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HAPPY NEW YEAR!

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Foam at the Top

[Bob Wilson](#), Strand President

Happy New Year! I spent the week between Christmas and New Year's in Maui with Michelle's family. We visited Maui Brewing Company, which recently opened a new brewing space in Kihei. I often feel that all brewery tours are basically the same, but a good tour guide can make a big difference. Our tour guide, Buck, is an avid homebrewer and was very knowledgeable. Maui Brewing gets as many ingredients locally as possible both to help the local economy and to save on shipping costs from the mainland. The brewery is located right next to the Maui High Performance Computing Center (I'm working on my résumé now) and has a beautiful view of the ocean. I can't imagine any brewery having a better view. They have about twenty beers, only four of which are available in LA. Their flagship coconut porter tastes so much better in Maui. They don't have food yet, but they're planning on incorporating a restaurant at some point. It's worth a visit if you're ever in Maui!



The view from Maui Brewing Company.

Strand Brewers Club Meeting January 13th at 7 pm



1311 Post Avenue, Torrance, CA 90501

Kohola Brewing Company opened their doors just two weeks ago. Their head brewer, Justin, lives in San Bernardino and plans the recipes, which are executed by assistant brewer Andrew. Andrew was kind enough to let us look around the brewery while he was brewing an IPA. They are brewing in the space previously used by Maui Brewing, and inherited some of Maui's equipment. Andrew mentioned the challenges of brewing so far from the mainland. Shipping a five dollar part costs forty dollars! Kohola is starting off brewing more-or-less classic styles like German Pilsner, Rye Pale Ale, and American Porter. The beers I had were well-made. Michelle is hoping for a lilikoi (passion fruit) wit in their future!

We have a few events coming up quickly. As many of you know, Strand Brewing Club was recognized as the Anchor Homebrew Club of the Year for 2015! Aside from bragging rights, we have been invited to the awards luncheon on Saturday, February 13th. There will most likely be a bus trip planned, but those with time constraints may wish to book flights as soon as possible. Further details will be sent by email soon.

The homebrew competition season is upon us as well! The Doug King Memorial Competition is the first local competition. Entries for Doug King are due this Friday, January 8th. See the competition website for details (<http://competitions.maltosefalcons.com/index.php?>

[section=rules](#)). As always, judges and stewards are needed.

Cheers to the New Year!



Maui's newest brewery.

VP Hello

[Dan Parker](#), Strand Vice President

Hello fellow Strand Brewers, new and old, and Happy Brew Year! My name is Dan and I'm your new Vice President! I've wasted all of my 20s and half of my 30s on fizzy yellow beer; well, no more! My wife, Heidi, bought me a starter kit from SBBS for Christmas 2013 and the rest they say is "history." I've been a member since early 2014, I do partial mash BIAB and have placed in a couple competitions thus far. As a new brewer I'm happy to help in any way that I can. I look forward to getting to know everyone better as well as the brewing process and my responsibilities as Vice President.

Thank you for your vote of confidence. I hope to make you all proud. Cheers!



Dan Parker, 2016 Strand Vice President.

It's Time to Head for San Francisco

[Jay Ankeney](#), Strand Activities Director

Hey Fellow Strand Brewers!

As you know, the Strand Brewers were awarded the 2015 Homebrew Club of the Year award, which means Anchor Brewing Company is hosting us to a luncheon and run of their brewery on Saturday, February 13th.

We are going to organize a trip to San Francisco to celebrate the event. That's coming up soon so we need to get organized. If you are interested in going, please fill out the survey at <https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/NBGZT7L>. If you have any questions or suggestions, please contact me, Jay Ankeney, the new Strand Activities Director, at jayankeney@mac.com, or 310-545-3983. Time is short, so please respond soon.

Our hope is to arrange for a big, comfortable highway cruiser bus which will let us stop at some other breweries along the way. And we'll

be arranging a block of hotel rooms near the Anchor Brewery where we can sleep it off. General plans are to leave on Friday and return Sunday evening. Costs will depend on participation. So please fill out the survey or sign up with Jay as soon as you can. If you have done this trip before, you know it's something that must be experienced. If you haven't, don't miss out!



