

QUAFF

Quality Ale and Fermentation Fraternity

October 1998

NEXT MEETING

Tuesday, October 20
7:30 PM Sharp
Callahan's Pub & Brewery
MEETING TOPICS

- **Brewing Holiday Beers**
- **Bring Your Homebrew!**

Future AHA Club-Only Competitions

Contest	Due to QUAFF	Contest Date
If It's Not Scottish	December 1	December 7

Bring four 10-14 oz bottles (brown or green only) to the regular meeting or to the Board meeting. The bottle should have no labels, raised glass lettering or symbols, embossing, or lettering on the cap. No Grolsch bottles either. Include a filled-out AHA entry form with your entry. Due dates are either the Board meetings (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

October

20 October QUAFF Meeting at Callahan's (7:30)

November

3 QUAFF Board Meeting at San Diego Brewing (6:00)
17 November QUAFF Meeting at Callahan's (7:30)

December

1 QUAFF Board Meeting at Del Mar Stuft Pizza (?) (6:00)
12 December QUAFF Holiday Party at AleSmith (5:00)

January

5 QUAFF Board Meeting at San Diego Brewing (6:00)
19 January QUAFF Meeting at Callahan's (7:30)

February

2 QUAFF Board Meeting at San Diego Brewing (6:00)
16 February QUAFF Meeting at Callahan's (7:30)

March

2 QUAFF Board Meeting at San Diego Brewing (6:00)
6 6th Annual America's Finest City Homebrew Competition
16 March QUAFF Meeting at Callahan's (7:30)

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German Dark Lagers

For those of us who've never made the investment in a second refrigerator but who like to make lager beers, now is the time we start thinking about brewing them. In the fall and winter, it's easier to keep the temperatures down in the fermenters. Pilseners are pretty popular in QUAFF, along with an occasional Bock or Vienna/Märzen/Oktoberfest. German Light Lagers and German Dark Lagers seem less popular these days.

The AHA guidelines have two styles within this category, Munich Dunkel and Schwarzbier. The BJCP guidelines add a third, Continental Dark.

These styles are associated with the Bavarian region of Germany, and are specifically associated with Munich, Erlangen, and Kulmbach.

The Munich Dunkel is the strongest of the three styles, in terms of original gravity and alcohol. It has a malty flavor and aroma, and is only moderately bitter. A "noble-type" hop flavor and aroma should be low, but perceptible. The color (dark amber to brown) and dark malt flavor should come primarily from the use of dark Munich malts, rather than chocolate or roasted malts. Examples are Ayinger Albairisch Dunkel, Hacker-Pschorr Alt Munich Dark, König Ludwig Dunkel, and Paulaner Alt Münchner Dark.

Schwarzbier ("black beer") is darker in color (dark brown to black) than a Munich Dunkel, but lighter in original gravity and alcohol. It has a noticeable roasted malt flavor, and is hoppier than a Dunkel, although the hop bitterness, flavor, and aroma are all relatively low. The classic example of this style is Köstritzer Schwarzbier.

Both of these styles take advantage of the Bavarian water, which is high in bicarbonates and pH. Although this kind of water is hard for many beer styles, it works well with dark beers where the dark malt acidifies the alkaline water.

The BJCP's Continental Dark Lager style covers those dark lagers made by Europe's megabrewers. The BJCP says that this style covers dark European lagers that don't fit the Munich Dunkel style. They are hoppier, drier in flavor, and lighter in body than a Dunkel. Examples include Beck's Dark, St. Pauli Girl Dark, Grölsch Dark, Heineken Dark, and Dortmund Union Dark.

<u>BJCP Vital Statistics</u>	<u>OG</u>	<u>IBUs</u>	<u>Color (SRM)</u>
Munich Dunkel	1.050-58	16-30	17-23
Continental Dark	1.045-55	16-25	15-20
Schwarzbier	1.040-52	20-35	25-30

SPENT GRAINS

Notes from the September Meeting

Notes provided by Liz Lorton, and transcribed by Greg Lorton

President Tod Fitzsimmons called the meeting to order at 7:37 on September 15 in the Back Area of Callahan's Pub and Brewery in Mira Mesa.

Unfortunately, the written notes were very skimpy this month. (I got a recap that night after returning from a long night of teaching an environmental science class in Vista, and wasn't in a condition to write everything down.) The reports are clear, however, that Charles Hudak made a very authoritative and comprehensive presentation on ciders.

