



San Joaquin Valley Worthogs

Brew News

May
2008

NEXT MEETING

May 10, 2008

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President's Message

Hello fellow Worthogs,

Well, May is here and the weather will be warming up. What better reason to make even more BEER! Also, remember that May 12-18 is American Craft Beer Week. I hope everyone had a good time at the April Meeting. I know I did. Thanks go to Julian Bencomo and his crew for hosting the meeting. I would like to give a special thanks to Nana's Catering for some great food. Next time you need something catered remember Nana's.

It's time to start scheduling that brew day for those Porters and Stouts for the BIG FRESNO FAIR Homebrewing Competition. If you start now there will be plenty of time left for the Ales, Lagers and Pils.

We have some great brewers in the club, so let's show off a little bit. If anyone needs help entering your beer you can contact myself or any board member.

As most of you know, we have started a new e-mail for UP & COMING BREWERS. We hope this helps new brewers (and old) to watch and participate in brewing at some of the more experienced brewers' houses.

This should be a little more hands on than at a Club Meeting, where there are a lot of things going on at once. I would like to thank Ron & Darin for their support and thank anyone else in advance for their help.

I will be brewing on Sunday May 11, starting at 8 a.m. using my 10 gallon system. If anyone is interested, I still have my old 5gallon bucket system that we could get out and make some low-tech beer. This is Mother's Day, so bring your MOM! My address is 1100 N. Cornelia (Belmont & Corneila). Please leave me a message: 276-7234. See you at the next meeting!

Cheers,
Joe



Club Dates to Ferment For!



May 10:	Meeting—Cuyler Lenard's
June 21:	Meeting—Bencomo's
July 19:	Meeting—Russ Pipo's
July 25-27:	Campout—Dorst Creek
Aug. 9:	Pub Crawl
Aug. 16:	Meeting—Dave Morford's
Aug. 23:	Central Valley Craft Brewer's Festival
Sept 20:	Meeting—Tom Kallos'

Dates & Locations tentative



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- Beer
- Food
- Membership Dues
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Pink Boots Society

Visit a brewery, and it's usually easy to spot the brewer: he's the guy in the black rubber boots.



Unless, of course, he is a she. Women are still very

much a minority in the brewing industry, but Teri Fahrendorf, a well-respected and award-winning brewer, hopes to raise their visibility and numbers. She took the opportunity offered by the annual Craft Brewers Conference in San Diego last month to schedule the first meeting of the Pink Boots Society, dedicated to the interests of women in the beer world.

Twenty-two women—16 brewers and cellarwomen and six writers or members of the media—attended the luncheon meeting, but there was support from their male colleagues, as well. At the main conference, one brewer covered

his work boots in fluorescent pink duct tape in a show of solidarity.

Craft Brew Merger

Pyramid Breweries of Seattle and Magic Hat Brewing of South Burlington, VT (officially: Magic Hat Brewing Company & Performing Arts Center), have announced plans for the magical member of the two craft breweries to acquire Pyramid.

The deal is subject to the negotiation and execution of a definitive agreement and all manner of reviews, consents and approvals of regulatory agencies and third parties and so forth. If that all goes according to plan, August 31, will be the date it is all put into place.

“The combination of these two well-established, high profile craft breweries will be very complementary given our respective brand portfolios and the geographies in which we predominantly operate,” said Pyramid CEO Scott Barnum. “Additionally, there will be a number of important benefits for Pyramid to be part of a private

company versus continuing to operate as a stand alone public entity. This consolidation makes both good strategic and financial sense and is well timed, particularly as the beer industry's competitive dynamics continue to intensify.”

Martin Kelly, CEO of Magic Hat said, “We have a great deal of respect for Pyramid's brand heritage, award-winning beers and its dedicated employees.”

Pyramid brews under the Pyramid and MacTarnahan's brand names. Pyramid also owns two alehouse restaurants adjacent to its full production breweries in Berkeley and Portland, and three alehouse restaurants in Walnut Creek, Sacramento and Seattle. Magic Hat is a large East Coast brewer with a whimsical marketing style.



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Sacramento, CA

Entry Fee: 10.00
Entry Deadline: 05/08/2008

05/30/2008

Contact: [John Watson](#)
Phone: (408) 732-6193
<http://www.samueladams.com/promotions/LongShot/Default.aspx>

[2008 Longshot Western Regional](#)
San Francisco, CA

Entry Fee: Free!!! - Enter Early and Often
Entry Deadline: 05/01/2008

05/31/2008

Contact: [Rick Reineman](#)
Phone: (209) 952-1481
<http://www.brewangels.com/>

[San Joaquin Fair Homebrew Competition](#)
Stockton, CA

Entry Fee: \$6.00
Entry Deadline: 05/17/2008

06/07/2008

Contact: [Roger St. Denis](#)
Phone: (408) 225-5834
<http://draughtboard.org/babo/2008Announcement.htm>

[Alameda County Fair Homebrew Competition \(BABO\)](#)
Pleasanton, CA

Entry Fee: \$6
Entry Deadline: 05/24/2008

06/22/2008

Contact: [Jim Delperdang](#)
Phone: (951) 686-4710
<http://www.hopheads.com/>

[21st Annual Southern California Regional Homebrew Championship](#)
Corona, CA

Entry Fee: \$5.00
Entry Deadline: 06/14/2008

"You can't be a real country unless you have a beer and an airline - it helps if you have some kind of a football team, or some nuclear weapons, but at the very least you need a beer." ~ *Frank Zappa*



Member Input Needed

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