What's On Tap

COMPETITIONS

[Doug King Memorial Homebrew Competition 2016 Hosted by the Maltose Falcons](#)

Entries due January 8th 2016

Judging: January 23rd, Van Nuys, CA

Entry fee: \$9

Contact: [Ed Kochanowski](#)

Phone: 818-851-1345

[Napa Homebrewers Classic](#)

Entries due January 30th 2016

Judging: February 20th, Napa, CA

Entry fee: \$9

Contact: [Michael Riddle](#)

Phone: 707-337-8088

[El Dorado County Fair](#)

Entries due February 5th 2016

Judging: February 20th, Placerville, CA

Entry fee: \$8

Contact: [Jim Price](#)

Phone: 916-608-7031

[The Temecula Valley Strange Brew](#)

Entries due February 12th 2016

Judging: February 20th, Murrieta, CA

Entry fee: \$8

Contact: [Frank Mays](#)

Phone: 760-644-6273

[Romancing the Beer](#)

Entries due February 12th 2016

Judging: February 27th, Thousand Oaks, CA

Entry fee: \$7

Contact: [Courtney Castellino](#)

Phone: 805-870-5109

Jeff Sanders Memorial

Entries due February 20th 2016

Judging: March 5th, Torrance, CA

Entry fee: \$8

Contact: [Jim Wilson](#)

Phone: 310-316-2374

STRAND BREWERS CLUB EVENTS

January 13th – Club Meeting

At the January Club meeting Jim Wilson is going to briefly talk about the early stage of fermentation and yeast growth. Then he will have two 750ml bottles of beer, brewed by a fellow Jim met at the Pacific Brewers Cup, to share. Jim is going to write scoresheets on the beers and will invite all of you to write down your aroma and flavor perceptions. He'll collect all of these as a learning moment for us and feedback for the brewer to thank him for sharing.

As a small incentive, Jim has registered this as a BJCP Continuing Education activity. Every BJCP judge who takes part will receive 1/2 of a non-judging experience point added to their BJCP record.

February 12th – 14th – Homebrew Club of the Year Celebration, Anchor Brewing Company

The Strand Brewers Club is the 2015 Homebrew Club of the Year! We can't say that enough. Planning is underway to arrange a trip to San Francisco to attend the luncheon honoring the Strand Brewers Club hosted by Anchor Brewing

Company. If you are interested in going, please fill out this [survey](#). We need to provide a headcount as soon as possible. More details will be forth coming.

April 29th and 30th – 25th Southern California Homebrewers Festival

The 25th Southern California Homebrewers Festival will be held on April 29th and 30th, 2016. Thirty-Seven homebrewers' clubs have signed up to serve homebrew to an expected 2,000 festival attendees. The Strand Homebrewers Club will be setting up our bar at the festival and serving “the best damn beer.” The festival features commercial beer tastings, educational speakers, music, a raffle with great prizes, a “Bragging Rights Only” competition, and homebrew, lots of homebrew.

In order to attend the SCHF you must be a member of the [California Homebrewers Association](#). CHA memberships are on sale now for \$10. Membership benefits include discounts to Southern California breweries and home brew shops.

Registration for the SCHF began on January 1st, 2016. The initial cost will be \$35, but increases to \$40 on February 1st, and then increases again to \$45 on March 1st. Registration closes on April 24th. When you register you have the option of volunteering to work at the SCHF. Volunteers commit to two (2) hours of work during the festival in exchange for free SCHF registration. If you sign up for Sunday cleanup, you will only need to do one (1) hour of work. Volunteer registration lasts through February 1, or until all spots are filled.

The SCHF will be held at the at the [Vail Lake RV Resort](#), Temecula, CA. Resort rules provide:

- Maximum occupancy of 6 people per campsite;
- One RV and two vehicles maximum per campsite; and
- Excess vehicles must be parked at designated overflow parking areas.

Although there is a rule prohibiting tents, Vail Lake RV Resort has waived this rule for the SCHF.

The Strand Brewers Club has reserved nine campsites for April 29th and 30th. Each campsite has a captain who you can contact to arrange for sharing the campsite. Some of the sites are already full. The captains are as follows:

Campsite Captains	Sharing Status	Campsite Number
Rick and Penny Wirsing	Ron Cooper and sons	84
Bob Wilson	Steve Fafard	86
Jeff and Christy Hoy	Full	87
Joe Pace	Full	88
David Eaves		89
Rich Thornton		90
Chris Remensperger	Full	109
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Nate Federman	Full	111

Note: Campsite Captains are free to trade campsites.

Also, campsites can still be reserved directly with Vail Lake RV Resort, but probably will not be close to the club campsites. That may be good or bad.

So make your plans now for the 25th Southern California Homebrewers Festival!

Spent Grains

It's a new year. It is now time to pay your 2016 club dues. You may pay your dues on the club website www.strandbrewersclub.org/membership, or you can pay by cash, check, or credit card at the next club meeting. Contact [Chris Remensperger](#), Strand Treasurer, if you have any questions about paying your dues.

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 [Chris Sousa-Wynn](#). 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.



The 2015 Strand Brewers Club Holiday Party.

2016 Club Officers

President	Bob Wilson	millstadt@gmail.com
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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.

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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



TRUB

WE'RE ALL GETTING ON THE BUS TO GO TO SAN FRANCISCO FOR THE LUNCHEON HONORING THE STRAND BREWERS CLUB AS THE 2015 HOMEBREW CLUB OF THE YEAR!



. . . PERHAPS WE SHOULD GET IN THE BUS.