# QUAFF

Quality Ale and Fermentation Fraternity

August 2001

**NEXT MEETING** 

# Tuesday, August 28 7:00 PM at Callahan's MEETING TOPICS

- Decoction Mashing, by Mark Alfaro!
- Bring Your Homebrew (four 12-oz bottles or three 22-oz bottles)

## **Future AHA Club-Only Competitions**

Categories

Due to QUAFF
September 29

Due at Contest early October

California Common Mild

November 27

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**

#### August

28 Monthly Meeting at Callahan's (7:00)

#### September

- 8 BJCP Exam (Windemere Development in La Jolla)
- 11 Board Meeting at San Diego Brewing (6:30)
- 25 Monthly Meeting at Callahan's (7:00)
- 29 QUAFF Oktoberfest Picnic at Santee Lakes

#### October

- 9 Board Meeting at San Diego Brewing (6:30)
- 23 Monthly Meeting at Callahan's (7:00)
- 29 Entries accepted for Strong Ale Homebrew Competition

#### November

- 9 Entry deadline for Strong Ale Homebrew Competition
- 13 Board Meeting at San Diego Brewing (6:30)
- 17 Strong Ale Homebrew Competition Judging
- 27 Monthly Meeting at Callahan's (7:00)

#### December

- 11 Board Meeting at San Diego Brewing (6:30)
- 15 QUAFF Holiday Party (tentative)

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## **English Mild**

The next Club-Only competition is California Common. With the entries due to QUAFF at next month's meeting (or the picnic), it's getting down to the wire to brew one. However, the Club-Only contest after that one is English Mild. Judging will be held in early December, so there is plenty of time, especially considering that this is a relatively light body, low-alcohol beer.

English Mild is quite rare in the U.S., but it embodies the classic "session" beer. (The beer to have if you're having more than one at the local pub.) In a sense, an English mild is complement of the ordinary bitter style. The styles are very similar in terms of original gravity and alcohol, but the bitter has a higher hop character than a mild. The mild is the choice for someone who doesn't want a bitter session beer. A mild is often darker than an ordinary bitter, but there are a few commercial pale-colored milds in England.

The aroma of a mild is lightly malty with some fruity esters characteristic of an ale yeast. There is no hop aroma. The flavor is malty, with a desirable nutty character and some fruity, licorice, and/or chocolaty character. A mild may have some sweetness, but it should not have a roasty flavor. The body is light to medium, so a yeast with a low attenuation is desirable. There should be no hop flavor, and the level of hop bitterness is only high enough to prevent the beer from tasting overly sweet.

The mild is the little brother of the English brown ales. The commercial examples listed in the AHA/BJCP guidelines are all English examples, such as Fuller's Hock, Highgate Mild, and Brain's Dark. Several years ago, however, Stone Brewing produced Lee's Mild for the San Diego Real Ale Festival. Indeed, a mild is a classic beer for a cask-conditioned ale.

	O.G.	<b>IBUs</b>	SRM (color)
English Mild	1.030-1.038	10-20	10-25
Ordinary Bitter	1.030-1.038	20-40	6-14

# New Meeting Dates (beginning this month!)

Beginning in August, our regular meeting dates will move to the fourth Tuesday of the month (from the third Tuesday). Also, the Board meeting will move from the first Tuesday to the second Tuesday. Therefore, the regular monthly meeting will be on August 28.

## **SPENT GRAINS**

Notes from the July Meeting

by Greg Lorton

The meeting called to order by President Peter Zien at 7:06 PM. Guests included Doug Dimico and Paul Gehring (spelling not guaranteed!). Several members described pub crawls. Harold Gulbransen described his recent trip to England and Ireland, including a stop at the shrine of stout itself – Guinness. Rich Link described a visit to the mecca of American pale ales – Sierra Nevada in Chico. As usual, the brewpub located at the Sierra Nevada serves a lot of beers that aren't distributed. Greg Lorton described a visit to Hops in Alexandria, Virginia (not the same chain as the Hops! out here). Bob Whritner talked about a visit to the Whaler's Pub at the Marriott in Hawaii (Maui?).

Chris White provided another impromptu talk about yeast, this time talking about wine yeasts and lager yeasts.

Greg Lorton provided a short discussion of American ales, focusing on American pale ales and California common. Dion Hollenbeck provided examples of Sierra Nevada Pale Ale and Anchor Steam Beer.