The September Beverage List

Tod Fitzsimmons	Cider
Peter Zien	Imperial Stout
Tom Buchenau several commercial "country" beers <i>plus a lot of other beers (Sorry! - GL)</i>	

Club News

New Board

Elections for the QUAFF Board were held at the September meeting and officers were selected by the Board at the October 6 Board meeting. The members of the new Board (and their responsibilities) are:

Tsar	Tod Fitzsimmons
Vice Tsar	Peter Zien
Money Guy	Garth Jones
Newsletter Guy	Greg Lorton
Membership Babe	Sandy James
Competition Guy*	Harold Gulbransen
Activities Guy #1	Randy Barnes
Activities Guy #2	Tim Lucas
Zymologist	Charles Hudak
Gadget Guy Emeritus	Dion Hollenbeck
Internet Guy	Harold Gottschalk

Harold Gu. - Not to worry. This doesn't mean the AFCHBC (this year at least). This means the AHA Club-Only competitions, and any other outside competition where we want to see a strong club effort (e.g., the California State Homebrew Competition).

Brewing To-Do List

- Now is the time to brew your **Holiday Brew**. The October meeting will focus on Holiday beers, but if you're going to make a big one, you might want to start soon to allow it to age for the **QUAFF Holiday Party** on December 15.
- **If It's Not Scottish** is the December Club-Only Competition. This contest includes AHA category 8 (Scottish Light ale, Scottish Heavy Ale, and Scottish Export), and category 10b (Scotch Ale). The deadline for entries to the contest site is December 7. We will judge the QUAFF representative at the December 1 Board meeting.

QUAFF Camp-out in Anza Borrego

Randy Barnes is once again coordinating another QUAFF sojourn to the desert. This camp-out will be held at the Palm Canyon campground near Borrego Springs (the usual place) on the weekend of November 14. There seems to be considerable interest in this upcoming camp-out and now is the time to make your reservation. There will be some intrepid souls who will be going up Friday afternoon and evening, but *everyone* will be there on Saturday night. There is always a fine and eclectic selection of homebrews at these events. We will be staying in the area of campsites 53 to 89. The ParkNet reservation number is (800) 444-7275. As of October 8, 46 sites were still available at this location (out of 61). (*Don't ask me how Sites 53 - 89 equates to 61 sites! - GL*)

Brewing Holiday Beers This Month

This month Harold Gulbransen (invited speaker!) will talk about holiday beers. We'd like to have a variety of homebrewed holiday beers for the Holiday party. And this leads to the next topic...

Holiday Party Moved to December 12

The Board agreed with Tod's (and AleSmith's) recommendation to move the Holiday Party from its traditional date and time (7:30 on the third Tuesday of December) to Saturday, December 12, beginning at 5:00. This will allow attendees more recuperation time (i.e., Sunday). Although we will have a selection of commercial holiday beers to sample, we intend to be more discriminating in what we purchase, buying only what we feel are good examples of the style. At the same time, we are encouraging members to brew and share their homebrewed creations. And as usual, this will be a potluck event. More details will be coming in the future newsletters.

Local Beer News

AleSmith Wins Silver Medal at GABF

AleSmith Brewing Company won a silver medal at the Great American Beer Festival for their Belgian Strong Ale. The gold medal in the Belgian-Style Ale category went to Celis Brewing (Texas) for their Grand Cru. The bronze medal went to New Belgium Brewing Company (Colorado) for their Abbey Belgian Ale. There were 42 entries in the Belgian-Style Ale category at the GABF, which ran from October 1 to 3 in Denver.

The silver medal is the second for Skip Virgilio in GABF competitions. He took first place in the Belgian Ale category several years ago while brewing another Belgian Strong Ale at late PB Brew House. Congratulations to Skip and Tod!

QUAFF Picnic Recap

Despite overcast, drizzly weather, QUAFF enjoyed another Oktoberfest picnic at Santee Lakes on September 26.

