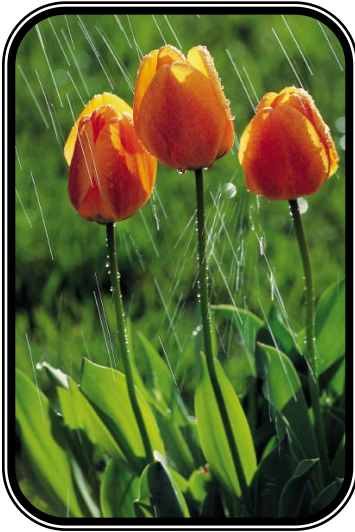


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MARCH BEER MADNESS

Stocks have risen to a new high! Kirk and Becky Stock, that is, who graciously hosted their second annual WZZ meeting last month. There was a parade of delectable home brewed beers; a panoply of some of the finer examples of commercial brews; a plethora of sumptuous dishes from the kitchens of the creative culinary cohorts in the club. In short, there was a lot of good food and drink.

Kirk once again proved that he's adept at brewing a variety of beers and not married to one particular style. Standouts (if memory serves me well, which it doesn't always) were a double IPA, a chipotle beer and a barrel aged porter. Then just for fun, he came up with a unique beer tasting strategy. He got some of every variety of hops that the Homebrewer sells and added them to Coors light, then did a 'compare and contrast' session. The results were fascinating, once Kirk figured out how to overcome the propensity of the beer to foam wildly as it was poured.





Part of the lineup in the Coors Light Hop Challenge

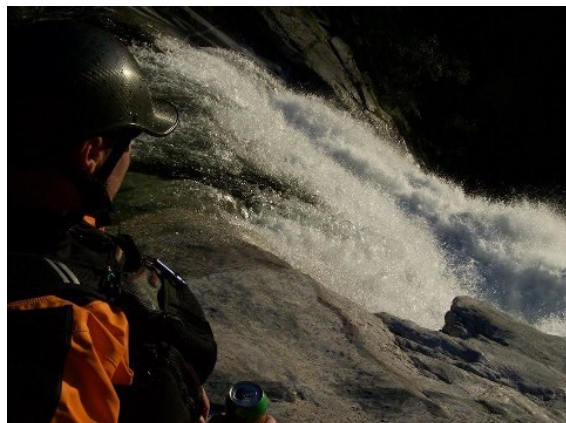


Kirk mans the bar (that is Kirk Howell, who's organizing this year's Great Basin Brew Off)

Kayaking Accident Claims WZZer

New brewer Dirk Bradford tragically lost his life last month on Indian Creek, a tributary of the Feather River near Quincy, CA. He and Great Basin bartender Kelly Ridgeway were slated to host this month's club meeting. According to Kelly:

Dirk VonBradford died on March 23, his 39th birthday....doing what he loved, Kayaking. Dirk was a class V kayaker for over 15years. He kayaked more than 200 days a year! He and I started brewing together and it was something that he really got hooked on. We so enjoyed making ciders, meads and brewing beers. After we took Ryan's class one fine Saturday evening, Dirk really got away from recipes and started going in and making his own blends and became a mad scientist with his beer recipes. I am still trying to figure out what is in some of these kegs....lol. He had such a zest for life and inspired me so much. I so enjoy my memories of Dirk and I truly cherish my friends at the Homebrew shop. We always felt so welcome and enjoyed everything that the WZZ offered us. THANK YOU and I'm so sorry that I'm hosting Dirks celebration of life on the day that we were supposed to be hosting our first WZZ Club meeting. Maybe in a few months I will be ready to do it myself... I still have all the ingredients for the last two beers we were supposed to brew...:)



