

QUAFF

Quality Ale and Fermentation Fraternity

February 2001

HAPPY VALENTINE'S DAY!

NEXT MEETING

Tuesday, February 20

7:00 PM at Callahan's

MEETING TOPICS

- **Organizing and Stewarding Contests by Greg Lorton and Peter Zien**
- **Bring Your Homebrew (four 12-oz bottles or three 22-oz bottles)**

Future AHA Club-Only Competitions

Categories	Due to QUAFF	Due at Contest
Stout	AFCBHC	March 9
Bockanalia	TBD	late May
Withier	TBD	August
California Common	TBD	early October
Mild	TBD	early December

Bring three 10-14 oz bottles (brown or green only) to the regular meeting or to the Board meeting. The bottle should have no distinctive marks on the bottle or cap that might identify the entry as yours. No Grolsch bottles either. Include a filled-out AHA entry form with your entry. Due dates are either the Board meetings (usually the first Tuesday in each month), or the regular monthly meetings (third Tuesday in each month). Entries may be turned in to any Board member, or brought to the meeting. (Check to make sure the Board member will be attending the meeting.)

CALENDAR

February

- 20 Monthly Meeting at Callahan's (7:00)
- 23 Entry Deadline for 8th Annual AFCBHC

March

- 2,3 Judging for America's Finest City Homebrew Competition
- 6 Board Meeting at San Diego Brewing (6:30)
- 20 Monthly Meeting at Callahan's (7:00)

April

- 3 Board Meeting at San Diego Brewing (6:30)
- 17 Monthly Meeting at Callahan's (7:00)
- 27,28 Judging for First Round AHA National Homebrew Comp.

May

- 1 Board Meeting at San Diego Brewing (6:30)
- 15 Monthly Meeting at Callahan's (7:00)

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Anchor Rules!!!

Amid whistles, whoops, and chants of "QUAFF rules!", QUAFF was awarded custody of the California Homebrew Club of the Year Trophy at Anchor Brewing Company in San Francisco. The award culminated a festive dinner put on by the employees of Anchor Brewing. The event was the largest assemblage of QUAFF members and the largest collection of QUAFF Board members at one time. It turned out to be a pilgrimage to the beer-making mecca that the majority of the members would not pass up.

Dinner featured steaks and chicken, corn on the cob, and salad. I haven't had such a good steak in at least three years. The food was prepared and served by Anchor employees. Beverages included Anchor Steam Beer, Liberty Ale, Anchor Porter, Old Foghorn (Yes, I know, BobW! ☺), Wheat, and Small Beer.

As a brewery, Anchor is a work of art. Attendees were enthralled with the copper mash tun, lauter tun, and brew kettle; the open-tank primary fermenters, and the collection of hops visible on the floor on which the party was held.

Following an hour and a half of socializing and then the dinner, the awards ceremony was held. The ceremony began with awards to Peter Zien and Harold Gulbransen. Peter and Harold each took two firsts, a second, and a third at the California State Homebrew Competition in San Francisco last November. They received ribbons, plus specially engraved glass steins for their first place beers. Peter and Harold's accomplishments set QUAFF up to take the California Homebrew Club of the Year Award.

After Peter and Harold's awards were handed out, the party was "serenaded" with a song by Tom Dalldorf, publisher of Celebrator Beer News.

Finally, Bruce Joseph of Anchor presided over the award of the California State Homebrew Club of the Year trophy to Peter Zien. The trophy was fabricated by the late coppersmith of Anchor's brewery, and includes the names of all of the winning clubs, finishing with QUAFF for 2000! The trophy is topped with a copper stein that was filled with Anchor beer. Peter Zien followed the tradition of quaffing the beer, and invited Greg Lorton (QUAFF essayist) and Harold Gulbransen to also partake.

Our appreciation goes to Bruce Joseph and the entire Anchor team. This event no doubt qualifies as the best QUAFF event of all time! Show your support and buy a six-pack (or more) of Anchor beers! ☺

SPENT GRAINS

Notes from the January Meeting

by Greg Lorton

President Peter Zien called the January meeting to order at 7:00 on Tuesday, January 16 at Callahan's. Another large group attended, and the group spilled over into nearby tables. There were a number of guests and new members, and unfortunately, I wasn't able to hear all of the names: Chris, Eric, and Joe Allen.

Dion Hollenbeck, QUAFF's ambassador to Colorado, was in town on business, and treated us to a description of the beer scene in the Four Corners area, specifically Cortez, Colorado, and Farmington, New Mexico.

