

Washoe Zephyr Zymurgists

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

A Monthly Newsletter

August 2009

Green Hops and Stout

Our July meeting included vertical tastings of Jason's Russian Imperial Stouts, among others, a kind of ring toss for hops and plenty of homebrew and food. I may not completely remember the vintage of the samples but I think Jason included samples from 2003 to present of his Russian Imperial Stout along with around 8 kegs of various homebrew he had stored.

Jason and Ronnie were wonderful hosts and did a great job, especially since this meeting was the first that they had hosted. Hopefully they will have us back next year. Club members also were treated to a competition, Basque horseshoes I think it was called, for an assortment of hops Jason had donated for this purpose.

James Martin finished in first and took home 6 ounces of our favorite herb with Ron Badley finishing second. Jason paid prizes

four places deep!! Back to the beer, other members brought plenty of homebrew and commercial examples, we didn't even get to some of the barrel aged beers or the barleywines.

A fun time was had by all, thanks again to the Green's for having us and being such incredible hosts.

Dead White Guys

It's August which means it is time for "Dead White Guys". Like last year, if you haven't been there then you need to go to find out where this idea originated. Of course, it does come from the depths of John Tull's mind so there is no telling what you might find.

This month's meeting is set for this weekend, August 8th at the normal time, 6 pm. We will have to get John to put something on the beer engine again some day, maybe this will be the year!?

As usual, bring a dish and lots of homebrew to share, this time of year brings out the thirst in the WZZ members. Well, all the seasons tend to do that but that's beside the point. Hope to see you all there!!

WZZ Pictures and News

Black Noddy Competition

As you may or may not have noticed, the October meeting will be hosted by Buckbean Brewing again. Doug Booth had the idea that we can have a sort of Black Noddy Competition. The idea is to bring out some original ideas from our members. Below is the recipe, provided courtesy of Dan Kahn, the only rules are: Use the recipe below but you can add one ingredient to make it a little different. Use your imagination and just bring it to October's meeting, couple bottles, growler, keg... whatever.

grain bill:

2-row pale: 76%

dark CaraMunich (120L): 9%

Dark Munich (30L): 7%

Honey Malt: 4%

DH Carafa (black malt): 4%

OG: 1.052

Hops: 38 IBU total, 60 min, 20 min and 5 min additions, German varieties

German lager yeast



Calendar of Events

- ◆ **August 8th, 6pm**
Dead White Guys
John and Marlene Tull
- ◆ **September 26th, 4pm start**
Eat around 6pm
4th Annual WZZ Oktoberfest
- ◆ **October meeting, Buckbean**
Brewing, time and date TBA

Northern California Homebrewer's Festival

Come and enjoy the 12th 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 are subject to change).

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

Kölsch

Alt

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 reg@nchfinfo.org.

Washoe Zephyr Zymurgists

Join us this month at John and Marlene's house for "Dead White Guys", bring some homebrew and a dish to share.

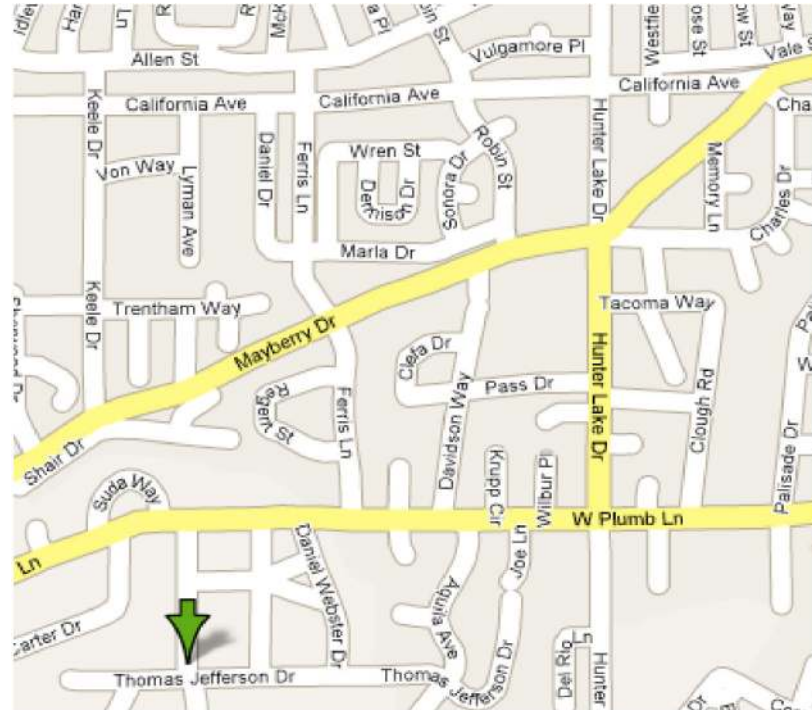
1885 Alexander Hamilton

Reno, NV

322-1162

Saturday, August 8th, 2009

6pm



Washoe Zephyr Zymurgists

2335 Dickerson Rd., Unit A

Reno, NV 89503-4905

