

Washoe Zephyr Zymurgists

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

A Monthly Newsletter

May 2009

Battle at Firefest

There was a battle but probably not the kind you're accustomed to seeing. It was a beer battle, for hop supremacy!! Ali and Ben hosted another wonderful Firefest along with the homebrew competition. There were no BJCP judges present as we were in our 5th month of waiting for results but since most or all of us passed, it turns out there were lots of judges present.

There were 11 entries with a very informal judging, we used the BJCP guidelines and points without written feedback. Jason Green won the 1st place hop plant along with the 2nd place, Kevin Cox placed third in a tie with Michael Mendiville, had to go to a tiebreaker on third place. Jason, most graciously, presented Michael with his 2nd place hop plant. Note that Jason's winning beer was his Russian Imperial Stout, see the results from the Great Basin

Brew-off on page 3.

Once again a great event held by Ali and Ben, thanks again for supplying the prizes for all and hosting another successful meeting, can't wait until next year!!

Spring Fling

On our calendar for the month of May is the Spring Fling, hosted by Rob and Elaine. At the time of writing this, there seems to be good spring like weather continuing through the weekend. It is this weekend, 5/16, sorry for the short notice. We had to firm up the date and who was hosting in the last week or two but this will keep it in that short term memory banks.

Since the theme is "spring", bring some of your best spring outfits, homebrew and food to share. If you have never been to Rob and Elaine's, there is a nice bar in the basement and a comfortable backyard for lounging in the sun. Included in the package, the hosts are lots of fun and always something unexpected, like installing swamp coolers etc. I will be unable to attend, please take some pictures and send them and anything else interesting to:

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WZZ NEWS

National Homebrew Conference

SOLD OUT!!

Told ya, if you want to go you'll have to beg, borrow or steal/crash the events.

WZZ Pictures from April



Calendar of Events

- ◆ **Spring Fling, May 16th**
Rob and Elaine's May meeting
Reno, NV 6 PM
- ◆ **June 20th, Frank-N-Stein**
Tom Baldwin's annual meeting
Sparks, NV
- ◆ **July Meeting, Pizza and Beer?**
Joe and Lisa, Time and date to
be determined

2009 Great Basin Brew-off Results

Place, category, name, beer name, BJCP category, style

Best of Show:

- 1 Porter / Stout Jason Green Russian Imp 07 13.F. Russian Imperial Stout
- 2 Lt Lager / Ale Chris Whitbeck Silver Martin Marzen 03.B. Oktoberfest-Marzen
- 3 Barleywine / Specialty Pat Wlodarczyk Kilt Lifter Barleywine 19.B. English Barleywine
- HM Belgians Chris Whitbeck Flemish Giant 18.C. Belgian Tripel

Flights:

- 1 Barleywine / Specialty Pat Wlodarczyk Kilt Lifter Barleywine 19.B. English Barleywine
- 2 Barleywine / Specialty Kirk Howell Flying Banana Fish 19.B. English Barleywine
- 3 Barleywine / Specialty Robert Baumann Robs BBS 23.A. Specialty Beer

- 1 Belgians Chris Whitbeck Flemish Giant 18.C. Belgian Tripel
- 2 Belgians Christian Borglum Antwerp Ease 16.B. Belgian Pale Ale
- 3 Belgians Ali Reiner Golden Blonde 18.A. Belgian Blond Ale

- 1 Eng Ale Christian Borglum St Pattys Mahogany 09.D. Irish Red Ale
- 2 Eng Ale Jason Green North of the Border 11.C. Northern English Brown Ale
- 3 Eng Ale Chris Whitbeck English Spot ESB 08.C. Extra Special/Strong Bitter

- 1 Lt Lager / Ale Chris Whitbeck Silver Martin Marzen 03.B. Oktoberfest-Marzen
- 2 Lt Lager / Ale Chico Lusby Dirty Blonde 06.B. Blond Ale
- 3 Lt Lager / Ale Chris Whitbeck Pantagonian Pale Bock 05.A. Maibock/Helles Bock

- 1 Pale Ale / IPA Chris Whitbeck Himalayan Hare IPA 14.B. American IPA
- 2 Pale Ale / IPA Craig Simons Goal Post Red 10.B. American Amber Ale
- 3 Pale Ale / IPA Chris Whitbeck Cottontail Pale Ale 10.A. American Pale Ale

- 1 Porter / Stout Jason Green Russian Imp 07 13.F. Russian Imperial Stout
- 2 Porter / Stout Ali Reiner Jakedog Stout 13.E. American Stout
- 3 Porter / Stout Jason Green Pug Porter 12.B. Robust Porter

- 1 Spice / Herb Chris Whitbeck Tres Marias Jalapeno Pilsner 21.A. Spice/Herb/Vegetable Beer
- 2 Spice / Herb Robert Baumann Robs Golden Touch 21.A. Spice/Herb/Vegetable Beer
- 3 Spice / Herb Rich / P Teixeira / Hill Spice Ale 21.A. Spice/Herb/Vegetable Beer

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Join us this month at Rob and Elaine's house for the Spring Fling. Bring your best spring homebrews and a dish to share.

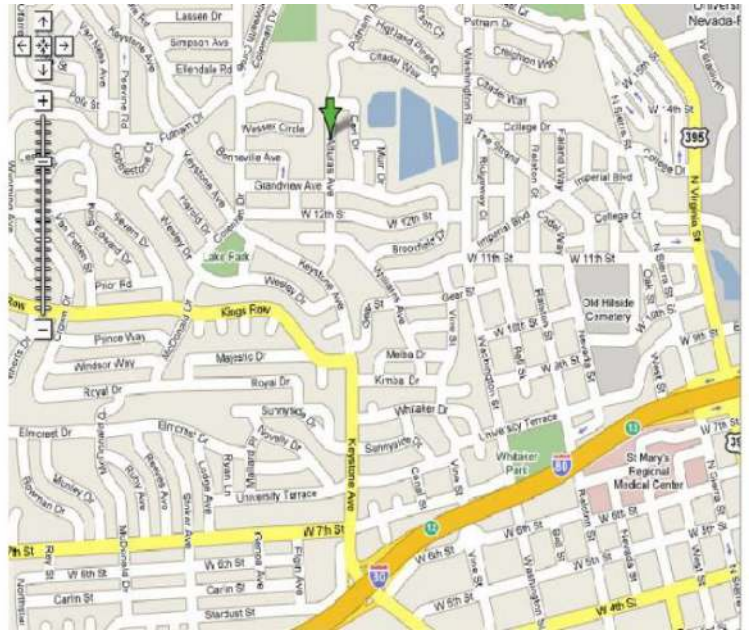
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Saturday, May 16th, 2009

6pm



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