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Brew News

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NEXT MEETING

Saturday June 21, 2008
Dave & Kim Chappell
497 W Cromwell Ave, Clovis, CA 93611

May meeting update by Chris Steinkraus

Joe brought his brewing machine out to Leonard's place and brewed a beer (I think it was a stout).

Small turn out due to confusion in directions, but still enough to have some good brews.

There was some good food cooked up including pork, tri-tip and sausages with

plenty of sides.

We also had a real nice treat when Leonard brought out some of his family's aged liquors and we got to sample them.

Raffle items were as usual except we had a sego palm and two other palms in the mix. Nice Sunny day to drink beer.

Club Dates to Ferment For!

- 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



What to Bring to the Next Meeting:

- Beer
- Food
- Swimsuit
- Smile :)

Pub Crawl 2008: Northern Bound

The Worthogs are northern-bound for this year's Pub Crawl on August 9

The one-day bus trip will visit four pubs in the Sacramento area:

- **Auburn Ale House**
- **Hoppy Brewing Company**
- **Rubicon Brewing**
- **Sacramento Brewing Company**

Due to increase in gas and beer prices, tickets are \$115 for members and \$140 for non-members.

The price includes the bus ride—on Golden Eagle Charter, breakfast burritos on the bus, a brewpub lunch and, of course, beer-tasting at all the breweries.

For more information or to reserve your spot, call Patty at 559-903-0742.

Beer Briefs: News from the brewing world



Guinness to Remain in Dublin

Amid rumors that drinks industry giant Diageo, owner of Guinness, will soon shut down the famous brewery's Dublin location, Guinness has announced that this will not occur. Instead, the Dublin brewery at St. James's Gate will remain, with production and staffing downsized, while at the same time a new brewery will be built outside the city. The Guinness Storehouse, Ireland's leading visitor attraction, will remain on the St. James's Gate site, only brewing beers for local and regional accounts. The new brewery will supply export markets.



Drinking Belgian Beer Leads to "Place to Pee" Game

While enjoying their favorite Belgian Trappist ales, Belgians Werner Dupont, a software developer, and Bart Geraets, an electrical engineer, designed the game "Place to Pee," which allows players to slalom down ski slopes or kill aliens while relieving themselves at urinals. The game is designed for two users at a time and offers two games—blowing up aliens in outer space or skiing down a virtual slope. Gamers hit their target by aiming at sensors positioned on either side of the urinal. A specially designed paper cone allows women to

play. The game logo resembles the famous Manneken Pis fountain in Brussels, which depicts a little boy urinating.

Space Beer

Japanese brewery Sapporo will brew Planet Earth's first "space beer" using third generation barley grains that spent five months on the International Space Station in 2006. The beer, due out in November, will be in a limited release of 100 bottles. The brewery released no other info on the beer, such as whether after drinking it a person will be able to float free of gravity.

Maris Brewing brings "White Knuckle" Back

Marin Brewing announced in its newsletter yesterday that **Marin Eldridge Grade White Knuckle Double IPA** is back on tap and available in 22 oz. bottles. The beer ratings for this hoppy ale have been phenomenal at [Beer Advocate](#). It is missing from the top 100 despite having a high enough score and the number of reviews to have a spot. It is also listed in the top 200 at [RateBeer](#). The bottles should go quickly and it may not last long on tap either. *Borrowed from beernews.org*



Worthogs Camping Trip!

When:

Friday July 25 to
Sunday July 27

Where:

Dorst Creek Campground
Sequoia National Park
(More info, right)

Cost:

Members: \$5
Members Families: \$5
Non-member guests: \$10

What to Bring:

- Camping gear!
- A dish for the potluck dinner Saturday night.
- You family—A great event for the kids!
- Brewing Equipment: Brew with clean mountain water!
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How to sign-up:

Talk to Ron McIlroy or
Dave Morford at the next
meeting or via phone or
email.

Space limited to the first
50 campers!

Dorst Creek Campground is in Sequoia and Kings Canyon National Parks at 6700 feet in elevation, 10 miles from the Giant Forest sequoia grove. It takes about one hour to drive the 29 miles from the Sequoia park entrance on Highway 198.

Amenities include flush toilets, RV water-filling station, summer ranger programs, and a pay phone. It is 8 miles from **Lodgepole Village**, which in summer offers a visitor center, market, deli, snack bar, gift shop, post office, showers, and laundry.

The **entrance fee** for Sequoia and Kings Canyon is \$20 for 1-7 days. For general park information, call 559-565-3341 or visit www.nps.gov/seki.

Pets are not allowed on park

trails. They are permitted in campgrounds and other developed areas. Pets must be leashed and cannot be left unattended.

Local markets sell **firewood**. Gathering dead and down wood is allowed; no cutting.

No **gasoline** is available in the park. Be sure to fill up before you enter. Firearms are prohibited, including bb/pellet guns.

For **fishing**, a California State fishing license is required (sold at Lodgepole Market when it is open).

Bicycles and mountain bikes are not allowed on park trails. Skateboards, scooters, and inline skates are not allowed on park trails or roads, including in the campground.



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Brew Judge
Certification
Program
(BJCP)
sanctioned
events in
California
through the
end of the
year.

Upcoming BJCP Competitions

06/22/2008 http://www.hopheads.com/ Contact: Jim Delperdang Phone: (951) 686-4710	21st Annual Southern California Regional Homebrew Championships Corona, CA Entry Fee: \$5.00 Entry Deadline: 06/14/2008
07/12/2008 http://brewangels.com/ Contact: William F. Tarchala Phone: (209) 223-1976	Amador County Fair Homebrew Competition Plymouth, CA Entry Fee: 6.00 Entry Deadline: 06/28/2008
08/09/2008 http://www.sanmateocountyfair.com/ Contact: John Watson Phone: (408) 732-6193	"Go For The Gold" Homebrew & Label Contest San Mateo, CA Entry Fee: \$5.00 per entry Entry Deadline: 07/09/2008
09/06/2008 http://santacruzcountyfair.com/ Contact: Mia Bossie Phone: (831) 336-4569	Santa Cruz County Fair Homebrew Competition Watsonville, CA Entry Fee: 2.50 Entry Deadline: 08/24/2008
09/07/2008 http://tchops.org/ Contact: Bert McNutt Phone: (559) 592-8175	Tulare County Fair Homebrew Competition Tulare, CA Entry Fee: Zero (none) Entry Deadline: 08/22/2008
09/20/2008 http://www.pacificgravity.com/ Contact: Kevin Koenig Phone: (310) 254-7095	Pacific Brewers Cup Los Angeles, CA Entry Fee: \$6 Entry Deadline: 09/12/2008
10/19/2008 http://www.breworganic.com/Competition/index.html Contact: Amelia Slayton Phone: (831) 454-9665	2008 National Organic Homebrew Challenge Santa Cruz, CA Entry Fee: \$7 for 1st entry, \$5 each additional entry Entry Deadline: 10/10/2008
10/25/2008 http://www.hazeclub.org/ Contact: Madeline Franke Phone: (555) 555-5555	Queen of Beer Women's HBC Placerville, CA Entry Fee: \$8.00 USD first entry, \$6.00 each subsequent entry Entry Deadline: 10/11/2008
11/08/2008 http://nchfinfo.org/StateComp.html Link NOT updated yet. Contact: Mike Riddle Phone: (707) 259-1421	30th Annual California State Homebrew Competition San Francisco, CA Entry Deadline: 10/04/2008