

QUAFF

Quality Ale and Fermentation Fraternity

July 2000

NEXT MEETING

Tuesday, July 18
7:30 PM at Callahan's
MEETING TOPICS

- **Oktoberfest, by Tyce Heldenbrand**
- **Summer Plans (Padres, Picnic, Camping?)**
- **Bring Your Homebrew**

Future AHA Club-Only Competitions

Categories	Due to QUAFF	Due at Contest
American Pale Ale	July 18	July 17-31
Oktoberfest	October 3	mid-October
Historical Beers	November 21	early 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

July	18 Monthly Meeting at Callahan's (7:30)
August	1 Board Meeting at San Diego Brewing (6:30)
	5 Day at the Padres
	15 Monthly Meeting at Callahan's (7:30)
September	5 Board Meeting at San Diego Brewing (6:30)
	19 Monthly Meeting at Callahan's (7:30)
	30 Oktoberfest Picnic at Santee Lakes
October	3 Board Meeting at San Diego Brewing (6:30)
	17 Monthly Meeting at Callahan's (7:30)
November	7 Board Meeting at San Diego Brewing (6:30)
	21 Monthly Meeting at Callahan's (7:30)

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QUAFF Finishes in Third for AHA Homebrew Club of the Year

QUAFF's gallant grassroots run for AHA Homebrew Club of the Year ended in a third place finish. The Kansas City Biermeisters (KCBMs), leading going into the final rounds of the AHA National Homebrew Competition, held off a furious finish by the Urban Knaves of Grain (UKG) to take first. Here are how the scores ended up (*unofficial results, tabulated by Greg Lorton from published information*).

	KCBM	UKG	QUAFF
Club-Only	16	0	4
NHC 1 st Round	112	87	91
NHC 2 nd Round	<u>7</u>	<u>27</u>	<u>13</u>
TOTAL	135	114	108

Harold Gulbransen, Jon Peterson, Jim Weiner, and Peter Zien Medal in NHC Second Round

In QUAFF's strongest showing ever, four members earned medals in the second round of the NHC. Leading the charge was Harold Gulbransen who won a Gold Medal in the German Wheat Beer category with his Weizen. Jon Peterson won a Silver Medal in the Stout category with a foreign stout. Jim Weiner won a Silver Medal in the American Ale category with an American Pale Ale. Peter Zien won a Bronze Medal with a cream ale in the Light Ale category.

Plan for Next Year!!!

This year's performance by QUAFF in the National Homebrew Club of the Year Competition easily shows that this honor is within our reach. Early on this Spring, we thought we did extremely well in the Southwestern region, only to find out that the Kansas City Biermeisters swarmed through their own region. We hope to host the regionals again next year, and we believe that the AHA was very pleased with the job we did this year. (Thanks, Tyce!) **If everyone chips in, we hope to gather enough points to win it all in 2001.**

According to our Michigan delegation (Peter Zien, Tyce Heldenbrand, and Harold Gulbransen), the rumors were flying that the 2001 AHA National Convention will be in Los Angeles. **So once again, brew early and brew often for the 2001 National Homebrew Competition. Hopefully, we can have a great showing in LA!**

SPENT GRAINS

Notes from the June Meeting

by Greg Lorton

The meeting was allegedly called to order at 7:31 PM. (Yours truly didn't arrive until 8:05!) The guest for June was Jack Wolf who subsequently joined QUAFF. Tom Kelly reviewed 2 Brothers brewpub in Illinois.

Jeff Major described plans for a Mexican fishing trip, and Jeff and Randy talked about possible camping plans this summer of fall. (These items have been discussed on the new e-mail group service (quaff-members@egroups.com), which is described on this page.

This month's feature presentation was American ales, by Jim Weiner. Jim followed up his presentation on at the meeting on Tuesday, June 20 by winning the Silver Medal in American Ales at the AHA National Homebrew Competition four days later.

June Beverage List

Dana Edgell
Tom Kelly
John Boro

Jeff Majors
Peter Zien
Kit Cheves
John Boro
Jim Przywara

American Ale
American Pale Ale
English Amber Ale
(brewed at Murphy's)
California Common
Irish Red Ale
Dunkel
Imperial Stout
Blackberry Cider

In addition to these beers, Peter Zien brought in a Berliner Burgerbrau Maibock (Michael Jackson World Beer Tour), and Jeff Majors brought in Belikin Stout (brewed in Belize).

