

Washoe Zephyr Zymurgists

The Homebrew Club for the greater Reno, Washoe Valley, Truckee Meadows region

A Monthly Newsletter

August 2008

Pizza, Pizza, Joe and Joe

Yes!! There was plenty of pizza and plenty of Joe's there also. Not Joe the coffee type, Joe the cooking type. Joe Morandi and family did a great job manning the wood burning pizza oven, while Joe Dvorsky handled the pizza dough, rolled not tossed.

A fabulous, beautiful house the Morandi's have and the brewery, well, I'll let the pictures speak for themselves. I can't help it, the brewery was the envy of all homebrewers, there, I said it. It could be the envy of some commercial breweries. We had a great time, everyone could make their own custom pizzas and the bluegrass band that played for us added a nice atmosphere, featuring our own Ryan Quinlan on Banjo. I'm so glad I finally

made it to this shindig. If you missed it, too bad, try next year.

Thanks again to Joe and his family for opening their home to us WZZers and thanks to everyone contributing to a great time.

Dead White Guys?

Well, you'll get it when you show up. Maybe not... We will be back to the monthly tastings this month, the style will be a broad range, lager. Bring any lagers that you would like to be sampled, homebrew if you have them or commercial if you have something worthy. John and Marlene Tull and family will be hosting this month, maybe we can get something on the beer engine this year?!

I'm looking forward to seeing you all there this month and the monthly tasting will get us started for the BJCP exam coming up in November. See you there!!

WZZ NEWS

The July business part of the meeting was pretty much the same as the last couple, nothing to report. Other news which I am privy to, because I'm writing this, is below.

2nd Annual WZZ Pedalpalooza and Poker Run

Unfortunately, due to time constraints, I have not been able to work much on this and will have to put this on the back burner for a while. The 9th is a bad day, Hot August Nights. Maybe we can get something together in October when there is nothing else scheduled, see below.

October Meeting is Yours

The October meeting has always been owned by the NCHF and we haven't held a meeting that month due to this incredible event. Since the NCHF has moved to September 19th and 20th we now have a month with no meeting.

For those of you that have said "when can I host a meeting?", now's the time. Let me know ASAP, first come first served. Email:

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Monthly Fodder and Calendar

NCHF ANNOUNCEMENT

Come and enjoy the 11th annual Northern California Homebrew Festival (NCHF), Northern California's ONLY Homebrewers' Festival!

Taste and share quality homebrewed beers from clubs around California and beyond!

Located in the Sierra Nevada Foothills, Lake Francis Resort is a pristine campground resort with vast shading pines and lakeside beauty. Lake Francis has deluxe campground sites for tents, full hookup RV's, as well as a variety of Cabins. Other amenities include multiple free hot showers, flush toilets, large swimming pool, camp store, BBQ pits, full service restaurant, Saloon, game room, Lake swimming, Lake fishing, horseshoes and more.

Due to the increase in Lake Francis prices, we have had to increase the cost of the festival.

This year's theme is the British Isles, and it is shaping up to be loaded with fun. Here is a taste of what NCHF has in store:

The Friday Brewers Dinner has become one of the highlights of the NCHF. Every year, Chef Sean Paxton organizes a multi-course dinner within the festival's theme, which is created and paired with some of the best California micros and homebrews.

Dinner reservations must be made and paid for in advance. Register early as the number of seats available this year has been reduced.

Bring your guitar, harmonica or tambourine and join the jam band Saturday night (no accordions please)".

The afternoon offers talks by nationally known speakers from the professional and amateur circles. Past speakers have included Fritz Maytag, Fred Eckhardt, Byron Burch, Fal Allan (AVBC), Ken Grossman (Sierra Nevada BC), and the late Dr. George Fix.

Speakers this year will feature the Head brewer of Stone Brewing Company. (*Speakers are subject to change*).

In keeping with this year's theme, the annual NCHF keg competition will feature two styles:

Irish Red

Scotch Wee Heavy

Clubs can enter their beer in the competition up to 11 AM on Saturday. Judging is by popular vote, open to all festival participants, begins at noon, and finishes at 4 PM. There will also be a panel of judges to decide best of show among the winners of the two styles.

