

QUAFF

Quality Ale and Fermentation Fraternity

January 1998

HAPPY NEW YEAR!

NEXT MEETING

Tuesday, January 20

7:30 PM Sharp

La Jolla Brewing Company

MEETING TOPICS

- Decoction Mashing, by Peter Zien and Randy Barnes
- America's Finest City Homebrew Comp.
- BJCP Class and Exam Planning
- Bring Your Homebrew!
- Bring Your 1998 Dues (\$15 check or cash)

Future AHA Club-Only Competitions

Contest	Due to QUAFF	Contest Date
Hail to Ale	January 20	January 26
Stout Bout	TBD	March TBD
Classic Pilsener	TBD	May TBD
Weiss is Nice	TBD	August TBD
Best of Fest	TBD	October TBD
If It's Not Scottish	TBD	December TBD

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.)

Whritner's Winterfest, January 17

Bob and Mary Jo Whritner will again be hosting the annual Winterfest on Saturday, January 17 at their home. Resuming a tradition begun last year, Bob will begin a communal brew at 10:00 AM. Last year a handful of QUAFFsters got together to make a Belgian dubbel in an event-filled day. This year he is talking about making an alt. The pot luck party will begin around 4:00 for those who don't feel inclined to help Bob in his brewing. Everyone is invited. We will provide the main dish (turkey or ham). Be sure to bring a pot luck side dish or dessert, and if you want to join us at 10:00, bring your brewing expertise, or a desire to learn from Bob, the club's resident Zymologist.

Fifth Annual America's Finest City Homebrew Competition Update

1997 (not 1998) Style Guidelines To Be Used

When we started organizing for the Fifth Annual AFCHBC, we expected that the American Homebrewers Association would publish the 1998 National Homebrew Competition Style Guidelines in the Winter 1997 *Zymurgy*. In this way, the style guidelines would have been readily available to most entrants. However, as of New Year's, the AHA hasn't yet published the NHC Style Guidelines, and you have to mail away to AHA to get them anyway. Therefore, we made the decision to go with the 1997 Style Guidelines, published in the Winter 1996 *Zymurgy*.

Entry Packets Now Available

Now that we have decided to go with the 1997 Guidelines, entry packets should now be available at the seven homebrew supply shops listed on page 5. Look for the display boxes. We will also have entry packets at the January and February meetings, and your friendly board members should have some. The entry packet includes the contest rules and information, list of contest style categories and sub-categories (1997 styles), bottle label form, and entry form. If you can't find entry packets anywhere else, call us (Greg or Liz Lorton) at (760) 943-8280.

Expected 1998 NHC Style Changes

Although the AHA has not officially published the 1998 National Homebrew Competition Style Guidelines, Amahl Turczyn of the AHA has summarized the changes, which only seem to be minor changes from the 1997 Style Guidelines. According to Amahl, the major highlights are:

- New category names for location-specific beer styles like Bock. These will be "German-Style Bock," etc
- Expanded Belgian-Style Ale sub-categories. For example, instead of just Belgian-Style Strong Ale, there are now a strong light and strong dark sub-categories.
- Higher upper end and revamped descriptions for German-Style Kölsch and English-Style Ale/Old Ale.

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SPENT GRAINS

Notes from the Holiday Party

recorded by Greg Lorton

The annual QUAFF Holiday Party was another success. The party was beginning to roll when Liz and I arrived at 7:20 at AleSmith Brewing Company, and was continuing when we left three hours later. As usual, the turnout was high, and the food and beer were good.

Unfortunately, I wasn't very diligent in reporting all of the available beverages. I'm sure I missed some excellent homebrewed products, but here is what my meager notes and recollections are for the beverages...

The December Beverage List

Steelhead Stout	Breckenridge Christmas Ale
Pike Street Stout	Great Divide Hibernation Ale
Cider Jack	Sierra Nevada Celebration Ale
Hard Core Cider	Wynkoop Winter Solstice Ale
Deschutes Jubelale	Vermont Draft Cider
Anchor Our Special Ale	North Coast Wintertime
Pyramid Snow Cap Ale	Widmer Winternacht
Sudwerk Holiday Bock	Noche Buena
Erol Kilki	Cherry Mead
Charles Hudak	Ice Mead
Charles Hudak	Sour Cherry Mead
Charles Hudak	Grapefruit Mead
Jim Przywara	Lemon/Lime Mead
Peter Zien	Belgian Holiday Ale
Harold Gulbransen	Holiday Spice Ale
Greg & Liz Lorton	Ginger Cinnamon Stout
Greg & Liz Lorton	Coffee Stout

