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**THE SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA
HOMEBREWERS FESTIVAL
HAS RETURNED!**



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Foam at the Top

[Ryan Penrod](#), Strand President

I am very excited about the next few months for the Strand Brewers Club! There are a lot of events that are not to be missed. We have a monster brew, the National Homebrewers Conference, a club brew, the BBBB. . ., and the Pacific Brewers Cup, all coming up.

On Saturday June 6th, we are hosting a monster brew at [Monkish Brewing Co.](#) If you haven't signed up yet there is still a little space, and you can reserve your 5 gallons of wort here (<http://strandbrewersclub.org/product/monkish-monster-brew/>). Monster brews offer a great chance to see and learn from a commercial brewery in operation and bring home 5 gallons of wort. Monkish will start the brew day at 6:00AM and if you can't attend the whole event, wort will be ready around 10:30 or 11:00AM. Other South Bay breweries have reached out to us about having monster brews, so if you miss this one, expect more in the future.



The [37th Annual American Homebrewers Association National Homebrewers Conference](#) (NHC) will be in San Diego on June 11th -13th. Our club is hosting a booth for club night and

Strand Brewers Club Meeting June 10th at 7 pm



1311 Post Avenue, Torrance, CA 90501

about 20 Strand Brewers Club members are attending. At my last check there was still space to register and club members have hotel rooms at the conference if you are willing to share a room. The NHC can be expensive, but being held just a short drive south makes it much more affordable than flying across the country to attend.

Club members Nate Federman and Christine Sparks are hosting a club brew day, BBQ, and bottle share on July 12th. Details are in the works, but expect to see multiple batches of beer brewed showcasing both advanced all grain systems and extract brewing. After the brewing there will be food and a bottle share.

The Strand Brewers Club annual BBBB . . . (Beer, Beach, Bikes, . . . Bar crawl) will be on August 15th. This is a fun event that involves stops along the strand for food and craft brews.

In September the Strand Brewers Club is hosting the Pacific Brewers Cup. While we have kicked off most of the planning, if you want to get involved with the competition, your help is always appreciated. Helping with PBC is a great way to get involved with the club.

On top of all the homebrewing related events, the local South Bay breweries have a number of memorable events happening too. [King Harbor Brewing Co.](#) just held their first anniversary and will be opening a tasting room at the Redondo

Beach Pier. Monkish Brewing Co. has released Selah Batch 2 and Rara Avis. Both are brett Saisons and are fantastic. [Smog City Brewing](#) has also had a recent anniversary and beer releases including their Brett IPA Steampunk and peach sour Cuddlebug. And, [Strand Brewing Co.](#) is in the process of moving to a larger location. It is an exciting time for South Bay breweries.

As always if there is more Strand Brewers Club could do to make the club better, never hesitate to contact me or one of the other officers. My email is president@strandbrewersclub.org.



Bob Wilson, Captain of the 2014 BBBB . . .

Spent Grains

[Chris Remensperger](#), Strand Treasurer

Strand Brewers Club relies on dues and raffle entries for the majority of our income, so if you have yet to settle your membership, now is still a great time. The good news is that there are many ways to pay. You may pay your dues on our website www.strandbrewersclub.org/membership, or you can pay by cash, check, or credit card at a club meeting.

It is even more important to make sure your dues are paid soon. The new Strand Brewers Club Membership Cards are coming. Cards will be printed monthly prior to club meetings for paying members (and spouses).

And we have club merchandise. If you did not get a chance to see the new club tulip glasses at the last meeting, they are gorgeous. They are \$6 per glass, or 2 for \$10.

See you at the next meeting.

What's On Tap

[Bob Wilson](#), Strand Activities Director

COMPETITIONS

[Hangar 24 6th Annual Homebrew Competition](#)

Entries due June 7th

Judging: June 27th, Redlands, CA

Entry fee: \$5

Contact: [Kevin Wright](#)

Phone: 909-389-1400

[Go for the Glory Bracket Competition](#)

Entries due June 19th

Judging: June 27th, Sacramento, CA

Entry fee: \$8 for first entry, \$6 each additional entry

Contact: [Mike Brennan](#)

Phone: 916-213-8744

[Amador County Fair Homebrew Competition](#)

Entries due June 27th

Judging: July 11th, Plymouth, CA

Entry fee: \$6.

