

May 2007



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Next Meetings

Keith Beene's House
2688 Goshen
Clovis, CA

July

I think at Russ Pipo's,
but will let you know
for sure in next letter.

San Joaquin Worthogs

<http://www.sjworthogs.org>

San Joaquin Valley

Worthog Review

Last Meeting

The meeting was held at Keith Beene's house. We had a small turnout with about 20-25 people in attendance and a half dozen or so great homebrews on tap.

Keith was having a hard time getting his Ale to flow, so some of the members jumped in and determined there was some sort of blockage in Corny dip tube. Keith said "I wonder if I forgot to remove the dry hop bag". Yeah, he was right. Thanks to Donald and Russ the problem was fixed in short order and beer was flowing without a problem.

Thanks to Keith and his significant other for hosting the meeting and handling the BBQ chores. Great food!

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 !

Next Meeting

No club only competitions until the July meeting. Time is running short, so brew your finest Strong Ale and bring it to the July meeting.



BREWING IN THE SIERRA'S CAMPING TRIP

- Will take place on August 10th - 12th at the Fir Group Site located off of highway 180 on Stoney Creek.
- The site can accommodate a maximum of 100 people.
- 30 vehicle parking spaces are available.
- Pot luck group dinner on Saturday - Breakfast and lunch, on your own.
- Decomposition pit toilets.
- Potable water from faucets.
- Less than a mile from store and showers.
- Everyone is encouraged to bring their brewing equipment.

Directions:

Fir Group - From Fresno, go east on Highway 180 towards Kings Canyon National Park. Take a right on the General's Highway and travel approximately 10 miles south to campground entrance on the left.



ADDITIONAL NEWS

- The end of last years club only competitions has closed (August 2006 – May 2007) and the Worthog's tied for 4th place. We need to enter more competitions and get first place for the new season!
- 6 members from the Worthog's made it to the AHA rally at Firestone Walker Brewing in Paso Robles. Dave, Jason, Ron, Alan, Joe & Donna had a great time and had some great beer including some unfiltered Pale served from a Firkin with an authentic beer engine! Yum!
- 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.
- Our renamed website is now available at <http://www.sjworthogs.org>.



You know you're a homebrewer if....

You take two fermentors with you when shopping for a refrigerator.



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 or Jason_decker6@yahoo.com . Photo's also accepted from any of the meetings.



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=576460762402837171&pid=&wtok= kF7KkPljwRDjW WjP6Yxhg--&ts=1180317015&.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.



FROM THE AHA TAP NEWSLETTER

Take Me Out to the Ballgame...buy me some peanuts and a craft beer

Baseball is known as the All-American sport and beer, that's the all-american drink. Baseball and beer go hand and hand.

For the past 130 years, millions of baseball fans have enjoyed drinking a beer while watching the game.

Legend has it that Babe Ruth would go to McCuddy's (a Chicago Bar) and drink a beer between innings while the New York Yankees were playing against the Chicago White Sox.

One brewery who honors the craft beer and baseball tradition is Pyramid Brewery. Pyramid brews up their seasonal craft beer, [Curve Ball Kolsch-Style Ale](#), every year during baseball season.

[Cooperstown Brewing Company](#) has a whole line up of baseball themed beers. They have the Nine Man Ale (Golden Ale), Old Slugger (Pale Ale), Benchwarmer (Porter), Strike Out Ale (Stout), Backyard (India Pale Ale) and Pride of Milford (Special Ale).

Craft beer is sold in ball parks across the country. Curve Ball Kolsch-Style Ale is available at many West Coast baseball stadiums. Check with **your** local stadium to find out what craft beers are served.

In case you can't find your favorite craft beers at the ballpark itself, you usually do not have to travel too far to find a craft brewery serving craft beer.

If you are at a Red Sox game Boston Beer Works is a close walk. If you are a San Diego Padres fan Rock Bottom Brewery is close to the stadium. San Francisco Giants fans have a two block walk to 21st Amendment Brewpub. Seattle Mariners fans have Pyramid Brewery and Alehouse across the street from their stadium. Baltimore Orioles fans have Wharf Rat a couple blocks away.

So whether you are inside a ballpark or a couple blocks down the street, this season when you're watching baseball make sure to enjoy a craft beer.

Always make sure to drink responsibly and savor the flavor when enjoying a craft beer. Use public transportation when available.

Sources:

<http://www.allaboutbeer.com>

http://beeradvocate.com/news/stories_read/f-975109

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<http://biz.yahoo.com/bw/070402/20070402006409.html?.v=1>

<http://www.cooperstownbrewing.com/beer.htm>

<http://mlb.mlb.com/index.jsp>

http://www.pyramidbrew.com/beer/beerguide/curve_ball.php

<http://sports.yahoo.com/mlb/news?slug=jp-padres091406>



BEER STORY'S OF INTEREST

Beer maker sees green from start to finish

Having fun, brewing world class beer, promoting beer culture and being environment stewards are the ground rules for one Colorado brewery. For 16 years, it's served them well. NBC's Jennifer London reports.

<http://www.msnbc.msn.com/id/18442929/from/ET/>

Brewer must pay taster who became alcoholic

A Brazilian court has ordered a brewer to pay \$49,000 to an alcoholic beer taster who said he drank more than 3 pints of beer a day.

<http://www.msnbc.msn.com/id/18538669/from/ET/>



2007-2008 CLUB ONLY COMPETITIONS

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.

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 .

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 .

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 .

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 .

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 .

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.

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.