

# Worthog Review



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## Next Meeting March 17

The next meeting will be held at Bencomo's Homebrew supply in the tower district, due to demand. There will be at least one brewing demo and maybe two. I hope to have a simple extract and grain brew and maybe a plastic buckets all grain 5 gal batch. Julian will have his older style series books for \$6 each. Please bring appetizers, salads, meat, or dessert.

## Don't leave home without it !

Meeting check list:

- Beer – homebrew or commercial
- Ice chest –please- small or large for your bottles or keg and a little ice to keep it cool
- Beer glass- your favorite one that is a little different so that when you lose it you can find it
- Chair- unless you like to stand
- Notepad and pencil- to write down names addresses Ph #s, e-mails etc and that recipe or bit of advice you know you must remember
- Recipes of that great beer you brought so you can share it or get help with it
- Money or check book for the great things we raffle off

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## BUS TRIP MARCH 10

### San Joaquin Worthogs Pub Crawl Itinerary:

Valley Brewing Co, Stockton  
Sudwerks, Davis  
Hogshead Brewing, Sacramento  
Elk Grove Brewing, Elk Grove  
Kelly Brothers Brewing, Manteca  
Butterfield Brewing, Fresno

The cost is \$65 for members(Worthog or T.C. Hops) \$70 for non-members. The price includes; sampler sets at each brewpub, Lunch at Hogshead Brewing, Transportation, snacks, and a day of fun.

The bus will leave from **Butterfield** Brewing 777 Olive ave at **8 AM** and will return at about 1030 PM. The bus will originate from a yard in **Visalia** and pickup members at **6am** at the parking garage on Acequia ave behind Brewbakers.

As of Feb. 26 we have 7 seats left so if you know of others who would like to come get your money in fast.

**No kegs will be allowed** on the bus but you may bring bottles or growlers.

**To reserve your seat send money to:**  
**Robert Toman 277-2356**  
**3783 W Robinson ave.**  
**Fresno, Ca. 93722**

## **Feb. 17 MEETING**

We would like to give thanks to Alan for the great party at his place. [always one of the years best] Andy did his usual great job on the BBQ. Lots of good food and great beers, and did you see those **CIGARS** fresh hand rolled from Honduras—what a treat!

We had 54 people sign in and collected \$48 from non-members. Our membership now stands at 50 pd. Members. I also collected a lot of new e-mails, thanks guys this helps and you get updates that don't go out in the newsletter.

Two people brought stout to be judged for the club only comp. Tony Frates and Andy Ramm. Andy's Imperial Stout will be sent on—it is a good one!

Tom Pope had a demo on counter pressure bottle filling that was very informative. We will have bottles and the filler at the next meeting for those of you that would like to send your beers on to the AHA regionals April 4-13.

Robert Toman poured his Sierra Nevada Celebration Ale at the party and this is a keeper! This will be one of my regular recipes from now on What a great beer!!

## **Beers on Parade**

Dave Hensley	Kona Stout/Blonde ale/ Mead
Robert Toman	IPA/Celebration Clone
Andy Ramm	Pale Ale/Imperial Stout
Donna Daniels	Wheat beer/Oatmeal Stout
Dave Levison	Mead

Russ Pipo	Orange Grove Ale
<b>An interesting beer with oranges!</b>	
Dave Morford	Brown ale
Donald Thornton	Winterfest
Conrad Ynell	Strong ale
Tom Kallos	Hefi/stout
Gary Petrosian	Amber/Raswht/oat Meal stout/lager
Ron Henslee	Pale ale
Mark Stribling	Stout
Bert & Moni	EPA/Porter

All the beers were great, not a bad one in the bunch! A new brewer that has a bright future—Gary Petrosian is brewing extract beers that are as good as any commercial all grain beer I have tasted—if you see him at the next meeting try one.

## **Recipe Corner/Scotch Ale by Randy Miller**

GW pale, 18 lbs. Yeast-WLP001  
Munich, 10 lbs. IBU-26  
Crystal 60, 2 lbs. SG 1060  
Crystal 40, 2 lbs.  
Caramel, 1 lb.  
Roasted, 2 ounces  
Chocolate, 1 ounce  
2.5 ounces of Fuggles, 60 minutes E.O.B.  
1 ounce Willamette, 30 minutes E.O.B.

Method: I mashed at 142 degrees fahrenheit for 45 minutes. I intended to mash at 149 degrees for 45 minutes, but my strike water of 160 degrees fahrenheit was apparently not hot enough to bring the mash to the intended temperature of 149. I collected 14 gallons of wort which I boiled for 60 minutes. The gravity at end of boil was a 10:60. When Darrin and I brewed on SuperBowl Sunday, we used a total of 29 lbs. of grain on my RIMS system, mashed for 30 minutes at 149 degrees and ended up with a beginning gravity of 10:80. Pretty substantial difference between the two gravities on the two different systems.

I attribute the difference in gravity to two

factors: first, my temperature was not high enough, 149 target vs. 142 actual and second, I should have stirred the mash, which I did not on Allen's system. Also, I appreciate Bill McCorry's comments that in order to achieve a true scotch ale that I should raise the temperature to 158 degrees fahrenheit if I intended to mash for only 30-45 minutes in order to extract the proper level of maltodextrins from the grain, which is one of the primary characteristics of a true scotch ale. It was a great learning experience and I hope to share the beer with everyone at the May club meeting. Randy Miller

## **CALENDAR OF EVENTS**

March 10 Bus trip / Pub crawl

March 17 Meeting at Bencomos homebrew shop 10 AM corner of Arthur and Olive in the tower district

April 4-13 AHA regional homebrew contest entries due; location to be announced in march issue of Zymergy

April 14 Harry Houck's homebrew and chili challenge;

April 21 Andersen Valley Brewfest

May 5 Big Brew Day 2001

May 19 Suds in the city Fresno water tower park

June 11-15 AHA second round entries due. Judging @ 4 points Sheraton hotel LAX Calif.

June Meeting Russ Pipo's place date TBA

July 21-22 Blues and Brews Reno hotel info El dorado Hotel 1-800-648-5966/Circus-Circus !-800-648-5010

September 14-16 Northern Calif. Homebrew festival; Napa

September 27-30 GABF

October 4-15 Fresno Fair ; homebrew entrie dates and judging TBA later. Randy Dillard has volunteered to run this event again.

October 6 Hogtoberfest;

November 10 Stern Grove Calif. State Homebrew competition

## **CLUB-ONLY COMPETITION**

May Bock-is Best

August Witbeer

October Calif. Common ( steam beer )

December English Mild

## **Vegas Party Tickets Raffle**

Pelco hosts a party for our customers each year to coincide with the International Security Conference. This year's ISC hospitality event entertainment will feature Huey Lewis and the News. It will be held in the Grand Ballroom at the Mirage on Wednesday, April 4, 2001. Cocktails will start at 6:30 p.m. with entertainment starting at 8:00 p.m. The ballroom holds about 2000 people, and will be set up banquet style (round tables each seating 8). Seating is first-come, first-served. In addition to an open bar, the party is well known to have the most lavish buffet spread ever seen in Las Vegas, so plan to arrive hungry! Dress is business casual (tie not required, but no T-shirts please). I will provide the club with four tickets to raffle off ; Dave Smith

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