

Washoe Zephyr Zymurgists

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

A Monthly Newsletter

February 2006

February 11



Whitbeck Culinary Challenge

March 11

Firefest!



Jeff & Karen will be burning again

April 8

Mac O'Brien & Susan



Theme?

Celebrating 20 Years of Yeast Domination

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Last Month

Chili and Salsa Cook-off

Everyone dove into the chilis and salsas with lots of gusto, so I expect that there was a run on Pepto Bismol that weekend. Apparently there was a football game that withered attendance relative to prior years, but it was a fine crowd that enjoyed each other's company, cars, motorcycles, fire, and definitely BEER.

Needless to say, there were winners in both the chili and salsa categories. But I seem to have misplaced my notes.

The crowd dwindled early that evening, despite a failed coup d'etat by a core group of WZZ'rs

Thanks again to John and Scotty for hosting a fine gathering.

This Month

Whitbeck Culinary Challenge

Chris has once again thrown down the gauntlet: bring your best beer and food pairings that you can devise! Get creative with your cooking and add a splash of the *real* cooking beverage to your sauce pan or stew: beer.

Chris promises to have a wonderful selection of his own beers, but, as always, bring your own homebrew to share.

News

Don't forget about the club-only competition that happens almost every month. If you have a beer of the correct style that you want to enter, let me know! My Belgian beer is fermenting now. Will it be ready?

February, Big Beautiful Belgians. Cat. 18,



Belgian Strong Ale. Entries due 4 Feb 2006. (STAN, DID YOU SHIP THAT YET?)

March/April, American Ale. Cat. 10, Am. Ale. Entries due 1 Apr 2006.

May, Extract Beers. All BJCP styles, extract must be ≥50% of fermentables.

August, Mead hosted by WZZ.

Competition Info

Where did the WZZHBC go? In an earlier edition of this newsletter, I explained that the club will be co-hosting round one of the AHA National Homebrew Competition! This is quite a distinction, and it serves as a testament to the respect that WZZ'rs have earned as a collective beer judging community. Unfortunately, it is not possible to host our annual competition and the AHA competition, unless we were to get a dramatic surge in initiative from the club members.

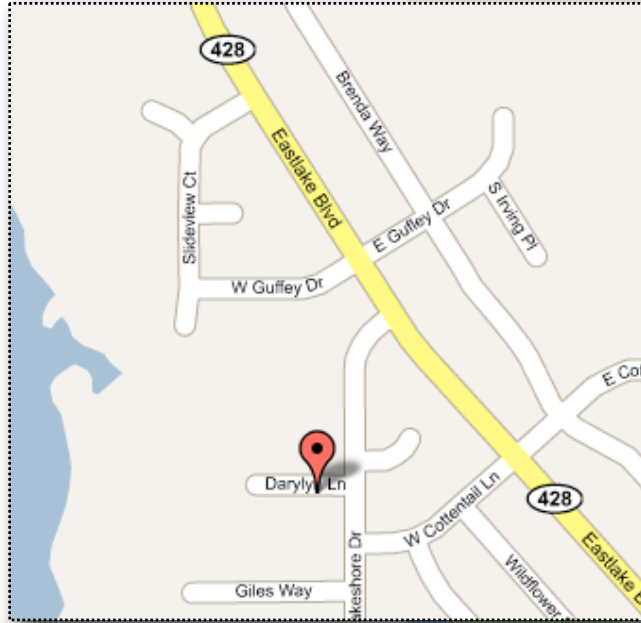
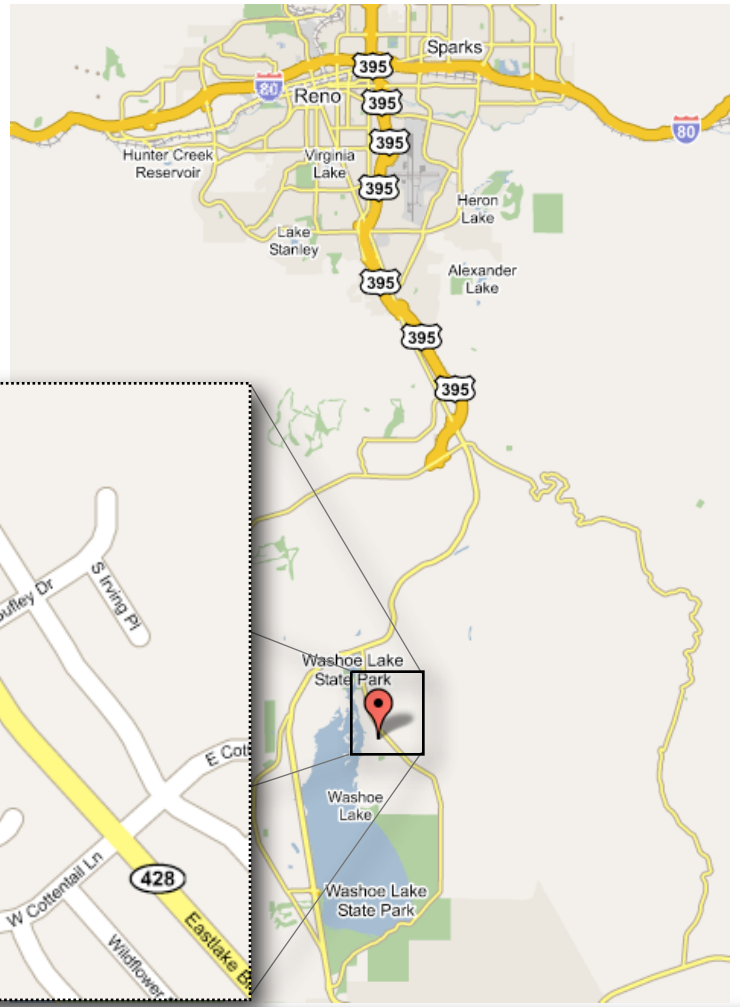
Consequently, we will be focusing all of our attention on making the AHA round one have the highest level of quality possible. Judging for the West Region will be split between Reno and the Bay Area (approximately). On April 15th, we will be judging at Lodi Brewing Company in Lodi, California. This is a wonderful brewpub that Sam and Roger Rehmke own and operate (many of the NCHF folks know who these two are). On April 22nd, judging will be held at E.J. Phair Brewing in Concord, California. Finally, Tom Young will be opening the doors of the Great Basin Brewing Company for us once again on April 30th to hold the final round of judging here in Reno (er, uh, Sparks). Online registration for volunteers and entries will be available soon. I will make those details available by next month.



Whitbeck Culinary Challenge

Join us at 6 PM with your best food
and homebrewed products to share.

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