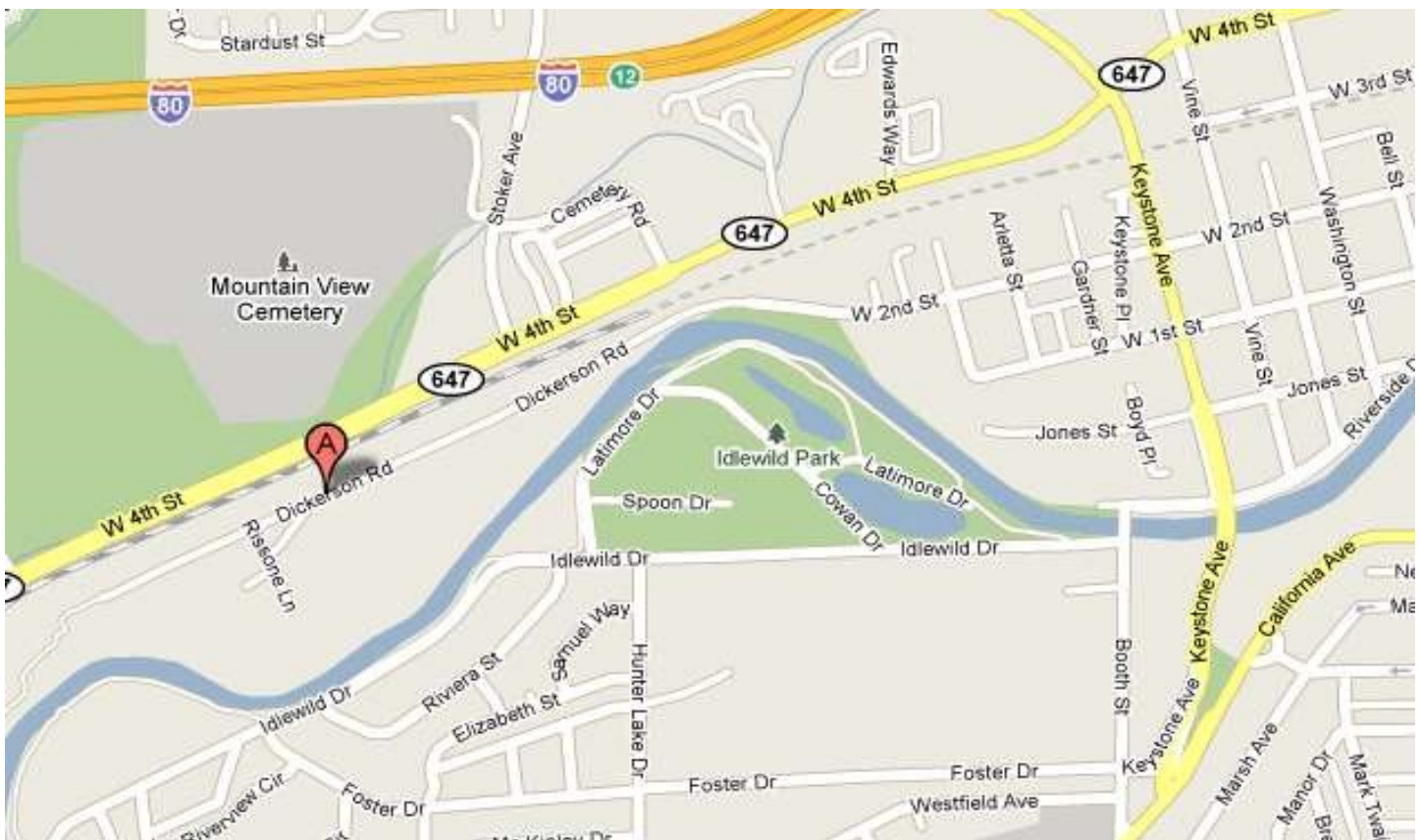
WZZ Newsletter Seeks New Editor

After a three year run as author and editor of the WZZ newsletter I'm ready to pass along the responsibility to the next future Hemmingway (yeah, in my dreams!) Anyone interested in taking over the reins of this august publication should contact Rob at the Reno Homebrewer. I'll continue on as far as the July issue, then will hang up my WZZ spurs and concentrate on writing the next great American novel. Wish me luck!

Mac O'Brien

Reno Homebrewer Hosts April Meeting

Delightful weather is predicted to accompany the April WZZ gathering on the 20th of this month at 6 PM. The anticipated high that day will be a balmy 74 degrees! The Reno Homebrewer will once again play host for the event, so bring an adult beverage you're proud of along with a dish to share with the ravenous hordes. This also portends to be a great evening for a little live music on the loading dock, so don't forget to bring whatever instrument you're proficient on. Hell, even if you're not proficient bring it anyway - we're not music critics here! The address is 2335A Dickerson Road and you can call during business hours at 329-ALES (2537) if you have questions or need directions (which you shouldn't!)



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

Upcoming meetings:

May - TBD

**June 8 - Tom's annual Frank
N Stein**

Great Basin Brew Off

Don't hesitate! The time is growing short for either entering your beers in this prestigious competition or volunteering your time to help out with judging or stewarding. Both can be accomplished at www.wzzcomps.net. Entries must be received at the Reno Homebrewer no later than 5 PM on Friday, April 20. Judging will take place at Kirk Howell's house on Thursday, April 25 at 7 PM, at the Reno Homebrewer on Friday, April 26 at 7 PM, and finally at Great Basin's Taps N Tanks on S. McCarran Blvd. between Rock Blvd. and Mira Loma Dr. on Saturday April 27 starting at 9 AM. The winning beer will be brewed in a large batch and submitted for consideration in the Pro-Am category at the Great American Beer Festival in Denver, CO on October 10 - 13. Good luck to all you prospective brewmeisters!

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