

Washoe Zephyr Zymurgists

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NCHF Follies

WZZ was well represented at this year's Northern California Homebrewers Festival. Although the festival sold out quickly (within 24 hours), it did not seem to be as crowded as last year.

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The many hands of Dean, Andy, Kirk, Jeff, Rob and Elaine made short work of setting up the WZZ booth: "Battle Born - Nevada", complete with Nevada flags and the pictures of Nevada's founding fathers of homebrewing: Eric McClary, Tom Young and Rob Bates.

It was HOT! Rob walked into the pool completely clothed, with only his sunhat and hand holding his money up out of the water visible. What a sight!

Most WZZers attended the club dinner Friday night, dining on delicious food: pork ribs (Rob), teriyaki chicken (Leigh), egg rolls (Leigh), spaghetti (Ron) homemade sour dough bread and homemade butter (Andy), homegrown marinated tomatoes (Elaine), pineapple (Dean), grilled zucchini with English cheese (Joe), late arriving salad (Susan) and brownies (Elaine). There was plenty for all. Leigh somehow scored a free ticket to the dinner where she met up with Mike McCowan and Brett and Kevin and Tyler Cox. She kept running between dinners to share the bounty.

Saturday morning found Tom and Rich the first ones off the hill to start breakfast! Tom had brought sausages, but Kirk cooked them and the pancakes. (Thanks to Ron Gregory for the use of his grill.) The tricorner hats with Nevada flags flying were well received and could be seen across the festival grounds.



Our booth had a great selection of homebrews and meads. (Can't figure out why the Chico Club always wins for best beers when we get so many great comments and no one else has mead.) Joe Herman provided several mead varieties that were completely gone by the end of the day. Jeff Current and Tom Baldwin each brought several homebrews. (Thanks, to Harry Shepherd and his ATV for transporting from the parking area to the booth.) Vodie sent an IPA with Jeff. (Vodie, is recovering from major injuries following a skateboarding accident. Thanks for thinking of us, Vodie. Get well.) Jeff Miller and Joe brought what was left of their fantastic Scotch Ale. Kirk Stock put on a smoked ale and a porter. Our booth food this year was popcorn (the shop), meatballs (Leigh) and chicken mole (Tom).

Several of the WZZers won raffle prizes (Andy, Kirk and Mike). To combat the heat, many WZZers found the shower outside the pool and participated in the evaporative cooling method (soaking their shirts and putting them back on) instead of venturing into the pool, as Rob had done the day before. Ron's friend, Linda, made a respectable showing in the women's division of the keg toss. There were reports of skinny dipping in the lake during the night hours.

Saturday evening's music was really good. The best in several years. A couple WZZers didn't know there was anything after the final raffle drawing. Saturday evening WZZ reheated ribs, grilled more teriyaki chicken, and fried more egg rolls in addition to the leftovers. There was no lack of good food.

Sunday morning there were many hands to take down the booth, load Rob's truck and segregate the WZZ stuff into piles by owner. Rob only lost a small table on the way home (flew off the top of the truck on Moonshine Road).

TICKET LIMITS: There was much discussion with NCHF Board members about how to make the distribution of tickets more equitable. The idea this year was to check with a club representative to confirm that all the ticket holders were members of the club they designated to buy their ticket. No one called Rob (WZZ representative), so we don't know if this occurred. The NCHF Board increased the number of tickets available this year and said they were intending to increase it next year by 50-60 tickets. Lake Francis had added camping spaces and porta-potties just to the north (?) of the festival area where there used to be a meadow. (Dean warns there are deer ticks in that area.) This new area appeared to be hardly used. Those WZZers on the hill said that there were plenty of camping spaces there, too. The cabins completely sold within a couple of hours and were full. The sewer system at Lake Francis is the limiting factor.

It was suggested to Rob that the club representative buy the tickets for everyone. This is a good way to make sure everyone who wants to go from WZZ does get a ticket, but that would mean an early commitment (and payment) from WZZers. We will keep you informed as we hear what changes, if any, the NCHF Board institutes.

*Thanks to Elaine Bates for the NCHF recap.

**Due to the brief time between the NCHF and the release of this newsletter it was not possible to include any photos from the event. Look for them in next month's edition.



