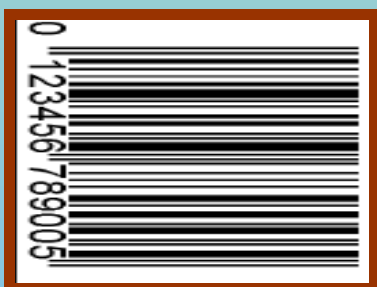




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**I have taken more out of alcohol
than alcohol has taken out of me.
- Winston Churchill**

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Foam at the Top

Chris Voisey, SBC President

As we enjoy the great weather over the past weeks we are reminded that spring is rolling in, which means the Lake Casitas Homebrewers Festival is nearly upon us. Have you made your arrangements to go yet? What better way to spend an awesome weekend then with a great group of friends and home brewers just outside Ojai!? We have quite the line-up of beers already being prepared for their final transport to the festival site and it is getting exciting.

For those of you last minute types, there is still space. Give Devin or myself a quick call or email if you still need to make arrangements. We have spare spots open for the festival and can fit you in. How often do you get to a) enjoy a tremendous amount of home brews, and b) get out and enjoy the great outdoors and weather that Southern California has to offer? What are you waiting for?

Otherwise we had another great meeting in March and I want to express a big thank you to everyone that came out and especially those that brought a home brew! Remember, I have one very easy attainable goal for everyone in the club to bring at least one home brew to share with the group. It doesn't matter how bad you think it is, bring it along. Chances are that you are just being a tough critic of yourself. One thing I have learned about the group is that they are great with feedback no matter how good or bad the beer is. Even the best brewers sometimes make a mistake and the beer doesn't turn out how they expected. But with the senses of our fellow club members I am sure you will get some great feedback.

Great news! We are going to have a store we can call our own! No more having to drive way north or way south for last minute supplies... Located in

Old Torrance, South Bay Brewing Co. (www.southbaybrewingsupply.com) will carry a full range of products for the beginner and seasoned homebrewer. They are just putting some finishing touches on their store, but they expect to open up sometime this month.

On the club front we are continuing to try to do a few new things in the coming months. First, we are going to try our club meeting in May at Boogaloo to see how that works. Over the next few months we will also be trying out places like South Bay Brewing Co. and the Strand Brewing Company. We will also be starting up some club brews in both these locations too!

Some other things that the club is still working on include the rebuild of our booth to have ready for Lake Casitas, a new launch of the StrandBrewers.org website, consolidated and more proactive emails regarding club events and meetings and of course some social gatherings. We are still planning the annual BBBBBBBBBBBBBB (however many B's there are these days), the summer party, and hopefully a relaunch of Final Friday's or something similar. Look for more announcements on all these soon.

Well, that's all from me this month. I'm actually traveling in India right now, but I haven't found a single IPA. In fact, I haven't found anything other than Kingfisher Lager. It's not a bad beer, but it just reminds me of how lucky we are to have the selection back home. I look forward to seeing you all back at Naja's for our April 14th meeting.

A la sature!! (apparently how they say cheers in India)

Meeting Place for April

This month's meeting will be at



Naja's Place

**154 International Boardwalk
Redondo Beach, CA 90277**

SBC Glassware for Sale!



Pint glasses: 4 for \$10.00 5.5 oz Goblet: \$7.00 each

Contact Glenn Deckman:
310-823-9990
gldmcd@yahoo.com

What's on Tap

Bryan K(aptivetotheman) Willis, SBC Activities Director
(ghost written by Devin Knowles, SBC Secretary)

Bryan is stuck in crunch time at work. Being a tax actuary is no fun when April 15 is looming. If you want to know when being a tax actuary IS fun, you'll have to ask him.

Since he's not around, it's up to me to fill you in on the goings on in the club.

Last month we had not one, but two club brews, both hosted by Jeff Sanders. One produced a honey brown ale, and the other led to a blackberry and papaya pale ale. We'll all get to find out whether that was a good idea or a bad idea at Ojai this year.

There's still time for one more club brew before the festival, and I'm excited about this one. Glenn and Dana Rollalazo will be hosting it at South Bay Brewing Supply. This is our chance to check out the new local shop and to help the proprietors make this the shop we want it to be. This will happen Sunday, April 25 at 1311 Post Ave in Torrance (across from Red Car Brewery). I hope to see a lot of you there.