#### June Beverage List

Michael Jackson Beer T	our Gulpener Korenwolf
Bob Whritner	Bohemian Pilsener
Randy Barnes	American Lager
Greg and Liz Lorton	Hefeweizen
Bob Whritner	Hefeweizen
Rich Link	Summer Wheat/Wit
Leo Barendse	Wit
Joe Buchan	Light Ale
Peter Zien	Texas Brown Pale Ale
Brian McFarland	Doppelbock
Steve Jennings	Belgian Strong Ale
<b>Bob Whritner</b>	Tripel
Chris Kleber	Rochefort #8 (the real thing)
Tom Buchenau	Vanilla Mead

## **Brewing To-Do List**

- It's time to think about brewing for the QUAFF Oktoberfest Picnic, now set for September 29. This includes kegged beer for consumption at the picnic as well as bottled beer for the sanctioned homebrew competition.
- The AHA's California Common Club-Only will be held in early October in Los Angeles, with QUAFF entries selected either at the September meeting or the Oktoberfest picnic.
- Also, now's a good time for brewing your big beers for the Third Annual Strong Ale Homebrew Competition in November.
- Now is also the time to start thinking about defending our California Homebrew Club of the Year title at the California State Homebrew Competition in San Francisco traditionally held in November. If Peter and Harold alone could win enough points to gain us the title last year, imagine what we could do with a serious number of entrants this year!
- Plan to brew a Mild Ale in October for December's Mild Club-Only contest.

## More Del Mar Ribbons

The list of ribbons won by QUAFFsters at the Del Mar Fair (Sunday, June 24) was not complete in last month's newsletter. Additional winners included Peter Zien (second place in specialty beers), Brian McFarland (third place in bocks and fifth in specialty beers). Steve Jennings took a second place in a mead category (or was that a specialty?).

## Mammoth Homebrew Competition

QUAFF members blew through the Mammoth Homebrew Competition held on August 11, taking 17 medals and sweeping the three Best of Show awards. The QUAFF results were:

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Light Lagers and Light Ale 1st Bob Whritner 3rd Peter Zien	s Bohemian Pilsne <del>r</del> American Lager
Dark Lagers 1st Peter Zien 3rd Peter Zien	Schwarzbier Munich Dunkel
American Ales 2 <sup>nd</sup> Peter Zien	Cream Ale
Scottish and Brown Ales 2 <sup>nd</sup> Peter Zien	Texas Brown Ale
Strong Ales and Strong Lag  1st Antoinette Hodges	gers Doppelbock
German Ales and Lagers  1st Antoinette Hodges  2nd Peter Zien  3rd Peter Zien	Altbier Kölsch Oktoberfest
Belgian Ales 1 <sup>st</sup> Tyce Heldenbrand 2 <sup>nd</sup> Peter Zien	Witbier Farmhouse Ale
English Ales 1st Antoinette Hodges 3rd Antoinette Hodges	Strong Bitter/English Pale Ale India Pale Ale
Wheat Beers  1st Steve Jennings  2nd Antoinette Hodges	Bavarian Weizen Bavarian Weizen

Best of Show honors went to Peter with his Schwarzbier. Antoinette took first runner-up and second runner-up with her Doppelbock and Altbier, respectively. Peter, who won eight medals, and Antoinette, who won five, took home more medals than any other club. (Four members of Pacific Gravity each won one medal.) Congratulations!! - Greg

Smoked Vienna

FUTURE MEETING TOPICS			
August	Decoction Mashing		
September	Mild Ales		
October	Brewing Safety		
November	AHA HCOY Commemorative Beer Tasting		
December	Holiday Party		

Specialty Beers

2<sup>nd</sup> Tyce Heldenbrand

# **Club-Only Contests**

#### Wit

The QUAFF Wit Club-Only judging was held on August 10. Greg and Liz Lorton brewed the winning entry, with second going to Rich Link and third to Tyce Heldenbrand. Judging for the National Club-Only contest was scheduled in Sacramento on August 18. Other entrants included Leo Barendse, Harold Gulbransen, Chris Kleber, Tom Buchenau, Steve Jennings, Carlos Lopez, and Peter Zien.

### California Common

The Maltose Falcons will host the California Common Club-Only. This category is limited to just that style (category 6c). The national judging will be held on October 13, so plan to get your entry to us by the September meeting on September 25, or the Picnic on September 29.

#### Mild

The Mild Club-Only contest will be held in early December. This contest is limited to category 10a of the BJCP/AHA guidelines. The Brewers United for Real Potables (BURP) of Maryland and Virginia will host this contest. Entries are due back there between November 29 and December 7, so we need them by the November 27 meeting.

