

Washoe Zephyr Zymurgists

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Stews & Brews News

A clear and chilly November evening saw the WZZ clan gather in the comfortable home of Will Lumpkin and Tamra Hopkins on the 10th of last month. The theme for this, their second annual event, was Stews and Brews and the club members didn't disappoint in either category.

On the menu that night were a number a savory concoctions including chili, chicken and dumplings and Tamra's delicious home made beer cheese soup. On the dessert side of things were fudge brownies, a nice apple pie and Mac tried his hand at seven layer chocolate and butterscotch cookie bars, which seemed to be well received.

The liquid offerings were equally appreciated, with a generous mixture of beer, wine, mead and hard cider. A couple of standouts were a farmhouse ale by that master crafter of bodacious brews, Jason Green, and a very aromatic elderflower liquor made by Dori Janik .

Out on the back porch there was a cozy little fire burning for the comfort of those pouring beer or indulging in their bad habits. Thanks go out once again to our gracious hosts for providing the venue for another Washoe Zephyr Zymurgists extravaganza. The atmosphere was comfortable and welcoming, the company was enjoyable and the conversation was stimulating



Hosts for the evening Tamra Hopkins and Will Lumpkin



As always, the kitchen proved to be a popular gathering place



Wine, women and.....desserts!



Some of the hearty fare that gives this meeting its theme



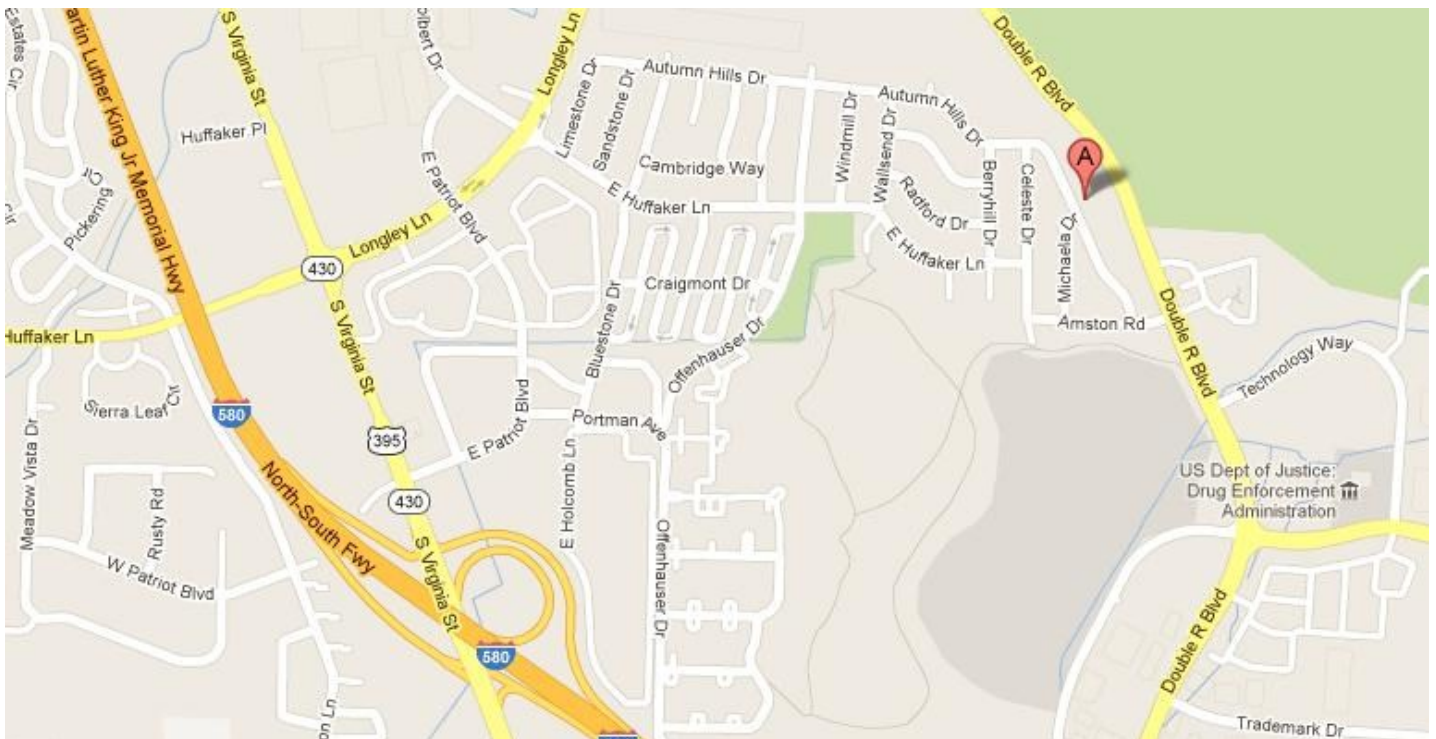
Either the world's oddest appetizers or part of Will's beetle collection





Our friends at Great Basin Brewing have opened their newest facility, Taps & Tanks, at the site of the former Buckbean brewery on East McCarran Boulevard between Rock Blvd. and Mira Loma Dr. It's strictly a taproom and brewery for Icky — there's no kitchen there. Through December 11 you'll get your second pint free with the donation of two non-perishable food items for the Food Bank of Northern Nevada. Rumor has it that they'll be hosting a WZZ meeting there some time in the near future.

Jeff and Leigh Miller will host their inaugural WZZ meeting on Saturday, December 8 at 6 PM. The theme will be "Cider, beers and holiday cheers." Their address is 1455 Autumn Hills Dr. in Reno, and if you need to contact them for any reason you can reach Leigh at 842-0371 or Jeff at 842-0372. Bring food and drink to share with all and let's shuffle in the holiday season in style! Jeff plays guitar, so bring your favorite instrument(s) for a musical melee.



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



Upcoming meetings:

**Jan. 12 - Caribbean Dreams at
Mac O'Brien's**

**February - Chris Whitbeck's
food and beer pairing**



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