CALENDAR

January	
17	Annual Bobbrew Party (at the Whritner's) (10:00AM - ?)
20	January QUAFF Meeting at La Jolla Brewing (7:30)
February	
3	QUAFF Board Meeting at San Diego Brewing (6:00)
17	February QUAFF Meeting at La Jolla Brewing (7:30)
18	Entry Window opens for AFCHBC
27	Entry Deadline for AFCHBC
March	
3	QUAFF Board Meeting at San Diego Brewing (6:00)
7	America's Finest City Homebrew Competition (AFCHBC)
17	March QUAFF Meeting at La Jolla Brewing (7:30)
April	
7	QUAFF Board Meeting at San Diego Brewing (6:00)
21	April QUAFF Meeting (location to be determined) (7:30)

FUTURE MEETING TOPICS

January	Decoction Mashing
February	Pilseners
March	High-Tech Gadgets
April	Cooking with Beer

Brewing To-Do List

- Now is the time to brew for the Fifth Annual **America's Finest City Homebrew Competition**. Entries must be received between February 18 and February 27 at AleSmith Brewing (new entry window).
- **Stout Bout** is the March Club-Only Competition. Eligible styles are Classic Irish Dry Stout, Foreign Stout, Sweet Stout, Oatmeal Stout, and Imperial Stout.
- These cold winter months are the time to start brewing for the **Classic Pilsener** Club-Only Competition in May. This category includes German-Style Pilsener, Bohemian-Style Pilsener, and American-Style Pilsener. These beers will benefit from a long, cold lagering time.

Club-Only Contests

David Adkins Wins Extract Extravaganza

David Adkins' India Pale Ale won the Extract Extravaganza Club-Only Competition held on August 9. The recipe was published in the Winter 1997 *Zymurgy*. According to his comments, the recipe was based on an all-grain amber ale recipe with light extract substituted for the base malt. The batch came out a bit light, and with his hopping rate, he entered it as an IPA. The judges raved about it.

Congratulations to Dave!!!!

Somehow, the results of this August competition eluded me, but it's not too late to acknowledge Dave's major accomplishment! - GL

Hail to Ale

The next contest is Hail to Ale, with the contest on January 26, and entries due to QUAFF on January 20, with judging the next day. (Sorry for the late announcement, but the AHA only released the contest categories in November.) Hail to Ale includes English Pale Ales (Classic-Style English Pale Ale and India Pale Ale), and American-Style Ales (American Pale Ale, American Amber Ale, and American Wheat).

Renew Your Membership

Now is the time to renew your QUAFF membership! To renew, deliver a check (or cash) to Garth Jones, the new QUAFF Treasurer, at any of the upcoming QUAFF events. **The January meeting on January 20 at La Jolla Brewing is the time to renew your membership!**

Bring Your English Pale Ale and/or American Ale to the meeting for the Hail to Ale Club-Only Competition!

1st Annual San Diego Strong Ale Fest a Success!

reported by Tom Nickel, Pizza Port Solana Beach Brewer and General Beer Guy

Over 250 people showed up on a rainy Thursday night at Pizza Port Carlsbad for the 1st Annual San Diego Strong Ale Festival. The event featured 12 local beers each containing at least 8% alcohol by volume. The favorite offering of the evening was AleSmith's J.P. Gray's Wee Heavy, a scotch ale served on a beer engine from a traditional English Firkin. AleSmith won both the People's Choice and Brewer's Choice awards. Stone Brewing Company was second in the People's Choice with Turbo Arrogant Bastard Ale, San Diego Brewing Company was third for its Red Star Stout and Ballast Point Brewing Company got an honorable mention for its Navigator Barley Wine. Santa's Little Helper Imperial Stout from Pizza Port Solana Beach was runner-up for the Brewer's Choice award.

In addition to the great beer, owner Vince Marsaglia made a special smoked bratwurst, red cabbage, sauerkraut, and mustard pizza on a whole-grain beer crust. There was also a raffle featuring prizes donated by all of the participating breweries. The festival was enjoyed by all who came, and no one got out of hand. A good night of drinking good beer. The beers included:

J. P. Gray's Wee Heavy (Scotch Ale)	AleSmith Brewing
Turbo Arrogant Bastard Ale	Stone Brewing
Red Star Stout (Imperial Stout)	San Diego Brewing
Navigator Barley Wine	Ballast Point Brewing
Baja Belgian Trippel	Baja Brewing
Old Boneyards Barley Wine	Pizza Port Solana Beach
Santa's Little Helper Imperial Stout	Pizza Port Solana Beach
Elfin Holiday Ale	Pizza Port Carlsbad
Blitzen Holiday Ale (Old Ale)	La Jolla Brewing
Barleywhine	Hang Ten Brewing
Toes Over Stout (Imperial Stout)	Hang Ten Brewing
Belgian Holiday Ale (Strong Ale)	Del Mar Stuff Pizza

As strong beer brewers and aficionados, Liz and I had a great time. Tom Nickel did a great job organizing this event. He's now talking about a Real Ale Fest sometime in the spring. - Greg

Upcoming Meeting News

The Board decided to make "Pilseners" the meeting topic in February. Although the Club-Only contest in March is stouts, we figured that this wasn't enough lead time for members who might become enthused about brewing a stout. Pilseners will be the Club-Only contest in May, and a couple months of lead time can help this style age to its optimum.

