# QUAFF

Quality Ale and Fermentation Fraternity

January 2001

HAPPY NEW YEAR/MILLENNIUM

**NEXT MEETING** 

## Tuesday, January 16 7:00 PM at Callahan's

**MEETING TOPICS** 

- QUAFF The Early Days by Rich Link and Bob Whritner
- Bring Your Homebrew (four 12-oz bottles or three 22-oz bottles)

#### Future AHA Club-Only Competitions

Categories	Due to QUAFF	Due at Contest
Dunkel/Schwarzbier	February 6	February 21
Stout	<b>AFCHBC</b>	March 9
Bockanalia	TBD	late May
Witbier	TBD	August
California Common	TBD	early October
Mild	TBD	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**

#### January

- 16 Monthly Meeting at Callahan's (7:00)
- 20 January QUAFF Community Brew and Party at Harold Gottschalk's home (brewing starts at 9:00 AM)

#### February

- 6 Entry Window Opens for 8<sup>th</sup> Annual America's Finest City Homebrew Competition
- 6 Board Meeting at San Diego Brewing (6:30)
- 10 CalHBCotY Party at Anchor Brewing (San Francisco)
- 20 Monthly Meeting at Callahan's (7:00)
- 23 Entry Deadline for 8th Annual AFCHBC

#### March

- 2,3 Judging for America's Finest City Homebrew Competition
  - 6 Board Meeting at San Diego Brewing (6:30)
- 20 Monthly Meeting at Callahan's (7:00)

#### April

- 2,3 Judging for 8th Annual AFCHBC
  - 7 Board Meeting at San Diego Brewing (6:30)
- 21 Monthly Meeting at Callahan's (7:00)

## **January Brew Party**

Saturday, January 20

The traditional January brewing party will once again be held on Saturday, January 20, one week before the Super Bowl. For the first time, we will hold it at the home of Harold and Barbara Gottschalk in the Winter Gardens area, near Santee. The party (occasionally referred to as the "Community Brew") will center around a large-scale brew, but will also include food and homebrews.

QUAFF will provide sausages and hamburgers as the main course, but everyone is encouraged to bring a side dish, salad, dessert, snacks, and homebrew. (Munchies always help early in the day!) The brewing will start bright and early at 9AM for those interested in participating in the brewing session. However, the party will be going on throughout the day and into the evening.

The brewing usually involves some experimental theme with variations in the brewing process and/or ingredients where we can taste the differences. This year we plan to brew a California common style, but experiment with different yeasts.

Harold's brewing system is capable of producing 25 gallons of wort. If you would like wort, please let Harold know by e-mail at heg@softbrew.com or by calling him at (619) 390-1753. First-come, first-serve on the wort, with a 5-gallon maximum. Please RSVP whether you want wort or not, so that we can plan the proper amount of food.

Directions: Take I-8 east to the 2<sup>nd</sup> Street/Jamacha Road exit in El Cajon. Go north on 2<sup>nd</sup> Street as it changes into Winter Gardens. After about two miles, turn left onto Golden Ridge Road. After about ½ mile, turn left on Osage Terrace. The Gottschalks are located at 11603 Osage Terrace.

A map to the Gottschalk's home is available on the Internet at www.softbrew.softbrew.com/4thparty/PartyMap.htm.

#### See you then!

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## **SPENT GRAINS**

Notes from the AleSmith Holiday Party by Greg Lorton

The traditional QUAFF Holiday Party returned once again to AleSmith Brewing Company. AleSmith's business appears to be picking up and the available space decreases each year. But it made for a cozy and enjoyable venue once again.

Good food and beer highlighted the party, along with another entertaining Chinese gift exchange. The main dishes were turkey and ham, provided by the club, but an amazing collection of salads, side dishes, and desserts were brought in by the membership.

