

Washoe Zephyr Zymurgists

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F--- the Chicken, Leigh!

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At this year's Northern California Homebrewers Festival Leigh Miller brought some absolutely delicious teriyaki chicken for all the WZZers. It was the main course of our Friday night BBQ potluck. However, there was very little homebrew at the WZZ booth that evening (I know, hard to believe.) So Jeff traded some of Leigh's tasty chicken for homebrew at a booth across the way. It was an equitable exchange, as both parties enjoyed their received goods. Leigh went back with more chicken for more homebrew and thus became known as "the chicken lady".

There were plenty of leftovers in one of the jockey boxes to be cooked for Saturday evening's consumption, and The Reno Homebrewer's 25th anniversary leftover tri tip was well received after being heated in a crock-pot with a secret BBQ sauce. That afternoon Leigh was hailed by her new brewer friends and found that they were serving beverages other than homebrew, namely tequila shots. After several samples, Leigh was a bit overwhelmed and had to sleep it off in the shade. She would wake up periodically and one time asked Jeff, "Where's the chicken? Gotta cook the chicken!" or something to that effect. That's when Jeff uttered the words in the above headline.

As always, Joe Herman's flavored meads were a big hit and were consumed in their entirety. Also lauded were Rob's 2 lambics, one 5 years old and the other 10 years old. Additionally, Andy Schwanenflugel contributed a great wit and Brandon brought a brew as well.

Contrary to the NCHF rumor mill, WZZ was well represented with 18 people. Apparently they weren't expecting any of us. It seems as if someone misinformed them that no one could get tickets to the event. Thanks go out to Jon & Marilyn Anderson, Dean Dross & Laura, Jeff & Leigh Miller and Joe Herman for helping to set up the WZZ booth.

The dragonflies were out in swarms, but the yellow jackets thankfully seemed to stay away. No bears were sighted, but a family of deer was in the field next door. A favorite beer among the participants was the Oatmeal Raisin at the DOSE tent, made by Matt who was a brewer at Great Basin for several months. The recipe is at the shop. There weren't actually any raisins in it, but it contained toasted oats. At the end of the day when the crowd gathered for the drawing for the big prize, many mentioned it as the best brew.

Elaine started off Saturday morning by receiving a big tub of honey from Lisa, the raffle gal. She promptly gave it to Joe Herman and is promised a bottle of "margarita mead" in the future. Several other WZZers won raffle prizes, including Mike McGowan and Brandon.

Hopefully next year the club members who didn't get their tickets early enough to attend the festival will plan ahead so that the WZZ can be fully represented!*

Reno Hombrewer Birthday Bash

In case you missed it, Rob & Elaine Bates celebrated their 25th year in business last month with a big ol' party in the parking lot. There was tons of food, live music, free flowing beer, a really cool cake and fun for all. Commemorative T-shirts and zip up hoodies are available at the shop.



* Thanks to Elaine Bates for the report on the NCHF shenanigans.