In April, Randy Barnes will lead a meeting on "Cooking with Beer." We may turn this into a pot luck dinner using dishes made with beer. Stay tuned for details!

Results from Other Contests

Nothing to report this month! If you hear of any awards for QUAFFsters, please let me know at (760) 943-8280. - Greg

Upcoming Competitions

MASH Homebrew Competition

The MArin Society of Homebrewers (MASH) will hold their 1998 Homebrew Competition on Saturday, February 21. The entry fee is \$6.00 per entry, payable to MASH (checks only, no cash!) The entry deadline is 5:00, February 7, and should be shipped to Oak Barrel Winecraft, 1443 San Pablo Avenue, Berkeley, CA 94702-1799. Three bottles (10-oz or larger) are needed for each entry. (Smaller 6- or 7-oz bottles may be entered for barley wines.)

Awards will include first, second, and third place ribbons in each beer style category, subject to the decision of the judges. Best of Show ribbons will be awarded for the best all-grain beer and the best extract beer. Other prizes donated by sponsors will also be given.

Categories for the competition are:

1. Brown Ale
 - a. English Light Mild
 - b. English Dark Mild
 - c. English Brown Ale
 - d. American Brown Ale
2. English Ale
 - a. Ordinary Bitter
 - b. Extra Special Bitter
 - c. Classic English Pale Ale
3. American Ale
 - a. American Pale Ale
 - b. American Amber Ale
4. India Pale Ale
5. Porter
 - a. Brown Porter
 - b. Robust Porter
6. Stout
 - a. Classic Dry Stout
 - b. Foreign Style
 - c. Sweet Stout
 - d. Oatmeal Stout
 - e. Imperial Stout
7. Strong Ale
 - a. American-Style Barley Wine
 - b. English Old Ale/Strong Ale
 - c. Strong Scotch Ale
8. Belgian Ales
 - a. Dubbel
 - b. Tripel
 - c. Wit
9. Wheat Beer
 - a. American Wheat
 - b. Berliner Weisse
 - c. German Weizen/Weissbier
 - d. German Dunkelweizen
10. Mixed Styles
 - a. California Common
 - b. Altbier
11. Lager
 - a. American Premium
 - b. Dry
 - c. German
 - d. Bohemian
 - e. Munich Helles
 - f. Dortmund Export
 - g. Munich Dunkel
 - h. Schwarzbier
 - i. Vienna
 - j. Oktoberfest/Märzen
 - k. Traditional German Bock
 - l. Helles Bock
 - m. Doppelbock
 - n. Eisbock
12. Specialty Beer
 - a. Fruit-flavored
 - b. Herb- or Spice-flavored
 - c. Smoke-flavored
 - d. Low Alcohol Beer

For more information, call Mike Riddle at (415) 472-3390, or write to him at 2 Mt. Rainier Drive, San Rafael, CA 94903. His e-mail is mjri@chevron.com. (I will bring the entry package to the January meeting. - Greg)

Sierra Nevada Homebrewer of the Year

Are you seeking greater glory for your brewing efforts? Why not consider the Sierra Nevada Homebrewer of the Year (SNHotY) award, the top award for California amateur brewers? The award is made in November, but if you are interested, now is the time to start planning. The following information was taken from the SNHotY web page.

Details of the Award

Goal: To recognize a leading California amateur brewer who has demonstrated his/her abilities by accumulating the most award points in three specific competitions in California.

The competitions include:

- Maltose Falcons' Mayfaire competition, normally held in April or May
- California State Fair Homebrew Competition, sponsored by the Gold county Brewers, normally held in August.
- California State Homebrew Competition, sponsored by the San Andreas Malts, normally held in November.

Prizes: The winner will have his or her name added to a permanent trophy which will be on display at the Sierra Nevada Brewery and receive a commemorative trophy to take home. The winner will be invited to spend a day brewing with the staff at Sierra Nevada. Also a \$500 stipend will be presented to the winner to be used as he or she chooses to advance his or her brewing skills.

Presentation Date: The winner will be named at the California State Homebrew Competition, held in November.

Sponsor: The award will be sponsored by the Sierra Nevada Brewing Company.

Administration: The award will be administered by the San Andreas Malts.

Rules

The award is open to all amateur brewers within the state of California. An amateur brewer is anyone not directly involved in a commercial brewing process, either as an owner, employee, or consultant.

