

BREWS & NEWS

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Oct. 25th

**OCTOBER SHOP
BREW**
Oct 16th

NOVEMBER MEETING
Nov. 6th, 11am

OKTOBERFEST
Oct. 1st



Oktoberfest and changing of the guard!

Hey Falcons!

I don't know about you, but I am really excited for tomorrow's Oktoberfest Party! It is always a great time, with great people, and of course some of the best and most diverse beer you'll ever see in Los Angeles. If you have not already secured a ticket... what are you waiting for!!!

For those of you that are planning to be at Oktoberfest, remember to stay hydrated, bring sunscreen, and take a break every now and then with a dip in the pool.

This is my last issue as your newsletter editor, and I hope you've enjoyed these monthly missives as much as I have enjoyed collecting and distributing the stories. I know as I pass the torch to Cullen, he would really appreciate hearing from all of you every once in a while with an interesting beer related story to share with the club. Also, don't worry, you'll still hear from me every month when I deliver the President's Report.

Special thanks to Robert Dexter who provided a very detailed report on his experience at the Northern California Homebrew Festival this month! It looks like they sure know how to throw a party!

Alright, I've gotta go dig my tent out of the garage and press my lederhosen for tomorrow's party. I hope to see many of you there!

Your trusty newsletter editor, Andy





PRESIDENT'S REPORT

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The Pleasure is Mine

By Cullen Davis

As of this weekend at Oktoberfest I turn over the office of club president to the next guy. During my time at the front of the room, the club has held steady, carrying on as we always have, but also adding a few new developments. We have adopted and expanded a charity-oriented side to the club's competitions. I won't pretend to have come up with the idea, but I am proud of my fellow Falcons for their generous spirit in carrying this to fruition and I hope we continue to make room for charitable donations. As I had said at the Anchor Brewing Company Homebrew Club of the Year party last time we won, I'm just the guy at the front of the parade. I'm happy to wave the baton, but it's everyone's efforts that make the club great.

Specifically, John Aitchison was president for most of the year during which we won that Club of the Year. It would have been fair and just for him to have drained the copper mug, but being ever humble, he left that task to me. He and Ed have both done a great job with the competitions for the past few years and John also pushes firmly and persistently to increase BJCP judge education and testing for the club, another vital part of our competitions. Many thanks to Matt Meyerhoff in administering the aforementioned charitable

contributions and building relationships with the organizations to which we donate. A big thank-you is due to Natalie DeNicholas for doing so much hard work to keep us happily fed for the past couple of years. Thanks also to our web workers, Drew, Dana, and Ed. Thanks for helping to make us look good, Mr. Newsletter Editor and incoming President, Andy Ziskin. Thanks always to our worthy guardian of the vault, Mr. Treasurer, Kent Fletcher. Big thanks to Tiffany, Madam Activities Director who knows how to throw a party! Many thanks are due to Craig Frump, Membership Director who is always ready and willing to do heavy lifting with bar setup along with Kent and Kevin Baranowski.

Thanks and welcome to the incoming board members: Jenna Bonney for Burgermeister, Rick Morales for Secretary, and Scot Biedelman for Activities Director. Please feel free to ask for help, suggestions and guidance from the rest of the board.

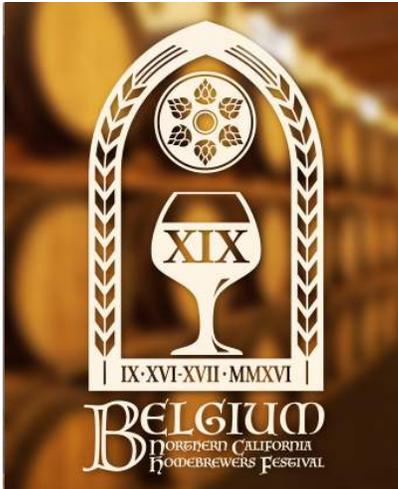
Finally, thank you to the rest of the club for supporting me during my term as your president. The club is great because our members are great!

