

# Washoe Zephyr Zymurgists

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

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## Mumbo Gumbo

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The above headline doesn't actually refer to the quirky Sacramento based band that describes their particular style of music as "a celebratory, danceable noise", but rather to the spicy Cajun stew that Mac served up at his annual Caribbean Dreams meeting on January 21st. The house was festooned with a fun variety of tropically themed decorations, the temperature inside was raised to give the illusion of being in warmer climes and the attire of a large percentage of the guests was in keeping with the theme.

Mac's creole concoction, which may not qualify as a true gumbo because A) it lacks okra and B) it's more of a thick soup than a stew, was enjoyed by most; however those with more delicate palettes found it a bit too hot. Rounding out the table were a nice Jamaican jerk pork dish made by Rich, Tom Baldwin's long time friend and recent Frank 'N Stein host; Brandon's savory jerk wings; an unconventional fruit salad flavored with ginger and cayenne pepper created by Ron Badley; a tasty crab puff appetizer brought by Glow, a new WZZ friend; and of course Harry's staple sushi plate.

As with all WZZ meetings there was an impressive array of alcoholic beverages to be had, of both the hand crafted and commercially available varieties.





*Mac was sporting his beach bum look*



*Andy Tenbrink was sporting a lovely bunch of coconuts*



*Nothing tropical about these two beauties*



*Ya gotta love cheesy inflatable decorations!*



*The meeting coincided with Dawn's big day*

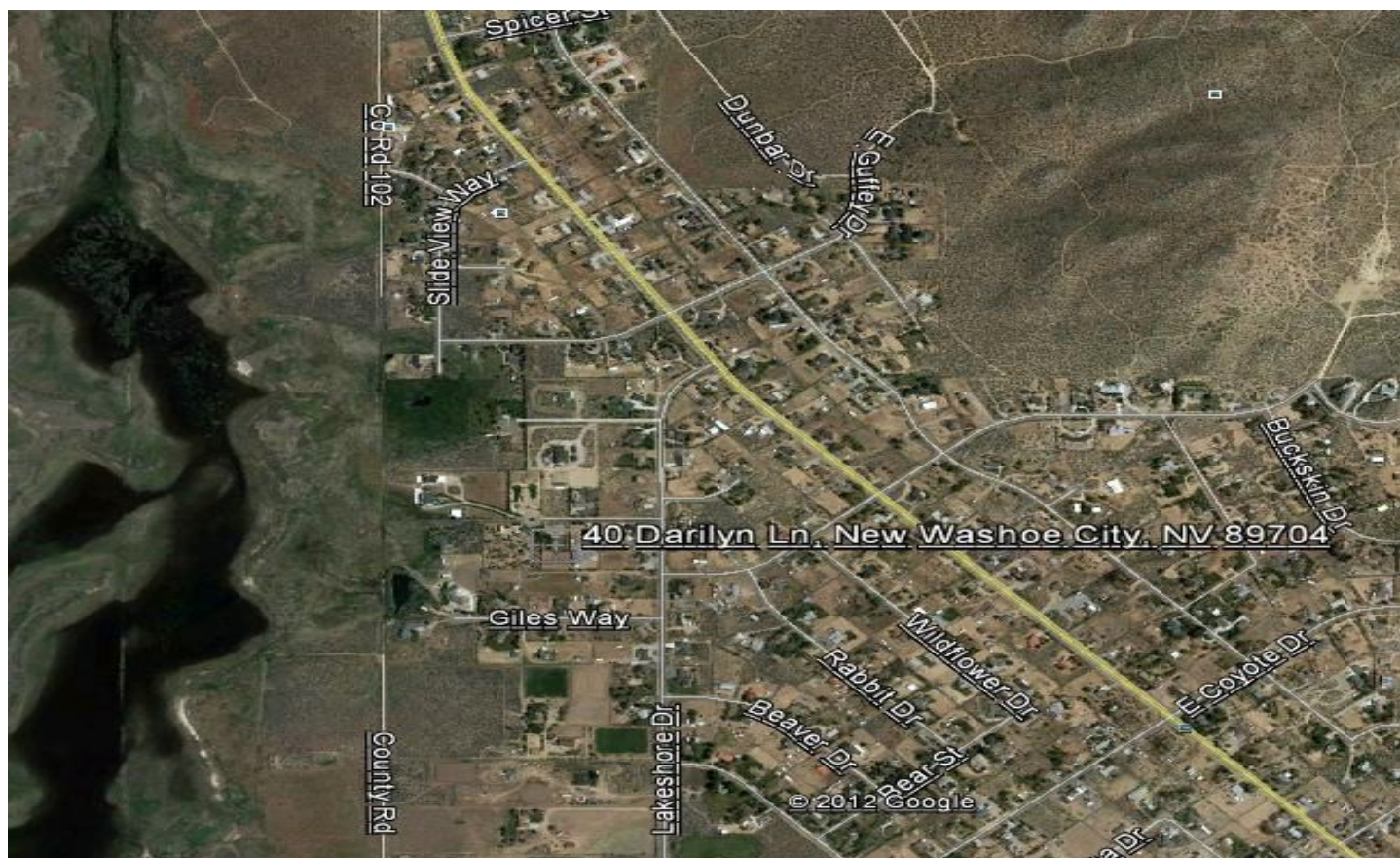


# WHITBECK FOOD & BEER PAIRING

Having been spared the ravages of the recent Washoe Drive fire, Chris Whitbeck is ready to open his home and hearth to the WZZ faithful on Saturday February 11 at 6 PM. This event always features some delicious and often unique homebrews matched up with a panoply of tasty creations from the kitchen. As usual guests are encouraged to bring food and drink to share with all.

The address is 40 Darilyn Lane, New Washoe City. To get there take U.S. 395 south from Reno until you see East Lake Blvd. at the top of the rise and turn left, then follow the map below. Call Chris at 849-3666 for directions if needed or answers to questions you may have.

Editor's note: This is the first time I've tried using a satellite map as opposed to a picture. I'd appreciate feedback on this format. Is it easier to follow? Confusing? Let me hear your comments at Chris's meeting. Thanks, Mac.



## Upcoming meetings:

March - Kirk & Becky Stock's  
March Madness meeting

April - TBD

May - Susan's wine meeting?

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

# AHA Deadline Looms

If you want to enter your beers in the AHA National Homebrew Competition the deadline for entries is coming up. Submissions are due March 19 - 28, 2012 and the first round of judging is March 30 - April 22, 2012. For more information visit [www.hombrewersassociation.org](http://www.hombrewersassociation.org).

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