#### **Holiday Party Beverage List**

Harold Gulbransen
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Peter Zien
Greg Lorton
Antoinette Hodges
Rick Steele

Cider (Belgian Trappist Yeast)
Cider (California Ale Yeast)
Cider (English Cider Yeast)
Christmas Brown Ale
Specialty (1996 Bog Myrtle) Ale
Cherry Chocolate Cinnamon Stout
Antoinette Hodges
Rick Steele

Anchor Brewing
Anchor Brewing
Anchor Brewing
Sierra Nevada Brewing
Paulaner
Widmer
Aventinus
Kostritzer
Our Special Ale
Liberty Ale
Celebration Ale
Salvator
Winternacht
Weizenbock
Schwarzbier

Rich Link also brought several vintages of Anchor Christmas ales for a vertical tasting. There were other very worthy beers, but unfortunately, I became too distracted to note them all (as usually happens).

	FUTURE MEETING TOPICS
January	History of QUAFF
February	Organizing and Stewarding Contests
March	Open Forum/AFC Recap
April	Beer Engines
May	Open Forum/AHA NHC First Round Recap

#### **Brewing To-Do List**

- Now is time to brew for the 8<sup>th</sup> Annual America's Finest City Homebrew Competition. The competition is scheduled for March 2 and 3, 2001, with entries due by February 23.
- We plan to make a serious run at the AHA Homebrew Club of the Year in 2001. To do this means we need to get a lot of QUAFF brewers to enter in the First Round of the AHA National Homebrew Competition. Now is the time to brew your big beers for the competition. We'll talk more about this (and describe our strategy) in the November meeting.
- While we're at it, the Maltose Falcon's Mayfaire is usually held in April. This contest can help you qualify for the Sierra Nevada Homebrewer of the Year.

## **QUAFF Goals for 2001**

By Peter Zien

As we enter the year 2001, I'd like to reflect upon all that we have accomplished as an organization over the past year. The Quality Ale and Fermentation Fraternity achieved some lofty goals in 2000. Our devotion to the hobby took us to new heights, producing a 3rd place finish in the AHA National Homebrew Club of the Year and becoming Anchor Brewing Co.'s choice for California Homebrew Club of the Year. In addition, we successfully conducted the 7th Annual America's Finest City Competition and the First Round of the AHA National Homebrew Competition with combined entries numbering 750 beers. The Oktoberfest Contest, once a small affair held during our Fall picnic at Santee Lakes, continued to grow in size and prestige since becoming an AHA/BJCP sanctioned event.

Along the way, we threw some great parties (Big Brew in January and Oktoberfest in September), culminating in the annual Holiday Party at AleSmith last month. QUAFF beer flowed once again at the Southern California Homebrewers Festival at Lake Skinner, Temecula last May. We attended a Padres game last summer and a few members even went fishing in Mexico over a weekend. The club also organized two camping trips, one at the beach and one at the desert, which were both well attended. Membership has nearly doubled in the past year, with close to 70 talented brewers supporting the club. 2000 was truly a year to remember for QUAFF.

Although we accomplished much last year, it is time to focus on the challenges that lie ahead. The AHA National Homebrewers Conference is headed for Los Angeles this summer. We made a great run for the AHA Homebrew Club of the Year title last year, and we will need to work even harder to improve upon our 3rd place finish. The competition from the other clubs continues to intensify, especially from the Midwest region. The winning club in 1999 scored a then record 77 points. Three different clubs broke that record in 2000. QUAFF was one of them, scoring 108 and missing the title by a mere 25 points.

I would like every member of QUAFF to make it his or her goal to help the club achieve the prestigious title of AHA Homebrew Club of the Year. There are a number of ways in which you can help:

- 1. Enter the AHA National Homebrew Competition (AHANHC). This is the primary means of accumulating points for the AHA Homebrew Club of the Year. It is extremely important that every brewer in QUAFF enter as many beers as possible in the First Round, scheduled for April 22 & 23, 2001.
- **2. Enter the bi-monthly Club-Only Competitions**. The points accumulated at the National Club-Only Competitions are also used to determine the AHA Homebrew Club of the Year. Check the newsletter for the schedule of beer styles in 2001.
- 3. Volunteer to judge, steward, or help with the First Round of the AHA NHC. QUAFF will once again

conduct the Western regional First Round of the AHANHC and we need every member to get involved with some aspect of the contest.