Contact: William Tarchala

Phone: 559-321-3430

Antelope Valley Fair

Entries due July 11th

Judging: July 18th, Lancaster, CA

Entry fee: \$7

Contact: [Cory Cordovano](#)

Phone: 661-305-9166

Santa Clara County Fair Home Brew Competition

Entries due July 8th

Judging: July 18th, San Jose, CA

Entry fee: \$5

Contact: [Rich Thomas](#)

Phone: 408-494-3247

Ventura County Fair Amateur Home Brewing Competition

Entries due August 1st

Judging: August 2nd, Ventura, CA

Entry fee: \$5

Contact: [Michelle Brown](#)

Phone: 805-701-7458

Santa Cruz County Fair Homebrew Competition

Entries due August 16th

Judging: September 14th, Watsonville, CA.

Entry fee: \$5

Contact: [Margie Lync-Fresher](#)

Phone: 831-338-6364

Mash Heads EduCate Brew for the Kids

Entries due October 2nd

Judging: October 10th, San Diego, CA.

Entry fee: \$7

Contact: [Tricia Gallant](#)

Phone: 619-341-1764

Queen of Beer Womens Homebrew Competition

Entries due October 10th

Judging: October 17th, Placerville, CA

Entry fee: \$8 first entry, \$6 each additional entry

Contact: [Elizabeth Zangari](#)

Phone: 530-957-8912

2015 Pacific Brewers Cup - Hosted by the Strand Brewers Club

Entries due September 11th

Judging: September 26th, Los Angeles, CA

Entry fee: \$8

Contact: [Rives Borland](#)

Phone: 310-469-3634

California State Homebrew Competition

Entries due TBD (probably early October).

Judging: TBD, San Francisco, CA.

Entry fee: \$TBD.

Contact: Bryan Gros

Phone: TBD

STRAND BREWERS CLUB EVENTS

Monster Brew at Monkish Brewing Company

June 6th beginning at 6AM we will be hosting a monster brew. Five gallons of wort will cost \$30. You can sign up via the [club home page](#). The recipe is for a versatile wort that can easily be modified and fermented into many different styles. It is: 78% domestic 2-row barley malt, 12% flaked oats, 5% vienna malt, 4% acid malt, magnum hops, and sterling hops. The original gravity goal is 1.051 and the estimated bitterness is 25 IBU. Reserve your spot now!



Cheers to Final Fridays!

Final Fridays

June 26th is the Final Friday for the month of June! Let's meet at Strand Brewing Company at 7PM!

Final Fridays Schedule

Date	Location
June 26 th	Strand Brewing in Torrance
July 31 st	King Harbor Brewing in north Redondo
August 28 th	Absolution Brewing in Torrance
September 25 th	Dude's Brewing in Torrance
October 30 th	I assume there will be new breweries in Torrance by this time.
November 27 th	Does anyone actually want to do this the day after Thanksgiving?
December 25 th	Merry Christmas! Go spend time with your families!

**Strand Brewers Club
Iron Brewer Challenge**

Round 2
July 8, 2015 Club Meeting
Ingredients: Nelson Sauvignon or Southern Cross Hops, Rye, and Peaches

Round 3
October 14, 2015 Club Meeting
Ingredients: Palisade Hops, Crystal Malt, and Ginger

BBBB . . .

Our annual Beer, Beach, Bikes (alliterative) Barcrawl takes us along the strand. This year's BBBB . . . Barcrawl will be on August 15th. Details to follow.

BEER EVENTS

[2015 National Homebrewers Conference](#)

June 11th – 13th

This year's NHC is in San Diego! See you all there!

2015 Strand Brewer of the Year

[Rick Wirsing](#), Dregs Editor

The 2015 Strand Brewer of the Year contest is underway. The current standings are as follows.

Member Name	Points
Rives Borland	31
Ryan Penrod	27
Chris Remensperger	22
Rick Wirsing	19
Dan Parker	11
Jeff Sanders Rich Thornton	10
Bob Wilson	9
Jay Ankeney	8
Jeff Hoy Hunter Thacker Jim Wilson	7
Jim Hilbing	6
Edgar Cuevas Chris Sousa-Wynn Jill Updyke	5
Rick Pearce	4
Anthony Brownstone Steve Fafard Steve Gardner	3
Ken Bones Jason Light Alex Schlee Trey	2
Ron Cooper Nate Federman Jimmy Gallenbach Rob Proffitt	1

Points for kegs brought to the 2015 SCHF are not yet included.

