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CAPTAIN OF THE 2014 BBBB . . .

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Foam at the Top

[Ryan Penrod](#), Strand President

First, I need to apologize to The Dregs Editor, Rick Wirsing. He had given all the officers plenty of time to write their articles. Despite that, I was late this month and Rick delayed publishing The Dregs. (Editor's Note: The blame for being late is not all Ryan's. I apologize too.)

I am very excited about the September club meeting. We should finalize our club shirt order, discuss buying silicon pint glasses, decide club bar upgrades, go over details for the Monster Brew at King Harbor Brewing Co. on September 27th, and have a commercial tasting led by Jeff Sanders. Also, [LA Beer Week](#) is this month running from the 20th to the 28th. Please come to the meeting ready to discuss and potentially vote on these topics.

The Monster Brew at [King Harbor Brewing Co.](#) should be a great experience for everyone to learn from a brewing session on a commercial system and take home 5 gallons of wort, all for about the same price as if we did all the work. After the April meeting at King Harbor, I am excited to see Master Brewer Phil McDaniel at work. Phil will be making a dark wort at about 20 Plato or 1.080 OG. The wort will be moderately fermentable with caramel and chocolate notes and fairly versatile. The brew session will start at 9AM with the tasting room open and a food truck on hand for lunch. Wort should be ready around 2PM and if you can't attend the brew session, you can still purchase wort. Be sure sign up now if you are coming to the Monster Brew, because after September 15th registration will be opened to other homebrew clubs.

Strand Brewers Club Meeting September 10th at 7 pm



1311 Post Avenue, Torrance, CA 90501



Lautering over Labor Day.

With September starting I have a new kindergartener in the house and I know I am not the only one in the club with kids heading back to school. With my Dregs article already late I decided to brew a quick batch of beer over the Labor Day weekend to celebrate the start of school and the long weekend. I was

also excited to use the WLP540 yeast I picked up at South Bay Brewing Supply. My morning brew session was going smoothly as I was already lautering at 9AM when I stepped inside for a moment and heard a crash. This was quite possibly the most epic failure I have ever experienced brewing. All was not lost, since I had collected at least 4 gallons of wort. I topped off my brew kettle with some water and dried malt extract (DME) and brewed 5 gallons of beer instead of 10. Fate will likely dictate that this is either the best beer I have ever made so I am haunted by the irreproducibility of it, or the worst beer for obvious reasons.



Epic Failure!

Remember you can always reach me at president@strandbrewersclub.org, and I hope to see you over LA Beer Week at the many exciting events around town.

Spent Grains

[Rick Wirsing](#), Dregs Editor

You know you want to be a member of the Strand Brewers Club. So what are you waiting for? Dues are \$35 for an individual membership and \$45 for you and your spouse/partner. Dues can be paid directly to our Treasurer, Doug Toperzer, via check or cash at the next club meeting or event.

At each club meeting we hold a raffle to raise additional funds for the club. The homebrewer that brings the beer judged by the members to be the best wins first choice of the raffle prizes!



Bob Wilson mixing up a flawed beer at the Flawed Beer Tasting on August 11th. The picture is blurred because he was suffering involuntary muscle contractions.

What's On Tap

[Bob Wilson](#), Strand Activities Director

The 2014 BBB . . . was held on August 23rd. We started at Simzy's in Manhattan Beach and it went south from there. A great time was had by all!



At the beginning of the 2014 BBB . . .

COMPETITIONS

Please note that the registration of entries for the [California State Homebrew Competition](#) begins on September 22nd. They will be limiting the number of entries to 600. This competition factors heavily in the evaluation of clubs entered in the Anchor Homebrew Club of the Year Competition, which the Strand Brewers Club intends to enter. So get your entries ready!

[Fresno Fair Homebrew Competition](#)

Fresno, CA **Entry forms due September 6th.**

Judging September 20th. Entry fee \$0.

Contact: [Matthew Humann](#)

Phone: 559-618-5848

[Oaktoberfest Homebrew Competition](#)

Oakland, CA **Entries due September 14th.**

Judging October 4th. Entry fee \$8.

Contact: [Brian Cooper](#)

Phone: 209-612-4185

[California State Homebrew Competition](#)

San Francisco, CA. **Registration closes**

October 1st. Entries due October 11th.

