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## Next Meeting

Tuesday, March 11  
at 7 pm. At

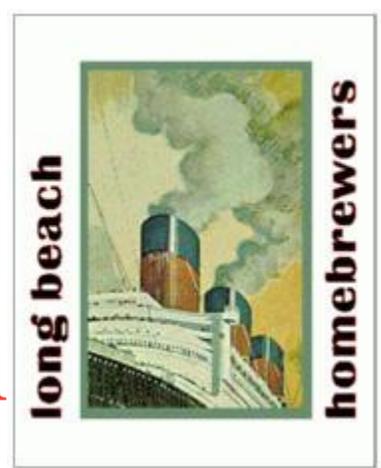
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# The Brews Telegram

The Newsletter of the  
Long Beach Homebrewers



## President's Message

**My fellow Long Beach Homebrewers,**

Ever since I moved to Long Beach from San Diego in 2009, I have always wanted to see the beer industry grow. We have been blessed with having the best mid-sized brew pub, and mid-sized brewer (Beachwood and Julian respectively) right in our backyard. With that being said, Torrance is starting to build their beer culture as well.

This last month another brewery opened up in Torrance, called Absolution Brewing Company, or ABC as they like to be referred to. This is the sixth brewery to open up in Torrance, all within a few miles of each other (Smog City, Monkish, Red Car, The Dudes, Strand Brewing, and Absolution). Every time I have been to one of these breweries, I have noticed that there are more and more "brewery tours" from LA stopping by sampling their products. While I hate lines at a brewery, I think exposing more people to craft brewing is always a good thing.

I would highly encourage all of us to support our local Long Beach breweries, in addition to our neighboring city Torrance. The more we support our breweries the more they can grow, in addition to newer breweries opening up. Let's make this part of Southern California the beer destination of choice for those visiting our state. .

As always, Happy Brewing!

Josh

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## 2014 Monthly Style Schedule

Here are the styles for each month.

**March:** Non-Imperial Dark (cat 4, 12, 13a-e)  
**April:** American Wheat or Rye (cat. 6d)\*\*  
**May:** Blonde Ale (cat. 6b, 18a)  
**June:** Saison (cat. 16c)\*\*  
**July:** California Common (cat. 7b)  
**August:** IPA (cat. 14)\*\*  
**September:** Belgian Triple (cat. 18c)  
**October:** Scottish & Irish (cat. 9)  
**November:** Barleywine (cat. 19B-c)  
**December:** Winter Specialty (cat. 21b)

\*\* Home Brewer of the Year Competition

## Tastings at the February meeting

### Non-competition beer

James Barrera - American Amber

Dan Eastwood - Oktoberfest

Mike - Honkers

Michael - Irish Ale, Cinnamon Cider

Ron Hamilton - Big Brew 2014

Ian Maddux - IPA

The second round of beer in competing for the Long Beach Homebrewers Brewer of the Year (HBoY) was "English Pale (Cat. 8)". There were 13 entries:

HBoY

John Silvertooth - Ordinary Bitter

Enrique Piceno - Ordinary Bitter

Josh Smith - Special Bitter

George Eldridge - Ordinary Bitter

Randy Weber - ESB (**2<sup>nd</sup> Place**)

Josh Parsons - ESB

Calvin N - Ordinary Bitter

Tom Parker - ESB

Derek Johnstone - ESB (**3<sup>rd</sup> Place**)

Adam Widera - ESB (**1<sup>st</sup> Place**)

Dick E - ESB

Jackson - ESB

Tim Harper - Ordinary Bitter

## **No 2014 SCHF, stay tuned for other CHA events that weekend!**

(this article was copied from the CHA website – ed.)

With great sadness, we are announcing that there will not be a Southern California Homebrewers Festival in 2014. The nonprofit that wanted to have our event as a fundraiser has decided at the last minute that the sheer size of our event and short time frame were simply too much for the local chapter of their organization. (the non-profit that originally agreed to host the event and then backed out is Surfrider – ed.)

While we gear up for a full-fledged fight to change the legislation, the board would like you to know that we are planning several smaller tasting and brewing events throughout SoCal. As the events are confirmed, we will send you the information. That weekend is AHA's Big Brew Day and we will send out dates and times of those events as they are scheduled—tastings as well. We won't forget you, and we don't want you to forget us—we plan to have new law and Fest up and going for 2015.

For those of you with reservations at Lake Casitas, please cancel them as soon as possible to allow Casitas time to re-book the sites for other campers. We strongly urge all clubs to not consider taking homebrew to the park to have a mini-fest of your own. Several clubs have discussed keeping their reservations on that weekend and we have discussed that possibility with Casitas. They have great concerns that having clubs take Fest-sized quantities of homebrew to the park is likely to be a problem in the making. We want to be welcomed back to Casitas for our 2015 event, not turned away because of any misbehavior of club members in the absence of an organized event. We would greatly appreciate the unified support of all clubs in this. (not everyone is in agreement with this suggestion; some LBH members have decided to retain their reservations and have a micro-fest. - ed.)

Stay tuned to [www.calhomebrewers.org](http://www.calhomebrewers.org) for details of great tasting events and Big Brew Days in Southern California on the weekend of May 2 , 3, & 4. And stay tuned to help us fight the new law that has re-defined and diminished our rights as homebrewers.