4. Attend the 2001 AHA Homebrewers Conference in Los Angeles. QUAFF plans to be an integral part in making this rare West Coast conference a smashing success. We will host the Conference Hospitality Suite on one or more of the scheduled dates, and we will need volunteers to serve beer and food to those in attendance. Additionally, we need members to donate beer, food, and manpower for the event. Check upcoming newsletters for more details on getting involved with the 2001 Homebrewers Conference.

There is no doubt that QUAFF is capable of winning the AHA National Homebrew Club of the Year. However, it will take some serious effort and desire from each member to reach the goal. Whether you have competed in contests before or are new to homebrewing competitions, now is the time to help the club achieve this prestigious honor. We can accomplish any goal when we put our minds to it, and achieving the AHA Homebrew Club of the Year title should be no exception. Happy New Year to all of you and feel proud to be part of a great homebrew club, the Quality Ale and Fermentation Fraternity.

#### Michael Jackson Real Beer Tour

The Michael Jackson Real Beer Tour makes a stop in Sri Lanka this month to sample Lion Stout. Described as having "pruney, mocha aromas and flavors; tar-like oilness of body; peppery, bitter-chocolate finish", Lion Stout is bottle conditioned and contains 8.0% alcohol by volume. Taste this authentic example of a tropical stout at the next Quaff meeting on January 16th at Callahan's.

## **Dues are due!**

Your membership must be current to be included in the Anchor Party list. This means that you must have your 2001 dues in to Harold Gulbransen. To pay your dues, send \$20 in cash or check to Harold Gulbransen, 6746 Edinburgh Court, San Diego, CA 92120. Checks should be made payable to Harold Gulbransen, not QUAFF!

## **Club-Only Contests**

#### Historical Beers

Although QUAFF as a club did not place in the Historical Beer Club-Only contest, a QUAFF member took first place in the competition. Antoinette Hodges won as a Barley Literate, entering her sikaru. Antoinette has been severely ostracized by the board. © (Actually, Antoinette entered as a Barley Lit after finishing second in QUAFF's internal contest.) Congratulations to Antoinette!

#### Dunkelmania

The next Club-Only Competition will be German Dark Lagers in February. This competition will cover AHA

category 13, and will include subcategories Munich Dunkel (13a) and Schwarzbier (13b). Entries will be due by the February board meeting (February 1).

#### Stout

The Stout Club-Only competition follows quickly on the heels of the Dunkelmania. QUAFF's entrant will be selected as the highest scoring QUAFF entrant at the 8<sup>th</sup> Annual America's Finest City Homebrew Competition. This includes the dry stout, sweet stout, oatmeal stout, and foreign stout styles of Category 16 (Stouts), plus Russian Imperial Stout (Category 12c).

#### Remaining 2001 Contests

The AHA has announced the remaining Club-Only competitions for 2001. They cover the following categories: Bock, Belgian Witbier, California Common, and Mild. The schedules are only tentative at this point, and are listed on the first page of this newsletter.

	2001 Club-Only	Compet	ition Stanc	lings
	7	Total	Points from	Total Beers
		<u>Points</u>	<u>last contest</u>	Entered
1.	Peter Zien	11	7	3
2.	Dana Edgell	8	1	2
3.	Antoinette Hodges	4	4	1
4.	Harold Gulbransen	3	1	2
5.	Harold Gottschalk	2	2	1
6.	Jon Peterson	1	1	1
6.	Jim Howard	1	1	1
6.	Roger Wammack	1	1	1
6.	Bob Whritner	1	1	1
6.	Mark Alfaro	1	1	1
6.	Dan Doren	1	1	1
6.	Tyce Heldenbrand	1	1	1

## **QUAFF** News

#### **Anchor Party Plans**

If you haven't done so already, now is the time to make your plans now to attend the Anchor Brewing Company celebration honoring QUAFF as the California Homebrew Club of the Year. The dinner has been set for February 10. Anchor Brewing is located at 1705 Mariposa Street in San Francisco. A lot of information is circulating on quaffmembers@egroups.com about airline schedules and fares and hotels.

