

Washoe Zephyr Zymurgists

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Whitbeck Wows!

"Excuse me waiter, could you recommend a good beer to compliment a venison summer sausage?" No, it's nothing that was overheard at Sarah Palin's favorite restaurant, these words might have been spoken at Chris Whitbeck's WZZ meeting last month, the theme of which was food and beer pairing. Club members and guests at the gathering were treated to a tasting of five different double IPA's that Chris had brewed up as well as his Tres Marias Chili beer, which was served on an antique style hand pump. Also on hand was a keg of Katie's Cream ale brought by Great Basin Brewery's brewmeister, Jazz Aldrich. Eric Carter supplied the wild game delicacy mentioned above along with another savory summer sausage made from elk and some fine smoked Alaskan salmon. Ron Badley, mead maker extraordinaire and connoisseur of rare whiskeys, brought a pasta dish that was well received.



Chris with Tessa Rotoli from Carson City's homebrew shop, Just Brew It



Just Brew It's Trevor Rotoli and
sausage maker Eric Carter



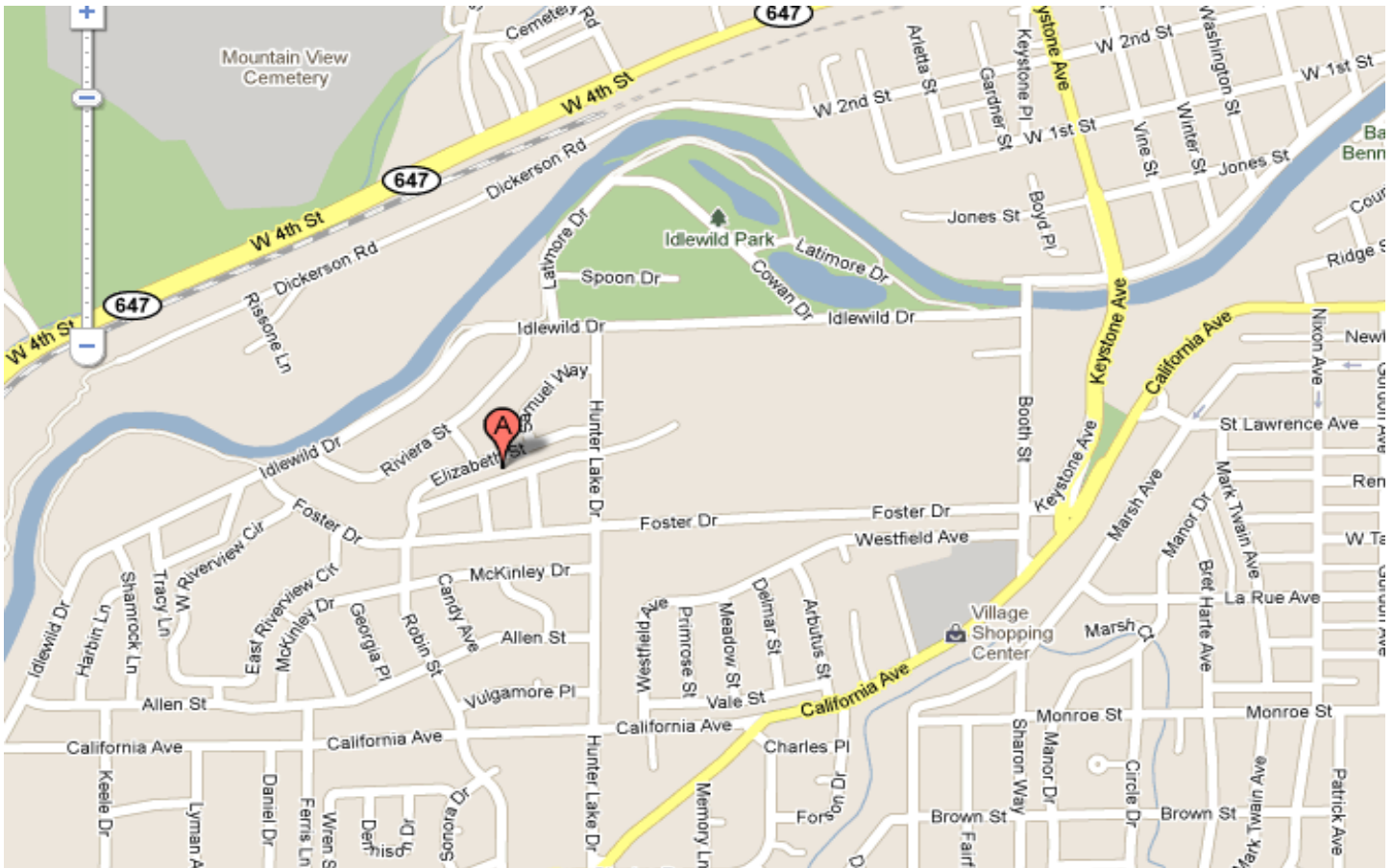
Giles, Dawn and Ron enjoying the evening's
offerings

