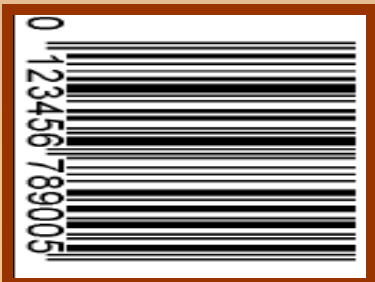




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# Summer's Here

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## **Foam at the Top**

Chris Voisey, SBC President

First of all I wanted to thank everyone that came out and tried to join us for our last meeting at Boogaloo. Unfortunately we hit a few last minute snags that obviously made the meeting a little different than our normal format with club discussions, etc. The band that was playing was coordinated last minute and without our knowledge. Despite that, we had a great turn out and enjoyed several different beers. Boogaloo definitely tried to roll out the welcome mat and also through in a few food platters as well as blocking off a section for us. It was a great experiment but I don't think they will be a good format for our meetings and discussions. That said, I am excited to see our next two meetings at the new South Bay Brewing Company in June followed by the Strand Brewing Company in July. Both these meetings should be great!!

On other fronts, we do have some plans for the club during the summer. Bryan will be sending some details along about that in his section. Our goal is to have some sort of get together at a non-commercial establishment about once a quarter. In addition to this we have our Final Friday's, the BBBB BBB, the summer party and of course a few Club Brews to support our activities.

One other thing that I have been talking a lot about over the past several months is a new and improved website. I am pleased to say that it is almost ready! The key things we wanted to improve on the site is club communication. The new site will have a section that you can upload pictures (and probably video!), discussion forums, a new club calendar

and of course a place to store our recipes. Unlike the old site, these will all be updatable by everyone in the club! I am excited to get this rolling and look for an announcement about this in the coming weeks. The one thing that everyone should be aware of is that we will ask each and everyone one of you sign-up on this new site and re-register. We will be transitioning the existing announcements that currently go out through Yahoo! Groups and email blasts to the new system. In order to keep updated you will have to go through this one time registration process. Again, look for more details VERY soon! I may even be able to preview it at the next club meeting.

## **Meeting Place for June**

**This month's meeting will be at**



**South Bay Brewing Supply  
1311 Post Ave  
Torrance, CA 90501**

## **What's on Tap**

Bryan K(lassy) Willis, SBC Activities Director

Hey, all.

The Event Coordinator here to tell you about a few club goings on and goings done.

The club's first Final Friday was on May 28 at Brewco, and we had a nice crowd come out. We had about a dozen to fifteen people show up for a pint and pleasant conversation.

A bit of advice for some of you folks: If you arrive to one of our club events and don't see any club members, don't be afraid to call up the club officers located in the back of the Dregs. Many of us (especially me) will be there, so give us a ring and we'll make sure everything's straightened out.





A few upcoming events for you:

The next club meeting's on June 9 at the South Bay Brewing Supply Co. in Torrance! Here's the relevant information for you:

1311 Post Avenue  
Torrance, CA 90501

I'm sure it's a place many of us will be frequenting in the future to get brewing supplies.

The next club brew will be at Andres' house in El Segundo, starting at Noon on June 19. This new member has been so kind as to let us brew at his domicile, so let's give him a good time. The address:

603 E. Grand Avenue  
El Segundo, CA 90245

Final Friday will be happening again in June. We'll be hitting up Cafe Boogaloo on June 25, so show up whenever you can't bear the drudgery of your daily grind anymore and I'm sure you'll find a Strand Brewer when you get there.

July's club meeting will be back at Strand Brewing Company and they've always given us a swell ol' time. Also, Alex is letting us back on his part of the Strand to brew at his place again. That's going to be on July 17.

The B to the Bth power crawl (Can a pub crawl be a pub crawl when bikes are involved? I must ask my Congressman about this.) is still being hammered

out, along with the summer party. I'm checking with other clubs to make sure nothing interferes (unless there's a beer festival in South Bay, in which case we will interfere the Hell out of it). When the coast is clear, knowledge of the dates and locales shall be yours to clutch lovingly to your person.

Now if you'll excuse me, I need to go find my pants, or at least somebody's pants (you'd be surprised on how often you can end up with other people's clothes).

