

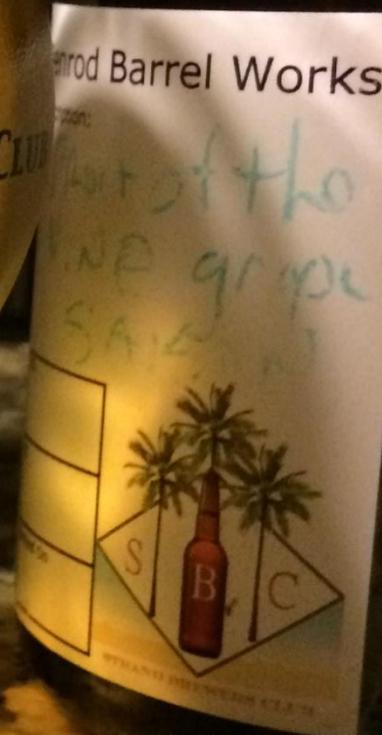


DREGS FROM THE KEG

Jeff Sanders Memorial Homebrew Competition



STRAND BREWERS CLUB



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Foam at the Top

By Chris Remensperger, President

Fast approaching is our second annual JSM Competition, or better known as the Jeff Sanders Memorial Competition. For anyone and everyone who knew Jeff (myself included), he was your friend. Outgoing, genuine, charismatic I could go on all day but he was, truly, a great friend and an amazing homebrewer. This competition was founded to remember Jeff and all those no longer with us. It also give us a chance to retain competition knowledge often lost holding PBC every 3 years. With that said, I encourage everyone interested to volunteer. It is a fun event and you have the opportunity to learn a great deal. Details to follow at www.JeffSandersMemorial.com.

Three times a year Strand Brewers Club hosts a brewer's take on Iron Chef with our own Iron Brewer Challenge. We randomly choose a hop, specialty grain and adjunct which must be creatively used. Some very interesting, and great beers have come out of these events. This year's 2017 Iron Brewers Ingredients are as follows.

March - Wakatu Hops, Golden Promise Malt and Mango

July - Cascade Hops, Chocolate Malt, and Rosemary

October - Simcoe Hops, Malted Wheat, and Pumpkin Spices

March is approaching fast, better get brewing!

Finally I would like to remind everyone that February's meeting will be held at Brouwerij West and that **no** outside commercial beer will be allowed. Homebrew is more than welcome (thanks to CHA & Jerry Brown) and encouraged. See you all there!

Reminder, if you submit beers to any competitions this year you are entitled to Homebrewer of the Year points! So that you do not miss out on these points, please send

me an email (president@strandbrewersclub.org) with your entries and I will make sure to record them.

Spent Grains

Christy Hoy, Treasurer

It's a new year. It is now time to pay your 2017 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 Christy Hoy, Strand Treasurer, if you have any questions about paying your dues.

Why Enter a Homebrew Competition

By Ryan Penrod, the best brewer you know, period

I was awarded homebrewer of the year twice in a row. I expect this is out of the sheer volume of competitions I enter. I attend meetings regularly and I know that my beers are not the best.

My motivation for entering competitions has really been fueled by Steve Fafard and discussions with him about how the rotating hosting of Pacific Brewers cup serves as an opportunity for Pacific Gravity, Long Brach Homebrew Club, and Strand Brewers Club to try to out brew each other.

The only time I am disappointed when I enter a competition is when I get incomplete scoresheets back. While I enjoy brewing a lot without competing, I think there are a lot of good reasons to enter a competition.

Win Medals. This is the most tangible and in my experience the most relatable for non-homebrewers.



Get feedback on your beer. Club meetings are great for feedback on homebrew. Brewers can discuss process and get really targeted feedback. However at

competitions two judges sit down and evaluate multiple beers of the same style. That can really help focus the feedback.

Pro Am Brewing and other prizes. A number of competitions offer pro-am brewing opportunities or other fancy prizes to best of show winners.

Club Pride. The Homebrew community is small. When a club wins a lot of medals other clubs notice and comment. It also makes our entry to the California State Homebrew Club of the year stronger.