The feature presentation of the meeting was a recollection of the early days of QUAFF, emceed by Rich Link, but also with comments by Audrey Eckblom, Dion Hollenbeck, and Tod Fitzsimmons. The origins of QUAFF were traced back to Paul Wesley and Greg Schwaller, although Rich began his homebrewing adventures in 1980!

January Beverage List

Chuck West	ESB
Rich Link	Dubbel and Spiced Dubbel
Loren Miraglia	Wheat Beers with different yeasts
Mark Alfaro	Saison
Doug	IPA
Greg Lorton	Barnesberg Rauchbier
Chuck West	Spiced Holiday Ale
Chuck West	Cider
Horace (Bix) Bixby	Barley Wine

FUTURE MEETING TOPICS

February	Organizing and Stewarding Contests
March	Open Forum/AFC Recap
April	Beer Engines
May	Open Forum/AHA NHC First Round Recap

Brewing To-Do List

- Our beers for the 8th Annual America's Finest City Homebrew Competition are due by February 23. (February 24 at 10:00 AM if you help with bottle processing)
- We should now be brewing for the AHA Homebrew Club of the Year in 2001. To do this means we need to get a lot of QUAFF brewers to enter in the First Round of the AHA National Homebrew Competition. Now is the time to brew your big beers for the competition. We'll talk more about this (and describe our strategy) in the November meeting.
- While we're at it, the Maltose Falcon's Mayfaire is set for April 7 in Canoga Park. This contest can help you qualify for the Sierra Nevada Homebrewer of the Year.

Dues are due...

for 2001. To pay your dues, send \$20 in cash or check to Harold Gulbransen, 6746 Edinburgh Court, San Diego, CA 92120. Checks should be payable to Harold Gulbransen, not QUAFF!

In Memorium

On February 1, James Zien passed away after several months of illness. Our sympathies are extended to Peter, his mother Lois, and Sarah, his sister.

QUAFF Goals (continued)

By Peter Zien

In last month's newsletter, I summarized the tremendous success that we achieved together as a club in 2000. I also asked for your earnest commitment toward attaining the distinction of AHA National Homebrew Club of the Year. I am extremely confident that we will make a great run together to attain this tremendous honor.

Another important goal of the club is to repeat as Anchor Brewing Company's choice for California Homebrew Club of the Year. Many of the past winning clubs have repeated during their reigns and I'm sure that you will realize the importance of this after experiencing the Anchor party earlier this month. By the time you read this, we will have shared in a glorious evening celebrating what a group can achieve when talent and commitment become one. How can we repeat as California Homebrew Club of the Year? Anchor Brewing Company has developed a unique method for choosing the winner each year. Basically, it is a two part equation involving a homebrew competition and an essay. The following is a list of ways in which you can help QUAFF repeat as the California champions:

1. Enter the California State Homebrew Competition (CSHC) - The CSHC is held annually in November. The rules and categories are unique, so you'll need to read them carefully. You may enter individually representing the club or through the entity of the club, which may submit entries as well. If you enter as an individual, you must have won a 1st place in a formally organized competition in California in the previous year for each entry to the CSHC (AHA Nationals excluded). Also, the awards are based on a percentage of the total entries in a given category. In other words, more than one 1st, 2nd, or 3rd may be awarded in each category depending on the number of entries.

2. Provide suggestions for new Club events - The essay portion of the California Homebrew Club of the Year award is very important. In the essay, we enumerate the various activities and events that make our club the best. Although we manage to fill our calendar with many beer-related activities, we are always looking for new things to do. Input from our membership is always encouraged. Do you have an idea for something new? Attend a board meeting or share your idea with a board member and get involved.

3. Participate in Club events - The enthusiasm of the club is largely measured by our participation in the varied events throughout the year. It is not enough that we conduct these events- it wouldn't mean much if only a few participated. Show your enthusiasm by attending the contests, parties, campouts, sporting events, festivals, pub crawls, etc.. You can even go a step further by volunteering your time to help

organize and assist with the club events. We always need and welcome help from the general membership.

4. Contribute to the Newsletter - A great way to really learn about a beer style or a brewing procedure is to do some research and write an article. By doing so, you will have increased your own brewing knowledge, as well as the readers of the newsletter. Or have you run across an interesting beer-related news item that you would like to share with the club? Either way, our newsletter editor is always looking for interesting contributions.

In conclusion, Quaff has many things on the "to do" list for 2001. Last year was just a sampling of what our club can accomplish with a little well-directed effort. The up-side to this is that what we do together as a club is FUN! It should never feel like a duty (that's what work is for) to help the club succeed. Our enthusiasm and love for the craft will take us down the path to success naturally. So relax, have a homebrew, and focus on helping Quaff continue its climb to the top of the homebrewing world!