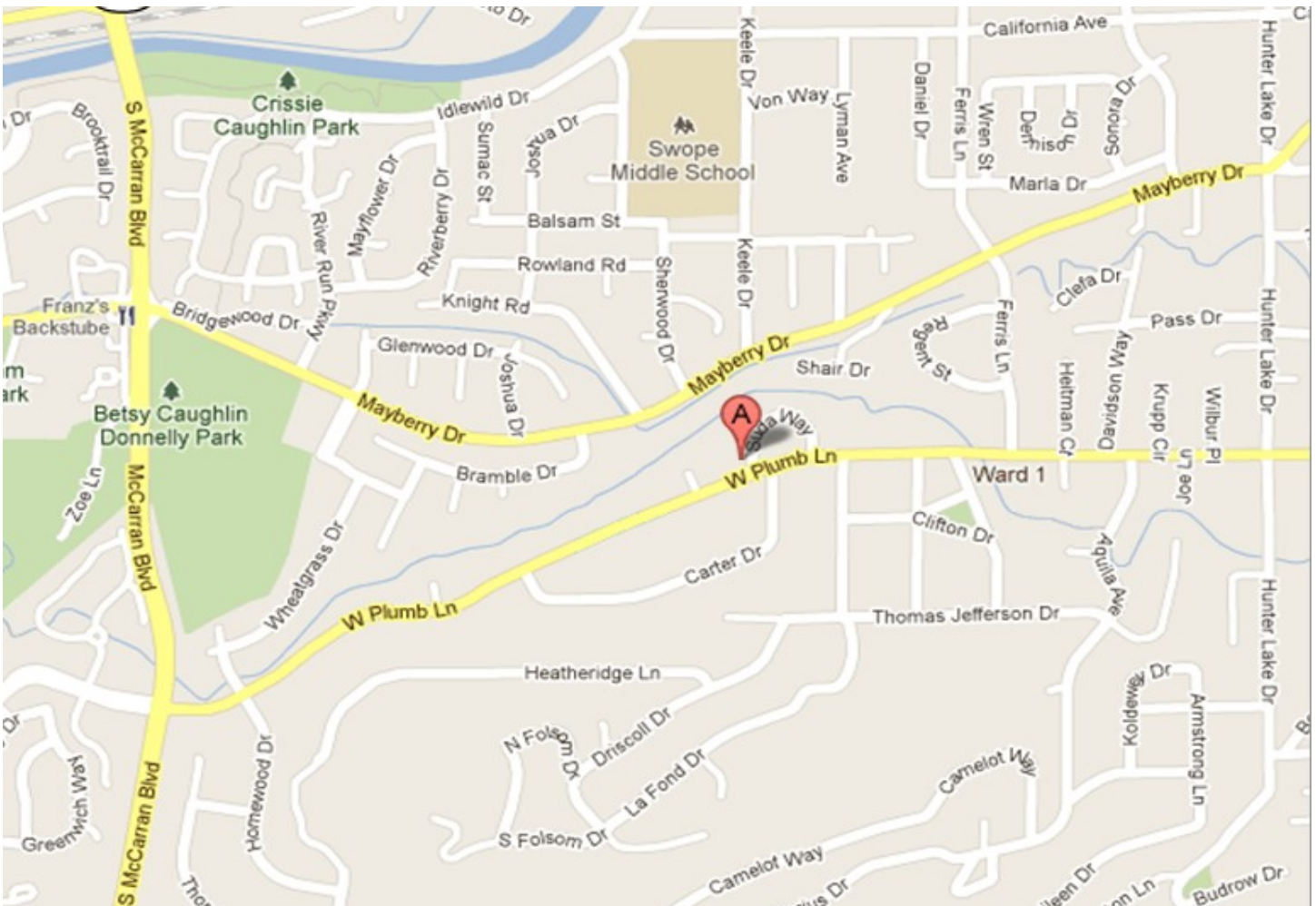
The Annual-ish FireFest Is Back!

Jeff & Karen have volunteered to host the monthly WZZ meeting on October 22 at their humble abode at 2855 W. Plumb Lane! As always the affair is scheduled to start at 6 PM.

Jeff is tentatively planning on making his first real batch of paella in his new paella pan and burner, but don't necessarily count on that. Suggestions from any veteran Paellero's out there would be greatly appreciated - just dial 775-622-5436 and say "paella help!" There will be beer & cider on tap and some other imbibables for consumption.

They have wood or gas BBQ's, and will have the wood model going ahead of time (Webber-type). Please bring drink, food and maybe a piece or two of firewood to chip in on the burn. There are two indoor fireplaces and two outside.

For ease of parking it's best to pull on to the West end of Suda Way rather than on Plumb Lane. See you there, cheers!



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

Upcoming meetings:

November - Will & Tamara Lumpkin are hosting. Details TBA

December - Will the Badley "Meading" return? Stay tuned to find out

Backwash Winners

Congratulations go out to WZZ members Kirk Stock and Jeff Current for taking top honors at the recent "Backwash" homebrew competition held October 8 at the Siena Hotel & Casino here in Reno. Kirk's Reddy Eddy ale won the popular vote for its clean, malty flavor and Jeff's Rose' de Saison was a big hit among his fellow brewers.

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