



HEAD HOG'S WALLOW

By Dale James

A special thanks goes out to Jeff and Janice Wolpert for hosting the last meeting in their beautiful backyard. An apology also goes out for this newsletter being so late. This is my fault, as I have been busy and out of town. This is my last newsletter as president, and I've seen the club grow quite a bit in the last year. We now have about 70 members, and many more of you are brewing regularly and brewing good beers. We have also done very well in competitions throughout much of the year. Anyhow, we will be changing officers at the next meeting and we will also be collecting dues, so please bring your dues and make it easy on all of us involved.

Jim Lopes, Julian Bencomo and I just got back from the AHA National Conference in Portland, Oregon. Although the Worthogs were shut out in the competition we did manage to have a good time and a beer or two at one of Portland's several micro's and brew pubs. We also attended the Oregon Brewer's Festival.

It seems that everywhere you go in Portland there is good beer to drink. The Sonoma Beerocrats won the club title at the competition for their 8th or 9th time (I have lost count) with Paddy Giffen of their club taking best of show with a Smoked Scotch Wee Heavy. Congratulations to Paddy and the Sonoma Beerocrats! We also thank them for sharing some space in their hospitality suite with the Worthogs.

-Dale

Big Fresno Fair Competition

Judging of the homebrew competition for the 1993 Big Fresno Fair will be held September 25th. Any members interested in judging or stewarding the competition should sign up at this month's club meeting or contact Dale James.

The deadline for submitting entries to the competition is September 11. Entry forms and information will be available at the meeting and at Bencomo's Homebrew Supply.

If you haven't yet gotten your feet wet in a competition this is a great opportunity. It's fun and you can learn a lot about your beer.

August Meeting and Worthog Election

The August meeting will be held this coming Saturday, August 28th, 1-5 p.m., at Charley Baird's home (see map). If the short time between the arrival of this newsletter and the meeting caught some of you by surprise we apologize. The "staff" has been on mental vacation. The date was posted in the Calendar section of the last newsletter, however, so in the future be sure to check the Calendar for upcoming events!

This meeting will feature the election of club officers for the upcoming club year (Sept. 1 to Sept. 1.) While some nominations have already been made, nobody should hesitate to either volunteer or nominate someone else for an office. Before the Oktoberfest picnic the new officers will select a steering committee of interested members. If you would like to help guide the club, please let one of the officers know.

Also at the meeting, Dale and Charley will be brewing ten gallons of Imperial Stout on the back porch. Mash in time will be about noon. If any of you would like to check out the brewing process feel free to show up a bit early for the meeting. Just don't expect the red carpet to be out by then.

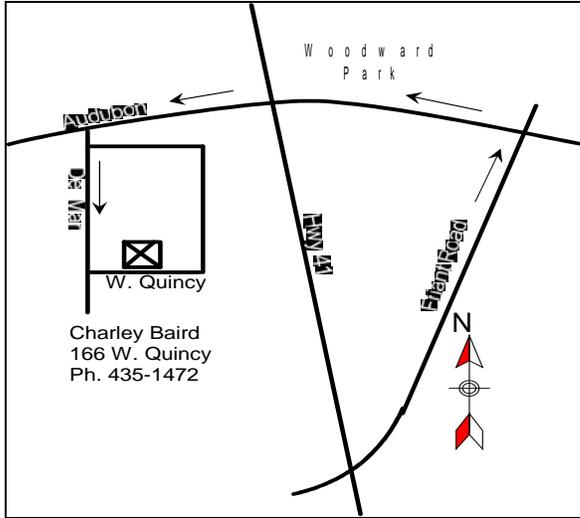
Oktoberfest Picnic

The 3rd Annual Worthog Oktoberfest Picnic and Turbo Nerf Football Challenge is tentatively scheduled for Saturday, October 23, 1993 at the "T" House area (same as last year) at Kearney Park. Plans have not yet been confirmed, but we will let you know in plenty of time in the next newsletter.

All Worthog 'festers, kids, and hangers-on are welcome. As usual, the club will provide tri-tip, plates, etc., at no cost to Worthog families. A nominal \$3.00 each will be charged the "hangers-on." Other vittles will be pot luck. There will be a sign up sheet at the August meeting to give us an idea of attendance and distribution of the side dishes.

Beer of the meeting? What else but Oktoberfest-Vienna-Märzen? We may organize a club competition for these beers in honor of the season, so get brewing!

This is one of the Worthogs' most enjoyable events, so put it on your calendar and **be there!**



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