Oktoberfest in July

The July meeting will held on Tuesday, July 18, beginning at 7:30 at Callahan's Pub and Brewery in Mira Mesa. Tyce Heldenbrand will do the feature presentation on Oktoberfest beers as a prelude to the Best of Fest Club-Only competition.

QUAFF Sails Through Del Mar

QUAFF made its strongest showing ever at the Del Mar Fair, based on total ribbons received. A total of 33 ribbons were won by eight of the QUAFFsters who entered. (A few others were reportedly just out of ribbon contention.) Of the 33 ribbons, nine were blue ribbons. The highest finisher in the overall competition was Dana Edgell, whose Sweet Stout won the Stout Division. Harold Gulbransen won eight ribbons, including three first place ribbons. (Interestingly, in true Del Mar fashion, his gold medal winning Bavarian Weizen from the AHA National Homebrew Competition was one of his few beers that didn't place at Del Mar!) Dana Edgell won seven ribbons, Greg and Liz Lorton won six, and Peter Zien won five. In what has become a tradition, this was the fourth year in a row that Peter has pulled in a pink (fourth place) ribbon! ☺

Here are the results for QUAFF, listed by category:

Belgian and French Ales (24 entries)	
Harold Gulbransen	1 st Place
Roger Wammack	3 rd Place
Belgian-Style Lambic (8 entries)	
Greg and Liz Lorton	1 st Place
Mild and Brown (51 entries)	
Harold Gulbransen	3 rd Place
American Pale Ale (54 entries)	
Harold Gulbransen	1 st Place
John Boro	3 rd Place
India Pale Ale (41 entries)	
Peter Zien	1 st Place
English Bitter (27 entries)	
Roger Wammack	4 th Place
Scottish Ale (19 entries)	
Greg and Liz Lorton	2 nd Place
Roger Wammack	4 th Place
Peter Zien	5 th Place
Porter (32 entries)	
Sharon Ackerman	3 rd Place
Dana Edgell	4 th Place
Dry Stout (16 entries)	
Harold Gulbransen	2 nd Place
Foreign Stout (14 entries)	
Dana Edgell	3 rd Place
Sweet Stout (12 entries)	
Dana Edgell	1 st Place
Imperial Stout (19 entries)	
Leonard Ackerman	3 rd Place
Jon Peterson - 4th in Bock (16 entries)	
Jon Peterson	4 th Place
Peter Zien	5 th Place
German Dark Lager (10 entries)	
Greg and Liz Lorton	3 rd Place
Harold Gulbransen	5 th Place
German Light Lager (8 entries)	
Greg and Liz Lorton	1 st Place
Classic Pilsener (10 entries)	
Dana Edgell	1 st Place
American Lager (11 entries)	
Peter Zien	1 st Place
Dana Edgell	2 nd Place
Greg and Liz Lorton	5 th Place
American Wheat (17 entries)	
Dana Edgell	2 nd Place
German Ale (14 entries)	
Peter Zien	4 th Place
Smoked Beer (9 entries)	
Harold Gulbransen	1 st Place
Herb & Spice Beer (10 entries)	
Harold Gulbransen	3 rd Place
Traditional Mead (15 entries)	
Liz Lorton	4 th Place
Dana Edgell	5 th Place
Herb & Spice Mead (6 entries)	
Harold Gulbransen	4 th Place

QUAFFsters didn't place in Barley Wines (11 entries), English Pale Ale (23 entries), English/Scottish Strong (25 entries), Oatmeal Stout (10 entries), VMO (22 entries), German Wheat (26 entries), Fruit Beer (19 entries), Specialty (24 entries), California Common (19 entries), and Fruit Mead (20 entries).

Based on the number of entries per category, there were 642 entries total.

Brewing To-Do List

- Your entry for the **Best of Big Brew** Club-Only Competition is due at the July meeting. This contest covers a single subcategory (American Pale Ale, AHA/BJCP subcategory 6a).
- The **QUAFF Oktoberfest Picnic** will be held in late September. Once again, we will sanction this competition. If Greg Lorton took Best of Show last year, anyone can!
- The AHA's **Best of Fest** Club-Only Competition features German Amber Lagers (Vienna and Märzen/Oktoberfest). The **QUAFF** representative will be selected from the entries for this category in the **QUAFF Oktoberfest Picnic**.

