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Next Meeting

Tuesday, February 9
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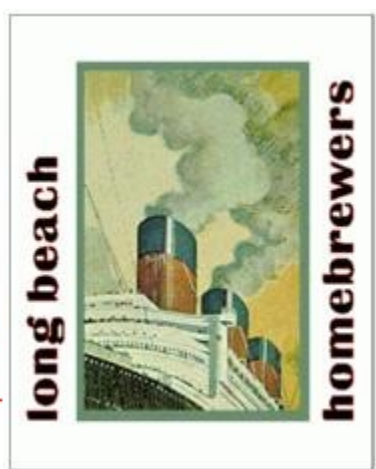
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The Newsletter of the
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President's Message

Greetings Fellow Long Beach Homebrewers! Coming to you from somewhere over Rockies on American Airlines flight 758.....

The Homebrewer of the Year competition style-judging Months commence again this month. The style of the month is British Golden Ale, which is a new style for the 2015 Beer Judge Certification Program (BJCP) style guidelines. British Golden Ale can be thought of as a drier and more hop forward version of an English Pale Ale, with some allowance for American hop presence in the beer. As with their brewing counterparts across the pond, British brewers have most likely realized that the drinkability/quaffability and refreshing quality of hop forward beers with lower finishing gravities are quite popular amongst the beer consuming public. It would be interesting to see how our members interpret this style, since commercial versions are not readily available in the States ("would be" for me personally, since I'll be out of town for this month's meeting). It harkens back to the early days of homebrewing when one of the primary reasons that people began homebrewing was due to a lack of availability of beer besides the watered-downed light American lagers! The style is also an example of "naked" brewing, since the simple nature of the style readily reveals any flaws in the brew....

In addition to the Homebrewer of the Year Judging months, as a reminder, new to this year, participants can get 1 competition point for participation for bringing in the style of the month in non-judging months. This new wrinkle to the competition was added to encourage more people to brew the style of the month for the club meetings. Based on the participation in the style of the month for January (Session IPA), it definitely seems to be a success! For those people who are pressed for time, but would still like to participate, many of the upcoming styles really lend themselves to extract brewing, which can save significant amounts of time compared to all-grain brewing. For example, Trappist Dubbel Ale is coming up, and darker Belgian beers, like a Dubbel, really lend themselves well to

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extract brewing! In fact I brewed an extract Dubbel myself a couple weeks ago.

March Meeting: For those of you interested in serving the club, next month's meeting in March is the annual meeting where we elect officers of the club. If you are interested, be sure to make plans to attend the March meeting. And last but not least, related to this, due to work and family commitments for 2016, I will not be able to seek re-election for the President's position for 2016. Therefore, if you are interested in running for President, or have an idea on who would make a good President for the Club, begin thinking now of any nominations you would like to make at the meeting!

Cheers!

Adam Widera

2016 Monthly Style Schedule

Here are the styles for each month.

February: British Golden Ale (2015 BJCP Style 12A)

March: Belgian (Trappist Dubbel (2015 BJCP Style 26A)

April: American Porter (2015 BJCP Style 20A)

May: Dunkles Bock (2015 BJCP Style 6C)

June: Coffee Beers

July: Czech Amber Lager (2015 BJCP Style 3C)

August: Pre-Prohibition American Beer (Pre-Pro Lager, Cream Ale, Kentucky Common)

September: Belgian (Trappist) Tripel (2015 BJCP Style 26C)

October: Black IPA (2015 BJCP Style 21B)

November: American Barley Wine (2015 BJCP Style 22C)

December: Bourbon/Whiskey Barrel flavored Beers (2015 BJCP Style 33B)

Tastings at the January meeting (Session IPA)

Ray Grace	Session IPA
Adam Schmalz	Session IPA
Jon Silvertooth	Session IPA
Adam W.	Session IPA
Adam W.	Rock Bottom House Yeast
Adam W.	Rock Bottom Wyeast Munich II
Josh Parsens	Session IPA
Karl Reithmaier	Session IPA
Moises Arteuger	Session IPA
Rick Adams	Session IPA
Gary Sjobakken	Session IPA
Dick Emmerson	Session IPA
Derek Johnstone	Session IPA
G. Jackson	Session IPA
Mike Cullen	Session IPA mit grapefruit
Alfredo Rocha	Session IPA
Calvin Ninh	Honey Blonde
Calvin Ninh	Cider with sorghum
Andi Hakim	Session IPA with Citra + Mosaic
Dan Sunderstrom	Greenlite