	2001 Club-Only	Compet	ition Stand	ings
	·	Total		_
		<u>Points</u>	<u>last contest</u>	<b>Entered</b>
1.	Peter Zien	22	1	7
2.	Greg & Liz Lorton	18	7	4
3.	Antoinette Hodges	13	0	5
3.	Harold Gulbransen	13	1	6
5.	Dana Edgeli	9	0	3
6.	Rich Link	8	4	2
7.	Tyce Heldenbrand	4	2	3
7.	Dan Doren	4	0	2
9.	Horace Bixby	3	0	2
9.	Jim Howard	3	0	3
11.	Harold Gottschalk	2	0	1
12.	Leo Barendse	1	1	1
12.	Tom Buchenau	1	1	1
12.	Steve Jennings	1	1	1
12.	Chris Kleber	1	1	1
12.	Carlos Lopez	1	1	1
12.	Leonard Ackerman	1	0	1
12.	Mark Alfaro	1	0	1
12.	Randy Barnes	1	0	1
12.	Cher Cunningham	1	0	1
12.	Bob MacKay	1	0	1
12.	Richard McLaughlin	1	0	1
	Les Overman	1	0	1
12.	Jon Peterson	1	0	1
12.	Dan Sherman	1	0	1
	Roger Wammack	1	0	1
12.	Bob Whritner	1	0	1

#### Final Standings for 2001?

The final QUAFF standings (and the QUAFF Homebrewer of the Year award) are now locked up, with the possible exception of first and second. Antoinette Hodges and

Harold Gulbransen tied for third. Peter Zien currently leads, and Greg and Liz Lorton are in second. Peter will win the award (defending his title from last year and his tie for first two years ago) unless Greg and Liz Lorton win the National Club-Only contest for Wit in Sacramento. If Greg and Liz take second, then Peter and Greg and Liz will tie for first.

The 27 entrants in this year's QUAFF Club-Only contest totally blew away participation in previous years. A total of 55 beers were entered. Last year, 10 members entered 39 beers in the six contests held up until August 2000. In 1999, 10 members entered 36 beers in the six contests from October 1998 to August 1999.

## **QUAFF** News

## 4th Occasional BJCP Study Group and Exam

The study group is now wrapping up. The exam has officially been scheduled for Saturday, September 8. The location of the exam will be the Windemere in La Jolla (site of the 2000 America's Finest City Homebrew Competition). If you are interested in taking the exam, contact Peter Zien at the phone or e-mail address listed on the back of this newsletter.

## QUAFF Night at the Padres

A record turnout of QUAFFsters (about 40?) watched the Pads beat the Milwaukee Brewers on the evening of July 21. An abundance of food and beer preceded the game at the tailgate party. (Thanks to Bob Mac Kay for organizing this. – Greg)

## **QUAFF Projects**

A number of projects are underway...

Commemorative Glasses (Dion Hollenbeck) – QUAFF is getting etched glasses made commemorating our double achievements as California Homebrew Club of the Year and National Homebrew Club of the Year. One version is a 16-ounce standard pint glass. The other version is a 10-ounce straight-sided mug, relatively tall and thin. They will both be available for order. One side will have the oval QUAFF logo from our previous T-shirts and the second side will be wording referring to our twin achievements.

Orders will be taken at the August meeting. E-mail orders will be taken for one week past the August meeting by sending requests to hollen@woodsprite.com. Phone orders will be taken for one week past the August meeting at (858) 449-7970. You need to specify how many 16-ounce glasses and how many 10-ounce glasses.

Samples with the actual etching will be available at the August meeting. No glasses will be ordered that are not pre-ordered. Payment will be due on delivery and you will be zealously hounded until you get your order and pay up since I am paying for the order out of my own pocket ©. Prices will be available at the August meeting. — Dion

Commemorative T-Shirts (Peter Zien) – Peter is working on the design of a special T-shirt to commemorate both our 2000 California Homebrew Club of the Year honor and our 2001 AHA National Homebrew Club of the Year award. The shirts must be pre-ordered. Details will be available at the August meeting.

QUAFF Bar – In a gadgethead's dream, a committee is now pulling together to design and build a new bar to be used at beer festivals (such as Temecula and other events). The bar will include tap handles as well as space for beer engines. Portability and ease of assembly are high priorities. Harold Gulbransen, Dion Hollenbeck, and Rich Link (among others) are currently involved in planning and design. The group is recruiting PhD-level specialists in metallurgical engineering, non-compressible fluid flow, and valve-actuating devices. Others interested should contact Harold or Dion. Salaries are competitive with other QUAFF Board positions!

## **QUAFF** Board

The new QUAFF board will be selected in September. Several members have expressed an interest so far, but there is room for more! So let any board member know if you are interested (or show up at the Board meeting on September 11 at San Diego Brewing)!

We are also seeking to reaffirm current Board member interest. If you are a current Board member and are interested in continuing to serve, contact Peter Zien or Greg Lorton.