Judging November 1st. Entry fee \$8.

Contact: [Bryan Gros](#)

[The University City Home Brew Competition](#)

San Diego, CA **Entries due October 3rd.**

Judging October 4th. Entry fee \$15 for first, \$5 for subsequent entries.

Contact: [Tricia Gallant](#)

Phone: 619-341-1764

[Queen of Beers](#)

Placerville, CA **Entries due October 7th.**

Judging October 11th. Entry fee \$8.

Contact: [Nora Seeley](#)

Phone: 916-502-0508

[27th Annual Southern California Homebrew Championship](#)

Redlands, CA **Entries due October 12th.**

Judging October 25th. Entry fee \$6.

Contact: [Amanda Porter](#)

Phone: 714-251-2003

[Link to the Calendar for Homebrew Competitions.](#)

STRAND BREWERS CLUB EVENTS

September 10th

Club Meeting at South Bay Brewing Supply Co., 7PM, featuring a commercial beer tasting!

September 14th

Local Craft Beer Fest at Rock & Brews, El Segundo. Tickets \$45. [rockandbrews.com/elsegundo](#).

September 20th – 28th

LA Beer Week. Many events! [labeerweek.com](#)

September 27th

Monster Brew at King Harbor Brewing Co. Wort will be \$30 for 5 gallons. Sign up!

October 8th

Club Meeting at South Bay Brewing Supply Co., 7PM, featuring the Iron Brewer Challenge, Round 3.

October 11th

Oktoberfest hosted by Jeff Sanders at 6PM. Get your lederhosen ready!

[Link to the Calendar for Strand Brewers Club Events.](#)

Strand Brewers Club Iron Brewer Challenge

Round 3

October 8, 2014 Club Meeting
Ingredients: Willamette Hops, Maris Otter
Malt and Coffee

2014 Strand Brewer of the Year

[Ryan Penrod](#), Strand President

The 2014 Strand Brewer of the Year competition is very close this year. But our competition is only as accurate as the data we have. Remember you should get points for every BJCP sanctioned competition you enter,

but if you don't self identify we can't award points. Jeff Sanders found 6 points he should have received for competition entries throughout the year. If anyone entered NHC or the Hanger 24 competition you have probably not received points. Please email president@strandbrewersclub.org if you think you have not received points for all you homebrewing activities.

Name	Points
Ryan Penrod	60
Bob Wilson	49
Jeff Sanders	41
Rives Borland	40
Steve Gardner Rick Wirsing	33
Jim Wilson	21
Jimmy Gallenbach Dan Parker	16
Chris Remensperger Doug Toperzer	15
Rob Proffitt	14
Michelle Neuman	13
Nate Federman	11
Jim Hilbing	10
Andrew Maxwell	8
Mike Haisma Rich Thornton	6
Jay Ankeney Mike Litsey Jeff Mitchell	5
Steve Fafard Christine Sparks	4
Adair Johnson Jason Light Alex Schlee	3

Name	Points
Jared Carson David Eaves Jesse Tice	2
Dave Cordrey Kevin Leung Eddie Martinez Rick Pierce Scott Seipel Justin Vega	1



The 2014 BBB . . . included the Birthdays of Doug Toperzer and Rick Wirsing.

Around the World in Forty Cheers and a Mini Road Trip

Jim Wilson

I've been catching up on reading missed while trying to perfect my recall of the BJCP Style Guidelines for some obscure purpose. Some books have been useful throughout and some just occasionally. One in the latter category is The Book of Beer Awesomeness by Dan DiSorbo. Buried in chapter three is a piece that should be required reading for world traveler wannabees.

Here is a rundown of translations and pronunciations for “Cheers!” Now I can finally understand what Brian Kellough’s been saying all this time!