Harold Gulbransen has arranged for a block of rooms at the Handlery in downtown San Francisco. The Handlery is managed by one of Harold's college friends, and quite a few people have booked reservations there. However, people are staying at a variety of other hotels. Also, United Shuttle had special rates of \$96.50 for a round trip, according to Tom Kelly. Southwest also has flights in to San Francisco and Oakland.

The semi-official RSVP list for the Anchor Party is at 95 (as of January 7). The purpose of the RSVP list at this time is just to give Anchor Brewing an idea of how many places to hold for QUAFF members. (All members of the winning club are invited to the dinner, along with spouses and special guests.) The remaining places go to representatives of other clubs. This typically amounts to about four places per club.

#### New QUAFF T-Shirts and Golf Shirts

Look for the new T-shirts and Golf Shirts to arrive at the January QUAFF meeting. Both shirts will display our new 'quaffing' Friar logo against the Mission background. In addition to our club name and City, the shirts will proudly display "California Homebrew Club of the Year- 2000" on the back. Both shirts will be "natural" color (cream). Pricing will likely be \$15 for the t-shirt and \$22.50 for the golf-style. The shirts should be ready by the January meeting so we can wear them to the Anchor Party. A big *thank you* to Richard McLaughlin, who put in many hours to design and order the shirts for us.

#### More Neat Stuff

The Board in its infinite wisdom has decided we need a new banner, and is now looking into this. Another project is to order QUAFF bottle openers. The bottle openers, possibly proclaiming QUAFF as the California Homebrew Club of the Year, will be useful at homebrew contests, and will no doubt become valuable collectibles. Don't let your mom throw away your QUAFF bottle opener collection the same way she threw away that Mickey Mantle baseball card now worth \$1,800.

#### We Need Stinkin' Badges

With the burgeoning membership, Bob MacKay has revived our former practice of name badges (originally conceived and carried out by Erol Kilki). This time, we plan on having pre-printed badges with plastic clip-on badge holders (as opposed to the stick-on kind we had before). Look for badges at a meeting near you soon.

#### Pub Crawl

The Board is tentatively planning the next pub crawl for the late spring or summer. As a theme, we are considering visiting the brewpubs and microbreweries that won medals at the latest Great American Beer Festival. Stay tuned for details. Tom Canty provided us with this list of winners...

Stuft Pizza:

Gold in American Lager/Ale

Stuft Pizza:

Silver in American IPA

Alesmith:

Bronze in Herb/Spice (Stumblin' Monk)

Rockbottom:

Gold in Specialty Honey Lager/Ale

Rockbottom: Pizza Port: Bronze in American Amber/Red Silver in Experimental Beer (Cuvee de Tomme)

Pizza Port:

Silver in American Amber/Red

Stone Brewing: Silver in Barley Wine

The Rockbottom is the La Jolla restaurant, the Pizza Port is Solana Beach, and the Stuft Pizza is Del Mar. Other stops may be added, but right now we have a nice loop.

#### 4th Occasional BJCP Study Group and Exam

We've tentatively set our next beer study group for July to September on Monday nights at the Karl Strauss Brewery Gardens in Sorrento Valley. These study groups, organized successively by Dion Hollenbeck, Greg Lorton, and Peter Zien have been responsible for the prolific increase in the number of BJCP-registered judges in San Diego County.

#### America's Finest City Homebrew Competition

The 8<sup>th</sup> Annual America's Finest City Homebrew Competition is less than two months away, and organizing Peter Zien is now moving ahead at full speed. Flyers are now at the local homebrew shops and the contest is listed on the AHA website (go to www.beertown.org and go to the American Homebrewers Association pages). Unfortunately, through some quirk, the announcement did not get into Zymurgy in time. But you all know the drill!