Cheers!
Cullen

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Northern California Homebrew Festival September 2016



By Robert Dexter

I went to the recent Northern California Homebrew Festival, NCHF 2016 this year. I went with a college buddy, Bob, who is living in south San Jose. His club, Almaden Brewers, attended the festival.

The festival takes place at the Lake Francis Resort, a campground/cabin/RV resort at a small lake in Dobbins, CA in the Sierra Foothills north of Grass Valley about 1 hour 15 minutes from Sacramento. The theme this year was Belgian Beers. I brewed a tripel that came out very nice at 10.5 ABV.

On the way up to the festival we stopped at Knee Deep Brewery in Auburn. Nice selection of beers. I had a flight of Breaking Bud, Cinotra, Deep Dish and C-4. Four very nice IPAs. We arrived early Thursday around 4:00 in the afternoon to start setting up camp. By the time the festival is here we would have 27 people. We had 4 campsites and a cabin. One site was the kitchen where we prepared food and ate. The other 3 sites were for tents. We hung out in front of the cabin by the campfire and on the deck. Dinner was easy with sausages and potato salad. Evening was fairly quiet with a few visitors.



Next day, Friday was registration and the Hoppy Hour from 4:00 to 6:00. Three of the clubs, Chico club and two others hosted the Hoppy Hour and provided appetizers. Nice beers and tasty appetizers. Got our first chance to mingle with the other clubs. We did not do the Brewers Dinner and instead threw 3 beef tenderloins from Costco on the grills. Cut up a bunch of veggies to grill and baked some potatoes. 22 beers on tap to choose from.

Around 9:00 or so people started showing up at our campsite to party. I guess Bob's club is known for their pre-festival party. There must have been 80 people hanging out. I walked to the restrooms and noticed the rest of the campsite was silent. Everyone awake was at our site. I was wondering if we'd have any beer left for the festival. Only blew 6 kegs so not to bad. Ended up having more than enough for the festival.

Saturday morning the setup of the booth began. We had two popups wide and five deep. Lots of room inside in the shade with the bar set back a bit. Tables of munchies along the right. Nice music system setup with 4 speakers. And a bunch of chairs in the back to hang out, rest and catch your breath during the festival. Their club colors, tie dye, everywhere. Four jockey boxes with 3 taps each setup on the bar for 12 kegs at a time. The jockey boxes



used aluminum plate chillers. Very nice setup. Several ice water coolers for hydration and rinsing. Nice selection of snacks. Even had a popcorn maker for hopcorn. Couple of cornhole games out front. Lots of lights everywhere. These guys know how to setup for a festival!

Festival started at 11:00 AM and ran until 10:00 PM. A long day of sampling beer. There were about 40 clubs there. Probably 10 beers or so per club. So a lot of different beer to sample. Some clubs had a pretty elaborate setup. Several Belgian themed booths.

Several talks where held throughout the day. A keg competition in the afternoon. Various raffles. We BBQed burgers for dinner in back of the booth later in the afternoon. After dark, the lights on, music cranked lots of visitors dancing in the booth. It was like a party. With lots of good beer.

Each morning my buddy Bob would make the bloody marys. Best you have ever tasted. Nice morning wakeup.

Sunday morning began the cleanup and packup. Went pretty quick with 27 people. Then the nine hour drive home for me. Overall it was a great weekend. My first NCHF. Really enjoyed all the different beers from the various clubs. Looking forward to next year.





September Board Meeting

Tuesday, September 20, 2016

Location: Home Wine Beer & Cheese Making Shop

In attendance: Kent, Matt, Dana, John, Ed (acting President), Craig, Andy (acting Secretary)

I. Next board meeting date and location? Next meeting will be Tuesday, September 20th at the shop.

II. Treasurer's Report

1. Usual Financial info. - Money, we got it!

2. Swag: Can we bring some to the next club meeting? A fellow was asking about a t-shirt. Kent will drop a few hats, beaner cups and t-shirts at the shop before the next meeting. Tiffany thinks we should have new t-shirts for Oktoberfest (its been about 2 years since our last shirt). Cullen agreed to mock up a design with a Bavarian theme but no year on it.

