

QUAFF

Quality Ale and Fermentation Fraternity

September 2000

NEXT MEETING

**Tuesday, September 19
7:30 PM at Callahan's**

MEETING TOPICS

- **Open Forum**
- **"What's That Beer?"**
- **Picnic Preview**
- **Bring Your Homebrew**

Future AHA Club-Only Competitions

<i>Categories</i>	<i>Due to QUAFF</i>	<i>Due at Contest</i>
Oktoberfest	Picnic (9/30)	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

September

- 15 Entries due for Barley Literate Oktoberfest
- 19 Monthly Meeting at Callahan's (7:30)
- 23 Judging for Barley Literate Oktoberfest
- 30 **Oktoberfest Picnic at Santee Lakes**

Oktober

- 3 Board Meeting at San Diego Brewing (6:30)
- 14 Awards for Barley Literate Oktoberfest
- 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)

December

- 5 Board Meeting at San Diego Brewing (6:30)
- 16 Annual Holiday Party at AleSmith Brewing (tentative)

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Oktoberfest Picnic September 30

The traditional QUAFF Oktoberfest Picnic will this year coincide with the traditional end of the real thing in Munich. The real Oktoberfest lasts 16 days over three weekends, culminating during the first weekend in October.

Once again, we will be meeting at the island in Lake #5 at Santee Lakes. Set-up will begin at 9:00, and we'll begin the picnic activities at 10:00.

We'll have our usual homebrew contest, and **entries must be in by 12:00 noon. Be there in time if you want your beers entered!!!** The entry fee is \$2 for each entry. Each entry gets a raffle ticket. Ribbons will be awarded for first, second, and third place. For the first time, this competition has been sanctioned with the BJCP, so judges, stewards, and staff can earn BJCP points. Harold is organizing this year's competition. The planned categories are:

1. Barley wines, English Old Ales, Scotch Ales
2. Belgian and French ales, Lambics
3. Milds, Browns, Porters, and Stouts
4. Bitters, Pale Ales, Scottish Ales
5. Bocks, German Dark Lagers
6. German Light Lagers, Pilseners, American Lagers, and California Common
7. Vienna/Oktoberfest*, German Ales
8. German Wheat Beers
9. Specialty Beers (including fruits/spices)

* The highest scoring porter will be selected as QUAFF's representative for the AHA Club-Only Competition.

The world-famous QUAFF raffle will be held after the homebrew contest is completed. Raffle tickets are \$1 each or 7 for \$5. This is a great opportunity to replenish your stock of T-shirts, pint glasses, brewing stuff, as well as gift certificates to great brewpubs. Once again, we appreciate the strong support from the brewpubs, microbreweries, and homebrew supply shops that have donated prizes. In addition to the homebrew contest, we will have a People's Choice award for kegged beers brought to the picnic. Randy Barnes is organizing the People's Choice Award.

Be sure to bring a side dish (e.g., dessert, salad, veggies), homebrew, picnic chairs, sunscreen, homebrew for contest, money for raffle tickets, designated driver, and homebrew. QUAFF will provide sausages as the main entrée.

For directions to the picnic, see the next page.

SPENT GRAINS

Notes from the August Meeting

by Greg Lorton

President Peter Zien officially called the meeting to order at 7:40 PM in the back area of Callahan's. There were a number of guests, including Brad Turk, Mike Muller (a long-time participant in AFC), Rod Ambrose of the San Diego Brew Techs, Bill (?), and maybe one or two others. Dana Edgell recounted his visit to brewpubs in Madison, Wisconsin, and Chris Toth talked about his trip to Tucson and the beers of Nimbus Brewing.

Steve Lord and Tyce Heldenbrand talked about the Mammoth Beer Festival (Bluesapalooza?), with Steve talking about the commercial festival, and Tyce talking about the homebrew contest. (Antoinette Hodges contributed her 2¢ worth.) The results of the homebrew contest are listed on page 4. QUAFF members won 14 of the 30 awards.

Randy Barnes reported on the beach camp-out (South Carlsbad State Beach) on August 12, and also described the efforts underway for the upcoming picnic. Chris White gave an update on the yeast scene, answered some questions, and talked about the new vials that his products will now come shipped in. He also mentioned the envious position that San Diego area homebrewers are in, since we can get our yeasts fresher than anywhere else in the country.