Just a week after that is the big event – the Southern California Homebrewers Festival at Lake Casitas in Ojai. If you haven't been to the fest before, you

owe it to yourself to check it out. Look for more information about this elsewhere in this issue.

The April club meeting will be April 14th, and will be held at Naja's as usual. If you have any extract beers for the club-only competition, bring them for consideration. Any BJCP category is acceptable as long as it's not an all-grain beer.

The May club meeting will be a change of scenery as we hit Cafe Boogaloo in Hermosa Beach on May 12th.

Next month Bryan will have no more excuses, so he'll be back to tell you about the summer party, the BBBBBBBBBBBB, more club brews, festivals, and any other great stuff we have on tap for the rest of the year. Until then, keep brewing the best damn beer!

Spent Grains

Rob Proffitt, SBC Treasurer

We entered March with \$4,091.94 in the chest. We received \$285 in income, including dues from 8 members. Expenses totaled \$169, leaving us with an ending balance for March of \$4207.94. Remember we're holding a large chunk of that in reserve for the booth upgrades.

I'd like to welcome 4 new members who joined in March: Glenn Rollolazo, Rives Borland, Michelle Joy Daley, and Daniel Lopez.

Membership dues for 2010 are due now. We currently have 44 paid members, including 11 new members this year. If you haven't renewed your membership for 2010 yet, I'll be contacting you in April with a gentle reminder. Even though the club is in good shape financially, we still depend on membership dues as our only predictable income. Those dues go to fund club brews food and supplies for events, and other miscellaneous club expenses, so please remember to renew soon.

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.

Fest Info

Devin Knowles, SBC Secretary

The 20th Annual Southern California Homebrewers Festival will be happening on May 1 at Lake Casitas in Ojai. If you haven't gotten tickets yet, there's still time. Visit <http://www.calhomebrewers.org/> and you can purchase your membership for \$50 per person up until noon on Friday, Apr 30.

Note that you're not actually buying tickets to the event. You're joining the California Homebrewers Association, which hosts this event free for its members. Blah blah legal loopholes blah blah liability, whatever.

What will be more difficult at this point is finding camping for the event at Lake Casitas. As luck would have it, there are members with extra space. If you're looking for a camp site, you can contact me, Jason Rosenfeld, or Ron Cooper and between us we can probably get you set up.

There's plenty more to say, but I think I'm going to let the official mailing do the talking for me. Here's the official word from the Festival Committee:

Please distribute this information to your club members; the more people that read this, the smoother Fest will go for everyone. There's a lot of information here but I hope everyone will read through it in its entirety.

If you are on Facebook, you might want to check out our Facebook Page: [Southern California Homebrewers Festival](#)

IN GENERAL AND FOR BOTH FRIDAY AND SATURDAY:

Multiple cars on campsite: The first car for each reserved campsite to reach the gate will be free; subsequent cars for a campsite will be charged the \$17 fee. Work this out with each other at the campsite; do not hold up traffic at the gate arguing with the attendants. If you feel there is a mistake that both or ALL cars were charged, then go back to the main gate with your stickers/receipts, preferably

when there isn't a line of cars, say on Saturday morning BEFORE you have been drinking.

Please observe the speed limits and the law – riding in the back of a truck is illegal.

There are no Minors or Animals allowed inside the Fest Area.

Please use your official Fest Glass which will have a fill line. Outside glasses and steins are discouraged; we will have replacement glasses available at a reasonable price, should yours become broken or lost.

Be reminded that Clubs are responsible for their own members' behavior so please keep an eye out on your fellow beer buddies.

We will provide clubs ice beginning on Friday evening – you will be required to sign a sign-out sheet for any ice you take. This is ONLY for icing your club brew at the Fest site.

FRIDAY:

Participants in the Ojai Beverage Beer Tasting event MUST ride the shuttle bus from the Campsite. The bus will be located just inside the main entrance to your right, in the parking lot by the Water Park. Wristbands will be used so please understand you will not be able to attend the event if you do not ride the bus. This is a safety issue – we do not want you drinking and driving plus we need to be able to control who has paid, etc. These tastings can be purchased on the website: <http://www.calhomebrewers.org/>

The Rum tasting will begin at approximately 7 p.m. at the Fest site; these tastings can also be purchased on the website.

Early Registration will begin at 6 p.m. and close at 10:00 p.m.