III. Activities

1. Lake Arrowhead -- Festival went really well. Need to make sure if the jockey boxes are used that they are cleaned before returning to the club house, they needed to be cleaned before the event. Also, need to make sure people stick around at the end of events to help breakdown and clean up. Finally our booth could use better decoration, our beers were by far superior but other clubs had nicer booths.

2. Oktoberfest -- DAV - Tiffany to put together a schedule for the day including times for games, band, and competition. Cullen to reach out and confirm that the band will play and if they will do 1 or 2 sets. Competition to run more like a BOS to make it quicker and not take away from other activities. Kent will either mail or take check to DAV if he gets the invoice from Tiffany.

3. Bus tour? South Bay? - Tiffany still working to put together. Targeting Oct 29th. \$60-65

4. Rock Star Beer Fest? What's the deal? - Falcons declining to pour at this event, we have too much already on the books.

IV. Vice President

1. LACF wrap up, what would we change, what would we keep? Is there any traction on involving other clubs for running it? - Location was really great, cost was inline with our other comps, people really liked the food, and we had very minimal clean-up to do. We will definitely use 94th Aero again. Do need to try and do outreach sooner to make sure clubs don't scheduled events for the same day, we lost many judges due to PG party and VIBE bus tour. LACF has the score sheets to mail out, hopefully they will go out earlier than they did last year.

2. Plans for next competition season, try to set a date for a comp. committee meeting. Thanks for getting some headway on style guide revisions already. Date for comp committee meeting needs to be set.

3. Don't forget Oktoberfest. Focus on making the judging go fast, please.

V. Webmaster and Grand Hydro

1. Sept. style - Alt sour beers, primer on judging. John will fill-in for Drew and present with Jim Wilson. Will keep it to 1 hour only.

2. Any web news?

VI. Membership

1. Anything new - Summer is slow for memberships and renewals, but should pick up again in the fall.

VII. Publicity

1. Shop Brews: August - Ed running this weekend. 5 out of 6 slots filled. September - Matt will recruit someone.

2. Charities: What's next? FOLAR event - they would like us to pour again. Party is Oct 8th at 7, Matt confirming how people/kegs we need and how many tickets they will give us, then will recruit people. Kent to find the lightbox to use to make our display nicer. Tiffany also suggested we construct covers for the jockey boxes, do we know someone who could do that? MEND - also mentioned having us pour at their gala, Matt to get more details.

VIII. Newsletter

1. President's article - Talk up Oktoberfest mostly.

2. Who else contributing? I would still like to see more articles from board. - Matt to write story about Arrowhead.

3. Need articles by next Wednesday.

IX. Burgermeister

1. September meeting next. - Natalie planning a super feast!

2. Thanks for your help, Nat! What are we going to do after she goes?

3. Oktoberfest - Most likely going to do a team cooking for the event (unless someone as awesome as Natalie runs for Burger this year), so keep the menu pretty simple. Kent to investigate getting club Costco membership. Potential menu - Brats, potato salad, pretzels, salad, sauerkraut, veggie sausage, German chocolate sheet cake? John to possibly get a keg of O'fest.

