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

#### A Monthly Newsletter

November 2005



### **Celebrating 20 Years of Yeast Domination**

## Last Month(s)

Oktoberfest and NCHF

It figures... The Washoe Pines Oktoberfest celebration was moved to September so the weather would be better, but ol' Mother Nature brought in some cold weather anyway! Regardless, everyone that was willing to brave the elements had a great time as usual. Beer, food, and good times were plentiful. Thanks again, Penny, for being our perpetual host! I look forward to not scheduling a family trip to Disneyland on the same weekend next year. Doh!

The Northern California Homebrew Festival provided an excuse to *not* put out the newsletter last month. Those of us that made the brief trek to Dobbins, CA quite enjoyed ourselves. The WZZ club, in a complete turnaround from our past, won the coveted best booth prize. This transformation from minimalist to excellence in booth decorating is entirely due to Elaine Bates tireless and enterprising efforts to whip us into shape. Great job Elaine!

Although Joe M. had an unnerving issue with his brakes cutting out on hairpin curves in steep mountains with a 9 ton trailer in tow, and Dan suffered an ill-fated breakdown 25 miles shy of Truckee on the return, everyone survived the weekend. Our booth had excellent samples of beer and mead, smoked cheeses courtesy of Tom, and a Cheese Puff Taste-off to help celebrate the 2005 theme: America. Next year,



the theme is honey, so look forward to sampling meads and braggots galore! This Month

The Dudley's are once again opening their house to the WZZ population. Come experience clean living on their





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fairly self-sustaining homestead. Bring the usuals: beer, food, and maybe a pillow if you need to rest before the drive back to town. To get there, from I-80 take Pyramid Hwy north for 17 miles and turn right on Ironwood Rd. Follow for 2.8 miles and turn right after the dirt pit at the mailboxes (664 Ironwood Rd). Drive up the mountain until you get to the right turn at the "66" sign, or is the "4" back in place yet? Dogs are loud but friendly.

## News

The WZZ Homebrew Competition has died! Long live the WZZ HBC!

Well, I have decided with the consultation of other members of the club that are especially helpful on getting the competition running, that there will be no WZZ HBC in 2006. But wait! We will host a competition. How does the first round of the AHA National Homebrew Competition strike you?

Jamil Zainasheff, our Sacramento brother-in-arms and absentee member of the club wrestled with Gary Glass of the AHA at the Baltimore NHC for the right to split California into North and South. Jamil has a good 50 pounds on Gary, and despite Gary's agility, Jamil was able to put the full-Nelson on him and that was the end of it. So the California split pairs Nevada with northern California, and Jamil and I are serving as coorganizers for the region's round 1. We will actually be splitting the duties between Reno and Concord, with all entries going to Concord (although we can probably work out a drop-off at Rob's for all the local entrants). The competition will be held the last two weekends of April, with Great Basin graciously hosting us on 30 April in Reno. Start planning now to judge in Reno and Concord if possible, especially if you are BJCP qualified. We will set up carpooling to and from Concord for those interested.



# Julie and Dave Dudley

Join us at 6 PM with food and homebrew to share.

Directions above, fairly useless map  $\rightarrow$ 

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