Great Basin Brew-Off

Got a farm league brew that the scouts are impressed with? Think it's good enough to make it to the majors? Well, here's your big chance at going to the show. Future beer hall of famer Great Basin Brewing Company is presenting their annual locals only homebrew competition, the winner of which has an opportunity to have their creation brewed by Nevada's oldest and most award winning brewery. If your beer hits a grand slam with the judges it could be submitted for consideration in the pro-am category at this year's Great American Beer Festival, which will be held in Denver CO on October 11 – 13. Entry fees are five dollars per beer for Washoe Zephyr Zymurgists members and six dollars for non-members, and new WZZers get one free entry. Limit is 10 entries per person and are due at the Reno Homebrewer no later than April 7. If you're interested in being a judge or steward for this competition you can register online at BJCP.org.

March Madness

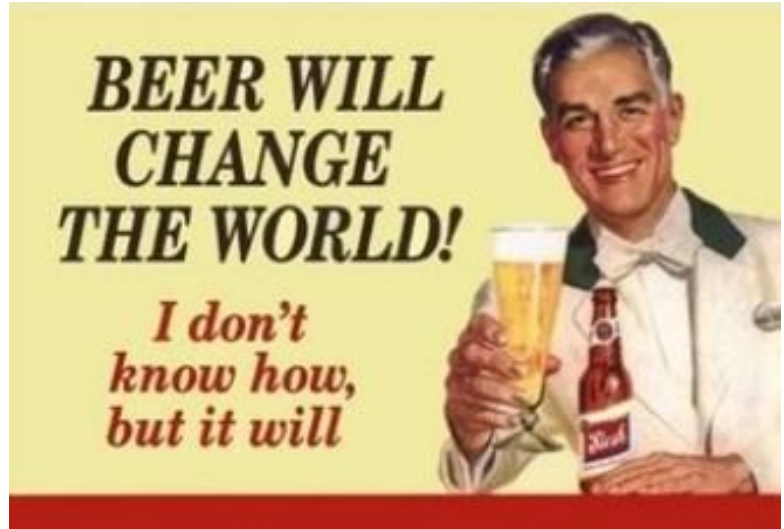
Tipoff for this year's March Madness WZZ meeting will come on Saturday March 10 at 6 pm in the home of Kirk and Becky Stock. Okay, so this gathering isn't really an NCAA tournament themed event, so sneakers, baggy shorts and multiple tattoos are not required. The title refers to the fact that there's no actual food or beer theme this time, so let the gods of chaos dictate your selections. It's requested that you bring a dish of your choosing and some potent potables to share with all, especially of the home brewed variety. The Stock's are located at 1496 Elizabeth Street in the old southwest Reno neighborhood. If you need help getting there, have questions about what to bring or just want assistance in filling out your bracket (just kidding) call 323-7875.



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

Upcoming meetings:

- April - Still TBD**
- May - Susan's wine meeting**
- June - Frank 'N Stein**



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