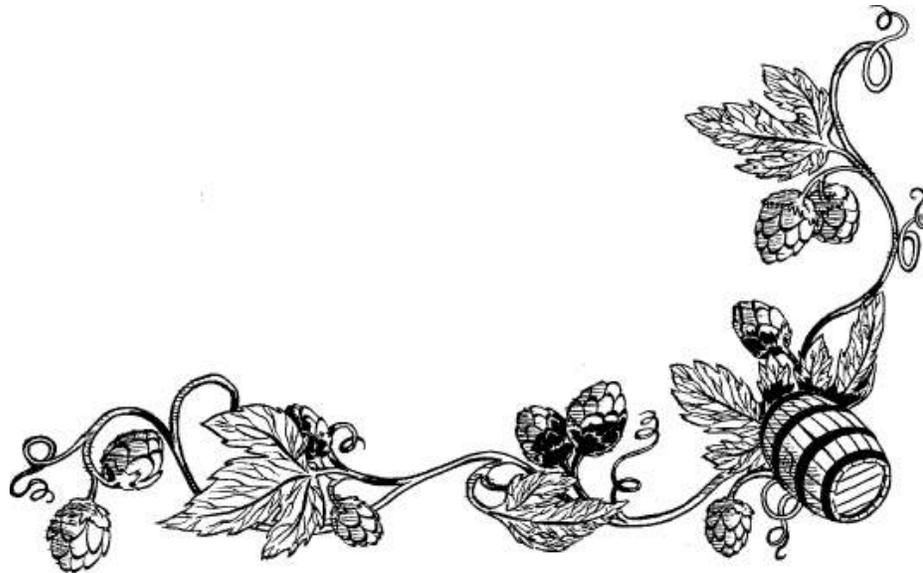
X. Secretary

1. Elections! There probably won't be much in the way of contested positions, but we'll be ready. Lili made ballots to use.

XI. Other business?

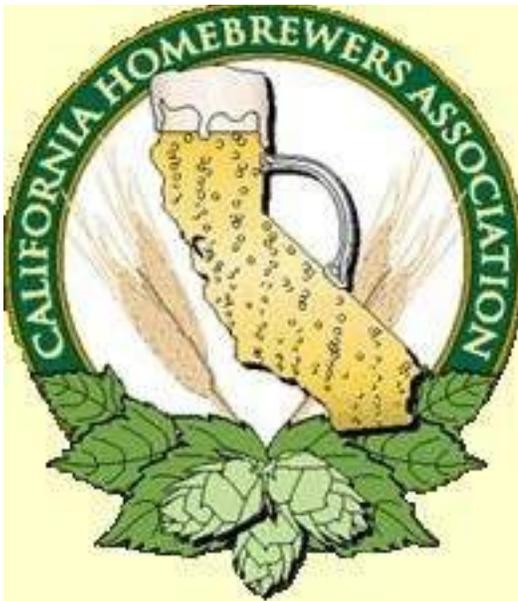
1. Who can we get to fill open board positions? Specifically we have nobody running for Activities or Burgermeister. Is Lili running for Secretary or bowing out?

2. Everyone should think of people that are active and might be willing to step up and then make personal approaches.



Governor Brown Signs AB 2172

From the California Homebrewers Association website:



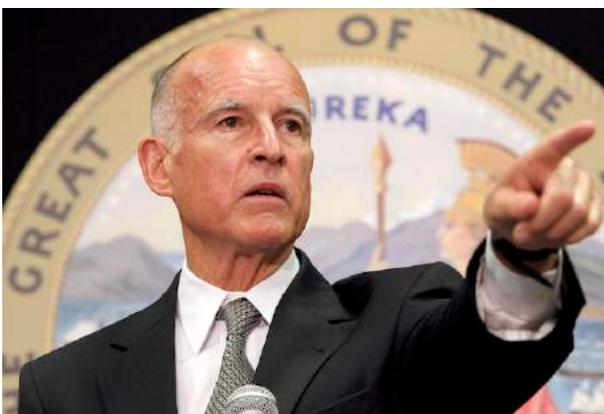
AB 2172, a California Assembly bill that legalizes homebrew meetings and competitions at licensed alcohol facilities, has been signed into law by Governor Brown. AB 2172 will allow the hundreds of homebrew clubs and thousands of homebrewers across the state of California to meet, discuss, and sample their beers at their local breweries, brew pubs, and restaurants.

