

# WORTHOG REVIEW



April 2003

## Calling All Worthogs!

We'll be meeting this Saturday, April 12<sup>th</sup> at Donna and Dennis's east side home.

The only way into the subdivision is off of Olive - turn north on Hornet, east of Temperance Ave. Then turn left (west) on Pine. 7230 E. Pine is the white house with red tile roof on the north side of Pine. Parking is available along (and perpendicular to) the east side of the citrus on the east side of the property. Phone 456-2324.

Dave Smith will be brewing starting around 10:00 on his nearly new whiz-bang system. Andy Ramm will tentatively be grilling. Bring your sticks and balls for putting, pitching and chipping on the greens, but only for those accurate enough not to break the window in my neighbor's shop that is just behind the green!

-Donna

## Worthogs Take Over Bulldogs

A wet dreary morning started on March 15<sup>th</sup> with the invasion of Bulldog's Brewery by the Worthog Brewers. A dozen or so hearty brewers were there for the beginning of a long day of brewing on Matt Beatty's system. A modified, to say the least, English Mild recipe was brought up to Bulldog's big ale lineup with only a few multiplications of the calculator. Over the course of the day 30 to 40 hogs came through to help with the brewing. We had a long line of volunteers stirring the mash well beyond the doughing in of the grain. We all got our backs into it, amusing Matt and Donald Thornton. During the mash and lauter the Hogs enjoyed home brew and pitchers of excellent Bulldog brew. Matt sent out platters of appetizers and pizza to make us happy.

The beer, officially called Hogwild Porter, is now being served at Bulldogs. Stop in at Fig Garden Village and have a pint or two of this complex, warm (7.5%) brown porter.

While you're there try Matt's other fine ales. Harvest Hefeweizen, 5%, Roubidoux Rye, 6.6%, IPA, 6%, Blonde, 5%, Redwave, 5% and a Dry Irish Stout at 6.9%. I'd tell you about them, but after a pint of Hogwild things got fuzzy!

A big tip of the WortHog snout to Matt, the staff and management of Bulldog's for hosting this unique and memorable meeting.



Russ Pipo!



Matt Beatty, hard at work

The following is a list of **AHA Club-Only** competitions for 2003/2004. Plan your brewing accordingly. We will be having competitions at our monthly meetings to determine the brews selected to represent the club.

<u>Month</u>	<u>Style</u>	<u>BJCP Cat. #</u>
March/April	Brown Ale	10
May	English and Scotch Strong Ale	11
August	European Pale Lager	2
Sept. /Oct.	Specialty/ Experimental/ Historical	24
Nov. /Dec.	Koelsch & Altbier	8
Jan/Feb 2004	Barleywine	12
March/April 2004	Mead	25

### Upcoming Events:

**April 12<sup>th</sup> – Blues and Brews in Merced.** You can't go, there's a meeting on the 12<sup>th</sup>! Look for the September event, [www.centralvalleybluesfestival.com/](http://www.centralvalleybluesfestival.com/)

#### **April 19 - Boonville Beer Festival – Mendocino County Fairgrounds**

Tickets - \$20.00 advance - \$30.00 at gate  
[www.avbc.com/news/boontbeerfest.html](http://www.avbc.com/news/boontbeerfest.html)  
707-895-BEER (Anderson Valley Brewing Co.)

**May 3 – Exeter Lions Club Brewfest and Exotic Car Show** More information at Exeter Chamber of Commerce (559) 592-2919. Last year they sold out at the door – best to buy tickets in advance

**May 17<sup>th</sup> West Coast Brew Fest** – Miller Park Marina, Sacramento. [www.matsonian.com/wcbf](http://www.matsonian.com/wcbf)

**June 7<sup>th</sup> – WortHog Pub Crawl to Hollister, Santa Cruz & Los Gatos.** [www.toman.us](http://www.toman.us)

**Visit Lovely [www.sjvworthogs.com](http://www.sjvworthogs.com) !**

**Pub Crawl Details** – This year the plan is to head to Hollister, Santa Cruz and Los Gatos. Mark your calendar for June 7 and stay tuned for more details. See [www.toman.us](http://www.toman.us) for up to the minute information.

**Blues and Brews Hotel Details from Robert Toman - I** checked on a room block for the Reno Blues and Blues in June, 28, 29, 2003. There are no room blocks or discounts for that weekend. There are several other functions going on that weekend (rodeo, bowling, and craft fair). Rooms are \$120.00 + tax and \$3.00 energy charge. The room rate was for the Silver Legacy phone # 1 800 687 8733, or there are several other hotels near by on Virginia Street.

### And Nothing But The Trub...

Stop by Bulldog Brewery and pick up a copy of the Celebrator magazine, the premier West Coast Beer News. I love this newspaper/magazine, especially the April/May edition. My brother Dan and his wife are on the cover. He was helping celebrate 15 years of the Celebrator. See pics online at [www.celebrator.com](http://www.celebrator.com). Also in this issue is a blind tasting of commercial IPA's. They rate 'em on a 5 star scale and throw in a few comments.

I read that a new brew pub opened in Tracy, CA, the Opera House Restaurant and Brewery. Anybody have a review of it?

I finally got into a couple of Sacramento breweries for the first time. Hoppy's is a great place for beer and food. Their full range of ales is very satisfying and the bit of food I had was delicious. They're on the southeast side of Sacramento, on Folsom near 50. See 'em at [www.hoppy.com](http://www.hoppy.com)

The second was the legendary Rubicon on Capitol near 20<sup>th</sup> street. Great neighborhood brew pub, a must if you're in Sacramento. [www.sacweb.com/rubicon/](http://www.sacweb.com/rubicon/)

### Don't leave home without it!

1. **Beer** – homebrew or commercial
2. **Food** if you want to eat
3. **Recipes** of that great beer you brought so you can share it or get help with it
4. **Ice Chest** -- small or large for your bottles or kegs, and a little ice
5. **Beer Glass** – your favorite one that is a little different so when you lose it you can find it
6. **Money** or checkbook for the great things we raffle off
7. **Nametag** so we know who you are

8. Notepad and pencil to write down names and phone numbers and that recipe or bit of advise you know you must remember

**Dues are Past Due for 2003** – If you have not paid your dues for 2003 be sure to do it at the meeting so the Treasurer doesn't have to keep bugging you about it. Worthog dues are a bargain at \$25.00. Dues cover meetings for members and family. Non-members pay \$5.00 per person per meeting. Paid members and family also get into Hogtoberfest for free. Non-members pay 15.00 per person.

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