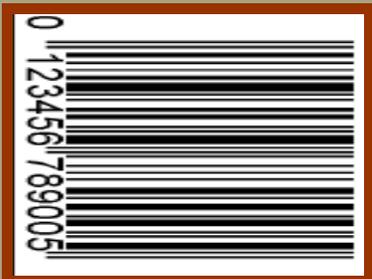




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Beer and BBQ TIME!

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Foam at the Top

Chris Voisey, SBC President

It's hard to believe that we are already into summer! Luckily that means good things for the Strand Brewers Club. Our summer party and the BBBBBBBBBBBBBBBBBB (however many there are these days.) We also have a couple of Club Brew's planned, starting with the 17th at Alex Schlee's house on the Strand. Trust me when I say not to miss this one!! Let's put it this way: House on Strand + Beautiful View + Great Food + Beer + Home Brewing + other surprises = Great way to spend a Saturday morning!!

Speaking of brewing, I've been considering brewing a cask conditioned beer for some time now. I've been researching what has to be done differently, and it is really down to keeping it around 50-55° F during the secondary and then rack it to a cask. Sounds simple enough. I'm curious if anyone else in the club has tried this. I think it would be a great topic for our next meeting at the Strand Brewing Co. in Torrance. In fact, I think we will have a Black IPA Cask Ale at that meeting. There is nothing like a "Real Ale!!"

At the last meeting I introduced the possibility of a new website. Unfortunately the message that was intended to go out didn't make it for one reason or another. That said, I'd like to open it up to all for suggestions. You can get to the new "beta" site here: <http://strandbrewersclub.webs.com>

The key thing that this new site will allow us to do is have all of our community keep it up to date, as well as centralize where pictures, emails, forums, etc. will be located. As I mentioned at the meeting, this will mean we will slowly stop using both the email blasts and Yahoo! Groups for sending communications. The problem we have with each is that not every club member is in a single place. This new website will allow us to do that.

On the topic of getting the new website set-up, I'd like to ask for some help from the club. As you can probably see, we have a lot of different articles and content that is on the existing site. We need to move all this over. It would be much easier to split up the work to a few individuals than try taking on this with one or two

people. If you are interested, please let me know. It doesn't take any special skills except having the ability to use the browser and cut and paste. I'd like to break it down to about 30-45 minutes each, if we get enough people. Please send me an email if you can help out!!

Tell us what you think of the website including what you like and what you don't like. There is a forum set-up just for this. Don't send the individual comments to me or anyone else. Just post them up for the group and we can jointly use this to make it a better site. It is also not too late to switch directions on the site either. All feedback is welcome!!!

On another note, I set-up the booth/bar over the July 4th holiday weekend to start looking at some maintenance and updates. I was actually pleasantly surprised at how easy it went together and how quickly I could get a beer pouring off it. Yes, I actually hooked up two of my home brews from some friends and neighbors to taste. My goal is to make a few modifications to the booth to make it more stable, easier to assemble and use. If you have some ideas, please let me know! Or, if you just want to come by and see it we can arrange that too. Maybe we can even target a Club Brew in August to look it over together.

Well, that's all for this edition. I look forward to seeing everyone at the next meeting which is at the Strand Brewing Co. in Torrance. We'll be having a BBQ, courtesy of the guys at Strand and it should be a great time!

Meeting Place for July

This month's meeting will be at



**Strand Brewing Company
23250 Telo Ave ste. 2
Torrance, CA 90505**

What's on Tap

Bryan K(ruiser) Willis, SBC Activities Director

Been up to my eyeballs in work, so I apologize to anyone who's been trying to get a hold of me. We've got an action-packed July coming up, so hang on to your livers and enjoy the ride.

First of all, I couldn't make the last Final Friday due to illness but at least a growler full of my Belgian Table Beer was there, and people seemed to enjoy it. Huzzah.

As for July's Final Friday, we're doing it at Naja's on July 30.

That's right, Naja's.

On a Friday night.

In the middle of Summer.

You'll have a blast!

