

Washoe Zephyr Zymurgists

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

A Monthly Newsletter

April 2010

CHILI COOK-OFF?!

I couldn't make it to the chili cook-off but know that the meeting was another success. Other than that, I did not receive any information about the happenings which means I have nothing to write other than this.

Sorry, I can't make it to them all, all the time, but I usually make a good percentage. Hopefully I'll be at this month's meeting.

One other tidbit of news, this will be the last editing/writing of the newsletter for me, as Mac and Susan will be taking over next month. Kind of a collaboration! I'll still be around and will try to help them with the transition along with John Tull, nominated without his knowledge or permission. HA!

Great Basin Brew Off

Please check out page 3 of this month's newsletter for info on the Great Basin Brew Off. If you

haven't heard before, this is a local homebrew competition sponsored by Great Basin Brewery. If you missed out on entering the AHA National Competition this is another great way to flaunt your fantastic homebrewed beers and win some cool prizes. Details are on page 3 along with rules and regulations at the website listed. Get those beers bottled and ready to enter and if you would like to judge or steward, volunteers are welcome, lunch is included.

It's April, it's Marcusfest

Sorry Marcus, couldn't think of anything else! Marcus has graciously, without much prep time, offered to host this month's meeting since Ali and Ben cannot. Please be nice to Marcus and bring your best homebrewed beers and side dishes to share.

The date is Saturday, April 24th. You still have time to make those special dishes, as we have a late meeting this month due to changes in plans, judging in Lodi on the 17th & 18th, etc, etc. See you there!!!!

WZZ Barrel Project #2

Just wanted to put in a little info again about both barrel projects. All the Russian Imperial Stout has been removed from the barrel and given back to the rightful owners. It turned out to be a great success, very flavorful bourbon character but it doesn't lose the complexity of the Russian Imperial Stout style. It is still very young for this style and should age gracefully. I will try to bring a sample from my stash to the meeting for others to try.

For Project #2 we have discussed brewing a Belgian Dark Strong and aging that in the same barrel. The barrel does not have much bourbon character left, most of it in the RIS was added bourbon. ***If you would like to brew this, in this barrel, you MUST let us know. NOW!*** If we do not get enough interest in this we will most likely not be able to use this barrel again. We are planning on buying another barrel if that happens and split the cost between the members that want to be involved but the new barrel will only be 30 gallons and we only need 6 people to brew 5 gallons each. Yes, this will limit participation but since there is none, except for the previous members involved, it doesn't matter.

If you would like to brew this recipe I have a copy of Icky's original and can fax/mail/email/copy/sanskrit/tablet it to you, whatever your preferred method of communication happens to be. Talk to me at the shop on most Friday nights, or let Rob know or better yet, email me at: WZZ_Newsletter@sbcglobal.net



Calendar of Events

- ♦ **Marcus and his Fest**
Saturday, April 24th
Reno, NV
- ♦ **May Meeting**
Susan's new place??
Time and date TBA
- ♦ **June 12th, Frank-N-Stein**
Tom Baldwin's annual meeting
Sparks, NV



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**NEVADA'S HOMEGROWN HOMEBREWING
COMPETITION. WINNING BREW BREWED AT
GREAT BASIN BREWERY AND ENTERED IN THE
GREAT AMERICAN BEER FESTIVAL'S PRO-AM
COMPETITION**

**SPONSORED BY WASHOE ZEPHYR ZYMURGISTS
RENO HOMEBREWER -GREAT BASIN BREWING CO.**

**ENTRIES DUE AT RENO HOMEBREWER
BETWEEN APRIL 17TH AND APRIL 24TH**

**ENTRY FEE: FIVE DOLLARS PER ENTRY.
WASHOE ZEPHYR ZYMURGIST MEMBERS GET
THEIR FIRST ENTRY FREE. VISIT THE RENO
HOMEBREWER TO FIND OUT HOW TO
BECOME A MEMBER**

INFO AT WASHOEZZ.NET/WZZ/COMPETITION.HTML AND GREATBASINBREWINGCO.COM

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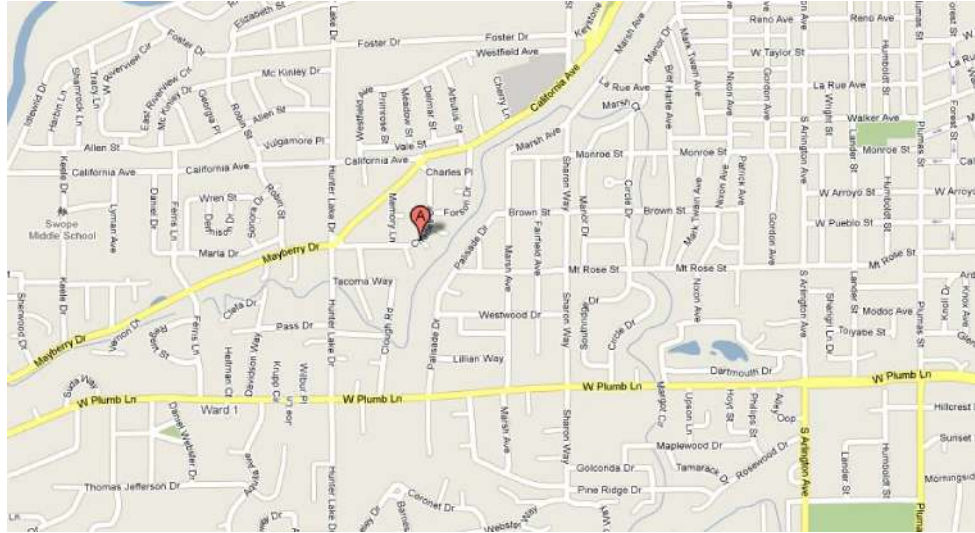
**Join us this month at Marcus' place
for the April meeting. Please
bring homebrew and a dish to
share.**

1225 Charles Dr.

Reno, NV

Saturday, April 24th, 2010

6 pm



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