Language: Afrikaans
Word: Gesondheid
Pronunciation: Ge-sund-hate

Language: Albanian
Word: Gëzuar
Pronunciation: Geh-zoo-ah

Language: Arabic
Word: Fisehatak
Pronunciation: Fe-sahetek

Language: Azerbaijani
Word: Nuş olsun
Pronunciation: Nush ohlsun

Language: Bosnian
Word: Živjeli
Pronunciation: Zhee-vi-lee

Language: Bulgarian
Word: Nazdrave
Pronunciation: Naz-dra-vey

Language: Burmese
Word: Aung myin par say
Pronunciation: Au-ng my-in par say

Language: Catalan
Word: Salut
Pronunciation: Sah-lut

Language: Chamorro (Guam)
Word: Biba
Pronunciation: Bih-bah

Language: Chinese (Mandarin)
Word: Gān bēi
Pronunciation: Gan bay

Language: Czech
Word: Na zdravi
Pronunciation: Naz-drahvi

Language: Danish
Word: Skål
Pronunciation: Skoal

Language: Dutch
Word: Proost
Pronunciation: Prohst

Language: Estonian
Word: Terviseks
Pronunciation: Ter-vih-sex

Language: Filipino
Word: Mabuhay
Pronunciation: Mah-boo-hay

Language: Finnish
Word: Kippis
Pronunciation: Kip-piss

Language: French
Word: Santé/ A la votre
Pronunciation: Sahn-tay/ Ah la vo-tre

Language: Galician
Word: Salud
Pronunciation: Saw-lood

Language: German
Word: Prost/ Zum wohl
Pronunciation: Prohst/ Tsum vohl

Language: Greek
Word: Ygeia
Pronunciation: Yamas

Language: Hawaiian
Word: Ā’kālè ma’luna
Pronunciation: Okole maluna

Language: Hebrew
Word: L’chaim
Pronunciation: Luh-khah-yim

Language: Icelandic
Word: Skál
Pronunciation: Sk-owl

Language: Irish Gaelic
Word: Sláinte
Pronunciation: Slawn-cha

Language: Italian
Word: Salute/ Cin cin
Pronunciation: Saw-lu-tay/ Chin chin

Language: Japanese
Word: Kanpai
Pronunciation: Kan-pie

Language: Lithuanian
Word: I sveikata
Pronunciation: Ee sweh-ka-ta

Language: Polish
Word: Na zdrowie
Pronunciation: Naz-droh-vee-ay

Language: Portuguese
Word: Saúde
Pronunciation: Saw-oo-de

Language: Russian
Word: Na zdorovie/ Za Vas
Pronunciation: Nuh zdah-rohv'-ee/ Zuh vahs

Language: Serbian
Word: Živeli
Pronunciation: Zhee-ve-lee

Language: Spanish
Word: Salud
Pronunciation: Sah-lud

Language: Swedish
Word: Skål
Pronunciation: Skawl

Language: Thai
Word: Chok dee
Pronunciation: Chok dee

Language: Yiddish
Word: Sei gesund
Pronunciation: Say geh-sund

Generally useful books I've enjoyed recently are Brew Like a Pro by Dave Miller, The Homebrewer's Guide to Vintage Beer by Ron Pattinson and his truly awesome website barclayperkins.blogspot.com, and The Homebrewer's Answer Book by Ashton Lewis. Some fascinating books that are a little more obscure are Troubleshooting Methodology for Homebrew by Jason Johnson, Tripel Rock Brewery Manual by Teri Fahrendorf, and The Barbarian's Beverage by Max Nelson.

Three friends and I have gone to eight of Stone's 18 Anniversary Fests. This year was their biggest yet with [200 beers](#) spread over five serving areas on the Cal State San Marcos campus. The biggest change was 15 beers for your \$45 instead of 10 as was the first 16 years. After the fest we always have lunch and enjoy the [50 taps](#) at Churchill's in San Marcos.

One in our group likes lawnmower beer and cider, another brown/porter/stout and the third and I appreciate Pale/IPA and Belgian ales. We planned ahead to share tastings and maximize variety. It was hot but felt less crowded at Sat's 11AM-2PM session than previous years. The lines were shorter anyway. Standout beers for us were:

- Sculpin with grapefruit, as if more could fit in;
- Bear Republic Café Racer 15;
- Stone's Tiger Cub Saison, barrel aged w sour cherries;
- Ommegang/d'Achouffe Gnomegang;
- Heretic Evil Cousin West Coast Double IPA;
- Jolly Pumpkin/Anchorage Calabaza Boreal;
- Julian Apple Pie Cider;
- Kern River Shuttle Bunny White IPA;
- Mission Cortez Gold Belgium Blonde;
- S. Nevada/Russian River Yvan the Great Belgian Blond;
- Smog City Black Current Saison;
- Societe Harlot Belgian Extra;
- Beachwood Hop Ninja; and
- Ska Buster Nut Brown Ale.