Don't forget folks: Wednesday, July 14, 2010 is our club meeting at Strand Brewing Company! Just in case you don't already have the address, I'll plop it right here:

23520 Telo Ave. #2
Torrance, CA 90505

Our biggest meetings of the year are at Strand Brewing Company, and this time should be no different. Bring whatever you're willing to let us drink, and whomever you know who's willing to put up with us. New blood is always welcome, especially if they like beer!

We'll be selecting an entry for the next club-only competition that night, so all you mead makers should root around in the backs of your closets and see what sort of forgotten and dusty bottles of ambrosia you've gotten hidden away.

Saturday, July 17 will be our annual Strand Brew on the Strand. We'll be at Alex Schlee's fabulous place on the Strand brewing up an ESB (and hopefully one or two others) starting around 9 am and going until we finish.

3904 The Strand
Manhattan Beach, CA 90266

Also on Saturday, entries for the LA County Fair homebrew competition are due. Entries can be dropped off at Culver City Homebrew Supply, Steinfillers, or the Home Wine, Beer, and Cheesemaking Shop. See the competition calendar page for more details.

It looks like Kenny Biller's willing to let us muscle in on his summer party once again! It will be on the 24th of July (right around the corner), so dust off those kegs you've been saving and come join us. The address is:

2620 Vargas Way
Redondo Beach, CA 90278

There's more to come in August as well. South Bay Brewing Supply has jumped through all the flaming hoops and will soon be open for business. In celebration, we'll be back there for the August meeting on the 11th. There will be a notable difference from the last time we were there, which is that you'll be able to buy things!

1311 Post Ave
Torrance, CA 90501

The date is set for the BBBBBBBBBBBBBBBBBB!!!! Saturday, Aug 14, bring your bikes and cruise the strand with us. Route information will be available soon.

And with that, it's back to work,

Bryan K. Willis

Spent Grains

Rob Proffitt, SBC Treasurer

We entered May with \$3,734.94 in the bank account. We received \$75 in income from a tap handle sponsorship. Expenses totaled \$1,878.31, leaving us with an ending balance for March of \$1,931.63. The majority of the expenses were the costs for the bar reconstruction, with some additional club brew costs thrown in.

Speaking of the 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 July 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.

On the club tax status issue, I got our EIN reactivated, and reclassified us as a 501(c)(7) tax exempt organization. In a few weeks our number will be back in the system, and I will be able to file our federal return.

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

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)

07/24/2010 [LA County Fair Home-Brewed
Beer Competition](#) Pomona, CA Contact:
[Bruce Brode](#) Phone: (310) 558-8458
Entry Fee: \$7 Entry Deadline:
07/17/2010

08/01/2010 [Nevada County Fair](#) Grass
Valley, CA Contact: [Michael Andreasen](#)
Phone: (530) 274-9227 Entry Fee: free
when entering on the web Entry
Deadline: 07/16/2010

7/24/2010 [Spirits of Baker County](#) Baker
City, OR Contact: [Colleen Taylor](#) Phone:
(541) 523-7881 Entry Fee: none Entry
Deadline: 07/22/2010

07/24/2010 [Beerstock 5060-2](#) Arlington,
WA Contact: [Mark Tanner](#) Phone:
(360) 652-5137 Entry Fee: Free with
entry Entry
Deadline: 07/24/2010

07/31/2010 [Gnarly Barley Homebrew
Competition of Larimer County](#) Loveland, CO
Contact: [Pamela McAlpin](#)
Phone: (970) 224-2767 Entry
Deadline: 07/24/2010

08/21/2010 [2010 Michigan Beer Cup](#)
Warren, MI Contact: [Daniel Frechette](#)
Phone: (313) 248-1336
Entry Fee: \$13.00 for first 3...\$3.00 for
each additional entry
Entry Deadline: 07/25/2010

