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President's Message

Greetings Fellow Homebrewers!

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Next Meeting

Tuesday, May 11 at 7 pm. NOT at Stein Fillers

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In March, we discussed the stylistic characteristics of American Wheat Beers in anticipation of our 2nd HBOY competition for this style in May. Since we will still be remote for the May meeting, Ray has again picked up entries at the trade fridge for judging before the meeting this Tuesday. There were 9 entries for this month's HBOY competition, and I have traded beers with about 2/3 of them, so I look forward to trying many of the entries during the meeting when Ray and his judges announce the results.

We held a second homebrew evaluation session in April on the 24th, getting together virtually to share our beers and discuss how to improve them. These were the beers we sampled and discussed in the last session:

- Bryan Patridge Special Bitter
- Jon Silvertooth Hazy IPA
- Val Guerrero Irish Stout
- Ben Wilson A 2x pale ale experiment
- Ray Grace Oktoberfest

If you have brewed a beer and would like to share virtually share and discuss it with up to 5 other people on a Zoom call, please sign up for the next Homebrew Evaluation Session on Saturday, May 29th, at 3pm. Information and sign-up form is located here: https://forms.gle/1dyUHzZJx2wrVY5Z6

Red White & Brews is starting to pick up momentum. We will get the registration website updated within the next week, but the dates are set. Judging will take place on July 17th and registration officially opens on June 4th. Feel free to share the information and/or flyer on the next page...

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In this month's virtual meeting, we're going to discuss yeast. We'll talk about yeast starters, dry yeast, liquid yeast, reusing yeast, the difference between rinsing & washing, repitching slurries, etc...

Looking forward to seeing everyone online this Tuesday!

		Style, Theme or Discussion	
Year	Month	Торіс	Presentation
2021	January	Beersmith Q&A	None
	February	Saison (25B) French/Belgian Style	Canning Demo
	March	Elections!	American Wheat Beer
	April	SoCal Homebrew Fest Bragging Rights Style	Difference between brewing structures (1 tier,2 tier,3 tier, BIAB, etc), followed by members sharing their systems.
	May	American Wheat Beer (1D) American Style	Yeast starters and reusing Yeast (yeast rinsing vs washing, pitching slurry, etc)
	June	Mead, wine, or other fermentable	Gose
	July	Anything American	Disconnects (ball lock, tri-clamp, cam-lock, etc)
	August	Gose (27) German Style	How to make sake
	September	Anything English	Imperial Stout
	October	Fruit and Vegetable Beers Imperial Stout (20C) English Style - Suck it,	Pumps. How they work and tips for priming and setup
	November	BJCP	Wort Chillers and Pros/Cons of each type
	December	Winter Warmers or other seasonal beers	

Meeting schedule for 2021 (Home-Brewer of the Year styles highlighted in yellow):

Cheers!

Jon Silvertooth

So Cal Homebrew News

by George Eldridge

This column would typically contain a summary of the just concluded So Cal Homebrew Festival, give a keg and tap handle count, along with a teaser for the longer write-up that would be available in another few weeks. Except that for the second year in a row there has not been a Fest.

The Covid-19 pandemic has hit California hard and eliminated any large gatherings for the past 15 months including both the 2020 Fest and the 2021 Fest. Add to this the legislative fiasco that caused the 2014 Fest to be canceled. In the last eight years the Fest has only been held five times.

Many of the clubs that attend the Fest did recently have a Non-Fest camp-out down at Vail Lake. As the vaccination rates continue to climb and the number of active cases drop we will start to see more activities opening up. We can hope that soon we will be able to have in-person club meetings and begin planning for the 2022 Fest.

You can do your part by getting vaccinated. There are several vaccine options and the availability has increased. The easiest way to sign up for the vaccine is to visit <u>https://myturn.ca.gov/</u> There is lots of information at the Long Beach Health Department website at <u>https://www.longbeach.gov/health/</u> Please do your part so we can look forward to the 2022 Fest!