## AHA National Homebrew Competition First-Round Regionals

We will be hosting the first round again, and to encourage entries we will be offering a couple of incentives. For each entry you will get one ticket for a raffle of an AHA Conference pass. This will entitle the winner to a full pass registration. Again, one ticket for each entry.

To make things easier, your first-round entries can be dropped off at AleSmith, thus avoiding shipping costs or leaving them warm at any other drop-off location. Also, we will hand-deliver all of the beers that advance to the second round. Therefore, all QUAFF entries that win first, second, or third place in the first round regional in San Diego will advance to the second round, and will be driven up to Los Angeles to be placed in cold storage in advance of the second round judging that will take place during the conference.

### **Local Beer News**

#### AleSmith News

by Tod Fitzsimmons

After a brief hiatus for December, we will once again be having an AleSmith Cask Night in January at Callahan's. I filled a firkin of YuleSmith for the QUAFF Meeting. It is a very strong (8.75%) IPA, almost a Barleywine. As usual, I dry-hopped in the firkin as well as the conditioning tank. It should be yummy!

Note: This newsletter was put together in a rather tight deadline (job constraints) and without the benefit of a good proofreading. It would not surprise me if there are some typos and/or editorial or content problems here. I apologize for these in advance. Also, I owe a tremendous debt of gratitude to Peter for providing nearly a full page of content!

Cheers! Greg

## THE SAN DIEGO BREWING SCENE

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Coronado Brewing Company 170 Orange Avenue (Coronado)	(619) 437-4452
Del Mar Stuft Pizza Café & Restaurant 12840 Carmel Country Road (Carmel Valley)	(858) 481-7883 Tom Nickel
Gordon Biersch 5010 Mission Center Road (Mission Valley)	(619) 688-1120
Hops! Bistro & Brewery 4353 La Jolla Village Drive (UTC)	(858) 587-6677 Chuck Silva
Karl Strauss Brewery Gardens 9675 Scranton Road (Sorrento Valley)	(858) 587-2739
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Pizza Port/Solana Beach Brewery	(858) 481-7332
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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 11/2000 news.

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www.alesmith.com Brewers: Skip and Tod Anvil Ale, Gold Ale, AleSmith X and rotating specials

**Stone Brewing Company** 

(760) 471-4999

155 Mata Way, Suite 104 (San Marcos)

Brewer: Steve Wagner

www.stonebrew.com Stone Pale Ale, Lee's Mild, Smoked Porter, Arrogant Bastard Ale

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5401 Linda Vista Road, Suite 409 www.ballastpoint.com Brewer: Peter A'Hearn, Yuseff Cherney, and Colby Chandler

Yellowtail Pale Ale, Copper Ale, Big Eye IPA, Black Marlin Porter

La Jolla Brewing Company (619) 692-1009

1795 Hancock Street (Mission Brewery Plaza)

Brewer: Ben Frymark

Alpine Brewing Company Irish Red, Pure Hoppiness IPA

Contract brewing through AleSmith

Brewer: Pat McIlhenney

Gem of the Sea Solomon's Ale

Vista

Brewer: Kim Giammarinaro

#### **Homebrew Ingredient Suppliers**

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

#### **Homebrewing Suppliers**

**American Home Brewing Supply** (858) 450-9746

11404 Sorrento Valley Road, Suite 103, San Diego 92121

(760) 591-9991 **Beer Crafts** 

843 W. San Marcos Blvd., San Marcos 92069 www.beercrafts.com

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(619) 295-2337

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Mr. Charles "Skip" Virgilio

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Mr. Robert Whritner

#### **Membership Information**

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#### **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 Duela Lane, Carlsbad, CA 92009. E-mail contributions should be sent to glorton@cts.com or lortonga@efdsw.navfac.navy.mil.

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