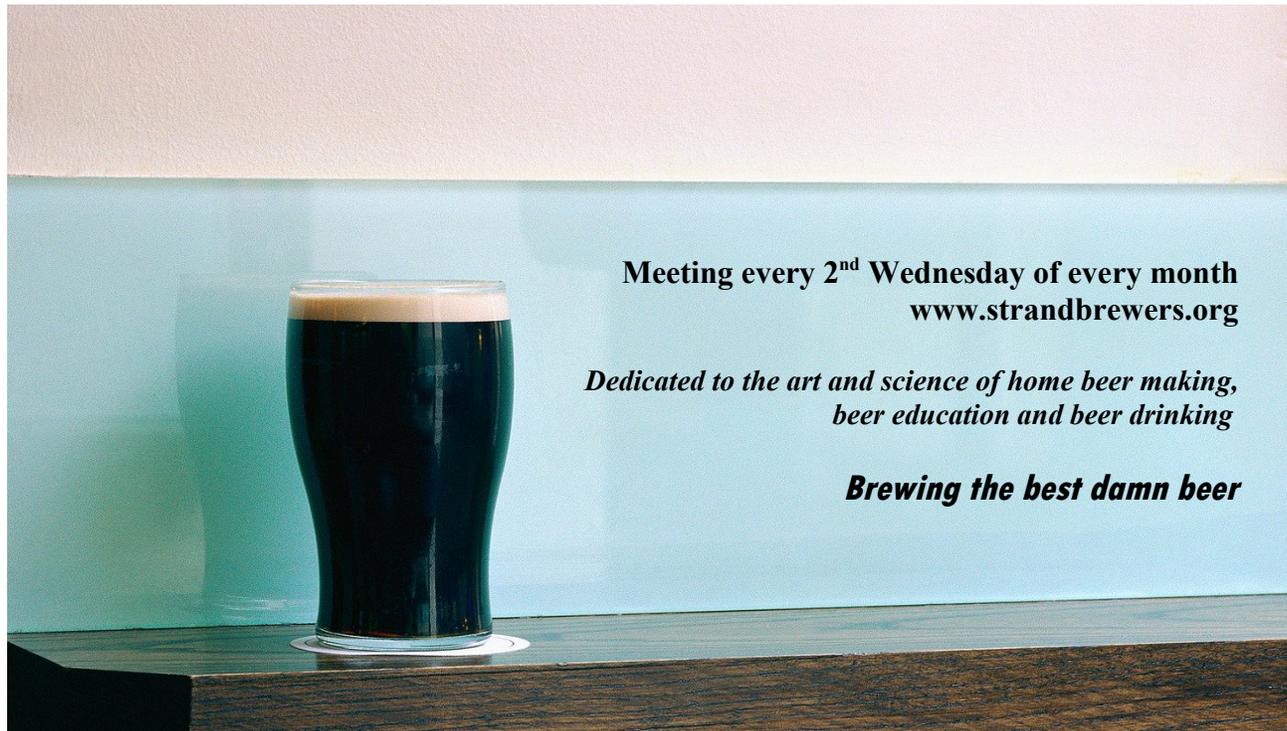
8/01/2010 [Ventura County Fair](#) Ventura,
CA Contact: [Laurie Vanoni](#)
Phone: (805) 482-4621
Entry Fee: no fee
Entry Deadline: 07/31/2010

08/08/2010 First Annual Parkway Tavern
Am-Pro (no web site) Tacoma, WA
Contact: [Robert Christian](#)
Phone: (253) 581-0537 Entry Fee: \$5
Entry Deadline: 08/01/2010

08/28/2010 [The Limbo Challenge - How
Low Can You Go](#) Addison, TX
Contact: [James Orkin](#)
Phone: (214) 864-8516
Entry Fee: \$7
Entry Deadline: 08/05/2010

08/20/2010 [Minnesota State Fair
Homebrewed Beer, Mead and Cider
Competition](#) Saint Paul, MN Contact: [Sarah
Stremcha](#) Phone: (651) 261-
8839 Entry Fee: \$6/per
entry Entry Deadline:
08/06/2010

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



Meeting every 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:

2010 Club Officers

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