

# Washoe Zephyr Zymurgists



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## *Tiders, Beers and Holiday Cheers*

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The December meeting featured not only the items listed above, but karaoke, games of pool and outstanding food as well. It was hosted by Jeff and Leigh Miller, and it was their first time welcoming the WZZ throng into their comfortable home. The stockings were hung by the chimney with care, in hopes that St. Nicholas..... oops, that's another story. But the holiday decorations were quite pleasant and tasteful.

Leigh proved that she's a WZZ (pun intended) in the kitchen with an awesome stuffed pork roll among other culinary delights. Club meetings are well known for both the quantity and variety of the fare offered, and this one was no exception, with the offerings ranging from sushi to pizza, cocktail weenies to cookies.

Among the many fine potent potables to be had that night there was a vertical tasting of five different years of Great Basin Brewing Company's yearly Christmas offering, Rednose Wassail Ale. This is a fairly high octane spiced ale made with ginger and cinnamon, and boasting a pronounced orange finish.

So with fine food, thoroughly enjoyable drink, a pool table, karaoke and of course, great company, the Millers' first WZZ meeting was a complete success and we hope they're up for a repeat performance next year.





**The WZZ men in deep discussion**



**Is that Minnesota Fats and Willie Mosconi? No, Giles and Joe face off over the pool table**



**Karaoke gals.....**



**singing like songbirds.**



**The Rednose Wassail vertical**



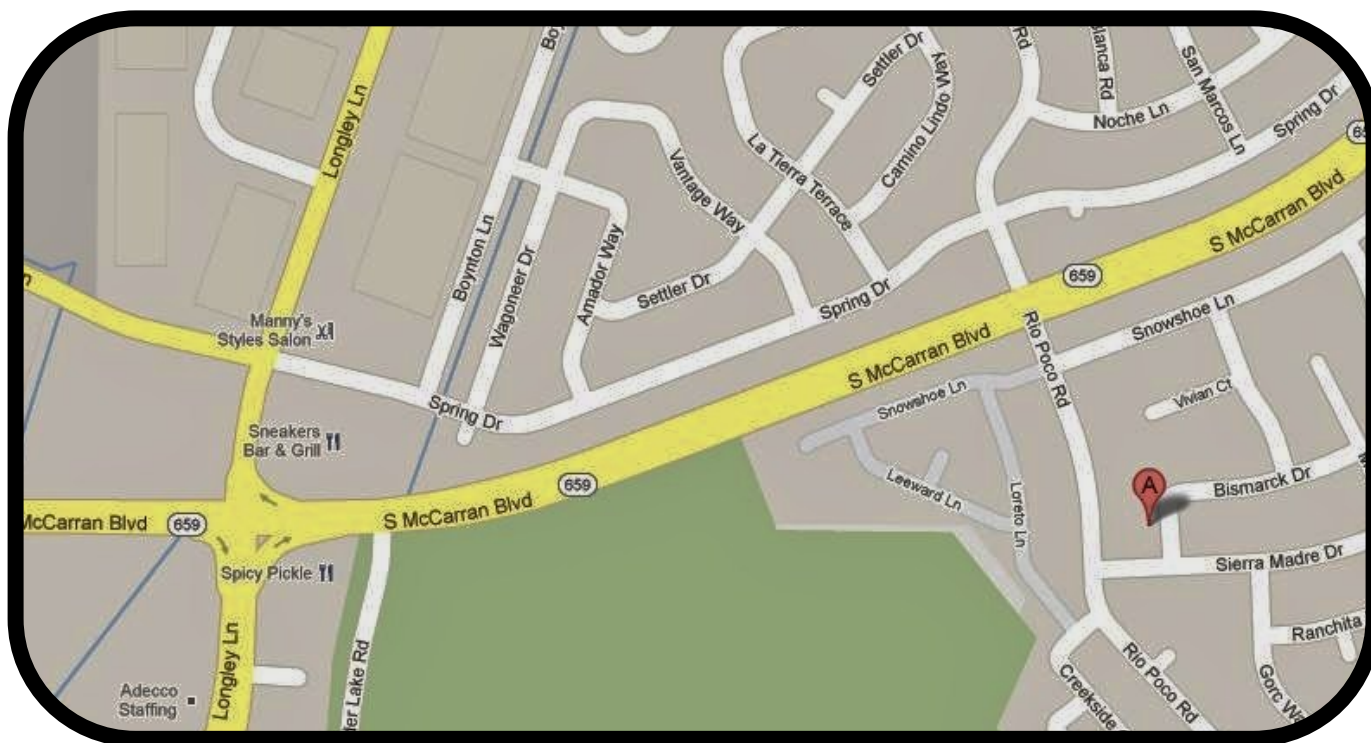
**Leigh and Jeff were great hosts**



# AHA National Homebrew Competition 2013

**Savvy Homebrewers will be starting to think about what they want to create for their entry into this year's American Homebrewers Association annual brew-off. Some important dates: Online registration opens at noon PST on Tuesday, February 26. Entries are due between March 18 and 27 and the first round competition will be held between March 29 and April 21. Regional winners will square off at the National Homebrew Conference in Philadelphia, PA to be held June 27 to 29, 2013. NHC winners receive gold, silver and bronze medals in 28 different style categories. Entries can be sent through the Reno Homebrewer.**

It's time once again for that mid-winter celebration of tropical breezes, palm trees, surf and sand - the Caribbean Dreams meeting. Come join Mac and Tom on Saturday, January 12 at 6 PM at 4385 Lloyd Way in Reno. Hawaiian shirts and grass skirts are the uniform of the day, and of course bikinis are encouraged as well. As always, Mac will have a big pot of gumbo on the stove (toned down this year for those of you with less adventurous palates) as well as a keg of home made hard cider. Questions? Need help finding the place? Call Mac at 544-7323. Musically inclined guests are welcome to bring their instruments as there's likely to be a jam session at some point in the evening. And of course, the Packers / 49ers game will be on TV!



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

**Upcoming meetings:**

**February 9 - Chris Whitbeck's  
Vertical Epic Party**

**March 9 - Kirk & Becky Stock's  
March Madness**



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