All entrants in the Maltose Falcons' Mayfaire competition, the California State Fair Homebrew Competition, or the California State Homebrew Competition who meet the above criteria will automatically be considered for this award. Points will be awarded to them for each of the entries which fall in the top three scoring positions of each entry category in any of these competitions. The brewer who accumulates the most total points from the combined results of these three competitions will win the award. Brewing teams are considered unique entrants and so any points awarded to such teams will only count toward the team's standing. Points may not be divided between brewers on a team. Individual brewers who tie within the top three scoring positions for a category will get points

according to their score's position. For example, if there is a tie for second place and both entries have an equal numeric score, both will receive points for the "second highest score" according to the schedule described in the section "Awarding Points".

Results of the California State Fair Homebrew Competition and the Maltose Falcons' Mayfaire competition will be tallied with the California State Homebrew Competition on the day of that event so that the winner can be announced at that time.

Awarding Points

Points will be awarded as follows:

for categories which have 14 or fewer entries:

- Top score: 6 points
- Second highest score: 3 points
- Third highest score: 1 point

for categories which have greater than 14 entries:

an amount equal to 1% of the total number of entries in that category will be added to the above point schedule. For example, a top score winner in a category with 36 entries would be worth 6.36 points. A second highest score in the same category would be worth 3.36 points.

Best of Show winners will receive additional points equal to 1% of the total entries in the competition in which the BOS awarded. Example: an IPA takes the Best of Show at the California State Fair after winning First Place in the Pale Ale category. If the State Fair attracts 350 total entries, and the Pale Ale had 45 entries, the Best of Show winner would get 9.95 points (6.45 points for winning First Place in a category with 45 entries, plus 3.5 points for taking the BOS in a competition with 350 entries).

Determining the Winner

The winner will be determined by the highest total accumulated points from the combined competition results. In case of a numerical tie, the winner will be that brewer in the tie who has the most total awards. Should this not settle the tie, the brewer in the tie with the greater number of higher point awards will win. Should this still not resolve the tie, a representative of Sierra Nevada shall decide the winner.

Current Club-Only Competition Standings (as of November 18, 1997)

	<i>Points from last contest</i>	<i>Total Points</i>
1. <i>Harold Gullbransen</i>	6	11
2. <i>Greg and Liz Lorton</i>	3	7
3. <i>Tod Fitzsimmons</i>	1	3
4. <i>Peter Zien</i>	2	2
5. <i>Jon Peterson</i>	1	1

The last competition was "Bitter Mania". No news on national results.

THE SAN DIEGO BREWING SCENE

BREW PUBS

Baja Brewing Company 203 Fifth Avenue (Gaslamp Quarter)	231-9279
Callahan's Pub and Brewery 8280A Mira Mesa Boulevard (Mira Mesa Mall)	578-9279
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)	???-???
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) 720-5221
Pizza Port/Solana Beach Brewery 135 N. Highway 101 (Solana Beach)	481-7332
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

Brewer's Union	see address under Microbreweries
Murphy's Custom Brewing 2640 Financial Court (Rose Canyon)	274-9696

MICROBREWERIES

AleSmith Brewing Company 9368 Cabot Drive (Miramar) Brewers: Ted and Skip	549-9888 <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	298-2337 <i>Belgian White, Copper Ale, N₂-tapped special, Barley Wine in Tasting Room</i>
Brewer's Union 5553 Kearny Villa Road Brewer: Josh Lippitt	278-2739 <i>Extra Pale Ale, Brown Ale Golden Ale</i>

HOME BREWING SUPPLIERS

American Homebrewing Supply 11404 Sorrento Valley Road, Suite 103, San Diego 92121	450-9746
Beer Crafts 950 W. San Marcos Blvd., Suite I, San Marcos 92069	(760) 591-9991
Beer and Wine Crafts 450 Fletcher Parkway, El Cajon 92020	447-9191
Brewers Beer Gear 2633 State Street, Carlsbad 92008	(760) 434-0435
Home Brew Mart 5401 Linda Vista Road, Suite 406, San Diego 92110	295-2337
Home Brew Mart 731 S. Highway 101, Suite 1B2, Solana Beach 92075	794-2739
U of Brew 9420 Activity Road, Suite A, San Diego 92126 http://keyinfo.com/beer/UofBrew/	578-9405

BEER SUPERSTORES

Beverages, & more! 8410 Center Drive (La Mesa) 212 N. El Camino Real (Encinitas) 11475 Carmel Mountain Road	461-6230 (760) 943-6631 673-3892
Mesa Liquor and Wine Company 4919 Convoy Street (Kearny Mesa)	279-5292

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Membership Information

Membership dues are \$15 per calendar year, due January 1 and expiring on December 31.
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 may be sent to qasd@aol.com. Please include "Greg" somewhere in the subject line, so that the e-mail is directed to me.

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