I encourage everyone to enter Jeff Sanders Memorial and Pacific Brewers Cup this year.

Closing of the 23rd St Brewery in Manhattan Beach

By Ron Cooper

I regret to announce the closure of one of the clubs oldest Breweries - the 23rd St Brewery in Manhattan Beach.

CLOSURE OF THE 23RD STREET BREWERY - one of the first Strand Brewers Club breweries. All equipment is going FREE to club members, - on a First Come, First choice basis.

Equipment includes 6 -8 gallon stock pots (Stainless), 5 Gallon Fermenters, Transfer and Bottling Equipment including Counter-Current cooling coil, Bottling and Capping Eq.; Sterile Bags, miscellaneous grains, etc.

First come, best selection. Everything must go! Remaining Homebrew will be available.

Editor's Note: Ron has asked us to call him between 10AM and 6PM to arrange a time to see his equipment. I am uncomfortable publishing his phone number and address in our Dregs that gets posted on the internet and social media so please contact the Dregs Editor on facebook or by email for Ron's contact info.

Success at the 2016 BJCP Taste Exam

By Jim Wilson

Thanks to Rick and Penny Wirsing for administering the BJCP judging exam last September. Their volunteering helped a number of brew club members become Recognized beer judges.

Because of respect for privacy, BJCP doesn't release individual exam scores to the public. 11 took the 1609CARE exam. Two scored in the 60s, seven in the 70s and two in the 80s. Congratulations to all.

All new judges who pass the judging exam enter the program at the Recognized rank. Those scoring 70 or greater are promoted to Certified when they earn 5 experience points, at least 2.5 of which are judging points.

It's a little more complicated for those scoring 80 or greater. New judges and existing judges without a written proficiency exam score have the same path to Certified as above. When they accumulate 10 judging experience points they may take the written exam and follow the [published path](#) to National or higher. Existing judges with a written score average it with their highest judging score (presumably this new one). An average score of 80 or greater and 20 experience points, at least 10 of which are judging points, and you make National. As a result of this exam, Mike Haisma is Strand's sixth National judge following Joel Rosen, Jim Wilson, Bill Krouss, Rives Borland and Jim Hilbing. A special shout out to Mike! Only about 15% of all who take the exam make National.

One final note. Anyone who took the exam may retake it for a higher score. It's a good idea to judge for at least a year to gain experience before retaking. In BJCP history, retakes average a 6 point improvement over their previous scores. So, if your score ended in 4, 5, 6, 7, 8 or 9, statistics are in your favor. The largest judging score improvement I could find in the database was 30 points. If you're inclined, go ahead and dream high!

Strand Brewers Club Events

February 8th - Club Meeting

The February Club meeting will be held in San Pedro at Brouwerji West in San Pedro.

The Last Friday of Every Month - Final Friday

Note, the schedule has been updated from the January Dregs. Strand Brewers Club monthly socials on the last Friday of every month will be at the following locations:

Month	Location
January	Rob Rubens Brewing and Distilling
February	LA Ale Works
March	Monkish Brewing
April	Three Weavers Brewing
May	Strand Brewing
June	Smog City Brewing
July	King Harbor Brewing
August	Select Beer

September	Phantom Carriage
October	Dia de los Muertos Party
November	Zymurgy

discounts to Southern California breweries and home brew shops.

Registration for the SCHF began on January 6th, 2017. The initial cost is \$35, but increases to \$40 on February 1st, \$45 on March 1st, and \$50 on April 1st. Registration closes on May 3rd. 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 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 eleven campsites for May 5th and 6th. Each campsite has a captain who you can contact to arrange for sharing the campsite. The captains are as follows:

Campsite Captains	Campsite Number
Dan Parker	84
Anthony Brownstone	85
Jeff and Christy Hoy	86
Rich Thorton	87
Greg Foster	88
Chris Remensperger	89
Chris Remensperger	90
Jimmy Lane	98
Rives Borland	99
Rick Wirsing	100
Dan Maritn	101

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.