Harold Gottschalk gave an in-depth review of single malt Scotch. His talk described the process for making it, and then described the different varieties. He also described the proper procedures for tasting and evaluating Scotches. He offered four examples, including Loch Dhu, Scapa, Glendronach, and Lagavulin.

This month, Peter brought in Wittekerke, this month's beer from the Michael Jackson World Beer Tour. This beer is a Belgian-style wit.

August Beverage List

Peter Zien	Berliner Weisse
Kit Cheves	Red Ale
Mike Muller	Brown Ale
Joe Buchan	Brown Ale
Chuck West	Oatmeal Stout
Dana Edgell	Vanilla Porter
Mike Muller	Cherry Melomel

Open Forum in September

Due to the extended length of many of our recent meetings, we've decided to skip a formal presentation in September, and will have a free-for-all open discussion this month. Since some of our recent meeting have run from 7:30 to well past 10:00, this new format will allow us time to talk about brewing questions, more information about White Labs offerings, picnic plans, etc. Let us know what you think of this sort of meeting format.

Directions to the Oktoberfest Picnic at Santee Lakes

From the coast or North County, take Highway 52 east to the Mast offramp. Go east and then turn right (south) onto Mast. Then turn left (east) on Carlton Oaks and go about one mile to the entrance to Santee Lakes Park.

From the east or south, take I-8 to Highway 67 and go north. Take the Santee/Mission Gorge Road exit, go left over the highway, and turn right on Magnolia. Then turn left onto Mission Gorge Road. After three miles, turn right onto Carlton Hills Boulevard. Go ½ mile and turn left onto Carlton Oaks Road and go ½ mile to the Park entrance.

Once inside the park, take the entrance road north (with the lakes on your left). Go past the fifth lake, circle around it, and begin driving south toward the entrance. Park at any available spot on the west side of the Lake #5. The island is reached by taking the little bridge near the playground area.

FUTURE MEETING TOPICS

September	Open Forum/Identifying Beer Styles
October	Historical Beers
November	Plans for AFC and AHA NHC Brewing
December	Holiday Party
January	History of QUAFF
February	Organizing and Stewarding Contests
March	Open Forum/AFC Recap

The Michael Jackson World Beer Tour

Czar Peter sends the following...

QUAFF members are treated monthly to classic beer styles chosen by the Michael Jackson World Beer Tour (MJWBT). The September offering is Malheur from Belgium. This ale has an original gravity of 1.045-47 and is brewed from 3 separate French Pilsner malts, and either Caravienne, Munich, or aromatic malts. The hop bill consists of fresh, whole Saaz, Styrians and Hallertauer Hersbruck. The yeast is borrowed from nearby De Smedt brewery, producer of Affligem abbey ales. Make sure to attend the September 19th meeting for a sample of this unique ale from Belgium!

What Kind of Beer is That?

As an interesting twist on our normal beer samplings at the meetings, we plan to have a couple of "mystery" beers. The names and styles of the beers won't be announced when they are served. Rather, each table will be asked to try to figure out what style the beer is supposed to represent. (Maybe there will be extra credit for the table that correctly identifies the particular beer.) These beers may include both homebrewed beers as well as commercial beers. If you'd like to offer one or more of your homebrewed beers for this "experiment", please let Peter Zien know (phone number on the back page. And for any homebrews, with our larger meetings, please bring at least four 12-ounce bottles (or two 22-ounce bottles).

Brewing To-Do List

- Entries are due no later than September 15 for the **Barley Literate Oktoberfest Homebrew Competition**. Judging will be held on September 23.
- The **QUAFF Oktoberfest Picnic** will be held in on September 30. Once again, we will sanction this competition. 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.
- The **2nd Annual Strong Ale Homebrew Competition** will be held in late November or early December. Start brewing your strong beers (e.g., barley wines, bocks, Belgian strongs, English and Scotch strong ales, strong meads, etc.)

Club-Only Contests

Best of Big Brew

In the final Club-Only competition of the QUAFF fiscal year, Harold Gulbransen took first place. Harold's beer went on to take third overall in the AHA National Best of Brew Club-Only competition. With the extra three points gained by placing in the National contest, Harold soared ahead of Tyce Heldenbrand for second place in the final QUAFF Club-Only Competition Standings for FY 2000.

