

# Washoe Zephyr Zymurgists

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Washoe Valley, Truckee Meadows Region*

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## *The Meading of Life*

An impressive array of food and drink greeted the guests at Ron Badley's annual Holiday Meading on December 11. Among the liquid refreshments were both home brewed and commercial beers, home made wines, ports and of course a wide variety of meads.

The attendance at the meeting was good with both new and old WZZ members present. Notably, long time brewer and mead maker Jim Mortensen put in a rare appearance bringing with him a 19 year old plum mead! Instead of bringing his own honey brewed concoctions Dan Bailey supplied an assortment of flavored tinctures to be added to straight mead; included were lavender, chocolate, both black and green cardamom, chipotle and more.

As the evening progressed attendees got another treat - live music. Jon Hurley started laying down some steamy blues guitar licks and was later joined by Brian Logan. Jeff Current added some very creative improvised lyrics, and nobody had a video camera!



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*Host Ron Badley hams it up with  
Jon Anderson*



*Mort managed to find the  
most comfortable chair*



*Dan's tinctures on display*



*Susan looking festive in her  
holiday sweater*



*Former Firefest host Jeff  
Brooke*

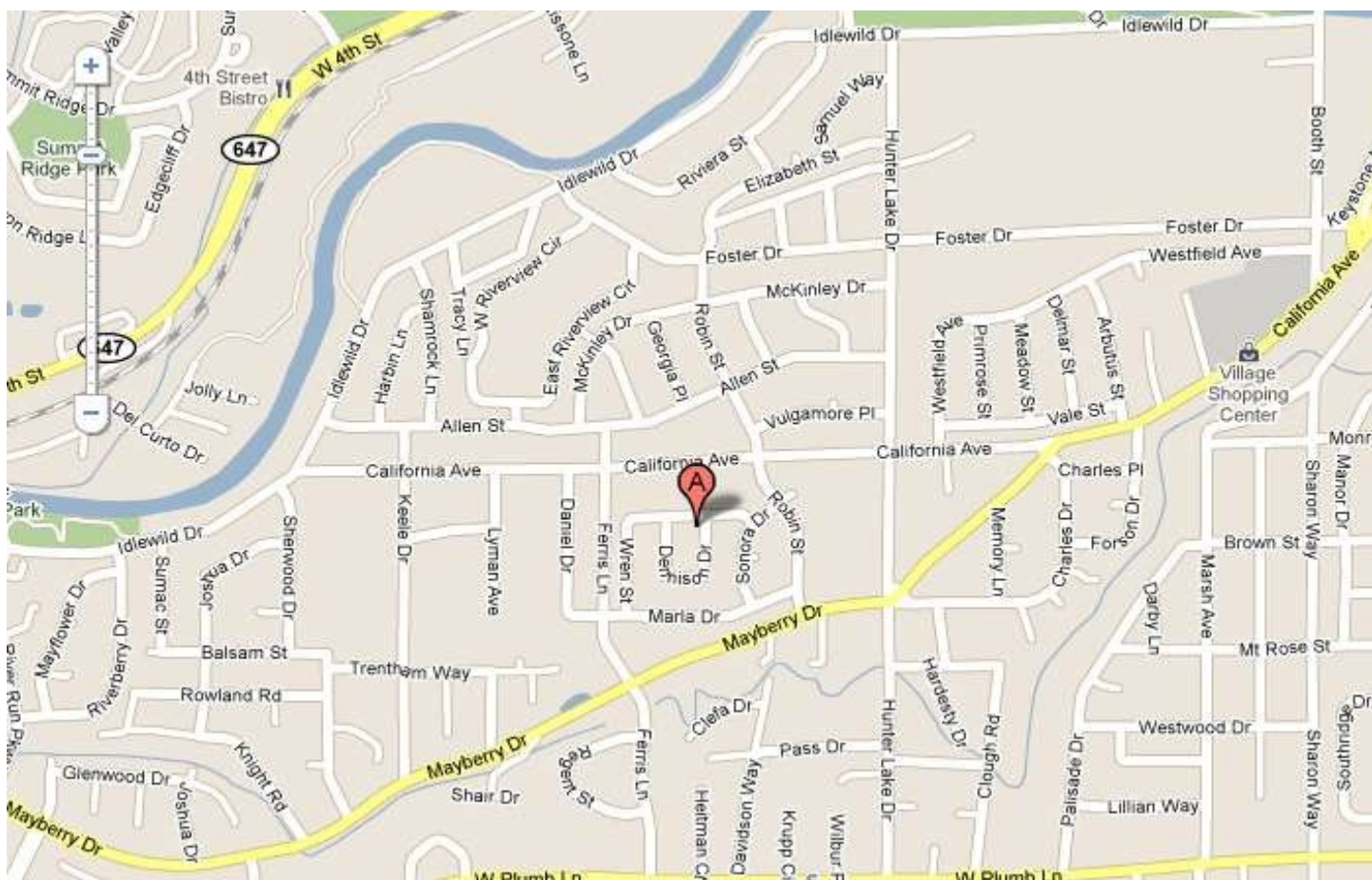


# BJCP

Do you want to learn to judge beer? Are you already a judge and are interested in attaining a more advanced level? Here's your chance. Tom Baldwin is organizing a Beer Judge Certification Program study course and exam. The tentative plan is to meet on Wednesday evenings from 6:30 to 9:30 for ten weeks of study and then schedule the test for a Saturday afternoon. Stay tuned to this newsletter for further details.

## Caribbean Dreams

It's time once again to think of palm trees, warm ocean breezes and golden sunshine at Susan and Mac's Caribbean Dreams meeting on January 15th at 6 pm. Bring a salad, side dish or dessert to go along with a big pot of Gumbo, some mango salsa and other tropical delights, and of course your latest brew or a bottle (or 2) from your "vineyard". The address is 901 Dennison Drive. You can call 333-1027 if you have questions or need directions.



## Upcoming meetings:

February - Food and beer pairing at Chris Whitbeck's - date TBD

March - Chili Cook-off ?

April - Firefest? ( Or any other theme you choose. Anyone interested hosting this? Contact Rob at the Reno Homebrewer. )

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

## 2011 AHA National Homebrew Competition

It's time to think about what you might want to brew up to enter in next year's premier homebrew event. The winners will be announced at the National Homebrewers Conference to be held June 16 - 18 in San Diego, CA. For complete details on entering or to register online go to <http://www.homebrewersassociation.org/pages/competitions/national-homebrew-competition>. WZZ members have won awards in the past ; let's show them what Nevada brewers are made of!

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