



Washoe Zephyr Zymurgists

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January 2005

THIS MONTH



P.J. & Scotty host the annual Flaming Asshole Chili Contest

Bring your best beers and chili recipe (preferably in cooked form; paper just doesn't taste that good). Last year was a bit light on beer as I recall, so please do bring some suds to share with folks. Remember, we are a homebrew club!

P.J. will have his usual assortment of cars on lifts, motorcycles in various states of restoration, and an outdoor fire, in case the chili inspires (or inflates) anyone to really attempt a flaming asshole

Doors open at 6 PM, 15 January 2005 at 1250 High Chaparral Dr, Reno. Prizes will be awarded as in the past for the best, by ballot, chili. There will be no recounts, regardless of machinery malfunctions, dangling chads, or precinct irregularities. In fact, bribery and other forms of vote rigging are encouraged.

If you have an Irish Red Ale recipe, please bring it along so we can pick a representative for the AHA Club-only Competition.



LAST MONTH

Annual Mead Madness

Everyone that made it out to Ron & Yen's house last month enjoyed a meager selection of 40 or so meads! Wow! There were many great home varieties as well as some interesting commercial selections – a few of the commercial ones were even pretty good.

Nigh Upon Us...

...is the annual WZZ Homebrew Competition. Unless you have not been paying attention, a significant portion of the newsletter has been occupied by the WZZ HBC flier over the last few issues. Judging will be on 27 February this year and entries will be accepted from 5-19 February. Plan now and brew your favorite beers to be included in the event. The online registration system should be up and running by 15 January. This makes bottle labeling and entry registration a pleasure, so take advantage of it. You can find the registration link on our competition web page: <http://www.washoezz.net/wzzcompetition.html>

Calling all Meadmakers

The 8th annual Meadlennium contest will be held in Orlando, Florida on 29 January. Entries are accepted 3-25 January 2005.

This competition will be using the 2004 BJCP Style Guidelines for entries. Visit <http://cfhb.org/mead8.html> for all the specifics. This is one of the only national competitions dedicated solely to mead. Many of you will recall that Dan Bailey took the Best-of-Show medal last year.

UPCOMING EVENTS

Brew Now For Future Events!

- Jan 15 Flaming Asshole Chili Contest at P.J. & Scotty's
- Jan 26 Irish Red Ale Club-only Competition
- Jan 29 Meadlennium 2005 (see above)
- Feb 12 Whitbeck's Annual Culinary Challenge
- Feb 27 WZZ Homebrew Competition!!! To be held at Silver Peak this year.
- Mar 12 **THIS SPACE AVAILABLE!!!**
- Mar/Apr Sour Beers Club-only Competition
- May Extract Beers Club-only Competition
- Aug Belgian and French Ale Club-only Competition
- Sep/Oct European Amber Lager Club-only Competition
- Nov/Dec Baltic Porter Club-only Competition

Something that Everyone Should Know About Yeast

Off the Cider Digest via Giles Marion

In 1839, German chemists Friedrich Woehler and Justus von Liebig wrote:

"Beer yeast, when dispersed in water, breaks down into an infinite number of small spheres. If these spheres are transferred to an aqueous solution of sugar they develop into small animals. They are endowed with a sort of suction trunk with which they gulp up the sugar from the solution. Digestion is immediately and clearly recognizable because of the discharge of excrements. These animals evacuate ethyl alcohol from their bowels and carbon dioxide from their urinary organs. Thus one can observe how a specifically lighter fluid is exuded from the anus and rises vertically whereas a stream of carbon dioxide is ejected at very short intervals from their enormously large genitals."





BREW 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 site:

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.

Online Registration Available by 15 January at <http://www.washoezz.net/wzzcompetition.html>

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.

Entry fees are \$6 for the first entry and \$4 per entry thereafter. Register online (available later) or use the entry form (pick up at The Reno Homebrewer or Beer, Beer & More Beer). The online registration will generate bottle labels for you and is much more convenient, so please use the online system. Send cash or personal checks made out to Washoe Zephyr Zymurgists. Send three (3) bottles for each entry. Each bottle must be 12 ounces in volume, brown/amber glass, and be free of raised-glass or inked brand-name lettering and paper labels. Ten-ounce "nip" bottles are acceptable for meads, ciders and barleywines. Obliterate any lettering or graphics on the cap with a permanent black marker. Place labels generated from the online registration process on each bottle with a rubber band if you registered via the internet, or use the available bottle label forms for proper identification of each entry. Do not tape bottle labels!

You are encouraged to enter as many beer styles as you would like, but you may not submit more than one entry per beer style. (All beer style are defined in the 2004 BJCP Beer Style Guidelines.) Your homebrew cannot be brewed at any place that brews beverages for commercial purposes. We reserve the right to combine styles or categories if there are less than 5 beers entered in a given style or category. We also reserve the right to classify beers outside of BJCP Style categories for judging purposes.

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

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SATURDAY 15 January, 6 PM
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