In the picnic homebrew competition, Peter Zien swept the top three spots in the Best of Show competition, and earned ribbons for all but one of his entries. Best of Show was his Oktoberfest. First and second runner-ups were for his Imperial Stout and his Bohemian Pilsener, respectively. The top finishers in the competition are the following:

- I. Barley Wines, Old Ales, and Scotch Ales (3 entries)
 1. Peter Zien English Old Ale
 2. Jon Peterson Scotch Ale
 3. Harold Gulbransen Scotch Ale
- II. Belgian & French Ales, and Lambics (6 entries)
 1. Greg & Liz Lorton Framboise Lambic
 2. Greg & Liz Lorton Tripel
 3. Greg & Liz Lorton Belgian Pale Strong Ale
- III. Milds, Browns, Porters, and Stouts (4 entries)
 1. Peter Zien Imperial Stout
 2. Harold Gottschalk Dry Irish Stout
 3. Jon Peterson Dry Irish Stout
- IV. Bitter, Pale Ales, Scottish Ales, and American Ales (2 entries)
 1. Randy Barnes Scottish Light Ale
 2. Greg & Liz Lorton India Pale Ale
- V. Amber & Dark Lagers, German Ales, California Common (7 entries)
 1. Peter Zien Oktoberfest
 2. Dan Sherman Altbier
 3. Harold Gulbransen Vienna
- VI. German & American Light Lagers, & Pilseners (4 entries)
 1. Peter Zien Bohemian Pilsener
 2. Tod Fitzsimmons German Pilsener
 3. Harold Gottschalk German Pilsener
- VII. German Wheat Beers (6 entries)
 1. Tod Fitzsimmons Berliner Weisse
 2. Harold Gulbransen Hefeweizen
 3. Greg & Liz Lorton Berliner Weisse
- VIII. Specialty, Fruit, and Herb & Spice Beers (2 entries)
 1. Peter Zien Chocolate Rye Hazelnut Porter
 2. Peter Zien and Harold Gulbransen Honey Smoked Pale Ale

Randy Barnes won the People's Choice Award for his Vienna beer that he provided on tap. Randy's beer was voted tops among a bunch of exemplary beers at the picnic.

The dart tournament began with a kid's division and an adult division. Leo (James?) was the winner in the kid's division, with Grant (Lucas?) coming in second and Katie Lorton taking third. The adult division also began in earnest, but got derailed with the announcement of the homebrew competition winners and then the raffle. I guess that means that Charles Hudak and Jane Bonderson continue as the defending dart champions.

The raffle was once again the climax to the day. Teresa Link, in her permanent role as raffle mistress of ceremonies, tried again to make sure that the perennial winners (Rich

Link and Randy Barnes) didn't get out of hand. And as usual, she was only semi-successful. However, Randy seemed to suffer at the hands of random luck, and didn't walk off with his treasure trove of brew gear. (His big haul this year was a bottle of ginger ale extract.) People that seemed to be walking up to claim prizes a lot included Bob MacKay, Erol Kilki, and Rich (as usual). Audry seemed to be walking up to pick up prizes a lot also, and the editor won more than his fair share of prizes.

We received an impressive array of donations from the local brewpubs, microbreweries, and homebrew shops. This year's donators included:

AleSmith Brewing Company
American Home Brewing Supply
Baja Brewing
Beer Crafts
Beer and Wine Crafts
Callahan's Pub and Brewery
Coronado Brewing Company
Del Mar Stuft Pizza
Hang Ten Brewing
Home Brew Mart/Ballast Point Brewing
Hops! Bistro and Brewery
Karl Strauss Brewery & Grill (La Jolla)
La Jolla Brewing Company
Mesa Liquor and Wine
Murphy's Custom Brewing
Pizza Port (Solana Beach and Carlsbad)
San Diego Brewing Company
San Marcos Brewery and Grill
Stone Brewing Company
Terrific Pacific Brewing Company
U of Brew
White Labs

QUAFF members are asked to show your support to our donators, without whom, our picnic would not be nearly as much fun. All of the homebrew supply shops and all but a few of the local brewpubs supported us with raffle prizes.