April 8th – Jeff Sanders Memorial Competition

The 2nd annual Jeff Sanders Memorial Competition will be held on Saturday, April 8th at Odd Fellows Lodge in Redondo Beach. The [website](#) should be up and running on February 10th, check it out to register early to volunteer to judge or steward, and to see what the accepted styles are.

The styles are beers Jeff enjoyed, including an Experimental Iron Brewer beer which will need to include the same Iron Brewer ingredients as the club’s March Iron Brewer beer: Wakatu hops, Golden Promise Malt, and mango.

The entry window will be March 10 – March 25 so start brewing now. It would be great to get a good showing from our club and get the word to out to other brewers.

March 8th – Bragging Rights Competition for SCHF at the Club Meeting

The Club competition to represent Strand Brewers Club at SCHF will be held at the April meeting the SCHF club bragging rights competition this year is lager. So brew a lager, any lager, bring it to the meeting, and compete for bragging rights.

The 26th Southern California Homebrewers Festival will be held on May 5th and 6^h, 2017.

Thirty-Seven homebrew 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.

The Bragging Rights Only competition this year is for lagers, any style of lager. So start brewing now.

We will have an inter-club competition to choose the Strand Brewers Club entry.

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

So make your plans now for the 26th Southern California Homebrewers Festival!

Iron Brewer Club Competition

Iron Brewer is a club competition to brew a beer using the three special ingredients (a grain, a hop, and an adjunct) and anything else. It is a great event to foster experience with recipe formulation and creativity. Check out the [website](#) for past competitions and winners.

Recipe must include the special ingredients and should all be detectable in the finished beer.

Additionally, this year the March Iron Brewer ingredients are the same ingredients for the Jeff Sanders Memorial Iron Brewer Category.

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Competitions

Strand Brewers Club Targeted Competitions

Competition	Entries Due	Judging Date(s)	Judging Location	Website
Romancing The Beer	1/27/17	2/11/17	Westlake Village, CA	http://romancingthebeer.com/
America's Finest City	1/25/17	2/3/17 and 2/4/17	San Diego, CA	http://quaff.org/AFC-2017/
Jeff Sanders Memorial Homebrew Competition	3/24/16	4/8/16	Redondo Beach, CA	http://jeffsandermemorial.com
Mazer Cup International Home Competition (mead only)	2/24/17	3/11/17	Broomfield, CO	http://mazercup.org/
AHA National Homebrew Competition 1st round*	2/5/17 (registration)	3/31/16	San Diego, CA (additional locations available)	http://www.homebrewersassociation.org/competitions/national-homebrew-competition/competition-information/
Los Angeles Belgian Brew Challenge	3/17/17	3/26/17	Los Angeles, CA	http://belgianbrewchallenge.com/
Mayfaire	TBD (early April)	TBD (late April)	TBD (Winnetka, CA area)	http://www.maltosefalcons.com/comps
California State Fair	2/11/17	3/25/17	Sacramento, CA	http://reggiebeer.com/ReggieEntry.php?CompetitionID=GSUHIE1000219
Los Angeles County Fair	TBD (July)	TBD (July/Aug)	TBD (LA/ San Fernando Valley)	http://www.maltosefalcons.com/comps
Pacific Brewers Cup	TBD (Sept)	TBD (Sept)	TBD (LA/Long Beach)	TBD

California State Homebrew Competition	TBD	11/6/16	TBD (San Francisco, CA area)	http://www.nchfinfo.org/state-comp.html
Doug King Memorial Homebrew Competition	TBD (early Jan 2018)	TBD (late Jan 2018)	TBD (LA/ San Fernando Valley)	http://www.maltosefalcons.com/comps

*Registration lottery takes place 2/1-2/7

Tell Us What You're Doing

Your stories are welcome in the *Dregs*. Upgrade your brewery? Fine tune your practice? Take a road trip? Do well in a competition? Have recipes to share? Read a good beer book? Have club related pictures, especially for the *Dregs* cover? Send all those, or anything else you think would be interesting to the [Editor](#). The more content you provide the better each *Dregs* will be. Thanks!

What We Stand For

The objectives of the Strand Brewers Club are to brew beer and share information about 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 Strand 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 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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