Our B/P/S fan was disappointed that only one of his choices was a pick of the litter and all of the many coconut beers he tried were lame.

The longest line was for Pliny, but why? The people watching was excellent as always.

At Churchill's, we had Blind Pig, Arcana Newton's Cider, Rip Current's Going to Church, Firestone's Easy Jack, Bell's Oarsman, and St Louis Kriek for dessert. Oh, and some not so generic food to wash down the beer. Mine was a Shredded Duck Confit BLT with garlic aioli, apple wood smoked bacon, spring mix and heirloom tomato on potato bread.

Great trip all in all.

What's the Brew Law Law

[Rick Wirsing](#), Dregs Editor

On August 21st, Governor Jerry Brown signed into law [AB 2609](#), which will go into effect on January 1, 2015. This legislation will make the Southern California Homebrewers Festival (SCHF) a legal event. It will also make legal the 2015 American Homebrewers Association National Homebrewers Conference scheduled to take place June 11th through June 13th in San Diego.

AB 2609 revises California law to allow a non profit organization established for the purpose of promoting home production of beer, which would include a home brewers club, to serve beer at fundraising events conducted solely for the benefit of the organization. However, there are several restrictions that apply. For home brewers clubs like the Strand Brewers Club, these restrictions are as follows:

1. The beer that is served must be donated by home brewers.
2. A home brewers club can have no more than two permitted events per calendar year. Permits must be obtained from the [California Department of Alcoholic Beverage Control \(ABC\)](#).
3. The home brewers club must display a printed notice at the event stating the home brewed beer is not a regulated product subject to health and safety standards.
4. The event must have an educational component that includes instruction on the history, nature, values, characteristics, and methods of presenting and serving beer.
5. **Only bona fide members of the home brewers club may attend the event.**
6. **The home brewers club shall not solicit or sign up individuals to be members of the home brew club at the event.**
7. If more than 50 members are expected to be at the event, the home brewers club must provide the ABC with the number of members that have registered for the event and the estimated number that will be attending, 48 hours before the event.

We were doing fine until restriction numbers 5 and 6. The revised law does not allow home brewers clubs to serve home brew to the

general public at their own fundraising events, nor to recruit new members at these events.

At the beginning of this year, California law was changed to allow home brewers to serve donated home brew to the public at fundraising events for non profit organizations, as long as the non profit organizations were not established for the purpose of promoting home production of beer. AB 2609 did not affect that part of the law.

Clearly, AB 2609 was tailored to accommodate events like the SCHF and the AHA National Conference. It may not be very useful for home brewers clubs like the Strand Brewers Club.

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.

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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.

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TRUUB

THE HOME BREWERS BELIEVE THEY HAVE SCORED A VICTORY WITH THE PASSING OF AB 2609.

YES. THAT IS WHAT WE WANT THEM TO BELIEVE. THEY ACTUALLY HAVE LITTLE MORE POWER THAN THEY HAD BEFORE LORD MOONBEAM BEGAN AGREEING TO MAKE CHANGES TO THE LAW.



WE HAVE REPORTS THAT HOME BREWER CELLS, WHICH THEY CALL CLUBS, ARE PLANNING EVENTS TO RAISE FUNDS AND RECRUIT MORE MEMBERS.

YES! I HAVE FORESEEN THIS. THEY ARE FALLING INTO OUR TRAP!



WHEN THEY COME TO US TO GET PERMITS FOR THEIR FUNDRAISING EVENTS, THEY WILL BE MOST VULNERABLE! WE WILL THEN SPRING OUR ATTACK!

YES, THEY WILL BE AT OUR MERCY, WHICH WE SHALL SHOW NONE OF! BUT THE FUTURE IS CLOUDY. WE MUST BE CAUTIOUS. THEY MIGHT READ THE FINE PRINT IN THE LAW.

