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Next Meeting: June 13

June 13 Bencomo's Homebrew Supplies
Address: 234 W. Olive Ave. Fresno, Ca. 93728
10 a.m. Demo Brew
12:00 p.m. Discussion: To Be Announced
12:30 p.m. Style of the Month: European Amber Lager
1:00 p.m. Club Business
1 - 4 p.m. Open Taps

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

President's Message

Hello Hogs,

A big thanks to Rex Easley for hosting the May meeting and making the demo beer. We had a very informative meeting.

Ron did a tasting on Saison beers and a history of the Saison Beers.

Dave had a beer and cheese pairing. You wouldn't believe how well the cheese and beer complimented each other. You really need to try this. This is something easily done at home. We will do this demo again!

Thanks to Ron and Dave for all their research that went into this. They both did a great job with the histories behind their tasting. If you haven't been to a meeting in awhile, you are missing out. The new

format is a wealth of information. Anyone can do a tasting , demo or talk.

I went on a small pub crawl to check out the breweries we are going to on the pub crawl. The breweries (Firestone in Paso Robles, Downtown and Creekside in SLO and Morro Bay Brewery in Morro Bay) they are looking forward to our visit. They all have some very tasty beers. Remember the Pub Crawl is Aug 1, 2009: \$50 for members \$65 for non members, \$15 more after July 1.

You can call Donna at 906-5464 or mail a check to 1100 N Cornelia, Fresno Ca. 93722

Cheers, Joe

Mark your Calendar: Upcoming Events

- June 17-20 [National Homebrew Competition and Conference in Oakland](#)
- Aug 28 Last Day for Entry Forms at [Tulare County Fair](#)
- Sept. 13 Beer and Wine Judging at Tulare County Fair
- Sept 18-19 [Northern California Homebrew Festival](#)

Northern California Homebrewer's Conference

September 18 and 19, 2009 The NCHF has Live Music, Raffles, Nationally known speakers, club only homebrew competition, California 's only Brewers Dinner and much more!
Past speakers have included Fritz Maytag, Fred Eckhardt, Byron Burch, Fal Allan, Ken Grossman, the late Dr. George Fix, Randy Mosher, John

Palmer and more.
The Friday Brewers Dinner has become one of the highlights of the NCHF.
Every year, Chef Sean Paxton creates a gourmet feast within the festival's theme, which is paired with some of the best California Micros and homebrews available.

2009 California Home Brewing Competitions

07/11/2009
Amador County Fair Homebrew Competition
Plymouth, CA
William Tarchala
wtarchala@mulfil.com
(209) 476-8491
<http://www.brewangels.com>
Fee: \$6 Deadline: 06/27/2009

07/26/2009
22nd Annual So. Cal. Regional Homebrew Championship
Corona, CA
Jim Delperdang
(951) 789-4184
jimdelperdang@earthlink.net
<http://www.hopheads.com>

08/22/2009
Morebeer! Forum Competition - 5th Annual
Concord, CA

Randy Griggs
(925) 768-0313
RandyG@Morebeer.com

09/12/2009
Santa Cruz County Fair Homebrew Competition
Watsonville, CA
Mia Bossie (831) 336-4569
<http://www.santacruzcountyfair.com>
Fee: \$2.50 Deadline: 08/30/2009

09/19/2009
Pacific Brewer's Cup
El Segundo, CA
Jim Wilson
(310) 316-2374
Fee: \$6 Deadline: 09/04/2009
jim7258@gmail.com
<http://www.strandbrewers.org/pbc>

09/27/2009
TheBig Fresno Fair

Homebrew Competition
Fresno, CA
David Morford
(559) 320-5589
fshrdave@qnis.net
<http://www.sjworthogs.org>

10/18/2009
National Organic Brewing Challenge!
Santa Cruz, CA
Amelia Slayton (831) 454-9665
7bridges@breworganic.com
<http://www.breworganic.com/competition>

10/24/2009
"Queen of Beer" Women's Homebrew Competition
Placerville, CA
Madeline Franke (916) 718-0805
mad-design@sbcglobal.net
<http://www.hazeclub.org>

AHA Club-Only Competition

The Club-Only Competition program offers AHA Registered Homebrew Clubs an opportunity to compete nationwide with other clubs. Each competition concentrates attention on a specific style of beer or mead, giving clubs the opportunity to educate members in these styles by focusing on them at club meetings or tasting events.