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. This contest will start QUAFF's FY 2001 year-long Club-Only competition. QUAFF's entrant for the National contest will be selected as the highest scoring beer at the QUAFF Oktoberfest picnic on September 20.

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.

Final 2000 Club-Only Competition Standings

	Total Points	Points from last contest	Total Beers Entered
1. Peter Zien	28	4	9
2. Harold Gulbransen	20	10	7
3. Tyce Heldenbrand	18	1	6
4. Greg and Liz Lorton	16	1	5
5. Roger Wammack	11	2	3
6. Chris Toth	3	0	3
6. Dan Sherman	3	0	3
8. Jim Weiner	1	1	1
8. Jim Howard	1	0	1
8. Duane Bonderson	1	0	1

QUAFF News

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! Leo Barendse, Bob MacKay, and Richard McLaughlin have all expressed interest in joining the Board this year.

Anza Borrego Camping

The annual QUAFF foray into the Anza Borrego Desert is set for either the weekend of November 11 and 12 or the preceding weekend (November 4 and 5). More details will be forthcoming in the newsletter and at the upcoming QUAFF meetings.

Pub Crawl

The Board thought it was time for another pub crawl. The crawlers from the last one in August 1999 remember how well it went (except for Harold Gulbransen, who doesn't remember much of anything from that trip). Last year's excursion included visits to AleSmith, the La Jolla Brewing Company's microbrewing operations in the Mission Brewery plaza, Hang Ten, Gordon Biersch, Pizza Port Solana Beach, and Del Mar Stuff Pizza. No specific details have been set for the next crawl, but if you have ideas, let a Board member know.

Local Beer News

AleSmith News

by Tod Fitzsimmons

AleSmith X is now available in 22-ounce Bottles!

Due to overwhelming demand, AleSmith has started to bottle AleSmith X (People's Choice Winner at the 2000 San Diego Real Ale Festival) in 22oz bottles! This exceptional extra pale ale is light-bodied and smooth-drinking with an incredible hop aroma and flavor. Like our other bottled beers, AleSmith X is bottle-conditioned to enhance the drinking experience! (Suggested retail price per bottle is \$3.99.)

Cask Night

We will kick off this festive occasion at one of our famous AleSmith Cask Nights at Callahan's Pub & Brewery in Mira Mesa! Starting at 5:00 PM, AleSmith will tap two casks at the same time: a highly dry-hopped cask of AleSmith X and a special cask of Tod's 'one of a kind' Belgian-Style spiced ale. Don't be late - these beers go fast. Remember - 5:00 PM, Tuesday, September 19th.

For more information, call Callahan's at (858) 578-7892. Callahan's is located at 8280 Mira Mesa Blvd. in the Mira Mesa Mall.

For those who don't have the patience, the following locations have already received a shipment of AleSmith X:

- Bay Ho Liquor in Clairemont near Blue Collar Grill
- Beverages & More (La Mesa, Encinitas, Carmel Mountain Ranch)
- Clem's Bottle Shop in Kensington
- Del Mar Wine Co. near Del Mar Heights Road
- Fair Liquor near San Diego State
- Holiday Wine in Escondido
- Iowa Meats off Mission Gorge Road
- Keg n' Bottle in Clairemont
- Little Spirits Shop in Chula Vista
- Longs in Pacific Beach
- Mira Mesa Liquor in Sorrento Mesa/Mira Mesa
- University City Liquor & Deli near Smith Bros.
- Wine Village in Clairemont
- Windy City in El Cajon

Horny Devil and Evil Dead Red News

With Halloween just around the corner, we have a couple of devilishly evil beers to satisfy your cravings.

Horny Devil, our bottle-conditioned Belgian Strong Ale, will be released in late September.

Evil Dead Red will be available on draught, and will be released in the middle of October.

Don't wait too long to reserve your bottles and kegs.

Mammoth Beer Festival Homebrew Competition

QUAFF provided a strong representation of both entries and judges for the first Mammoth Beer Festival Homebrew Competition. Tyce Heldenbrand of QUAFF and Rod Ambrose of the San Diego Brew Techs organized the contest. Here's the winners list. I'll provide a story to go with it but not until tomorrow. Entries from QUAFF members are shown in **bold**.