Keeping the Contests and Awards Straight

by Peter Zien

It has been brought to my attention that the list of contests and corresponding initials has become somewhat confusing. This quick reference list should help to keep it all straight!

Bi-Monthly National Club-Only Contests - The American Homebrewers Association (AHA) sponsors these contests that showcase a particular style category every other month. Only one entry per registered Homebrew Club is allowed, so Quaff conducts a mini-contest to determine who will represent our club at the National level. The National Club-Only Contest is one factor used by the AHA to determine the **National Homebrew Club of the Year**. Check the newsletter for upcoming club-only styles and contest dates.

8th Annual America's Finest City Homebrew Competition (AFCHBC) - This event is sponsored by Quaff every year, usually during the first weekend of March. You are encouraged to enter homebrews, judge, and steward to help the club with its primary source of money for the treasury. The AFCHBC is not connected with any other award or title. See (www.softbrew.com/afchbc) for more on this year's competition.

The AHA National Homebrew Competition (AHA NHC) This AHA sponsored event is held every year and consists of 2 rounds of competition. The **First Round** will be held on April 27 & 28, 2001 and Quaff has been chosen to conduct this stage of the competition for the California region. If your entry places in the First Round, then it advances to the Second Round. The **Second Round** will be held at the **AHA Homebrewer's Conference** in Los Angeles on June 21-23, 2001. The First and Second Rounds, along with the National Club-Only results (see above), are used to determine the **National Homebrew Club of the Year**.

The California State Homebrew Competition (CSHC) - This annual event is sponsored by the San Andreas Malts

Homebrew Club, usually during the first week of November. It features it's own special rules and style categories. The results of this contest, along with an essay about the club, are used to determine **Anchor Brewing Company's California Homebrew Club of the Year**. See this month's article for more information on the CSHC.

Club-Only Contests

Dunkelmania

The Dunkelmania deadline has passed, but the results aren't in yet. They will be listed as soon as judging is complete.

Stout

The Stout Club-Only competition follows quickly on the heels of the Dunkelmania. QUAFF's entrant will be selected as the highest scoring QUAFF entrant at the 8th Annual America's Finest City Homebrew Competition. This includes the dry stout, sweet stout, oatmeal stout, and foreign stout styles of Category 16 (Stouts), plus Russian Imperial Stout (Category 12c).

2001 Club-Only Competition Standings

	Total Points	Points from last contest	Total Beers Entered
1. Peter Zien	11	7	3
2. Dana Edgell	8	1	2
3. Antoinette Hodges	4	4	1
4. Harold Gulbransen	3	1	2
5. Harold Gottschalk	2	2	1
6. Jon Peterson	1	1	1
6. Jim Howard	1	1	1
6. Roger Wammack	1	1	1
6. Bob Whritner	1	1	1
6. Mark Alfaro	1	1	1
6. Dan Doren	1	1	1
6. Tyce Heldenbrand	1	1	1

QUAFF News

January Brewing Party Recap

Harold and Barbara Gottschalk hosted a day-long brewing party and pot luck at their home(s) on Saturday, January 20. The festivities began with a 25-gallon brew at 9:00 AM, and stretched into the evening. The beer for the brew was based on a California common ale, with a variety of different yeasts pitched by the members who took home wort.

Members rolled in and out of the party throughout the day, and a wide variety of foods and beverages were brought and sampled. Special thanks to Harold and Barbara for hosting this annual event.

QUAFF T-Shirts and Golf Shirts

Richard McLaughlin delivered the first of the QUAFF T-shirts and golf shirts to eagerly awaiting members at the January meeting. Shirts are still available, at \$15 for T-shirts and \$23 for golf shirts (knit shirts with collars). Both feature a small logo on the front and a large one on back proclaiming QUAFF as the California Homebrew Club of the Year. The T-shirt also has a pocket. For

more information, check with Richard. Checks for shirts should be made payable to Harold Gulbransen.

4th Occasional BJCP Study Group and Exam

Our next beer study group is now set for Mondays, beginning on July 2 and running through September 3 (11 weeks). We will hold the group meetings at the Back Room of Karl Strauss Brewery Gardens in Sorrento Valley. The meetings will run from 6:00 to 9:00 PM. *Thanks to Karl Strauss for once again hosting our study group!* The exam will likely be held on Saturday, September 8. *More details will be coming as we approach the summer.*

America's Finest City Homebrew Competition

The entry period is now open for the 8th Annual America's Finest City Homebrew Competition. Peter Zien is now moving ahead at full speed. Flyers are now at the local homebrew shops and the contest is listed on the AHA website (go to www.beertown.org and go to the American Homebrewers Association pages). If you are interested in judging or stewarding, please register on line at www.softbrew.com/afchbc (under "Go To Online Judge Registration") or contact Randy Barnes (judge coordinator).