## More Events in June

Esther Tung, SBC Civilian

### Beer Cruise

On Saturday, June 12, Morry's in Long Beach will be hosting a Craft Beer Cruise. That's right. Craft beer, homebrew, a drive through Long Beach, and an aquatic tour of the Alamitos Bay on "The Rubber Duck." Let's see if we can get Jeff and Chris to bring their boomboxes for another round of battle of the '80s to make the experience truly memorable. I guarantee quality entertainment!

This will also be a chance to taste fantastic brews that are not readily available, a chance to show off your brewing skills, and an opportunity to meet other beer enthusiasts!

The cruise will begin at 6:00 pm and everyone is required to bring (at least) a bottle of craft beer or homebrew. Tickets are \$27 per person but it may be possible to get a group rate depending on how many participants we have so if you are interested, please contact Esther at 310-227-1063 or [esthertung@hotmail.com](mailto:esthertung@hotmail.com).

### Pints for Prostates!

Yes, Gentlemen, Pints for Prostates is hosting its first beer event in Los Angeles! It will be held at Mr. Pockets in Manhattan Beach on Saturday, June 19, the day before Father's Day (how appropriate!) The event will feature craft beer from over 20 breweries and food from local restaurants. It will most likely sell out so if you are interested in supporting the fight to save male reproductive glands or would like more information, please check out the website:

<http://www.pintsforprostates.org>.

## Real Medicine Foundation Benefit Event

Tony's Darts Away and Firestone Walker Brewing Company will be hosting an environmentally conscientious, bottle-free, "low waste" charity event for the Real Medicine Foundation. The event will take place at Tony's Darts Away, 1710 W. Magnolia Blvd., Burbank, CA 91506. It is quite a trek but I hear the beer and weenie selection is worth it! For more information, please call (818) 253-1710.

## Spent Grains

Rob Proffitt, SBC Treasurer

We entered May with \$3,707.94 in the bank account. We received \$247 in income, including dues from 4 members. Expenses totaled \$224, leaving us with an ending balance for March of \$3,730.94.

Two people decided to immortalize their name by sponsoring a tap on the new club bar. We still have 7 taps available for sponsorship. For \$75, you can get your name engraved on a plate assigned to a tap. Your donation goes to cover hardware for that tap and the general construction of the bar. You can mail your check to me or see me at the June meeting.

We currently have 53 paid members, including 12 new members this year. If you haven't renewed your membership for 2010 yet, please send me a check or bring your dues to the June meeting. And let's welcome new member Adam Sever of Torrance. See you at the June meeting!

Dues are \$25, plus another \$10 for each additional family member. Also, if you would like a paper copy of the Dregs mailed to you each month, add an additional \$5 for postage. If you'd like to renew by mail, please mail a check made out to "Strand Brewers Club" to me at 1008 Teri Ave, Torrance, CA 90503.

Finally, I discovered last month that changes in federal tax law now require all tax-exempt organizations to file a federal return each year. Since SBC is a small, hobby club, we were previously not required to file federal returns, and we didn't. But a side effect of not filing is that our tax identification number was deactivated. I filed

an extension for our federal return, and am in the process of reactivating our ID number. Hopefully that will be complete soon, and we will once again be a fully recognized tax-exempt organization.

## Club-Only Competition Results

Ron Cooper, SBC Civilian

The Club Foreign Extra Stout entry to the National Extract Beer competition didn't win any of the three prizes awarded [BOS and two runners-up]. However, it was one of 14 selected for the BOS panel. It scored 42 points.

BOS went to Crown of the Valley Brewing Society for their "Pepperweizen," Cracked Black Peppercorn Weizen, category 21A. Another CA club, Sonoma Beerocrats, came in 2nd with their "Final Frontier," Dark American Lager, category 4A.

## Judge's Corner

Jim Wilson, BJCP Grand Master

Three items are on tap this month.

In May, we went north for a weekend visit with our grandson, Toby, who's thriving at seven months and 23 pounds. I wonder why?