Category #1 - Light Lagers and Ales

- First **Peter Zien** - Cream Ale
- Second **Jon Peterson** - Bohemian Pils
- Third Rod Ambrose - Classis American Pils

Category #2 - American Ales

- First Dan Taylor - American Pale
- Second Mike Denham & Dan Taylor - American Pale
- Third Al Branch - American Pale

Category #3 - Strong Ales

- First **Antoinette Hodges** - Russian Imperial Stout
- Second **Tyce Heldenbrand** - English Olde Ale
- Third Greg Distefano - American Barleywine

Category #4 - Scottish & Brown Ales

- First Tim Bardet - Scottish Export
- Second **Peter Zien** - American Brown
- Third Gary Watkins - American Brown

Category #5 - German Ales & Lagers

- First **Jon Peterson** - Doppelbock
- Second **Tyce Heldenbrand** - Traditional Bock
- Third **Tyce Heldenbrand** - Vienna

Category #6 - Stouts & Porters

- First Jason Senior - Oatmeal Stout
- Second Mike Sweet - Brown Porter
- Third **Antoinette Hodges** - Sweet Stout

Category #7 - Belgians

- First Dave Askey - Witbier
- Second **Loren Miraglia** - Saison
- Third Greg Distefano - Grand Cru

Category #8 - English Ales

- First **Antoinette Hodges** - Strong Bitter/English Pale
- Second Rod Ambrose - Ordinary Bitter
- Third **Peter Zien** - IPA

Category #9 - Wheat Beers

- First Mike Denham & Dan Taylor - Bavarian Weizen
- Second **Peter Zien** - Berliner Weiss
- Third Kevin Koenig & Michael Steinberg - Dunkelweizen

Category #10 - Specialties

- First Mike Denham & Dan Taylor - Christmas Beer
- Second Greg Distefano - Grand Cru
- Third **Antoinette Hodges** - Honey Pale Ale

Here's the Best of Show List

Best of Show - Mike Denham & Dan Taylor - Christmas Beer
1st Runner up - **Antoinette Hodges** - Russian Imperial Stout
2nd Runner up - Dave Askey - Witbier

Upcoming Competitions

QUAFF Picnic

The QUAFF Picnic will be a BJCP-sanctioned event for the second year, adding some prestige to the contest. With the surge of BJCP-registered judges in QUAFF, this contest surpasses many in southern California for the number of BJCP-registered judges. And it's a great deal at \$2 per entry (including a free raffle ticket with each entry). More details on the first page.

Barley Literates Octoberfest

The Barley Literates will host their Third Annual Octoberfest contest (as an AHA-sanctioned event). Unfortunately, time is tight, and entries must be in to your local homebrew shop by Friday, September 15. For details and entry forms, visit your local homebrew shop. Judging will take place on Saturday, September 23, and the awards ceremony will take place at the Barley Literates' Octoberfest picnic on Saturday, October 14.

Strong Ale Homebrew Competition

Preparations and planning continue for the Second Annual Strong Ale Homebrew Competition. Tyce Heldenbrand will once again organize the competition. The contest is open to beers with original gravities of 1.085 and higher. More information will be included in the next newsletter. Judging for the contest is tentatively planned for the end of November, and awards will be presented in conjunction with the Strong Ale Festival.

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 Chuck Silva
Karl Strauss Brewery Gardens 9675 Scranton 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
Karl Strauss Carlsbad 5801 Armada Drive	(760) 431-2739
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. 7/2000

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Microbreweries

AleSmith Brewing Company 9368 Cabot Drive (Miramar) Brewers: Skip and Tod	(858) 549-9888 www.alesmith.com <i>Anvil Ale, Gold Ale, AleSmith X 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 (contract brewing for a few restaurants)	(619) 274-9696

Homebrew Ingredient Suppliers

White Labs - Pure Brewer's Yeasts 5764 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
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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)	(619) 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
Mesa Liquor and Wine Company 4919 Convoy Street (Kearny Mesa)	(619) 279-5292
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Membership dues are \$20 per calendar year, due January 1 and expiring on December 31.
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