## Cantillon Coup

Rich Link surprised us earlier this month by learning of a distributor who had a whole lot of Cantillon lambics on hand that he thought he was stuck with. The distributor was eager to unload as much of it as he could. (Most of it seemed to be about five years old!) Rich managed to negotiate a price of \$24 per case (six 25-ounce bottles per case). This price is even cheaper than even 12-ounce bottles when they are available locally. The three beers were Cantillon Gueuze, Rose de Gambrinus, and Cantillon Kriek.

As soon as Rich found out about it, he posted to the QUAFF e-mail server (quaff-members@yahoogroups.com). Rich said that he expected a couple of people to take advantage of it, for a few more cases. (Teresa knew better! ③) He found he was deluged with responses. Based on the orders he received, he ended up ordering 60 cases. Notwithstanding the great deal, Cantillon lambics are some of the most sour beers around!

## quaff-members@yahoogroups.com

If you aren't already on the quaff-members e-mail server, sign up at the QUAFF website (www.softbrew.com/quaff). Click on the Subscribe/Remove Member Mailing List. This is the fastest way to find out about things in QUAFF (like Rich Link's Cantillon deal)!

## **Local Beer News**

## AleSmith Cask Night at Callahan's

contributed by Tod Fitzsimmons

On August 28th, Callahan's will be featuring a firkin of BlackSmith's Blonde. The Blonde has qualities of both a West Coast ale (Pacific Northwest hops and dry hopping) and a Belgian-style golden ale (Trappist yeast and spicing with coriander and orange peel). For something totally different and unique, as well as a great thirst quencher, check out this rare opportunity to try a cask of our Belgian-style Blonde served on a traditional British hand pump.

## Hops! Beer Dinner - August 27

Hops! Bistro & Brewery's August Beer Dinner will be held on Monday, the 27th at 6:30PM. We hope to see you for this great pairing of Chuck's brews and our exciting menu offerings. Remember, if you are unable to make it here by 6:30PM for the group dinner, the beer dinner menu is available all evening. The price is \$21.95 (plus tax & gratuity)

Spring Rolls (served with Blonde Ale Sweet & Sour Dipping Sauce), and Brewer's Blonde Ale (2000 World Beer Cup Gold Medal Winner!)

Straw yellow in color, this light and refreshing beer is a German style Kolsch. It's deliscious pale malt body receives the perfect balance from the delicate German Hallertau hops. Our private strain of yeast and cold-conditioning accents the beers flavor with a crisp, clean finish.

Spicy Thai Skirt Steak (marinated in Pale Ale and served with Dirty Rice), and Patriot Pale Ale

Truly an American Pale Ale having refreshing floral characteristics imparted by our own Pacific Northwest Cascade hops. Premium American barley provides the caramel and pale malt flavors that shine through to the finish of this light copper colored brew.

Wheat Wobbler Bread Pudding (garnished with sliced mangos), and Wheat Wobbler

Enjoy this Wheat Wine as a sipping beer after your meal. The pale color, medium body and fruity aromas make for an easy drinking strong ale with a firm but delightful hop character that lingers in the finish.

Each Course is served with a 10-ounce beer. Chuck Silva, Brewer at Hops!, is on hand to answer questions, teach the process of brewing beer, and take you on a tour of our brewery! Call us at (858) 587-6677 for reservations, or ask your server.

## THE SAN DIEGO BREWING SCENE

Brewpubs (* - Brewery on premises)	
BJ's Restaurant and Brewhouse 8873 Villa La Jolla Drive	(858) 455-0662
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Coronado Brewing Company* 170 Orange Avenue (Coronado)	(619) 437-4452
Gordon Biersch* 5010 Mission Center Road (Mission Valley)	(619) 688-1120
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**Karl Straus Brewery** 

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5985 Santa Fe Street (San Diego)

La Jolla Brewing Company

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1795 Hancock Street (Mission Brewery Plaza)

Brewer: Ben Frymark

Alpine Brewing Company

Irish Red, Pure Hoppiness IPA

Contract brewing through AleSmith Brewer: Pat McIlhenney

Brewer: Pat McImenne

Gem of the Sea

Solomon's Ale

Vista

Brewer: Kim Giammarinaro

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www.whitelabs.com

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Beverages, & more! - 212 N. El Camino Real (Encinitas)

Beverages, & more! - 11475 Carmel Mountain Road

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Red & White Market - 510 Vista Way (Oceanside)

Whole Foods Market - 8825 Villa La Jolla Drive

Whole Foods Market - 711 University Avenue (San Diego)

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What's new? Call Greg at (760) 943-8280 (or e-mail to glorton@cts.com) with new information on San Diego brewpubs, microbreweries, BOPs, homebrew shops, and other local beer news.

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Membership dues are \$20 per calendar year, due January 1 and expiring on December 31. Make your check payable to **Harold Gulbransen**.

#### Contributed Articles

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