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Next Meeting

March Meeting
March 27, 2004
Donna and Denis' House
7230 E. Pine
Fresno, CA 93727

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<http://www.sjvworthogs.com>

A Message from the President ...

Well here we are in March and you couldn't ask for better weather. I have started to kick up my brewing schedule taking advantage of the nice weather and trying to have enough beer for all the events coming up.

What a meeting we had last month at Alan's. Great turn out and as always the food and beer were fantastic. I think I have learned everything I ever wanted to know about the Dandelion plant (it's not just a weed). Maybe we could get Alan to write an article on it for the newsletter. If you ever tasted Alan's Dandelion Wine you would know what I am talking about.

The Next meeting is at Dennis and Donna's. This has been a really good meeting the past few years. If the weather continues to be this nice I would expect a good turn out. Remember there is a five dollar guest fee and we would like everyone to bring some food (side dishes especially) and of course beer (Homebrew or store bought).

Just a reminder that Sudz in the City is coming up on May 15th and we still need beer donations. Please let Gary know what you are able to contribute.

Entries for the first round of the National Homebrew Competition are due next month. If you haven't yet signed up for the National Homebrewer's conference in Las

Vegas you might want to do so soon. There is a pretty good discount if you sign up by May 14th.

I would like to mention some of the businesses in town that have been supporting us. Sequoia Brewing donated beer at our last meeting along with giving us good discounts on club cards for raffle prizes. Tuffy's Backyard Grill in Clovis donated a gift card for the raffle and they are interested in hosting another meeting. This could end up as another annual event. Next time you are in the near either of these places stop in, have a cold one and let them know that we appreciate their donations.

In closing I would like to wish everybody a Happy St. Patrick's Day and remind all the members that there are many ways to contribute to the club. If you would like to take on a special project, event or do a demonstration brewing session please let me know and I will be glad to except the help.

Cheers,

Trevor



Homebrewers Conference

Enter Your Best Homebrew Today

Will you be crowned Homebrewer of the Year? Not if you don't enter. Show us what you've got against more than 3,000 of the best homebrews from around the world.

Entries Due

April 7 - 16, 2004

First Round Judging

April 23 - May 2, 2004

Second Round Judging

June 17 - 18, 2004

Winners Presented

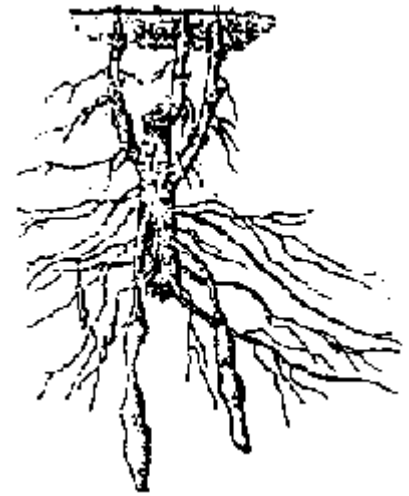
June 19, 2004

[26th Annual National Homebrewers Conference](#) Awards Ceremony and Grand Banquet
Las Vegas, Nevada, USA

Estimated Numbers for 2004

3,800 entries
2003: 3,340 entries

California: CA
NHC 2004
AleSmith Brewing Co.
9368 Cabot Dr
San Diego, CA 92126



Time to Plant Hop Rhizomes

The soil should be tilled to create a weed free area. A strong support system is needed for the plant to climb on. Look for space along fences, garage, or property lines. Plant in early spring once the threat of frost is gone but no later than May. The soil should be worked into a fine, friable condition prior to planting. In cold climates you can plant rhizomes in pots and transplant in June. Plant 1 rhizome per hill with the buds pointed up and cover with 1 inch of loose soil. Hills should be spaced at least 3 feet apart if the hills are of the same variety and 5 feet apart if they are different. The first year the hop plant requires frequent light watering.

Website of the Month

www.beerme.com

A fun site!!

Get Involved...

Sudz in the City

Date: May 15, 2004

Location: [Grizzlies Stadium](#)

Contact: garyp6@yahoo.com
(Gary Petrosian)

Requirements: WE NEED BEER FOR THIS EVENT. WE ARE IN NEED OF 65 OR MORE GALLONS. PLEASE START BREWING IN PREPERATION FOR THIS EVENT. IT IS A GREAT WAY FOR OUR CLUB TO GET SOME OUTSIDE INTEREST.



What to Bring

- Beer
- Food
- Name tag
- Tasting glass
- A friend
- Money for raffle
- A smile



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