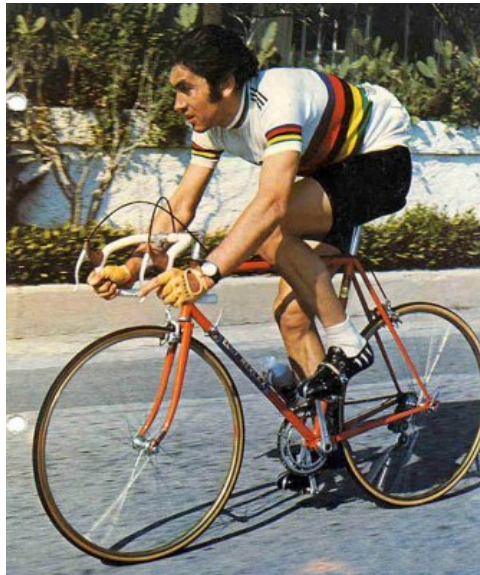


Saturday was delightful. In the morning, we went to the Oakland zoo and saw giraffes, elephants, lions, tigers, zebras and a bunch of different birds. Next, on to Barney's Burgers in Berkeley (best in the east bay according to all the awards on the wall) to tune up for the real BBBB in August.

Then, we got to beer nirvana about 3:30 PM just ahead of the evening's crowd.

# The Trappist

Belgian & Specialty Beer Bar



Correct glasses were provided for each beer and service was elegant. The taps have a built in glass rinser (insert glass upside down and push button) and the head was properly leveled to the glass top. All this and it's only 5 ½ hours north!

Here's a [link](#) to construction pictures of the bar and [another](#) to the beer list which changes almost daily. Since the bar opened, more space has been acquired next door that has been turned into a "back bar" area to accommodate demand. Sam, Casey (aka Toby's parents) and I shared:

The Trappist is a bar in Old Oakland that's been open for a couple of years. It was built new to look old with dark wood furniture, a high painted tin ceiling and black and white tile floors. It features 26 taps and more than 160 bottled beers. An autographed photo of Eddy Merckx, with his World Champion's jersey, is prominently displayed in the center of the front bar. Merckx is the Babe Ruth of professional cycling and is a living God in Belgium. It's fitting that he joins the celebration at the Trappist.



- Slaapmutsk Tripel Nightcap (very bitter for a Tripel)
- St Feuillien Tripel (closer to classic Westmalle)
- Firestone Walker Union Jack IPA (intense hop aroma and flavor)
- Rodenbach Classic (more like Duchess than R Grand Cru)
- Allagash Dubbel (high esters and phenols)
- Geants Goliath Tripel (very spicy)
- St Feuillien Saison (sweeter than DuPont)
- De Ranke Noir de Dottignies (spicy and malty)

Ethie watched Toby, who slept through the party.

Three of the newer craft breweries in the region have recently sponsored contests at their breweries. They are Black Market in Temecula,



Hanger 24 in Redlands



and Inland Empire in Riverside.



All are owned by home brewers, make great beer and promote home brewing to raise the visibility of their businesses. Try their beers when you have a chance and no, I don't get a steenkin' nickel for this blatant advertisement. Will we see a Strand Brewing Company contest in the future?



Last, a trend has appeared at the Best of Show panels I've done the past 12 months. The old cliché tells us to “finish your beer; there are sober people in China”. This time I'm serious. Finish your beer! A remarkable number of beers that won flights at these eight contests were under attenuated and too sweet for their styles to be serious BOS contenders. Only 14% of the 80 beers in the BJCP Style Guidelines may correctly have high Final Gravities, above 1.020. Most are strong beers that have high Original Gravities and full bodies.

Here's what the BJCP Study Guide has to say about the topic; “Sweetness is a basic taste perceived most strongly at the tip of the tongue and is due to

the presence of reducing sugars. High levels of residual sugars can result from a flocculent or low-attenuating yeast or poor yeast health linked to low Free Amino Nitrogen (FAN) levels or low levels of dissolved oxygen prior to pitching. High gravity wort, high dextrin content and the addition of lactose also play a role in determining the sweetness of the finished beer. The appropriate level is style-dependent, with higher levels desirable in most strong ales and lagers, and low levels in American light lagers and lambics”. Undesired high FG and cloying sweetness are a real distraction. Help your yeast ferment completely to allow your beers to finish where they should.