Credits: Thanks to Randy Barnes for organizing a great picnic, and to those who assisted him. Harold Gulbransen arranged the homebrew competition, and functioned as the steward, along with his daughters and wife. Judges in the contest were Randy, Peter Zien, Bob Whritner, Dion Hollenbeck, Tim Lucas, Tod Fitzsimmons, Erol Kilki, Jon Peterson, Garth Jones, Dan Sherman, and Greg Lorton. Bob, Erol, Dion, and Charles Hudak were the Best of Show judges. Tim Lucas, Liz Lorton, Garth Jones, Mary Anne Bixby, and Roger Wammack solicited raffle prizes for the picnic. Harold Gottschalk ran the barbecue (reportedly with help from Jeff Majors) and brought the ice. Teresa Link was the raffle princess, assisted by Katie and Mary Jane (of the Lorton and Lucas clans, respectively). Duane and Jane Bonderson and Tod and Kari Fitzsimmons organized the dart tournament. Kari Fitzsimmons (Fitzniebell?) organized the People's Choice awards. Dion helped in the early set up, Joe Kiely provided the bar, and AleSmith loaned us the keg buckets. Thanks everyone!

WELCOME NEW MEMBER

Mark Levin (of Cardiff) joined QUAFF in September

Club-Only Contests

Harold Gulbransen Finishes Second in National Weiss is Nice

Harold Gulbransen's Weizen took second place in the AHA's Weiss is Nice Club-Only competition. Harold's second place finish is the third in modern QUAFF history. Last year, Dave Adkins won the Extract Extravaganza with an IPA. Several years ago, Frank Leers took a second place (with an Oktoberfest, if my vague recollection is correct). With this finish in the national Weiss is Nice, Harold further extended his win over a tight pack for second, third, and fourth places (Greg and Liz Lorton, Peter Zien, and Tod Fitzsimmons, respectively).

Best of Fest

QUAFF's contest to determine our representative for the Best of Fest Club-Only competition was held as part of the QUAFF Oktoberfest picnic. The top three finishers were Peter Zien (Oktoberfest), Harold Gulbransen (Vienna), and Randy Barnes (Vienna). Peter's Oktoberfest won the German Amber and Dark Lager category in the picnic, and went on to win Best of Show. Erol Kilki and Greg and Liz Lorton also entered Oktoberfest beers in the contest. With this win, Peter soars out to the early lead in the 1999 QUAFF Club-Only contest. The current standings are listed below.

1999 Club-Only Competition Standings

	Points from last contest	Total Points	Total Beers Entered
1. Peter Zien	7	7	1
2. Harold Gulbransen	4	4	1
3. Randy Barnes	2	2	1
4. Erol Kilki	1	1	1
5. Greg and Liz Lorton	1	1	1

BJCP Exam in Riverside

Are you kicking yourself because you missed the San Diego Beer Judge Certification Program exam last May? Well John Oliver of Temecula is organizing a BJCP exam in Riverside on Sunday, October 18. (This is the day after the Farmers Fair Homebrew Contest at Lake Perris.) For more information, or to sign up, call John at (909) 682-5765.

Beer Judging Events

The Farmers Fair will be held at Lake Perris on October 17, and the Pacific Brewers Cup will be held in Long Beach on October 24. If you are signed up to judge at either of these events and are interested in carpooling, e-mail or call me (Greg Lorton, glorton@cts.com, (760) 635-0528 (days) or (760) 943-8280 (evenings)). If you are interested in judging at these events, check out the AHA website at (www.beertown.org, under sanctioned competitions) to get information about these contests. (*But do it quick!*)

FUTURE MEETING TOPICS

October	Brewing Holiday Beers
November	Do's and Don'ts for Competitions
December	Annual Holiday Party
January	Trappist Ales

6th Annual America's Finest City Homebrew Competition

by Greg Lorton

Planning is now moving ahead on the 6th America's Finest City Homebrew Competition. The biggest challenge at this stage is to nail down the competition site. Since the second year of the contest, it has been held at AleSmith Brewing. However, both AleSmith and the contest have grown, and last year we used a nearby vacant facility. We can't count on that kind of luck this year.

So we are now looking for an alternate site. The ideal site should be able to accommodate up to 50 judges (optimistic?) plus another 20 to 25 stewards, assistants, etc. If a large walk-in cooler is available, that makes things much easier.

If any member is aware of a potential competition location, please call me (Greg Lorton) at (760) 635-0528 or (760) 943-8280. We're open to any and all suggestions!

The competition will follow the 1998 AHA style guidelines, but we are looking at some additional awards or special prizes to liven things up a little.

The contest website (www.softbrew.com/afchbc) is being updated with new information and is ready to be checked out. Once again, we'll have the online entry feature, as well as online judge registration.

