Washoe Zephyr Zymurgists



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For what could possibly and tragically be the final episode, Tom Baldwin's infamous Frank 'N Stein meeting rolled into Sparks on June 9 at the home of his longtime friend, Rich Barnes. A truly amazing selection of food and drink greeted the guests on that day, including Tom's renowned lineup of 22 different beers and 3 very tasty sausages. Augmenting those staples were a wide variety of salads, side dishes, desserts, breads and meats. One standout snack was some homemade kettle chips flavored with the Ghost Pepper, or Bhut Jolokia – the world's hottest chili! So fearsome were these chips that they were accompanied by a warning sign that foretold of their might.

Once again the evening ended musically, with Rich's game room being converted into a studio. Thanks go to Guitar Woody bassist Bobby McNamara for joining those WZZ members who were showcasing their talents.

Following page: **(**) The WZZ throng at eating, drinking and merrymaking.

- The ghost pepper kettle chips were only for the adventurous.
 - Live entertainment at the Frank 'N Stein!

This year Tom was in a straw hat and grass skirt (sans goatee) but for some inexplicable reason I failed to get a photo of him.

Jom's son Chris and his friend Karen enjoy a game of pool

Nobody was sure who the Hollywood starlet in attendance was





Warning These Chips Are Super Hot So Only Eat One At A Time









NCHF Sellout!

It only took one day for this year's Northern California Homebrewers Festival to sell out of tickets for the event, the Friday night brewer's dinner and all of its cabin rentals. So if you didn't jump on that high speed band wagon, you missed out. It would seem to suggest that perhaps the festival has outgrown the Lake Francis Resort and needs to search for a larger venue.

Mini-Twister Narrowly Misses Homebrewer!

It was a fairly quiet day at the shop the morning of June 29. There was a light breeze blowing outside as I was in the back weighing out hops. Rob and Ron Gregory were out on the dock enjoying the sunshine when I heard what I took to be a passing train. The rumbling sound continued and I looked up to see Rob and Ron hotfooting it into the shop, followed by a loud crash outside. It seems a very healthy dust devil had blown up Dickerson Road and torn a section of the roof off the business two doors down, depositing a 20 foot section of corrugated aluminum on top of the awning out front and wrapping around the flagpole. In the aftermath it was estimated that debris from the roof had blown up 1000 feet in the air! See the pictures on the back page. -Mac O'Brien

Ron Badley will be breaking away from his traditional December "Meading" by hosting the club at his house on July 14th at the usual 6 PM start time. He resides in old southwest Reno at 610 Nixon Ave. and you can call him at 846-4009 for directions, questions or insights on where to acquire old whiskies. Show off your cooking or brewing skills by bringing something to share.





Upcoming meetings:

August 18 - Meeting at Jon Hurley's house September 21 & 22 - NCHF



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