If you did something that would earn points for you, make sure to let [Ryan Penrod](#) know.

Strand Brewers Score at the 2015 Mayfaire Homebrew Competition

[Rick Wirsing](#), Dregs Editor

Ryan Penrod, Dan Parker, and Heidi Parker represented the Strand Brewers Club in excellent fashion at the 2015 Mayfaire Homebrew Competition!

Ryan took a first in Category 12, Strong Ale and Old Ale, with his "026 Old Ale." He took a first in Category 13, Double IPA and Barleywine, with his "English Barley Wine." And he took a third place, Best of Show, for his "English Barley Wine." Fantastic!



A happy Ryan Penrod with Steve Fafard, Lisa Cooper Thornton and Rich Thornton looking on.

Dan and Heidi Parker took third place in Category 7, India Pale Ale, with their "Careful Man, There's a Black IPA Here!"

Congratulations to Ryan, Dan and Heidi! Well done!

The SCHF is Back

[Rick Wirsing](#), Dregs Editor

The 24th Southern California Homebrewers Festival (SCHF) was delayed, but finally

happened, one year late. The 2014 Southern California Homebrewers Festival (SCHF) was cancelled because the [California Department of Alcoholic Beverage Control \(ABC\)](#) determined that changes resulting from the passage into law of [AB 1425](#) made the SCHF an illegal event. Fortunately, [AB 2609](#) was passed so that the 2015 SCHF could be legally held. Hopefully the California legislature won't make any more changes that would interfere with future festivals.

As part of the festival activities, a tour of the [Refuge Brewery](#) was offered on the Friday afternoon before the main event. I attended the tour along with Strand Brewers Club members Rives Borland, Barbara Abrahams Bovee, and Penny Wirsing. It was a great way to kick off the festival.



Penny Wirsing and Refuge Brewery Co-Founder and Brewmaster, Curt Kucera.

Approximately 2,000 attendees and volunteers were at the 2015 SCHF. George Eldridge of the

Long Beach Homebrewers Club prepared [a detailed description](#) of the homebrew clubs represented at the festival and the beers they offered. George said that “more than 3,400 gallons of beer [was] served on 488 taps by 34 clubs and four homebrew supply vendors.”

Despite concerns that the ABC and local authorities would be carefully watching, I am not aware of any conflicts or findings of violations. People were generally happy and well behaved. So at this point it looks to be likely there will be future SCHFs. Hooray!



Rich Thornton and Jeff Sanders setting up the club bar at the 2015 SCHF.



There was a line at the Strand Brewers Club bar.

Tell Us What You Are Doing

Come on you'all! Don't get all self conscious! We need and want your stories for The Dregs. Upgrade your brewery? Fine tune your brewing? Take a road trip? Do well in a competition? Have recipes to share? Read a good beer book? Write it up! Have club related pictures? Send all that, and anything else you think would be interesting, to [Rick Wirsing](#). Everybody will thank you!

What We Stand For

The objectives of the Strand Brewers Club are to brew beer and share information about the brewing, presentation, consumption, judging, and history of beer. We promote and encourage homebrewing competition and hope to foster general goodwill through the making and consuming of this noble and most excellent beverage. We aim to brew the best damn beer.

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



Rockin the tent at the 2015 SCHF.

Mentors

The following members have volunteered to answer your brewing questions and to help beginning brewers learn the craft. You should take advantage of their expertise.

Jay Ankeney	310-545-3983	jayankeney@mac.com	Manhattan Beach
Jim Hilbing	310-798-0911	james@hilbing.us	Redondo Beach
Jim Wilson	310-316-2374	jim7258@gmail.com	Redondo Beach
Steve Fafard	310-373-1724	sfafard@cox.net	Rolling Hills Estates

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TRAVEL



THE STRAND BREWERS CLUB BAR .

WAS IT THE LAST CLUB BAR TO BE DISMANTLED AT THE 2015 SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA HOME BREWERS FESTIVAL?



... OR WAS IT CLEVERLY ...



THE FIRST ONE TO BE SET UP FOR THE 2016 SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA HOME BREWERS FESTIVAL?