AHA National Homebrew Competition First-Round Regionals - Update

We are looking for judges and stewards for the First-Round regionals. The judging is planned for April 27 and 28 in San Diego. If you are interested, contact Greg Lorton at glorton@cts.com or (760) 943-8280. More details to come.

QUAFF Brews

Leaching off of Rich's creativity, we will include a special recipe from a QUAFF brewer each month. To start this, we feature...

Rich Link's Belgian Dubbel

As many of you know, I'm a big fan of Belgian style beers. During our most recent visit to Belgium, one beer that we sampled more than most was Westmalle Dubbel. This beer has great caramel and candy flavors that are balanced very nicely with adequate hop bitterness.

Upon return from Belgium, the first beer that I brewed was a beer to emulate Westmalle's famous dubbel. Also, since I am able to mash enough malt for 10 gallons of wort, I took half of the wort and spiced it to make a spiced dubbel.

For 5 Gallons:

11 lbs Pale Malt	0.5 oz Northern Brewer Hops @ 8.8 AA
1 lb Crystal 70	0.5 oz East Kent Goldings Hops @ 5.1 AA
2 oz Chocolate Malt	

Mash at 152 F for one hour. Sparge to collect 6.5 gallons.

In kettle add:

2 lbs Dark Candi Sugar

Boil for one hour. Chill to pitching temperature and add White Labs Trappist or Abbey Ale yeast.

Original Gravity 1.076 - 1.082

Final Gravity 1.012 - 1.016

Spiced Option

0.25 oz Coriander

0.125 oz Curacao

0.25 oz Cardamom

Add these for the last ten minutes of the boil.

Local Beer News

From Rich Link...

Brewing, Appreciating & Understanding

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The California Homebrewers Association

Saturday March 31, 2001, 9:30 AM - 5 PM

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SPEAKERS:

Peter Bouckaert - New Belgium Brewing, Ft Collins, CO

MB Raines - Great Beer Company, Chatsworth, CA

Tomme Arthur - Pizza Port Brewery, Solana Beach, CA

Skip Virgilio - AleSmith Brewing Co., San Diego, CA

**Pre-Registration Required - Hurry! Space Is Limited
Ticket Requests Must Be Received By March 24, 2001**

For more information, call 619-334-BEER or check our website: www.calhomebrewers.org. To sign up and get tickets, send a check payable to "California Homebrewers Association". Indicate the name of the participants and a return address to mail the tickets. Mail the check to:

California Homebrewers Association
PO Box 711329
Santee, CA 92072-1329

Murphy's Reopens!

Message forwarded by John Boro!

You no longer have to suffer with inferior brew! We apologize for the inconvenience but we promise to make it up to you in many ways! Many exciting things to tell all of you so let's get to it!

We are once again open for Brewing! Give Doug a call at (858) 274-9696 to schedule your brew appointment. Call in soon as the times right now are going fast. You've suffered enough, good brew is on the way!

Directions to Murphys:

From the 52 Freeway: Take the Regents Road Exit, go south, take right on Luna and an immediate left on Jutland. Follow curves in road and go down hill to Morena Blvd. Take right and then the next right on Financial Court. We are at 2640 Financial Court.

From I-5: Get off on Balboa/Garnet exit, left on Balboa. Go on Morena Blvd North exit. Proceed north about 1½ miles on Morena, 2 blocks past Costco. Right on Financial Court.

P.S. We will be having a New Brewers Workshop every Saturday at 12:00 noon starting in February. Call for details. 858-274-9696.

Lots of information this month! Thanks to Peter and Rich for their articles, and to John Boro for forwarding the news about Murphy's reopening - Greg