For planning purposes, we are planning for this event based on 300 entries. Last year we had exactly 300 entries, and were very fortunate to attract 46 judges. We have begun to set up an organizing committee for next year's competition. Although the competition is still five months away (March 6, 1999), it's not too early to begin planning. I will be the official organizer, and Randy Barnes, Peter Zien, and Harold Gulbransen have all volunteered to assist in the organizational activities.

The assistance of other people will be solicited (or drafted!!!) for various activities. Of course, we are looking for volunteers to help out, and if you are interested, *please* call me. Doing these contests is an interesting experience, and everyone should try it once or twice. It's also a great way for BJCP judges to pile up lots of experience points.

PBW Still Available

AleSmith still has some PBW cleaner available to QUAFF members at a cost of \$2.00 per pound. Call Tod or Skip at 549-9888 for details, and be sure to bring a container.

THE SAN DIEGO BREWING SCENE

Brewpubs

Baja Brewing Company 203 Fifth Avenue (Gaslamp Quarter)	231-6667
Callahan's Pub and Brewery 8280A Mira Mesa Boulevard (Mira Mesa Mall)	578-7892
Coronado Brewing Company 170 Orange Avenue (Coronado)	437-4452
Del Mar Stuft Pizza Café & Restaurant 12840 Carmel Country Road (Carmel Valley)	481-7883
Dino & Luigi's Stuft Pizza 10155 Rancho Carmel Drive (Carmel Mountain Ranch)	592-7883
Hang Ten Brewing 310 5 th Avenue (Gaslamp Quarter)	232-6336
Hops! Bistro & Brewery 4353 La Jolla Village Drive (UTC)	587-6677
Karl Strauss Brewery Gardens 9675 Scranton Road (Sorrento Valley)	587-2739
Karl Strauss Old Columbia Brewery & Grill 1157 Columbia Street (Downtown)	234-2739
Karl Strauss Brewery & Grill 1044 Wall Street (La Jolla)	551-2739
La Jolla Brewing Company 7536 Fay Street (La Jolla)	456-2739
Pizza Port/Carlsbad Brewery 571 Carlsbad Village Drive (Carlsbad)	(760) 720 -7007
Pizza Port/Solana Beach Brewery 135 N. Highway 101 (Solana Beach)	481-7332
Rock Bottom 8980 Villa La Jolla Drive (La Jolla)	450-9277
San Diego Brewing Company 10450 Friars Road (Mission Gorge)	284-2739
San Marcos Brewery & Grill 1080 W. San Marcos Boulevard	(760) 471-0050
Sports City Café and Brewery 8657 Villa La Jolla Drive	450-3463
Terrific Pacific Brewery & Grill 721 Grand Avenue (Pacific Beach)	270-3596

Brew-On-Premises

Murphy's Custom Brewing 2640 Financial Court (Rose Canyon)	274-9696
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What's new? Call Greg or Liz Lorton at (760) 943-8280 with new information on San Diego brewpubs, microbreweries, BOPs, homebrew shops, and other local beer news.

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Microbreweries

AleSmith Brewing Company 9368 Cabot Drive (Miramar) Brewers: Skip and Tod	549-9888 www.softbrew.com/alesmith <i>ESB, Golden Anvil, 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, IPA, Smoked Porter, Arrogant Bastard Ale</i>
Ballast Point Brewing Company 5401 Linda Vista Road, Suite 409 http://www.homebrewmart.com Brewer: Peter A'Hearn	298-2337 <i>Belgian White, Copper Ale, N₂-tapped special, Barley Wine in Tasting Room</i>

Homebrewing Suppliers

American Home Brewing Supply 11404 Sorrento Valley Road, Suite 103, San Diego 92121	450-9746
Beer Crafts 843 W. San Marcos Blvd., San Marcos 92069 http://www.beercrafts.com	(760) 591-9991
Beer and Wine Crafts 460 Fletcher Parkway, El Cajon 92020	447-9191
Home Brew Mart 5401 Linda Vista Road, Suite 406, San Diego 92110 http://www.homebrewmart.com	295-2337
U of Brew 9420 Activity Road, Suite B, San Diego 92126 http://www.uofbrew.com e-mail: uofbrew@pipeline.com	578-9405

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Make your check payable to Garth Jones.

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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