The Microbreweries will begin to pour at 8 p.m. however, they may start earlier, if they so choose.

We expect the Friday Night Band to start around 8:30.

The Bragging Rights Only Stout Competition will begin around 8:45; please register your beers between 8:30 and 8:45. Please Note: instead of providing a growler of your brew, you may submit 1-22 oz. bottle or 2-12 oz bottles. Also, be sure your club members understand this is not a BJCP competition. We only award First Place and there will be no critique.

Friday night shut down will be at 10 p.m.

SATURDAY:

Most Important: Bar set ups must be completed no later than 10:30 A.M. Saturday. Vehicles will have to vacate from inside the Fest Area at 10:30 sharp!

As to tear down, we strongly encourage you to wait until Sunday a.m. to take your bar down as it is dangerous to have the trucks driving into the fest site by individuals that have been drinking and while other individuals that have been drinking all day are still wandering around!

About 5 p.m., we will be handing out glow necklaces – one per person. We want everyone to wear these in order to be seen once it gets dark, particularly for those people that are walking back to campsites. This is something Lake Casitas has requested. We will have a stamp to indicate you have received your necklace; if you want another one, they will be \$1 each.

Our tentative schedule at this time is:

11 Announcements/acknowledgements
11:15 Steve Castleman
12 Byron Burch
1 Tomme Arthur
2 Vinnie Cilurzo
3 Drawing and Special Presentation to Cilurzo's
4:30 Roman Alexander and the Robbery
7 Maltose Falcons

Saturday night shut down will be at 10 p.m.

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: 2nd Wednesday of every month 7:00pm

05/22/2010

[AHA Club-Only Competition, Extract Beers](#)

Buffalo, NY Contact: [Ric Cunningham](#)

Phone: (716) 695-3211 Entry Fee:

One entry per club, \$7 (check payable

to AHA) Entry Deadline: 05/01/2010

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)

04/24/2010

[Mayfaire 2010](#) Canoga Park, CA

Contact: [Steve Cook](#) Phone: (818) 903-

5211 Entry Fee: \$7.00, Entry

Deadline: 04/10/2010

04/24/2010

[COHO Spring Fling](#) Bend, OR

Contact: [Brett Thomas](#) Phone: (541) 948-

4504 Entry Fee: \$6 Entry Deadline:

04/17/2010

04/25/2010

[14th Annual Chico Homebrew Competition](#)

Chico, CA Contact: [John Abbott](#) Phone:

(530) 345-9656 Entry Fee: \$ 7.00 Entry

Deadline: 04/17/2010

04/24/2010

[2010 Puget Sound Pro-Am](#) Kent, WA

Contact: [Mark Emiley](#) Phone: (206) 251-

1344 Entry Fee: \$6 /online entry, \$7

/paper entry

Entry Deadline:

04/20/2010

05/22/2010

[San Diego International Beer Festival](#)

Del Mar, CA Contact: [Jonathan Stevens](#)

Phone: (619) 656-6887

Entry

Fee: \$40.00

Deadline:

04/23/2010

05/02/2010

[Great Basin Brew-off](#) Reno, NV Contact:

[John Tull](#)

Phone: (775)

224-2947

Entry Fee: \$5,

Entry Deadline: 04/24/2010

05/16/2010 [California State Fair HomeBrew](#)

[Competition 2010](#) Sacramento, CA Contact:

[JJ Jackson](#)

Phone: (916)

348-6322

Entry Fee: \$10

Deadline: 04/28/2010

05/08/2010

[Sasquatch Brewfest Homebrew Competition](#)

Eugene, OR Contact: [Denny Conn](#)

Phone: (541) 998-8580

Entry

Deadline: 05/01/2010

05/15/2010

[Wisconsin State Fair](#) West Allis, WI

Contact: [Mike Rice](#)

Phone: (414) 235-9996

Entry

Fee: 5.00

Entry

Deadline: 05/01/2010

5/15/2010

[Oregon Homebrew Festival](#) Albany, OR

Contact: [Morore Piripi](#)

Phone: (541) 908-2806

Entry

Fee: \$6

Entry

Deadline: 05/07/2010

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



Meeting every 2nd Wednesday of every month
www.strandbrewers.org

*Dedicated to the art and science of home beer making,
 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.

Name	Phone	Email	Location
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:

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