

Washoe Zephyr Zymurgists

The homebrew club for the Greater Reno, Washoe Valley, Truckee Meadows Region

A Monthly Newsletter

February 2005

<p>March 19 <i>Dave and Barbara's March Madness</i></p> 	<p>April 9</p>  <p><i>Jeff & Karen's Annual Firefest</i></p>	<p>May 14 <i>Fill this one soon!</i></p> 	<p>June 4</p>  <p><i>Baldwin "My Sausage is Bigger Than Your Sausage" Event</i></p>	<p>July 9 <i>Morandi Mania</i></p> 	<p>August 13</p>  <p><i>Rebori Tull Dead White Guy's</i></p>
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Last Month

Whitbeck's Culinary Challenge

The meeting at the Whitbeck's was a great time for all involved. Most everyone brought quality food (Cheetos!?) to share and Chris had plenty of liquid refreshments for all to enjoy!

We did not have any sour ales to sample for inclusion in the Club-Only Competition.

This Month

Dave & Barb's March Madness

We will be meeting on the 3rd Saturday of the month. Bring your best grub and beer. If you have a beer that was extract brewed (at least 50% of the fermentables from extract), let's sample it to see if it will represent the club in the next Club-Only Competition.

News

Irish Red Ale Club-Only Win

Congratulations to Stan Bennett for placing second with his Irish Red Ale in the Club-Only Competition. Our club is now a force to be reckoned with, mwu-ha-ha-ha-haaa-haaaa! (That was supposed to be evil laughter.)

Stan's win gives us 8 points on the winners list. We are in a 4-way tie for 5th (there are 3 teams in 2nd), and we are only 8 points out of 1st. Hopefully someone has a killer extract beer to send in this month so we can grab that top spot!

As a reminder, the Club-only Competitions are competitions where each homebrew club has the opportunity to send in their single best beer for a given style or



category through the course of the year. Points are added to the total that a club achieves from medals in the AHA National Competition. The club with the most points is awarded the "Club-of-the-Year" award.

Look at the schedule below to find out what you should be brewing for future competitions.

WZZ Homebrew Competition

Congratulations to Jonathan Plisè for his outstanding American Standard Lager that one Best of Show in the 2005 WZZ HBC! Jamil Zainasheff won 2nd overall for his great Scottish Heavy 70/-, and James Cossart placed 3rd for his Robust Porter.

We had 162 entries this year from 9 different states and 62 entrants! That represents a 34% increase over last year! Thanks to everyone who entered and volunteered.

Once again, we had outstanding support from our sponsors. Silver Peak Brewery & Restaurant hosted the event this year, and Trent was incredibly gracious! Great Basin Brewing Company are providing the Best of Show winner an opportunity to brew their recipe on their system! White Labs provided free yeast coupons to all the first-place winners in each flight! The Reno Homebrewer and Beer, Beer &

More Beer each provided a \$50 gift certificate to the Best of Show Winner!

You can find the complete winners list on the web site:

<http://washoezz.net/results2005.html>

From the Wire

Forwarded by Giles Marion. Originally published on www.ananova.com

Man peed way out of avalanche

A Slovak man trapped in his car under an avalanche freed himself by drinking 60 bottles of beer and urinating on the snow to melt it.

Rescue teams found Richard Kral drunk and staggering along a mountain path four days after his Audi car was buried in the Slovak Tatra mountains.

He told them that after the avalanche, he had opened his car window and tried to dig his way out.

But as he dug with his hands, he realised the snow would fill his car before he managed to break through.

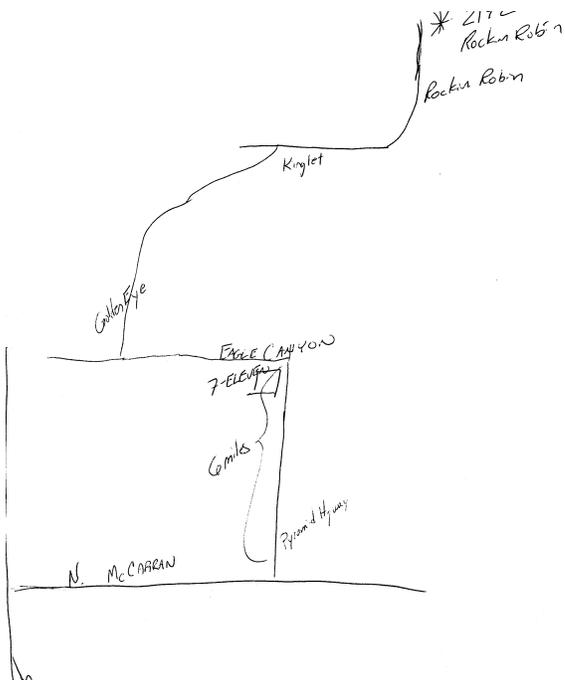
He had 60 half-litre bottles of beer in his car as he was going on holiday, and after cracking one open to think about the problem he realised he could urinate on the snow to melt it, local media reported.

He said: "I was scooping the snow from above me and packing it down below the window, and then I peed on it to melt it. It was hard and now my kidneys and liver hurt. But I'm glad the beer I took on holiday turned out to be useful and I managed to get out of there."

Parts of Europe have this week been hit by the heaviest snowfalls since 1941, with some places registering more than ten feet of snow in 24 hours.

Dave & Barb's

Join us at 6 PM with food and beer in hand. 425-3919.
 2192 Rockin Robin, Sparks NV.
 Saturday, March 19th, 2005.



UPCOMING EVENTS

- April 4-15 - National Homebrew Competition (AHA) Rnd. 1 entries due
- April 26 - Extract Beers Club-only competition
- June 16-18 - AHA National Homebrewers Conference, Baltimore, MD (rnd. 2 of AHA NHC)
- August - Belgian and French Ale Club-only Competition (Category 16 2004)
- September - European Amber Lager Club-only Competition (Cat. 3 2004)
- November 4 - Baltic Porter Club-only Competition (Category 12c 2004 BJCP)
- October 7-8 - Northern California Homebrewers Festival, Dobbins, CA

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