Each Club-Only Competition is sponsored by the AHA, and co-organized and judged by selected homebrew clubs nationwide. This also gives clubs a chance to learn more about homebrew competitions, beer evaluation, and judging procedures. For a copy of the Club-Only Competition guidelines for host clubs, contact the AHA at aha@brewersassociation.org.

All AHA Registered Homebrew Clubs are eligible to compete. Only one entry may be entered from each club. Procedures for selecting a club's entry are determined by the club, and vary widely—some clubs choose an entry during an informal tasting, while larger clubs often run a formal competition. This entry is then sent to the appropriate judging site.

If a club's entry places in any of the six Club-Only Competitions that are held on an August to May cycle, the club earns points towards the AHA Homebrew Club of the Year award on a twelve-eight-four basis for first, second and third places respectively. Additional points can be

earned on a six-four-two basis for first, second and third places respectively in the first and second rounds of the National Homebrew Competition.

Each competition has one or more categories from the [BJCP Style Guidelines](#) in which to enter, each category having one or more subcategories. First, Second and Third places will be awarded to the top three entries. It is important to pay attention to the categories and subcategories so that your club's entry is evaluated appropriately.

August 2009

Amber Hybrid Beers

Entry deadline is Wednesday, August 19, 2009.
Judging will be held Sunday, August 23, 2009

September/October 2009

European Amber Lagers

Entries are due October 9, 2009. Judging will be held Saturday, October 17, 2009

November/December 2009

Belgian Strong Ale

Entries are due November 27, 2009. Judging will be held Saturday, December 5, 2009

January/February 2010

The Session Challenge – English Brown Ales

Entry deadline is Tuesday, February 16, 2010.
Judging will be held Saturday, February 20, 2010

Planning Ahead: Upcoming Meetings

July, 18 - Russ Pipo's

Address: 4134 N Maroa, Fresno, CA 93704

Discussion: To be announced

Style: Amber Hybrids

Category: "7" - Amber Hybrids

August 15 – Morford's -Porter

September 12 – Kallos' - IPA

October - Hogtoberfest - None (Elections)

November 21 – Bencomo's - Belgian Strong Ale
(judge for COC due 11/27)

14 Funky Facts about Beer

- It was the accepted practice in Babylon 4,000 years ago that for a month after the wedding, the bride's father would supply his son-in-law with all the mead he could drink. Mead is a honey beer, and because their calendar was lunar based, this period was called the "honey month", or what we know today as the "honeymoon".
- There are 19 different versions of Guinness.
- According to a diary entry from a passenger on the Mayflower, the pilgrims made their landing at Plymouth Rock, rather than continue to their destination in Virginia, due to lack of beer.
- A barrel contains 31 gallons of beer. What Americans commonly refer to as a keg is actually 15.5 gallons, or a half-barrel.
- The first beer cans were produced in 1935.
- Before thermometers were invented, brewers would dip a thumb or finger into the mix to find the right temperature for adding yeast. Too cold, and the yeast wouldn't grow. Too hot, and the yeast would die. This thumb in the beer is where "rule of thumb" comes from.
- In 1788, Ale was proclaimed "the proper drink for Americans" at a parade in New York City .
- In English pubs, ale is ordered by pints and quarts. So in old England , when customers got unruly, the bartender would yell at them to mind their own pints and quarts and settle down. It's where we get the phrase "mind your P's and Q's".
- The original text of the Reinheitsgebot only had three ingredients: Barley, hops, and water. Yeast wasn't mentioned for another 35 years.
- George Washington had his own Brewhouse on the grounds of Mount Vernon .
- After consuming a bucket or two of vibrant brew they called aul, or ale, the Vikings would head fearlessly into battle, often without armor or even shirts. In fact, "berserk" means "bare shirt" in Norse, and eventually took on the meaning of their wild battles.
- The Budweiser Clydesdales weigh up to 2,300 pounds and stand nearly 6 feet at the shoulder.
- 12 oz of a typical American pale lager actually has fewer calories than 2 percent milk or apple juice.
- In 1963, Jim Whitaker became the first American to reach the summit of Mt. Everest . A can of Seattle's own Rainier Beer made the ascent with him.

May Meeting Highlights

