



Washoe Zephyr Zymurgists

<http://washoezz.net>

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LET'S ALL THANK ROB FOR THE MANY YEARS OF SERVICE TO THE CLUB!!!

Of course, your not off the hook or anything Rob.

In order to reduce the chances of Rob committing hara-kiri and to get some involvement from more of the club (me anyway), I volunteered to serve as editor for the newsletter. Since you cannot see me typing this, I am John Tull. Now, I would really appreciate members of the club submitting beer-related tales for inclusion. In the likely event that there will not be any commentary besides my own, I will try to pull from the WZZ archives or make up some terrible lies for your reading pleasure.

I am going to try a few new things and some old, as a few of you may have noticed with the title font. First, off, I will be attempting to get the newsletter ready for publication and out in the mail about a week earlier than we have become accustomed. My hope is that people will better be able to plan for attending our meetings. Secondly, as already mentioned, I will be occasionally pulling from the vast newsletter archives to reprint some classic stories. Thirdly, everyone should be aware that the newsletter is always available online at the club website. Lastly... Well, there isn't a lastly.

UPCOMING BREWHAHA...

The Annual Washoe Pines Oktoberfest!

Submitted by longtime, original WZZ member, Penny McClary.

WILLKOMMEN ZU OKTOBERFEST 2004!

October 9th

Please make a note.....this year's event will be the last Oktoberfest...

...at Washoe Pines Ranch, in October.....

The traditional time for Oktoberfest is September, from here on out plan on the second Saturday in September for this annual WZZ event.

While going over old WZZ newsletters, to pass on to our new editor, I came across some of "Eric's rules" for Oktoberfest (1994). Please read them over carefully and give respect and honor to our original leader of Oktoberfest.

WASHOE PINES RANCH RULES!!!!!!

- NO SMOKING in any area on the ranch—our place is very old and the fire danger is extremely high. IF you must smoke, please do so in your own vehicles ONLY!!!!!!
- WZZ Oktoberfest is a family event. Participants are expected to behave accordingly.
- Parents are *RESPONSIBLE* for their kids' actions. Please NO ONE under 16 using the very old pool table.
- Use designated drivers. Washoe Pines is 20 miles from Reno. Feel free to bring sleeping bags, tents, whatever if you'd like to crash on the grounds overnight.

What to bring? Beer—duh!!!

- food—a side dish (German preferred)
- warm clothes—the sun dips behind the hills VERY early on our side of the valley.

What we provide?

- club sausages—any volunteers to cook????
- plastic cups (or bring your own favorite stein)
- plates and silverware (or bring your own place setting like old time potlucks – save the earth from trash it doesn't need)

Schedule—Beer taps open at 1pm.

- volley ball for those who wish when they arrive
- dinner at 5 sharp (it gets dark EARLY!!!!)
- music, pool table, ping pong until ????
- WE now have a brand new ready to be used stove/oven (the antique scary one has been sent to old stove heaven)

Volunteers needed for set up on Sat and clean up on Sunday—please call Penny at 883-7187

Anyone willing to smoke a turkey (Scott Leary)???????? We just can't do the pit any longer!!!!



LAST MONTH

Dave Dudley graciously hosted the club at his off-grid—self-sufficient power generation for those not in the know—paradise north of Reno. Rumor has it that beer played second fiddle to *moonshine*. It's good to know that the WZZ crew can still get raucous after all these many years. Whether flame-throwing ensued is not known for sure, but apparently Dan no longer has hair around his lips.

Hopefully Dave will be able to take over the October meeting slot for next year so more of us can get up to see his solar wunderhaus. Thanks again Dave!

FYI

The WZZ club has its very own web page. It was designed by yours truly. If you have any ideas, recommendations, praise, or general assaults to make regarding the website, or any other matter for that matter, you can email me via links from the site.

If anyone in the club has a desire to hone or exhibit their web production skills, I will gladly hand over the reins. This is an update, and hopefully an improvement, from the site that existed over the last several years. Take a gander via <http://washoezz.net> and peruse old stories, past and current newsletters, some of the club history, and examine the helpful homebrew links.



FROM THE PAST

August 1985

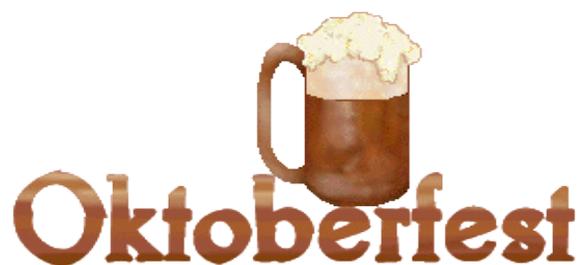
The Washoe Zephyr Zymurgists were actually known as "S.U.D.S." at the time: Sierra Unorganized Draft Suckers.

"There was much discussion regarding the club name. It was felt that we were perhaps too far into the July meeting by the time the vote was taken which approved 'Sierra's Unorganized Draft Suckers' (read : too much beer had been consumed) and that we should perhaps reconsider. It seemed that the word 'Suckers' in particular was unacceptable. Should we find another group of words to match 'SUDS' or start afresh? Some folks liked the phrase 'Great Basin' and felt it should be part of our club name."

Lucky for us, the creative juices, or less beer, were flowing at a followup meeting and the WZZ moiker was introduced. I guess "Great Basin" made it into the first brewpub in Reno at least.

UPCOMING EVENTS

Brew Now!



- Oct 1-2 Northern California Homebrew Festival. Be there or be square! (Unless the GABF is calling you instead.)
- Oct 9 Washoe Pines WZZ Oktoberfest 2004
- Nov 5 Club-only IPA competition. Anyone with an IPA that can represent the club should contact me about having a taste-off prior to the end of October!
- Nov 13 Chet & Sharon Minetto's Lager Boy meeting.
- Dec 11 Badley's Christmas Meading
- Jan 26 Irish Red Ale Club-only Competition
- Feb 27 WZZ Homebrew Competition!!! To be held at Silver Peak this year.