BACKWASH

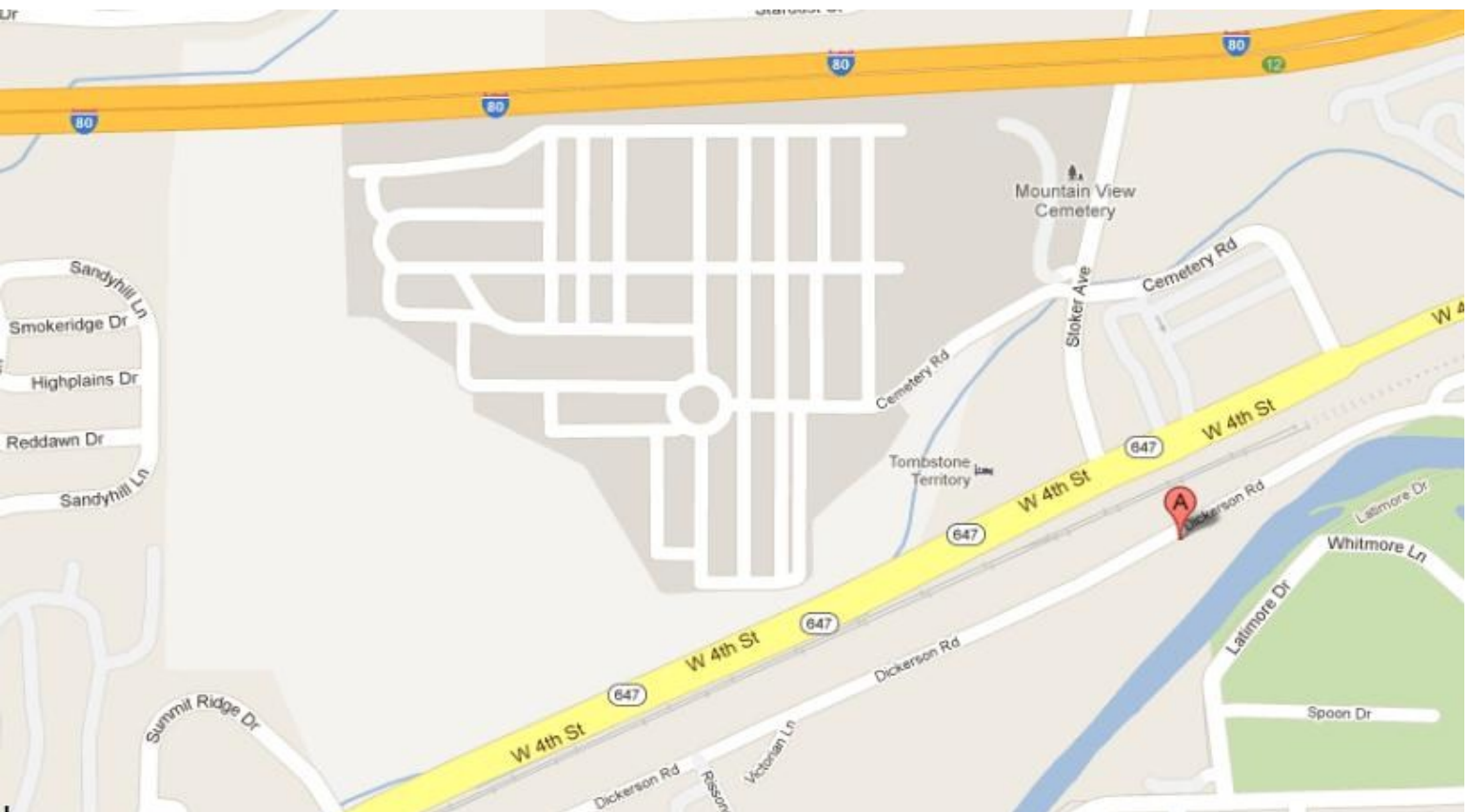
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THROUGH TOMORROW'S
HANGOVERS.

Drink Responsibly
Paddle Madly

The Backwash homebrew competition and benefit for Project Great Outdoors returns to the Siena Hotel and Casino on October 20th at 6 PM. Last year WZZ members Kirk Stock and Jeff Current took top honors at this event, a feat that will hopefully be repeated. Tickets are available at the Reno Homebrewer, the Siena or online at backwashreno.org. Music will be provided by local favorites Tim Snider and up and coming funk band Jellybread.

WZZ At Sierra Water Gardens

The good folks who conduct business just down the street from the Reno Homebrewer have graciously offered to host the October meeting. Join them on Sat., October 6 at 6 PM at 2110 Dickerson Rd. Questions? Feel free to call them during regular business hours at 622-4090. Be prepared to showcase your favorite home made alcoholic concoctions and gems from your kitchen. Look for live music from the club members inclined to such endeavors.

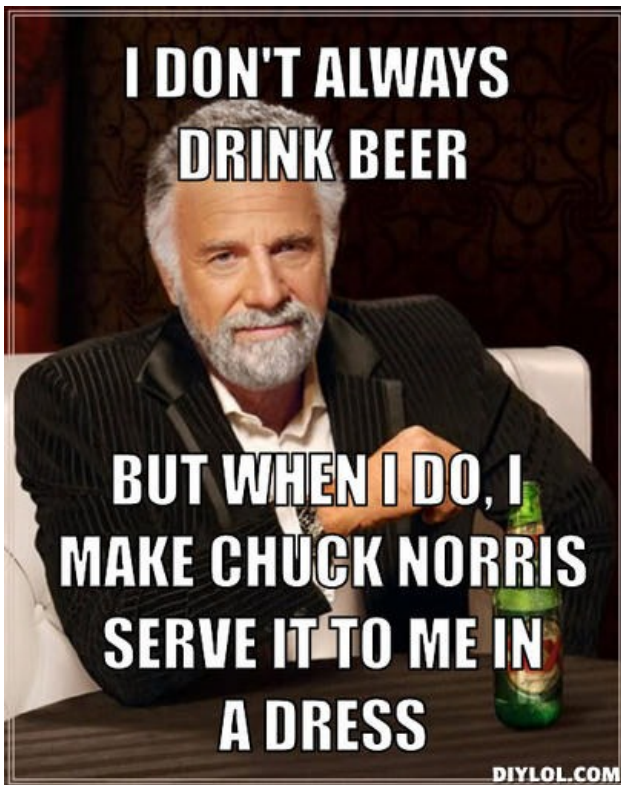


We're on the Web:
<http://washoezz.net>

Upcoming meetings:

November 10 - Stews & Brews
with Will & Tamra

December - ?



Yeah, I got all I need!

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