“This law will allow California homebrewers to congregate at the most convenient and logical places: their local craft breweries.” says Karsten Leone, President of the California Homebrewers Association, “Until this bill was passed, the law lacked clear definitions of where homebrewed beer could be served. Now, homebrewers can work with their local businesses to host meetings and homebrew competitions. This will drive more business to local establishments while giving homebrewers a public place to meet. It’s a win-win for everyone.”

The CHA worked with Santee Assemblyman Brian Jones to get this bill through the California Legislature. “I am thrilled that this bill has gone through the legislative process with bi-partisan support for our local homebrewers and their club members,” said Assemblyman Brian Jones in statement about AB 2172. “Home brewers are tremendous advocates of small, local breweries which in turn support our local communities. Home brewers who contribute to their local brewers also encourage their friends and family members to support local breweries.”

The text of the bill can be found here: https://leginfo.legislature.ca.gov/faces/billTextClient.xhtml?bill_id=201520160AB2172

For more information about the California Homebrewers Association, please contact Karsten Leone at karsten@calhomebrewers.org or go to www.calhomebrewers.org.



What this means for us... we can once again hosts events (competitions, meetings, etc.) in licensed establishments (like breweries)!



Time for our annual Maltose Falcons party! Last year's party was so fun & location so convenient that we booked the DAV again! We're returning to the DAV in Woodland Hills to celebrate one of the most epic holidays ever - Oktoberfest! You may remember cooling off in their pool, playing yard games, eating amazing bites made by our Burgermeister, and drinking some of the best beers us Falcons brew & save just for this very event. It was an awesome party & the DAV is welcoming us back! We are guaranteed to have the entire day, night, and Sunday morning to have our event, so no worries about early clean up (wink*)

We will have an outdoor bar stocked with some of the best/award winning beverages made by your fellow Falcons (including shop brews you may have participated in!) DAV has a large open space for games such as cornhole, bocce, Frisbee, keg toss, lots of picnic tables for board games, and more! We will even have access to the swimming pool

to cool us off in the sweltering valley heat – yay! And of course the Falcons Blues Band will be rocking out on the DAV stages so you can get your dance on!



If you plan to drink your fair share, we will have camping on site as well. Lots of space for tents on the lawn, non-hook up RV parking, and if we're lucky a few RV hook-up spots as well (these are first come first serve basis - Veterans are often parked here but if there are open spots upon arrival, they can be ours) Lunch, snacks, dinner & breakfast menus are TBD - we'll just have to see what the elected Burgermeister comes up with - this info will be posted asap. And what would a Falcon event be without Dead Palates Society at the end of the night, right?

(HOMEBREWED BEER ONLY - commercial beer is not allowed in at the fest this year, this violates DAV's abc permit.)

Please note that this Fest is an exclusive event for registered Falcon members and their guests – all attendees must sign up on our website & each entry is \$25 (\$10 for responsible DD's.)

Festivities shall commence @ 12pm Noon Saturday October 1st
6543 Corbin Ave, Woodland Hills, CA 91367

Tentative schedule of events:

- 9:00am – Set-up crew arrival
- 12:00pm – Party goers arrive
- 12:00pm - 6:00pm - Pool Open!
- 2:00pm – Submit Oktofest Competition entries to Ed & John (Limited to first 16 entries)
- 2:30pm – Competition judging begins!
- 3:00pm – 4:00pm – Cornhole, giant sized & normal sized beer pong tournaments begin!
- 4:00pm – Keg toss & Stein holding competition
- 4:30pm – Board member change over announcement
- 4:45pm – Announce winner of Oktofest Competition winner (BOS will be awarded a prize!)
- 4:50pm – Announce Merlin Cup Winner
- 5:00pm – Dinner!
- 6:00pm – 7:00pm Band's 2nd set
- 7:00pm – Flip Cup Competition
- 10:00pm – Dead Palates Society (ssshhhhh!)
- Sunday Morning – Breakfast!
- 12:00pm Sunday – Depart DAV grounds



Buy your tickets here: <https://www.maltosefalcons.com/content/2016-maltose-falcons-oktoberfest-fee>





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