

Washoe Zephyr Zymurgists

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IPA River!

Last month Chris Whitbeck hosted the WZZers at his Washoe Valley home and took the opportunity to show off some of his single hop IPA's. All were made with the same grain bill and yeast, but with different varieties. While all were quite quaffable, it's reported that the Citra variety was a standout. This style of ale seems to have grown in popularity among home brewers lately. Also of note were Billy Martin's tasty watermelon salsa, which made a nice accompaniment to the ales on hand, and Chris's world famous brownies.

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Got refrigerator magnets?



Nothing like a good home with a nice hearth.

GREAT BASIN BREW - OFF

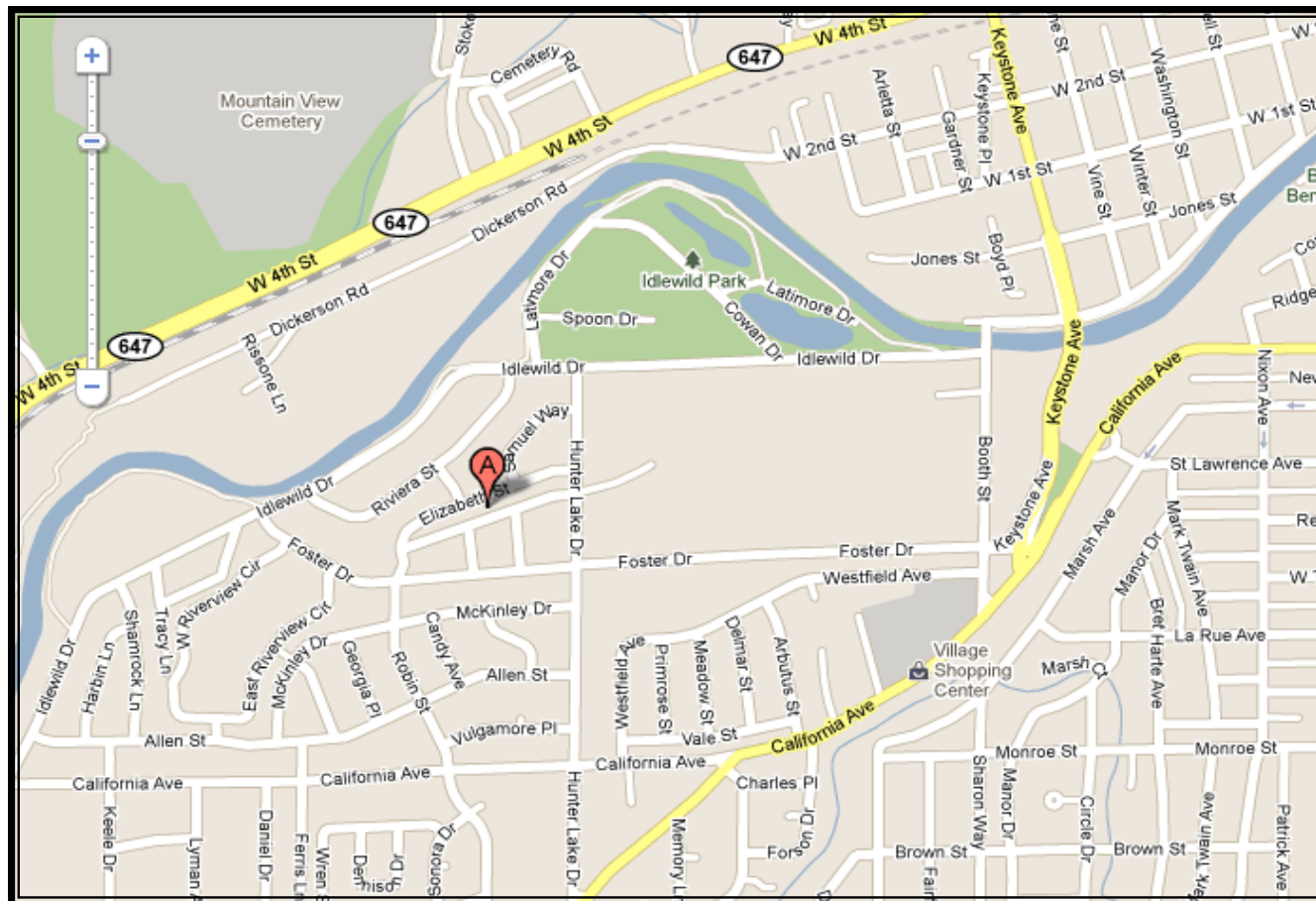
Yes, it's time once again to don your brewer's thinking cap and come up with your best recipe for submission in the annual Great Basin Brew-Off, one of the premier events for local Brewmeister wannabes. The winner of this competition will see their creation interpreted by the knowledgeable brewing staff at Great Basin Brewing Company and entered in the Pro-Am category at the Great American Beer Festival, which will be held in Denver from September 29th to October 1st, 2011. The deadline for entries is April 30th and the judging will be on May 8th, so now is the time for all good local brewers to come to the aid of their fellow beer aficionados and get those fermenters fired up! As usual the assistance of judges and stewards is being solicited for the day of the affair. Lunch will be provided by Great Basin for those who volunteer their time. Jason Green will be organizing things and we'll have his contact info in the April newsletter, or you can call Rob at the Reno Homebrewer for more details

INDIA INK

On Friday, March 11th our own Jeff Current will be presenting the beer that he helped create at Sierra Nevada Brewing's Beer Camp recently. It's a Cascadia ale, or dark IPA, and is aptly named India Ink. The beer will begin flowing at 7 pm at the Sierra Tap House, which is located at 253 W. 1st Street. That's right across the river from Wingfield Park.

March Madness of Another Kind

Kirk and Becky Stock have graciously agreed to open their home to the hungry and thirsty masses of WZZ invaders on Saturday, March 12th at 6 PM. In this instance March Madness refers to the fact that there's no real theme for food or beer at this gathering - just bring a dish of your choosing to share with everyone and your favorite home-made or commercial libation. The address is 1496 Elizabeth Street and if you need to call for directions, questions or advice on what to bring the number is 323-7875.



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

Upcoming meetings:

April and May - At this time there's no one who has expressed interest in hosting WZZ meetings for these two months. Contact Rob at the Reno Homebrewer if you'd like to. 329-2537

June -Tom Baldwin's annual Frank 'N Stein meeting. Date TBD



Those wacky guys at BrewDog Brewery in Scotland are making the world's strongest beer, a Belgian strong blonde called The End of History that weighs in at 55% ABV (yes, that's 110 proof!), costs \$762 for a 12 oz. bottle and comes encased in an animal skin. No comment yet from the folks at PETA.

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