Club-Only Contests

Best of Big Brew

Your American Pale Ale for the Best of Big Brew Club-Only competition is due at the monthly meeting on July 18. The contest will be held in early 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. Peter Zien	24	11	8
2. Tyce Heldenbrand	17	0	5
3. Greg and Liz Lorton	15	1	4
4. Harold Gulbransen	10	4	5
5. Roger Wammack	9	0	2
6. Chris Toth	3	1	3
6. Dan Sherman	3	2	3
8. Jim Howard	1	0	1
8. Duane Bonderson	1	0	1

QUAFF News

QUAFF Padres Game – August 5

Bob MacKay has purchased 20 tickets for **QUAFF** for the Padres versus the Chicago Cubs. The game is scheduled for August 5 at 7:05 PM at Qualcomm Stadium. As we did last year, we will have a tailgate party before the game to share food and beer. Tickets are going fast, so contact Bob to get yours at (760) 436-7297 or bmackay@cts.com.

Picnic on September 30

Plan for the always-popular Oktoberfest on Saturday, September 30! As usual, the picnic will be held at Island #5 at Santee Lakes. We also plan to sanction the traditional homebrew competition, as we did last year.

Quaff-members@egroups.com

Do you have an Internet/e-mail connection? If so, you are probably a subscriber to the quaff-members@egroups.com. This e-mail group service provides an easy way to keep members up to date on all developments within the club.

To send a message to all **QUAFF** members in the group, simply post the message to quaff-members@egroups.com. If you aren't on the list, and would like to join, simply send an e-mail to quaff-members-subscribe@egroups.com.

If you wish to drop out of **quaff-members** group, you can unsubscribe by replying to this message, or by sending an email to quaff-members-unsubscribe@egroups.com.

Camping (Beach and Desert)

QUAFF camp counselor Randy Barnes with his able assistant, Jeff Majors, is looking into the possibility of a camping event at South Carlsbad State Beach on August 12. This is tentative, and the number of people who can attend depends on the number spaces we can get (and how many people the rangers allow per site).

The annual **QUAFF** foray into the Anza Borrego Desert is set for the weekend of November 11 and 12. Hardy souls will venture up on Friday, November 10.

More details will be forthcoming at the upcoming **QUAFF** meetings.

Elections Coming Up

The new **QUAFF** Board will be selected in September. Now is the time to step forward (or push someone else forward) into the esteemed position of **QUAFF** Board Member. Nominations are now accepted!

FUTURE MEETINGS

July	Oktoberfest Beers
August	Single-Malt Scotches
September	Free-For-All Forum
October	Historical Beers

Local Beer News

AleSmith Cask Night at Callahan's July 18 (Meeting Night)

by *Tod Fitzsimmons*

The AleSmith Cask Night at Callahan's will feature their renowned ESB, this time with Styrian Goldings and dry-hopped with Fuggles. AleSmith's cask night coincides with the monthly **QUAFF** meeting, which makes it a nice benie. Many times the cask goes fast. Be sure to get there early.

AHA National Homebrew Conference Report

by Peter Zien

The annual AHA National Conference was held June 22-24, 2000. This was my 3rd conference, and it ranked as the finest so far. Other QUAFFsters in attendance were Harold Gulbransen, Tyce Heldenbrand, and Chris White.

Harold and Tyce judged Second Round beers on Thursday, as I was flying out. I arrived at 4:00pm and found the two sitting through the end of Ray Daniel's IPA lecture. Tyce had judged the Barley wines and Imperial Stouts, so he was feeling no pain at this point!

First night activities included the "Beer Without Borders Club Night", where various local Homebrew Clubs treated the crowd to food and beverage. Noteworthy clubs were the Prison City group and the Urban Knaves of Grain. The Prison City boys like to eat and presented a table full of BBQ ribs, smoked turkey, smoked whitefish, and more.

The following morning began with a complimentary breakfast for the judges and stewards. I was assigned the German Light Lager division, consisting of Helles, Dortmunder, and Pilsner styles. Every beer scored over 30 points out of 50, and our winner (the German Pilsner) went on to win the Best of Show and claim Homebrewer of the Year honors for the talented brew team. Harold judged Scottish Ales and Tyce was handed German Ale duty. Tyce did his best to help my chances in the category by choosing all Kölsches for the medals! ☺

After judging, Charlie Papazian was the keynote speaker at the luncheon. Charlie spoke about the often confusing structure of the Association of Brewers and where the AHA fits. The Beertown website is doing very well, logging over 50,000 hits per month. It's always interesting when Charlie takes the floor, and the luncheon was no exception.

