

February 2007



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## **Next Meetings**

March 24, 2007  
Donald Thornton's House  
246 E. Michigian  
Fresno, CA 93704

April

To Be Announced

**San Joaquin  
Valley Worthogs**  
<http://www.sjvworthogs.com>

# San Joaquin Valley

# Worthog Review

## **Last Meeting**

The meeting was held at Alan Nyitray's house. As usual we had a great turnout with about 100 people in attendance and about 20 great homebrews on tap.

The Club brewed a Scottish Ale, and we thank the two gentlemen for handling the brewing chores.

Thanks to Andy for doing his usual fantastic job at handling the BBQ chores. The meat was excellent.

Russ Pipo won best of show for Scottish Ales. We will be sending his beer to the club only AHA sanctioned competition.

The next club only competition is in May for extract beers and will be judged locally during the April meeting.

We raffled off a bag of grain, a pound of hops, 4 six packs of beer, a CO2 charger, how to brew Stouts book, and a T-shirt.

## **Next Meeting**

The next meeting is being dedicated to beginning brewers with both an all grain and extract brewing demonstration. If you know of anyone who has been saying they want to give it a try, drag them down to Donald's for the next meeting. Schedule for the meeting is:

All-grain Demo - 10:00 am  
Extract Demo - 12:00 pm  
Club Business - 1:00 pm  
Brewing Information - 1:00 pm

## **What to bring to meetings:**

- Yourself and anyone who's interested in beer and brewing.
- Beer to share.  
(Homebrew or store-bought craft brew and imports).
- Food to share. (Chili, things to throw on the grill, sides dishes, etc.).
- Good vibes to share.
- Money for raffle tickets, dues (\$25.) and/or non-member entry (\$5.).
- Pen and paper for recipes and phone numbers.

***Please Drink and Drive Responsibly !***



## IMPORTANT INFORMATION !!!!!

***Members and guests MAY NOT use illegal substances at the meetings. This puts the club and the home or business owner at risk. Violators will have to leave the club function. This is for the good of the club member and the entirety of the club. Some of our active members are POLICE officers and CANNOT choose to ignore these violations. In short if you wish to use illegal drugs of any kind don't do it at our meetings or events, it places the very existence of our club in jeopardy.***

***Thank you,  
The Boardmembers***



## ADDITIONAL NEWS

- A weekend camping trip is being planned for August and will be coordinated by Ron McIlroy. This will be a weekend event. Details will be provided when available.
- The next local AHA membership rally will be on June 2<sup>nd</sup> at Firestone Brewing in Paso Robles. This was a great event last year. Doc's Cellar homebrew shop, Beer, Beer and More Beer will conduct a homebrewing demonstration, Author of "How to Brew" John Palmer will be present, bring your homebrew to share..The club or individual members may want to consider bringing some homebrew to this event? The entry fee is a years membership in the AHA and comes with a membership card good for discounts at participating pubs and a years subscription to Zymurgy magazine.
- There are a bunch of AHA homebrew competitions that are open to any homebrewer, so don't be shy and send your best in. A list of competitions can be found at <http://www.bjcp.org>. Just click on Competitions.



## CLUB MEMBER INPUT NEEDED

If any member has a tip, event, etc. that they would like to share with your fellow club members, please forward to [dave\\_decker@comcast.net](mailto:dave_decker@comcast.net) or [Jason\\_decker6@yahoo.com](mailto:Jason_decker6@yahoo.com) .



## LAST MEETING PHOTOS

Meeting photos will no longer be included in the newsletter due to their large size.

To view the photo's please use the following link or cut and paste into your browser.

<http://new.photos.yahoo.com/album?c=dave.decker1&aid=576460762393445939&pid=&wtok=.lpTga0PXJNaE24y55PhuA--&ts=1173830754&.src=ph>

This link will take you to a photo album on Yahoo. You can double click on each photo for a larger view. These photo's can also be saved on your computer.



## **2007-2008 CLUB ONLY COMPETITIONS**

### **May 2007**

#### **Extract Beers**

*Entries accepted between 4/20/07 and 5/4/07 and judging will be held 5/11/07. Entry fee \$7.*

Shipping/drop-off location:  
TBD

Hosted by John Martin and the Homebrewers Of Peoria (HOPs) of Peoria, IL.

This competition covers All BJCP 2004 beer styles (Categories 1-23)\*. Extract must make up more than 50% of the fermentables.

For more information, contact John Martin at [n922m@dr.com](mailto:n922m@dr.com) .

### **August 2007**

#### **Strong Ale**

*Entry fee \$7.*

Hosted by Mike Heniff and the Foam Rangers of Houston, TX.

This competition covers BJCP Category 19 beer styles.

For more information, contact Mike Heniff at [Mike.Heniff@evalca.com](mailto:Mike.Heniff@evalca.com) .

### **September/October 2007**

#### **Bock**

*Entry fee \$7.*

Hosted by Larry Kemp and the Cap 'n' Hare Homebrew Club of Ft. Worth, TX.

This competition covers BJCP Category 5 beer styles.

For more information, contact Larry Kemp at [lke149@airmail.net](mailto:lke149@airmail.net) .

### **November/December 2007**

#### **Pilsner**

*Entry fee \$7.*

Hosted by Todd Crockett and the Gold Country Brewers Association of Orangevale, CA.

This competition covers BJCP Category 2 beer styles.

For more information, contact Todd Crockett at [toadlc@pacbell.net](mailto:toadlc@pacbell.net) .

### **January/February 2008**

#### **Dark Lagers**

*Entry fee \$7.*

Hosted by Susan Ruud and the Prairie Homebrewing Companions of Fargo, ND.

This competition covers BJCP Category 4 beer styles.

For more information, contact Susan Ruud at [Susan.Ruud@ndsu.nodak.edu](mailto:Susan.Ruud@ndsu.nodak.edu) .

### **March/April 2008**

#### **Perfect Porter Challenge**

*Entry fee \$7.*

Hosted by Ron Smith and the Foam Blowers of Indiana (FBI) of Indianapolis, IN.

This competition covers BJCP Category 12 beer styles.

For more information, contact Ron Smith at [RonSmith@MarketWiseSolutions.com](mailto:RonSmith@MarketWiseSolutions.com) .

### **May 2008**

#### **Extract Beers**

*Entry fee \$7.*

The host for this competition is available.

This competition covers All BJCP 2004 beer styles (Categories 1-23)\*. Extract must make up more than 50% of the fermentables.

For more information about hosting this or other Club-Only Competitions, contact Janis Gross at [janis@brewersassociation.org](mailto:janis@brewersassociation.org) .

### **August 2008**

#### **Mead**

*Entry fee \$7.*

Hosted by Al Boyce and the Minnesota Home Brewers Association of Edina, MN.

This competition covers BJCP Categories 24, 25, 26.

For more information, contact Al Boyce at [allan.boyce@usbank.com](mailto:allan.boyce@usbank.com) .

### **September/October 2008**

#### **Imperial Anything**

*Entry fee \$7.* Hosted by Fred Bonjour and the Clinton River Association of Fermenting Trendsetters (C.R.A.F.T.) of Macomb Township, MI.

This competition covers imperialized versions of all BJCP categories; you must state the imperialization of the beer (ABV, IBU, etc.) on the entry form.

For more information, contact Fred Bonjour at [homebrew@wideopenwest.com](mailto:homebrew@wideopenwest.com).