A club can enter 1 beer in each category. Corny KEGS ONLY - CO2, tap and Cooling vessel must be submitted with entry, sorry no exceptions.

Buy some raffle tickets and try your luck at some great NCHF raffle prizes. Past raffles have ranged from Grain to Getaways - Pens to Private tours - Hops to Hotel Rooms - Glasses to

Growlers - Games to Gift Certificates - Bottle Openers to Bottle Cappers!

Also available for purchase are commemoratives and other logo merchandise.

Friday - If you are not attending the Brewers Dinner, there is The PALACE RESTAURANT, or you can cook at your campsite. You may need to make reservations at the Palace Restaurant.

Saturday - The NCHF has options for Fest Day food.

Our annual NCHF Theme Potluck Saturday, where Clubs can bring food to complement their beer offerings.

The Palace Restaurant will be open for Breakfast, Lunch, and Dinner during the festival. There will be no separate Meal Plan offered this year, as in years past.

Tent or RV Camping is included with Festival Registration for both Friday and Saturday nights. There is no exception to this policy.

We encourage you to register on-line at www.nchfinfo.org. This year you will be able to pay using paypal or your credit card.

Cabins must be reserved in advance and are in addition to festival registration. See the registration form for detailed instructions for RV, tent, or cabin camping. Registration questions: email Lisa Gros at lgros@bigfoot.com.

Calendar of Events

- ◆ **August 16th, Dead White Guys, John and Marlene, Reno**
- ◆ **2nd Annual WZZ Pedalpalooza and Poker Run, POSTPONED**
- ◆ **September 19-20, NCHF at Lake Francis resort near Grass Valley, CA**
- ◆ **September 27th, WZZ 3rd Annual Oktoberfest, Spanish Springs, NV**
- ◆ **October meeting, OPEN!! Host this now, hurry!!**

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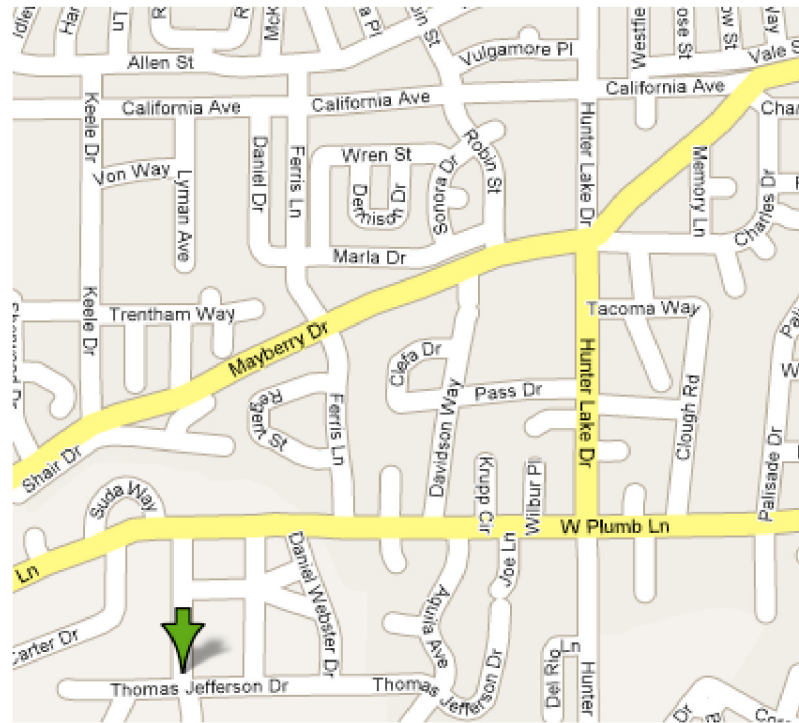
Join us at John and Marlene's for a lager tasting before the main festivities, bring a dish to share and some homebrewed lager is preferred for the tasting.

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Saturday August 16th, 6 pm

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