The following is a partial list of the lectures and presenters:

- Fermentation 101, Chris White. Unfortunately, Chris was scheduled during the final judging round so we couldn't make it. I found out later that many were in attendance and found it very informative.
- Pride & Passion in Brewing, Larry Bell. Larry brews for the Kalamazoo Brewing Company and produces awesome beers. Harold and I had prime seats up front and enjoyed his inspirational talk very much.
- The Second Prohibition, Fred Eckhardt. This was the most politically oriented talk of the conference, where Fred called for the raising of the drinking age to 21 and the lowering of the drinking age to 10! Fred had many good points, but I wouldn't want to approach a Senator with his platform!
- History of Brewing in Detroit, Peter Blum. Peter brewed for Stroh's and presented an entertaining slide show of the good ol' days.
- Classic American Pilsner, Jeff Renner. Jeff leads the way in resurrecting the pre-prohibition style of American Pilsners. He shared 2 examples of the style and gave a very informative talk on their production.
- Off Flavors, Morton Meilgaard. Morton produced the famous "flavor wheel", which is used in other food and beverage production besides beer. It was fascinating to hear the struggle of finding just the right words for the final descriptors.
- All About Alt, Roger Dreshner. Good altbiers were shared as we viewed slides from Roger's recent trip to Dusseldorf.

- IPA's Past, Present & Future, Ray Daniels. Main points included the present demise of the British IPA, and the American versions responsible for preserving the style. We sampled Larry Bell's Two Hearted IPA, Fuller's IPA, and Goose Island's version from Chicago.

The AHA hosted a gala Pig Roast that night, where we dined on BBQ pork, fresh corn, and salads. The food was great and the party stretched way into the night. Local breweries provided the crowd with fresh beer, both bottled and on tap.

The moment of truth arrived on the final night, with the AHA's annual Banquet and Awards Ceremony. Chris, Tyce, Harold, and I were joined by Al Korzonas (noted author and Homebrew Digest contributor) at our table, as we nervously got through the Prime Rib dinner preceding the Award Ceremony. Al shared versions of Sierra Nevada Bigfoot from 1993, 1994, 1995 and 1996, as well as a few of his meads.

The Awards Ceremony started on a great note, as Tyce, Harold, and Tod Fitzsimmons were called to the stage in recognition of their outstanding job on the 1st Round Nationals. Chris White was also recognized on stage for White Labs Yeast and his sponsoring efforts.

The night continued on a high note as the names of QUAFF brewers were read four times, becoming the club's first ever National winners. (See newsletter article for winners list). Although we tried our hardest, we couldn't overtake the efforts of the Kansas City Biermiesters and the Urban Knaves of Grain in the run for the Homebrew Club of the Year. However, QUAFF did finish in 3rd place for the honor out of a possible 600 National and International Homebrew clubs. Congratulations to QUAFF! And watch out for QUAFF next year- the Title is now within sight!!!

American Beer Month Launched in Philly

by Tyce Heldenbrand

American Beer Month was launched on Saturday, July 1st on the steps of the Museum of Art in Philadelphia. Around 200 brewers from around the U.S. united in what was celebrated as the first official gathering celebrating American Beer Month, the month of July. The reason for the gathering was to help promote the drinking and appreciation of American-made beer as brewers from the US are no longer second fiddle to the brewers of Europe. Larry Bell of Kalamazoo brewing co. led the charge and notable attendees included Ray Daniels, Roger Briess, Dean Biersch, the IBS (Institute of Brewing Studies). Brewers from 22 states were represented, mostly from the east coast. Each state that attended had a chance to give a two- to four- minute speech about the significance of brewing in their state. August Busch IV sent a letter stating he was unable to attend, but supported the mission.

Larry Bell gave a brief history on American Beer and breweries. The talk focused around how the European brewers fear the American brewers as we have learned much in such a small time and we have stolen their passion for the art of brewing. Larry speech included a span of about 2 minutes where he emphasized the importance and resurgence of homebrewers in America and how we are keeping craft brewing alive.

An important misconception was clarified at the gathering. American Beer Month means only drink beer made in America during the month of July, not just American style beers. Therefore, if your local brewery brews European style beers, its OK to drink those because they were still made in the great USA.

See you guys real soon!

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