# Calendar of Homebrewing Events

Jake Filopovich, SBC Vice-President

## Club-Only Competitions

Strand Brewers' Club Meeting

**Location:** Naja's Place

154 International Boardwalk

Redondo Beach, CA 90277

**Time:** 2<sup>nd</sup> Wednesday of every month 7:00pm

**08/08/2010** [AHA Club-Only Competition.](#)  
[Mead](#) Westminster, CO Contact: [Deborah](#)  
[Lee](#) Phone: (303) 287-3574 Entry  
Fee: One entry per club, \$7 (make check  
payable to AHA) Entry Deadline:  
07/30/2010

For more information on club-only competitions, go to  
<http://www.homebrewersassociation.org/pages/competitions/club-only-competitions/schedule>

## Other Competitions:

*(In order of entry deadline)*

**06/12/2010** [1st Annual IEBC Pro-Am](#)  
Riverside, CA Contact: [Paul Murphy](#)  
Phone: (951) 643-7687 Entry Deadline:  
06/11/2010

**06/26/2010** [Olde Hickory Pro-Am](#) Hickory,  
NC Contact: [Jason Howard](#) Phone: (810)  
908-6109 Entry Fee: \$6 Entry Deadline:  
06/16/2010

**06/26/2010** [8th Annual Home Beer and](#)  
[Winemaker's Festival](#) Lakeport, CA  
Contact: [Paul Lew](#) Phone: (707) 279-  
0769 Entry Fee: \$5.00 Entry Deadline:  
06/18/2010

**06/27/2010** [Uncle Billy's Keep Austin](#)  
[Beered Pro-Am](#) Austin, TX Contact: [George](#)  
[West](#) Phone: (281) 948-8944 Entry  
Fee: \$5 Entry Deadline: 06/21/2010

**07/31/2010** [Lunar Rendezbrew 17](#)  
Seabrook, TX Contact: [John Snider](#) Phone:  
(281) 642-7150 Entry Fee: \$8 per  
Entry Deadline: 06/25/2010

**07/10/2010** [Ohio Brew Week Competition](#)  
Athens, OH Contact: [Jason Klein](#) Phone:  
(765) 404-7446 Entry Fee: \$7  
first, \$5 additional Entry Deadline:  
06/25/2010

**7/03/2010** [Mundelein American Cup](#)  
Mundelein, IL Contact: [Bruce Dir](#)  
Phone: (847) 566-8012 Entry  
Fee: \$7 /\$5 each additional Entry  
Deadline: 06/26/2010

**07/10/2010** [Indiana State Fair Brewers Cup](#)  
Indianapolis, IN Contact:  
[Anita Johnson](#) Phone: (317)  
257-9463 Entry Fee: \$10 per  
home brew entry Entry Deadline:  
06/26/2010

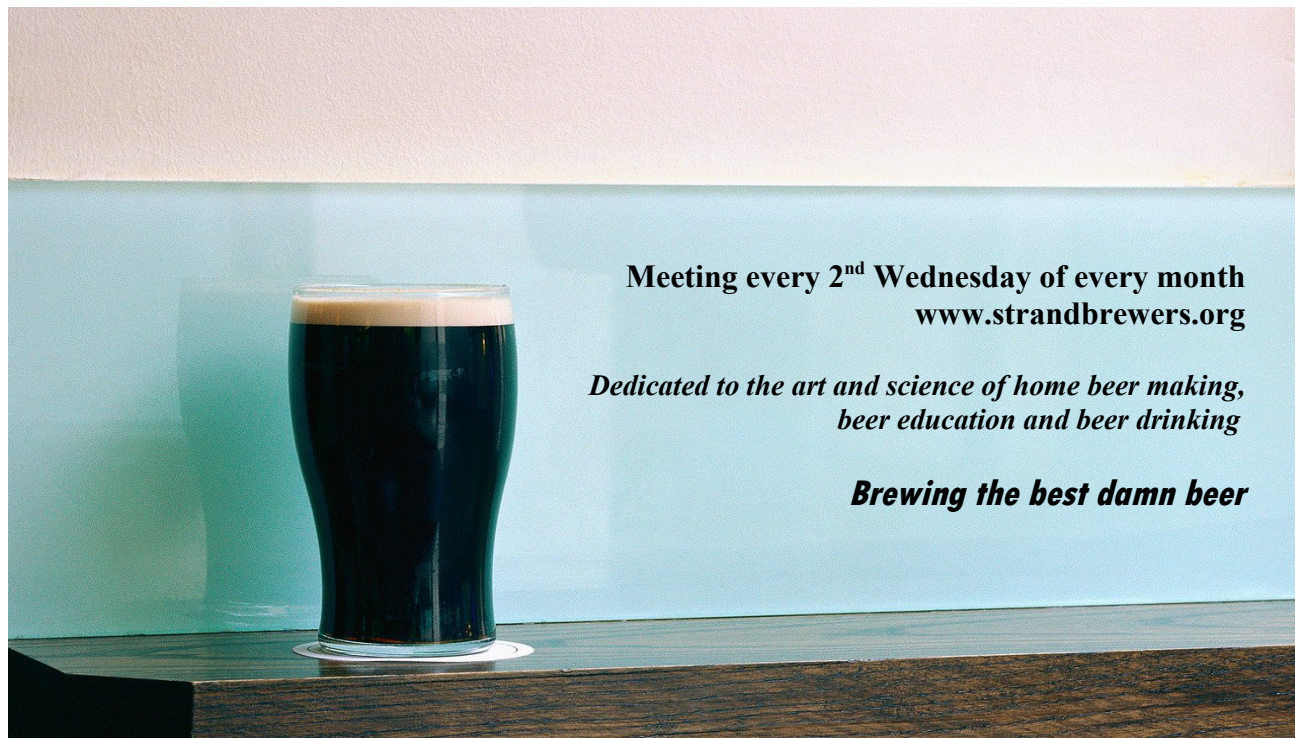
**07/17/2010** [2010 ESB Homebrew Challenge](#)  
[Cup](#) Sydney, NSW; AU Contact:  
[Peter Symons](#) Phone:  
0295801165 Entry Fee: \$5  
Entry Deadline: 07/02/2010

