

Washoe Zephyr Zymurgists

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

A Monthly Newsletter

February 2010

Caribbean Homebrewer

We were still able to pull off the Caribbean Dreams meeting with a last minute change of venue to our beloved Reno Homebrewer shop. Rob had the heaters running in the shop in the hope that we could dream we were in a much warmer area in the month of January.

We always can find our own warmth from the various homebrewed beer and homemade wine that was brought to this months meeting. A wine tasting was held in store room #2 while all the beer geeks gathered in the shop itself, surrounded by the familiar scent of grain and hops. For those of you not attending club meetings, this is not unusual, the wine tasting I mean. We have quite a few wine makers along with brewers and mead makers which makes the meeting fun and informative for all.

I stayed mostly on the beer geek side but heard through the grapevine, pun intended, there were some fine samples of wine and some wine making discussions in between sips. On the beer side we had some very good samples ourselves, including Goose Island's Bourbon Barrel Stout and our own WZZ Russian Imperial Stout from the barrel project. One month in and it is pretty tasty, not much on the oak character yet, more of the bourbon flavor was picked up early, it

still has plenty of aging to complete.

Thanks to everyone in attendance for your beer, wine and food samples and to Mac and Susan for keeping our theme intact. A special thanks to Rob Bates for letting us use the shop for this occasion and being more than generous, as usual. Cheers to Rob!! Remember to support your local homebrew shop, Reno Homebrewer.

BEER AND FOOD PAIRING

Our February meeting is another annual event, it's the Whitbeck Beer and Food Pairing. This event is hosted by Chris Whitbeck and family and includes a Double or Imperial IPA tasting. If you have 'em bring 'em, Chris has also acquired a nice collection of Imperial IPA's and will have some available for tasting and I'm sure a few are homebrewed.

Bring some of your best side dishes and we can all experience how certain foods and different beers effect the taste of what they are served with. Chris and family are located in Washoe Valley, well worth the trip for good Double IPA's.

The meeting this month is **Saturday, February 13th at 6 pm.** Yes, this is a holiday weekend but what else do you have to do in the middle of February? See you there.

WZZ Pictures and News

WZZ Barrel Project

Not much of an update this month, read previous page, it's in the barrel, aging. It did taste pretty good on our first taste though. On a related item, we are wondering what everyone's thoughts are on brewing another beer for the barrel? We have been discussing possibly doing a barleywine and talked about a sour beer but then we couldn't use the barrel again for a regular beer. Let us know your thoughts and if you would like to contribute, send email to WZZ_Newsletter@sbcglobal.net



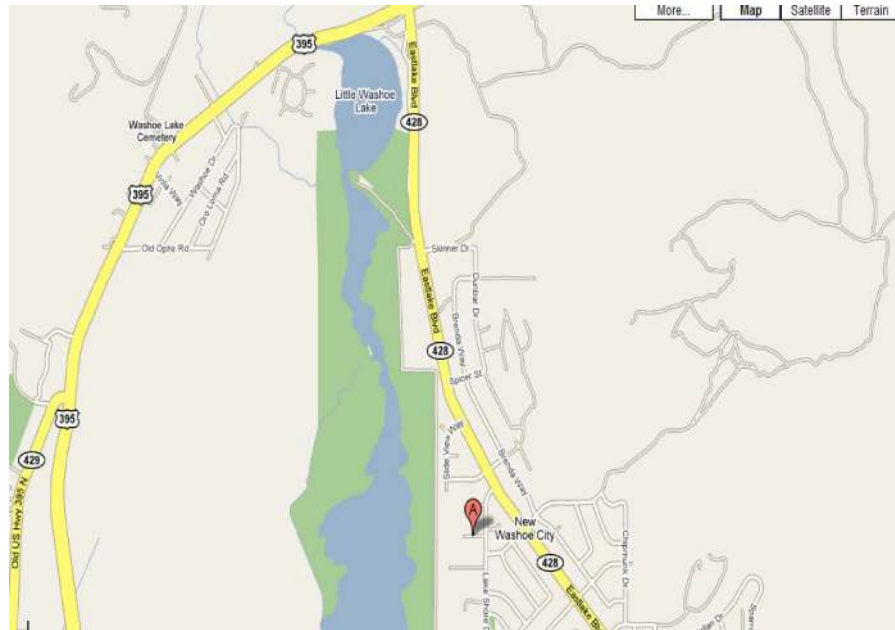
Calendar of Events

- ◆ **Saturday, February 13th 6 pm**
Whitbeck Beer and Food Pairing
Washoe Valley, NV
- ◆ **March Meeting**
Rob and Elaine's Chili Cook-Off
Time and date TBA
- ◆ **Firefest 2010????**
Ali and Ben's (tentative)
Time and Date TBA

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Join us at the Whitbeck's for the annual
**Whitbeck Beer and Food Pairing. Please
bring homebrew, preferably double IPA
and/or some commercial examples plus a
dish to share.**

40 Darilyn Way
Washoe Valley, NV
Saturday, February 13th, 2010
6 pm
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