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Next Meeting

Tuesday, March 12
at 7 pm. At

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President's Message

Greetings Fellow Homebrewers,

Happy March and that means it's election time! As I'm sure most of you know, I will not be running for re-election as President after serving three eventful years. Hopefully, everyone thinks I did at least an OK job, it's been a lot of fun but it's time to pass along the reins to whomever the club elects next and to finally be able to sit in the corner and relax during meetings and make fun of/ be a huge pain in the ass to whomever is up there.

I'd like to thank everyone who served as an officer with me in those three years but especially Josh, Tom, and Jon who really made things much easier for me. Despite the fact that I'll no longer be President, I'll still be heavily involved in what the club is doing, with that there is a lot to discuss at the March meeting and a lot coming up in the future for the club.

First off, March means elections and membership renewals. If you are planning on running for one of the elected positions make sure you have someone willing to nominate you. The current elected positions are President, Vice-President, Treasurer, Secretary, and WebMaster. We will also be discussing and voting on making WebMaster an appointed position just like Event Coordinator and at-large board members currently are. If you have interest in any of the appointed positions be sure and let the new President know.

Next up, the Fest is fast approaching, if you haven't already, we need you to pay off your campground balance. If for some reason you can no longer go please let us know, the deposit is non-refundable (it covers the cost if we have to cancel your site) but we will do everything we can to find someone to take your site, hopefully that's not the case for anyone.

Also, get your tickets before it's too late, don't forget you have to become a SCHA member and then buy your tickets. The price goes up again in April and at some point they will stop selling tickets, they cannot be purchased at the Fest itself.

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We should have a final t-shirt design and color at the March meeting, we'll start taking names and money then so we can have the shirts available by the April meeting, cost should be about \$20.

Finally get Brewing, I'm assuming everyone who is brewing a Wee Heavy for Bragging Rights has done so, we'll make a decision on the clubs entry at the April meeting. We've also decided that the Mushroom "theme" will be IPAs – what's the best type, West Coast vs Hazy vs Brut so if you have a great recipe get to it. The CHA is getting many more requests for extra booths than in the past along with several new clubs starting to pour at the Fest. If we want to continue to get a second booth we need to bring a lot of people (Got That!) and a lot of beer to be poured – I'd like us to target 60 kegs at the Fest; we've typically brought in the low 50s so 60 is reachable. Keep an eye out in your email for a date for trailer cleanup and setup as well as sign-ups for pouring at the booth, what kegs you're bringing, and potluck sign-ups.

Josh and I are starting to fire up the planning process for both Red, White, and Brew and Pacific Brewer's Cup – we have dates and a location for both, RW&B on Sunday, July 14th and PacCup on Saturday, September 28th. Both to be held with our friends Levi and Harmony at Long Beach Beer Lab. Right now we need people to help with fundraising and advertising, in particular if you have skills in and the software necessary for flyer design and editing, we could really use you. As the events come closer, we'll need help with entry pickup, sorting and labeling, and of course judging and stewarding.

See you at the next meeting and Happy Brewing.

Ray

2019 Tasting Schedule

March	(Intentionally) Sour Beers
April	SCHF Bragging Rights Style: Wee Heavy
May	American Light Lager (2015 BJCP Cat 1A)**
June	Any fermentable beverage except beer
July	Anything American
August	Altbier (2015 BJCP Cat 7B)**
September	Fruit Beers
October	Brew with a buddy?
November	Belgian Dark Strong (2015 BJCP Cat 26D)**
December	Winter Warmers or other seasonal beers

** Homebrewer of The Year Competition

Tastings at the February Meeting (Irish Stout - HBOTY)

Ray G.	Irish Stout (2 nd place)
Dennis M.	Irish Stout
Derek J.	Irish Stout (1 st place)
Jon S.	Irish Stout
Keith C.	Irish Stout
Ben W.	Irish Stout
Jim	Irish Stout
Tom F.	Irish Stout (3 rd place)
Dick E.	Irish Stout
Neil H.	Irish Stout
Phil & Sandra	Irish Stout

Others:

Adam W.	Pilsner
Alfredo	IPA
Derek J.	Blonde Lager
	IPL
	Cascadian Schwarzbier
Matt A.	Big Brew Barleywine
Tom F.	Cider
Michael J.	Grapefruit Sour
Fred	Pale Ale

Wine Barrel Aged Beer

by Josh Smith

On a cold and rainy February Sunday, five guys got together to fill a red wine barrel. Just your typical Sunday afternoon for a home brewer, right? Dennis, Ray, Smitty, Jon, and Mike all agreed on a slightly modified version of the “Good but not Great” Stout (I like and embrace the name, Brenda), and brewed the beer a few weeks before the decided on fill date. Ray and Dennis drove up to Santa Barbara to pick up the barrel a week before the fill.



With everyone’s beer brewed and fermented at their own house, the day finally arrived to get together and fill the barrel. Kegs are the easiest way to transfer the beer from the fermenter, drive your car to the filling place, and push the beer into the barrel. No gravity required (i.e., no lifting).



But not everyone has the ability to keg, or maybe they just didn't get the message.



One thing to keep in mind is to make sure you have more beer than volume in the barrel, as the angels always need their share. As the barrel was now full, there was only one last thing to do. Celebrate our hard work with a small bottle share. A day in the life of a home brewer...