**07/17/2010** [23rd Annual SoCal Regional](#)  
[Homebrew Championship](#) Corona, CA  
Contact: [Christopher Kinsman](#)  
Phone: (951) 534-9614 Entry Fee:  
\$6.00 Entry Deadline: 07/02/2010

**07/17/2010** [Lakeside Homebrew](#)  
[Competition](#) Waterford, MI Contact: [Eric](#)  
[Eddington](#) Phone: (248) 896-1114  
Entry Fee: \$15 for 1st 2 entries \$5  
each additional Entry  
Deadline: 07/06/2010

For a list of BJCP competitions around the country,  
go to <http://www.bjcp.org/> and select the Scheduled  
Competitions link





Meeting every 2<sup>nd</sup> Wednesday of every month  
[www.strandbrewers.org](http://www.strandbrewers.org)

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 beer education and beer drinking*

***Brewing the best damn beer***

**The objectives** of the Strand Brewers' Club are to Brew Beer; to disseminate among the members information pertaining to the brewing, consuming, presentation, judging and history of beer; to promote and encourage homebrewing competition; and to foster general goodwill throughout this great nation of ours through the making and consuming of this noble and most excellent beverage.

It is the policy of the Strand Brewers' Club (SBC) to brew and consume beer strictly for fun. Under no circumstances does the SBC support or condone in any manner the sale or barter of homebrewed beer, the operation of a motor vehicle under the influence of alcohol by a member or participant in any club event, or the provision of alcohol to minors.

### **Strand Brewers' Mentor Pool**

In time of need...who ya gonna call? These Brew Buddies have volunteered to answer any brewing questions you might have, and to be available to teach beginning homebrewers our homebrew craft.

<b>Name</b>	<b>Phone</b>	<b>Email</b>	<b>Location</b>
Dave Peterson	(310) 530-3168	diablo390 (at) aol.com	Torrance
Dan Hakes	(323) 730-1003	danhakes (at) mac.com	Downtown Los Angeles
Bill Krouss	(310) 831-6352	bkrouss (at) cox.net	Rancho Palos Verdes
Jim Hilbing	(310) 798-0911	james (at) hilbing.us	Redondo Beach
Jim Wilson	(310) 316-2374	jim7258 (at) gmail.com	Redondo Beach
Steve Fafard	(310) 373-1724	sfafard (at) cox.net	Rolling Hills Estates
Jay Ankeney	(310) 545-3983	jayankeney (at) mac.com	Manhattan Beach
Brian McGovney	(310) 376-8246	brian.mcgovney (at) gmail.com	Redondo Beach

...and your 2010 Club Officers:

### **2010 Club Officers**

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