**PLAN NOW FOR THE 2005
WASHOE ZEPHYR ZYMURGISTS HOMEBREW COMPETITION
Date: February 27, 2005**

All entries are due between 5 February and 19 February 2005.

You need not be present nor an area resident to compete; everyone is encouraged to enter.

Ship to, or drop off at:

The Reno Homebrewer (775-329-2537)
2335 Dickerson Road
Reno, NV, 89503

Dropoff only sites:

Beer, Beer & More Beer (925-939-2337)
995 Detroit Ave Unit G
Concord, CA 94518

An additional Sacramento dropoff site will be made available if requested.

This event's goal is to be the premier homebrew event in the west. The WZZ Homebrew Competition also serves as an excellent warm-up for the AHA National Beer Competition and other events in the west. You can expect comments and scores to be similar in this event as they would be for regional and national AHA events, barring any changes in beer quality over time. (Winners in the WZZ Homebrew Competition are not guaranteed to perform equally well in subsequent events.) Reno and northern California are home to many highly qualified BJCP judges, and we produce one of the finest assemblages of judges of any competition. Plan now for this event. First time brewers and veterans alike are encouraged to participate. No one is too much of a novice, nor is anyone too experienced to compete. Join in on an event that is certain to provide insight and education for all homebrewers involved.

The Best of Show winner will get to brew their beer at Great Basin Brewing Company!* They will also receive \$50 gift certificates from the Reno Homebrewer and Beer, Beer & More Beer. Additionally, a commemorative yard glass will be provided. First place winners in each flight win a certificate for a free vial of yeast from White Labs redeemable at any location that sells their products. A free keg of beer from Great Basin Brewing will be awarded for the brewer with the most overall points for all entries. A separate, similar award will be awarded for first-time competitors only by our other brewpub Silver Peak. Points are tallied as 3 for first place medals, 2 for second, and 1 for third. AHA medals will be provided for flight winners this year.

This event is a Beer Judge Certification Program recognized and American Homebrewer Association sanctioned event. All beer styles will be accepted as recognized by the BJCP and the AHA, including mead and cider categories. ALL categories and subcategories as recognized by both the BJCP and the AHA, including meads and cider, are eligible for entry. We reserve the right to combine styles or categories with fewer than 5 entries. All entries are expected to comply with BJCP regulations and will be judged according to BJCP style guidelines. Standard 50 point score sheets and BJCP methods will be used by judges, and written results will be made available to entrants promptly after the competition is held.

Judging will be held at the Silver Peak Restaurant & Brewery at 9 AM sharp on 27 February 2005. Judges and stewards should arrive by 9 so judging can begin as soon as possible. Juice, coffee, and bagels will be available to early arrivers. The doors will open at 8:30 for anyone wishing to help out with the setup.

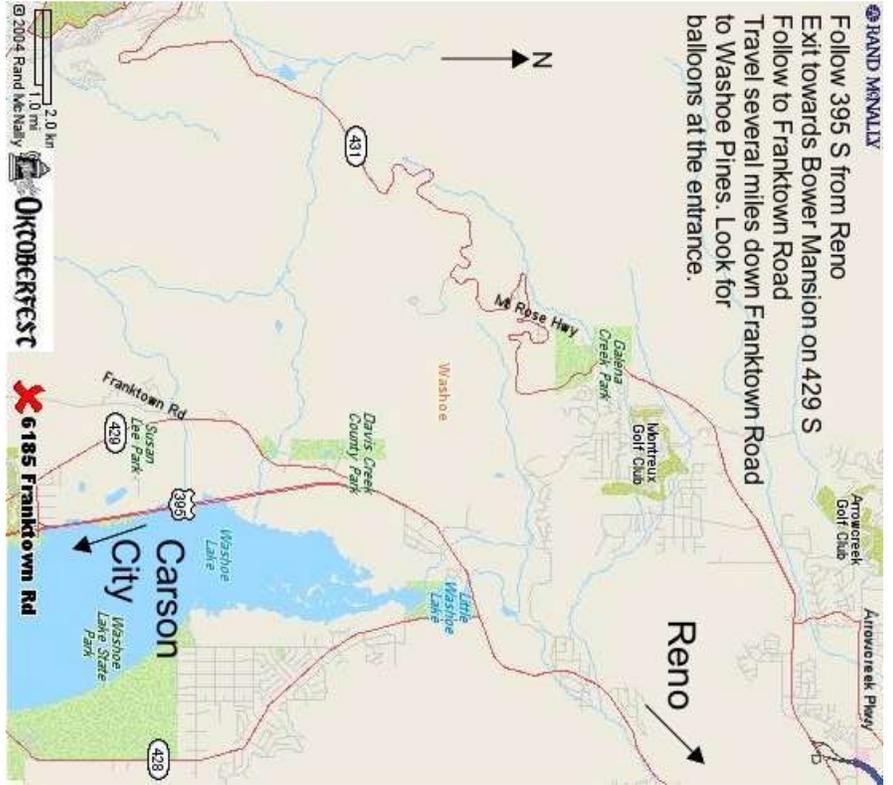
Additional details are available online at <http://washoezz.net/wzzcompetition.html>.

Umpteenth Annual Washoe Pines Oktoberfest Celebration

SATURDAY 9 OCTOBER, 4 PM
6205 Franktown Rd.
883-7187



With some luck, Tom Baldwin will once again be playing the oompah music for us, as shown in this photo from last year!



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