

Washoe Zephyr Zymurgists

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NCHF Update

Just a reminder: The September meeting is the Northern California Homebrewers Festival so get registered for if you haven't already done so. The event is September 17-19 at the Lake Francis Resort in Dobbins, CA. Online registration is available at www.nchfinfo.org.

We need to decide what we're going to do for booth decorations, food, costumes, etc. Let's spend the first part of Mac's meeting on the 14th discussing ideas. If you can't make it to the meeting please email your input ASAP to Rob at reno_homebrewer@yahoo.com. There's just a little over a month to go before the festival so we need to make some decisions and get the ball rolling on this.

Buckbean Project update

The idea of having WZZ members brew small batches of beer at Buckbean Brewing Co. is still alive. It looks as if Dan Bailey is going to generously donate his 10 gallon brewing system and WZZers could make their favorite brew to sell, with the profits split between Buckbean and the club. Support for this has come from both Rob at the Reno Homebrewer and Doug at Buckbean, who has said that he would provide the two row malt for the project. Any comments, suggestions, ideas?



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Fermented Fireworks at Jason Green's

The July meeting featured a couple of unusual items; a serious discussion about the WZZ mission and direction, and a blind tasting of four American light beers.

There has been some concern that the Washoe Zephyr Zymurgists are in danger of becoming more of a drinking club than a legitimate homebrewer's organization. An open discussion was held with several people stating their opinions about how to prevent that. Several members agreed that there should be some kind of qualitative interchange of ideas between WZZers such as recipe formulation, beer evaluation, etc. Members can look forward to continuing this conversation at upcoming meetings.

Moving on to less weighty matters, Jason thought it would be fun to have a blind tasting of Bud light, Coors light, Miller Lite and PBR, then see who could correctly identify the most brews. This proved to be a tougher challenge than you might think, as nobody got all four right and two people tied for first with just two correct answers! Afterwards Jason served up some of his very tasty sour beers.

A Meeting of the Minds



Two Long Time WZZ Kids



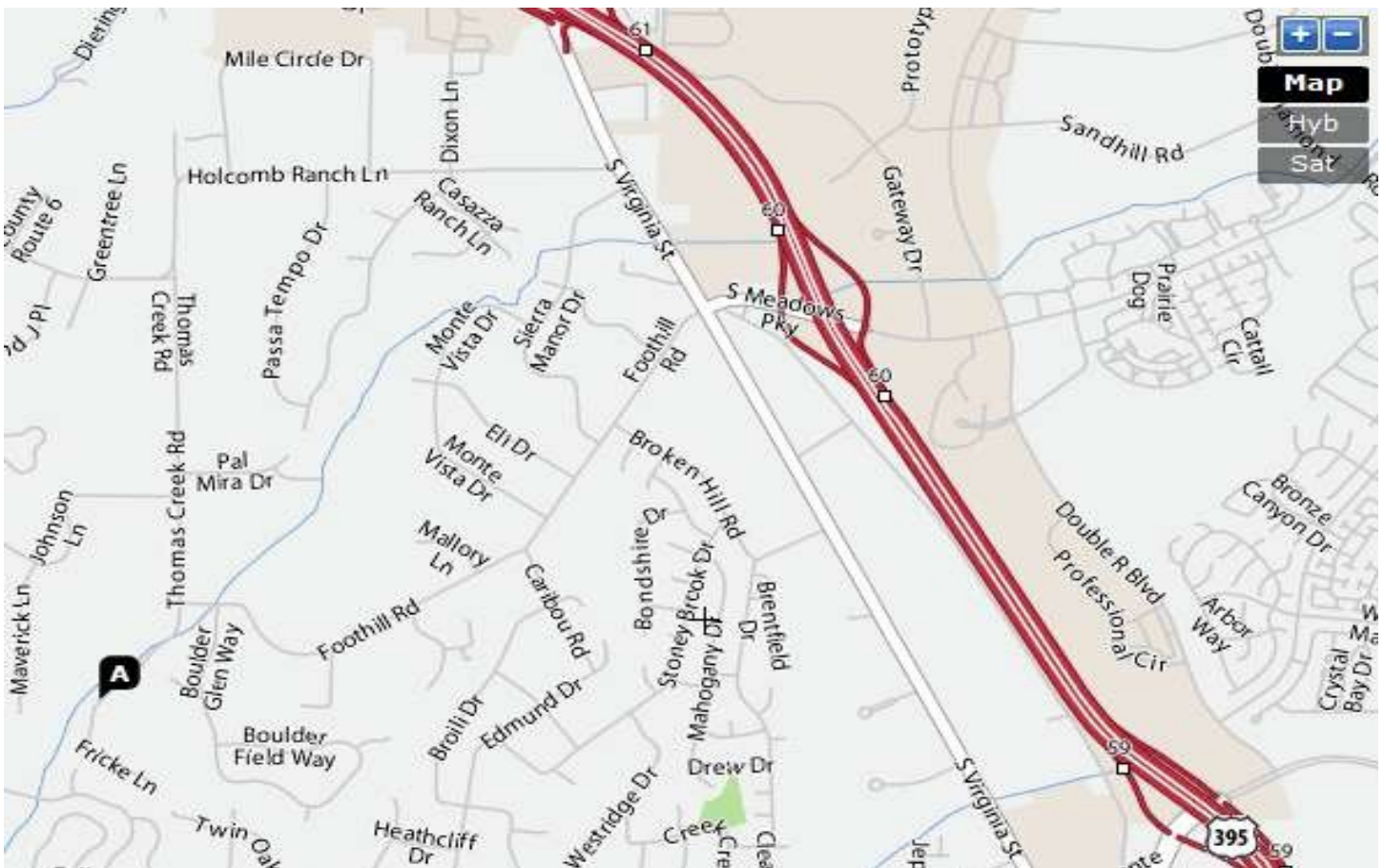
Reno/Tahoe Winemakers

Winemakers unite. Would you like to see the club expand to include winemaking/tasting events? If so, please let Rob know or contact Susan Frishman at susanhf212@gmail.com. Results of the NV State Fair wine competition will be posted next month.

Time for Barbeque!!

Come enjoy a Hot August evening (hopefully!) at Mac's house in south Reno on Saturday August 14 starting at 6 pm. Barbecued chicken will be on the grill, a black IPA and a Sierra Nevada Celebration Ale clone on tap along with a few bottles of commercial strong beers that Mac's been ageing for the occasion. Bring your brew and some food or dessert to share, as usual. Due to the fact that the ground around the house is covered in foxtails and cockleburrs and the Steamboat ditch flows right out back this isn't a good venue for kids, so please - adults only at this meeting.

The address is 12105 Thomas Creek Rd. When Thomas Creek Rd. dead ends (ignore the "A" on the map) turn left onto Fricke Lane, follow the driveway to the end and it's the small house on the right. You can call Mac at home at 853-1428 or on his cell at 544-7323.



Upcoming meetings:

We're on the Web:
<http://washoezz.net/wzz.pdf>

August 14: Summer BBQ
hosted by Mac O'Brien

September 17, 18 & 19:

NCHF

October: TBD



Coming soon: Recipe of the month

We're going to start including a beer recipe in each newsletter. To submit yours for consideration please email it to Mac at fenian57@yahoo.com. It can be extract, all grain or partial mash and can be a 5 or 10 gallon recipe.

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