big Eye IPA, Black Marlin Porter</i>
La Jolla Brewing Company 1795 Hancock Street (Mission Brewery Plaza) Brewer: Ben Frymark	(619) 692-1009
Murphy's Custom Brewing 2640 Financial Court (Rose Canyon) Brewer: Doug Murphy (<i>contract brewing for a few restaurants</i>)	(858) 274-9696

Homebrew Ingredient Suppliers

White Labs - Pure Brewer's Yeasts 7564 Trade Street, San Diego 92126	(858) 693-3441 www.whitelabs.com
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Homebrewing Suppliers

American Home Brewing Supply 11404 Sorrento Valley Road, Suite 103, San Diego 92121	(858) 450-9746
Beer Crafts 843 W. San Marcos Blvd., San Marcos 92069	(760) 591-9991 www.beercrafts.com
Beer and Wine Crafts 9379 Mission Gorge Road, Santee 92071 (<i>new location</i>)	(619) 449-9591
Home Brew Mart 5401 Linda Vista Road, Suite 406, San Diego 92110	(619) 295-2337 www.homebrewmart.com

Brew-On-Premises

Murphy's Custom Brewing 2640 Financial Court (Rose Canyon)	(858) 274-9696
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Beer Stores

Beverages, & more!

8410 Center Drive (La Mesa)	(619) 461-6230
212 N. El Camino Real (Encinitas)	(760) 943-6631
11475 Carmel Mountain Road	(858) 673-3892
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Membership Information

Membership dues are \$20 per calendar year, due January 1 and expiring on December 31.

Make your check payable to **Harold Gulbransen**.

Contributed Articles

Articles are encouraged and gratefully accepted, and are printed at the editor's discretion. Articles must be received no later than 12 days before the next meeting date to allow time for final editing, printing, and mailing in time for the meeting. Articles may be mailed to Greg Lorton, QUAFF Newsletter, 2602 La Ducla Lane, Carlsbad, CA 92009. E-mail contributions should be sent to glorton@cts.com.

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7:30 PM on Tuesday, May 16

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