



# San Joaquin Worthogs San Joaquin Worthogs San Joaquin Worthogs

April, 2009

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**WORTHOGS  
ON THE WEB**

[sjworthogs.org](http://sjworthogs.org)

## April Meeting

April 18 ~ Bencomo's Homebrew Supplies

Address: 234 W. Olive Ave. Fresno

10 a.m. Demo Brew

12:00 p.m. Educational/How-To Demo (To Be Announced)

12:30 p.m. Style of the Month Discussion/Samples

6A. Cream Ale, Category 6: Light Hybrid Beer

1:00 p.m. Club Business

1:00 - 4 p.m. Open Taps

What to Bring: Beer, Food, Raffle Money, Smile, Desire to Learn

## President's Message

HI FELLOW WORTHOGS!!!

Our March meeting was held at the Thorntons. This was our first meeting with the new format.

Our feature tasting was Pale Ales. Club members brought many of their own pale ales. Ron McIlroy gave us descriptions of the beer style and history. Dave Morford gave a great demo on the correct cleaning of carboys and kegs.

We would appreciate anyone who would like to demonstrate any new tricks or gadgets, please contact a board member.

After the information segment, we opened the taps and ate some great food. I had many members tell me they really liked the new format. Any input about the new format, would be greatly appreciated.

Speaking of members. I would like to outline what it takes to become a Worthog. It's very simple. The membership is \$25 a year (Jan

1 to Dec 31), you can pay at any meeting. If you are a home brewer or want to learn to be one, there are many home brewers who can answer your questions.

Don't forget the AHA Conference June 18-21 in Oakland. Support our club!!!!

The Worthogs Pub Crawl is August 1. The price is \$50 for members and \$65 for non-members. Half is due when you sign up. The balance is due July 1. After July 1, the price goes up \$15 per person. We are going to Firestone in Paso Robles (possibly a tour), Downtown Brewery and Creekside in San Luis Obispo and Morro Bay Brewery in Morro Bay. The club will provide beer, beverages, and food on the bus. This is going to be a great time. Sign up soon, space is limited to 35.

Cheers,  
Joe

## Worthogs invited to TC Hops Picnic

The **TC Hops Brewclub** has invited the SJ Worthogs to attend the second annual TC Hops Picnic at Plaza Park in Visalia.

**Noon – 6 p.m.**

**Sunday, May 17**

**Plaza Park, Arbor # 5**

From 198, exit at Plaza Drive. Proceed south on Plaza to Airport Drive. Turn left on Airport Drive. Arbor # 5 is the first arbor past the "lake". Parking

is available on Plaza Drive or in the parking lot adjacent to the arbor.

The City has granted an alcohol permit, so please bring your homebrew. BUT, glass beverage containers are not allowed in the Park. This includes soda as well as beer. Plan accordingly.

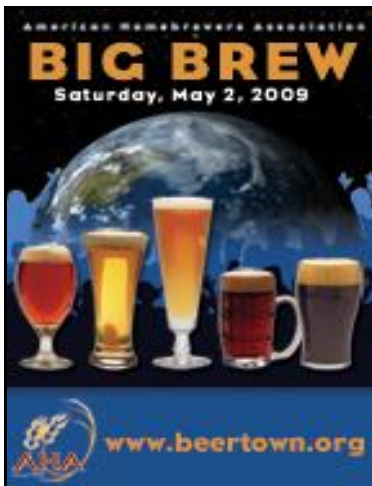
The arbor is covered and located next to a children's playground. Bring your lunch (there is also a grill) and make a day of it.

## Beer Wars Live: One Night Only, April 16

Beer Wars LIVE promises to take audiences inside the boardrooms and back rooms of the American beer industry. Beer Wars introduces the who's who in beer while following the journey of small, independent brewers who are challenging the status quo. This is not just a film, but an event. The evening will feature the exclusive never-before-seen documentary Beer Wars, followed by a spirited LIVE discussion led by Ben Stein with some of America's leading independent brewers and experts. Playing in over 430 movie theatres nationwide on Thursday, April 16th, beer industry insiders will take audiences behind-the-scenes of their quest for the American Dream. Purchase tickets for the Live event on April 16th at 8pm ET/7pm CT/6pm MT/8pm PT (tape delayed.) at [www.beerwarsmovie.com](http://www.beerwarsmovie.com).



## Big Brew is May 2



Celebrate Big Brew with beer lovers across the globe on May 2, 2009.

Big Brew is the AHA's annual celebration of National Homebrew Day. The AHA will be offering up a special toast in honor of Utah's homebrewers who can brew legally in that state for the first time since prohibition as of May 12, 2009. At that point, homebrewing will be legal in 46 states.

Find a celebration near you or register your own on [Big Brew-National Homebrew Day!](http://www.beertown.org)

## American Homebrewer's Association Convention

Tickets to the 2009 National Homebrewers Conference Grand Banquet/Award Ceremony have sold out! However, registration options that do not include the Grand Banquet/Award Ceremony are still available. Only 10% of the tickets to the Educational Seminars offered this year are still available. Don't miss your chance to attend these great events! Register today at [www.AHAconference.org](http://www.AHAconference.org).

## March Meeting Moments



## 2009 Brewing Competitions

05/09/2009

**Sonoma Beerocrats: The North Bay HomeBrew Competition**  
Santa Rosa, CA, US  
John Arends, (707) 528-2986  
ABREWER2@sbcglobal.net  
<http://www.sonomabeerocrats.org>

05/09/2009

**San Diego Int'l Beer Festival**  
Solana Beach, CA, US  
Chad Stevens, (619) 694-9779  
zuvaruvi@cox.net  
<http://www.sdfair.com/beer>

05/16/2009

**2009 Sacramento County Fair Home Brewing Competition**  
Sacramento, CA, US  
JJ Jackson, (916) 348-6322  
jjjaxon@cwnet.com  
<http://www.calbrewers.com>

05/18/2009

**LongShot - Samuel Adams American Homebrew Contest - Western Regionals 2009**  
Oakland, CA, US  
John Watson, (408) 242-1368  
jswatson04@yahoo.com  
[http://www.brewingcompetition.com/2009LS/judge\\_reg.html](http://www.brewingcompetition.com/2009LS/judge_reg.html)

05/24/2009

**2009 California State Fair Home Brewing Competition**  
Sacramento, CA, US  
JJ Jackson, (916) 348-6322  
jjjaxon@cwnet.com  
<http://www.calbrewers.com>  
[www.bigfun.org](http://www.bigfun.org)

07/26/2009

**22nd Annual So. Cal. Regional Homebrew Championship**  
Corona, CA, US  
Jim Delperdang, (951) 789-4184  
jimdelperdang@earthlink.net  
<http://www.hopheads.com>

09/19/2009

**Pacific Brewer's Cup**  
El Segundo, CA, US  
Jim Wilson, (310) 316-2374  
jim7258@gmail.com  
<http://www.strandbrewers.org/pbc>

09/26/2009

**The Big Fresno Fair Homebrew Competition**  
Fresno, CA, US  
David Morford, (559) 320-5589  
fshrdave@qnis.net  
<http://www.fresnofair.com>