THE SAN DIEGO BREWING SCENE

Brewpubs

Callahan's Pub and Brewery 8280A Mira Mesa Boulevard (Mira Mesa Mall)	(858) 578-7892
Coronado Brewing Company 170 Orange Avenue (Coronado)	(619) 437-4452
Del Mar Stuff Pizza Café & Restaurant 12840 Carmel Country Road (Carmel Valley)	(858) 481-7883 Tom Nickel
Gordon Biersch 5010 Mission Center Road (Mission Valley)	(619) 688-1120
Hops! Bistro & Brewery 4353 La Jolla Village Drive (UTC)	(858) 587-6677 Chuck Silva
Karl Strauss Brewery Gardens 9675 Scranton Road (Sorrento Valley)	(858) 587-2739
Karl Strauss Old Columbia Brewery 1157 Columbia Street (Downtown)	(619) 234-2739
Karl Strauss Brewery & Grill 1044 Wall Street (La Jolla)	(858) 551-2739
Karl Strauss Carlsbad 5801 Armada Drive	(760) 431-2739
Pizza Port/Carlsbad Brewery 571 Carlsbad Village Drive (Carlsbad)	(760) 720-7007 Kirk McHale
Pizza Port/Solana Beach Brewery 135 N. Highway 101 (Solana Beach)	(858) 481-7332 Tomme Arthur
Rock Bottom 8980 Villa La Jolla Drive (La Jolla)	(858) 450-9277
Rock Bottom 401 G Street (Gaslamp Quarter)	(619) 231-7000
San Diego Brewing Company 10450 Friars Road (Mission Gorge)	(619) 284-2739
San Marcos Brewery & Grill 1080 W. San Marcos Boulevard	(760) 471-0050 Dave Nutley
Sports City Café and Brewery 8657 Villa La Jolla Drive	(858) 450-3463
Stuff Pizza & Brewing Company- Carmel Mountain Ranch 10155 Rancho Carmel Drive (Carmel Mountain Ranch)	(858) 592-7883 John Stewart
Terrific Pacific Brewery & Grill 721 Grand Avenue (Pacific Beach)	(619) 270-3596

What's new? Call Greg at (760) 943-8280 (or e-mail to glorton@cts.com) with new information on San Diego brewpubs, microbreweries, BOPs, homebrew shops, and other local beer news.

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Microbreweries

AleSmith Brewing Company 9368 Cabot Drive (Miramar) Brewers: Skip and Tod	(858) 549-9888 www.alesmith.com <i>Anvil Ale, Gold Ale, AleSmith X and rotating specials</i>
Stone Brewing Company 155 Mata Way, Suite 104 (San Marcos) Brewer: Steve Wagner	(760) 471-4999 www.stonebrew.com <i>Stone Pale Ale, Lee's Mild, Smoked Porter, Arrogant Bastard Ale</i>
Ballast Point Brewing Company 5401 Linda Vista Road, Suite 409 Brewer: Peter A'Hearn, Yuseff Cherney, and Colby Chandler	(619) 298-2337 www.ballastpoint.com <i>Yellowtail Pale Ale, Copper Ale, Big Eye IPA, Black Marlin Porter</i>
La Jolla Brewing Company 1795 Hancock Street (Mission Brewery Plaza) Brewer: Ben Frymark	(619) 692-1009
Alpine Brewing Company Contract brewing through AleSmith Brewer: Pat McIlhenney	<i>Irish Red, Pure Hoppiness IPA</i>
Gem of the Sea Vista Brewer: Kim Giammarinaro	<i>Solomon's Ale</i>

Homebrew Ingredient Suppliers

White Labs - Pure Brewer's Yeasts 7564 Trade Street, San Diego 92126	(858) 693-3441 www.whitelabs.com
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Homebrewing Suppliers

American Home Brewing Supply 11404 Sorrento Valley Road, Suite 103, San Diego 92121	(858) 450-9746
Beer Crafts 843 W. San Marcos Blvd., San Marcos 92069	(760) 591-9991 www.beercrafts.com
Beer and Wine Crafts 9379 Mission Gorge Road, Santee 92071	(619) 449-9591 www.beercrafts.com
Home Brew Mart 5401 Linda Vista Road, Suite 406, San Diego 92110	(619) 295-2337 www.homebrewmart.com

Brew-on-Premises

Murphy's Custom Brewing 2640 Financial Court (near Morena Boulevard)	(858) 274-9696
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Beer Stores

Beverages, & more! 8410 Center Drive (La Mesa) 212 N. El Camino Real (Encinitas) 11475 Carmel Mountain Road	(619) 461-6230 (760) 943-6631 (858) 673-3892
Mesa Liquor and Wine Company 4919 Convoy Street (Kearny Mesa)	(619) 279-5292
Iowa Meat Farms 6041 Mission Gorge Road	(619) 281-5766
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Membership Information

Membership dues are \$20 per calendar year, due January 1 and expiring on December 31.

Make your check payable to **Harold Gulbransen**.

Contributed Articles

Articles are encouraged and gratefully accepted, and are printed at the editor's discretion. Articles must be received no later than 12 days before the next meeting date to allow time for final editing, printing, and mailing in time for the meeting. Articles may be mailed to Greg Lorton, QUAFF Newsletter, 2602 La Duella Lane, Carlsbad, CA 92009. E-mail contributions should be sent to glorton@cts.com or lortonga@efds.w.navy.mil.

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