



# Brewsletter Urquell

## THE FOAM RANGERS

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### Out (of) The Wazoo

Robert Brown, Grand Wazoo Man, a lot has happened since I wrote my last article (there was no Brewsletter for July). We had a fun pool party and kickass brewery crawl. A 'Joes vs. Pros' taste-off took place. And, most importantly, a Dixie Cup Head Judge was identified. Thank you Paul Burdick for allowing the club to sucker you in, I mean talk you in, to taking on this role!



I got back to my goal of visiting all of the area homebrew clubs by stopping by Bay Area Mastronauts (BAM) monthly meeting on Tuesday, July 12th. Despite all of the traffic getting down there, I had an awesome time. It was great to talk with everyone and try the various offerings. I felt very welcomed. Although not a "local" club per se, I was at the Austin Zealots' Inquisition event last Saturday. Now this is a cool competition

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### Foam Rangers Lead in Beer Olympics

The infamous, Beer Olympics are wrapping up, and as usual, Foam Rangers have been sweeping up medals in many competitions. 2016 represented a new reshuffling of the style categories...err, sports. Yes, sports!



Beyond the venerable Keg Toss and the predictable Barleywine Chugging, new events were featured this year. They include: Completing the Brewsletter Without Access to Photoshop, Realizing You Used to Make Good Beer, Daytime Drinking, Fred, and the Biggest Damn Raffle in the World!

This year also featured several exhibition events that may become official events in the future. These included 16 Ounce Curls, the Gymnastics event Cellar Find and Juggle, and Identify That Off-Flavor.



### Upcoming events

- September 10<sup>th</sup> - Brew-in
- Sept 11<sup>th</sup> - Officer's Meeting
- Sept 16<sup>th</sup> - Monthly Meeting
- October 20-22 - Dixie Cup

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ceremony. Many homebrew taps set up, lots of food items, and it's right on the lake. I was able to spread the gospel about Dixie Cup, where I expect to see several of these guys at the event come October.

Speaking of "Dixie Cup", and as you would expect at this point, planning has been ongoing. John Gonzales has put together some really terrific graphics (thanks, sir!) and the website is up if you haven't seen it. I believe that we will start officially accepting entries this Saturday. The theme is "Come and take it". So wrangle up your entries (there is still plenty of time to brew a batch or two) and get them submitted so, uh, yeah, they don't actually come and take the Dixie Cup, which the Foam Rangers have had possession of the past few years.

If you haven't already, mark your calendars and try to assist with Dixie Cup sorting or with any of the six judging sessions. Contact any of the officers if you need the dates. The dates are on the Facebook page and will be emailed out again soon.

On a closing note, I would like to mention hotel reservations. Specifically, they need to fulfill our minimum room requirement. I am bringing it up because there were some issues last year. Use the group discount code ("FOA") to make the reservation. The \$85 per night rate is supposed to be a competitive offer. If you find a better, cheaper rate contact the coordinator or an officer and we will get it worked out. If you are not sure about booking a room, staying at the hotel makes life so much easier. Trust me. Just do it.

Well, until next time....

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## Foam Ranger Officer Meeting August 7, 2016

Denise Whitney, Scrivener



In attendance: Robert Brown, Rich Goeggel, Denise Whitney, Shazia Hart, Matt Crnkovich, Matthew Stephens, Paul Burdick, Jeff Reilly, Steve Moore, Hank Keller, Elsie Burgos, Kristine Kocan, Janine Weber, and possibly a few others. It was a pretty good turnout!

First Sunday Officer Meetings

- September: September 11 (Second Sunday) at Flying Saucer Downtown, 11:00 AM – note change in time. Pay attention to Facebook event as it pops up – there's some possibility the meeting will be at noon. 11 AM is contingent on Saucer opening early. Remember, it's an Astros game day, which will impact traffic and maybe parking. Metered parking downtown is free on Sundays.
  - October: Meeting is likely to be brief and will be held at some point during judging at Saint Arnold on October 2.
  - November: Meeting on November 6 at the normal 2:00pm slot at Brash!
- September monthly meeting – Friday, September 16: Robert will be out of town. Matthew Stephens will cover the announcement portion of the meeting, which will be mostly focused on Dixie Cup, especially rallying up people to come to the sorting events on September 24 and October 1.

### Financials/Business

- Hotel fee is paid for Dixie Cup
- Membership database is up to date
- Roster is submitted for insurance; insurance payment is due August 31
- Truck is reserved for DC, deposit is not paid yet. Howard Rushing is handling this, and will confirm the plan
- Hotel code to book for DC should be posted online, so everyone can start booking rooms. It was noted

that no one should find a rate lower than the group rate we are offered. If so, channel this up to Robert or Rich. It's pertinent that any rooms booked for Dixie Cup are booked using the group code, so that we hit our minimum and don't have to pay additional fees.

Cane Island Alers (CIA) Operation Fermentation is August 27. At the time of Brewsletter publication, there is likely 1 judging day left – Saturday August 20. See postings on Facebook for more information.

Brew-Ins and Food coverage is slated for the rest of the year as follows:

- September: Brew In = Janine, Food = Scott Ream
- October: Brew In = A Paul (Smith or Porter), Food = N/A (Dixie Cup)
- November: Brew In = Teach a Friend to Brew Day/multiple participants, Food = Denise Whitney
- December: Brew In = Matt Crnkovich (tentative), Food = Holiday Party/Pot Luck

Holiday Party: Working with KGB and Bay Area Mashtronauts to collaborate a party. Date slated on website is not firm, will know date and location by the next officer meeting.

Meeting ended with transition into more detailed Dixie Cup planning and socializing.

# Foam Rangers in Spotlight with Doping Scandal

Brewsletter Ed. Who else would write this?

A new scandal is rocking the competitive homebrewing scene. Rumors abound that certain members of the Foam Rangers were caught using sensory enhancing substances (beyond alcohol, obviously) recently. Far out, man! When interviewed, one prominent American and rumored Foam Ranger offered a simple story: "I didn't inhale." Others have been found to be adding substances to barleywine and gifting it the name "Brain Death Barleywine."

The Brewsletter is on this story, trust us! We'll be sure to get to the bottom of the people producing illicit blends, and confirm the purpose and workings of these beverages.



## Smorgasbord, or Light Lagers, Cream Ale, Pilsner, Amber, Fruit Beer, & Fruit Lambic Paul Porter, Secondary Fermenter

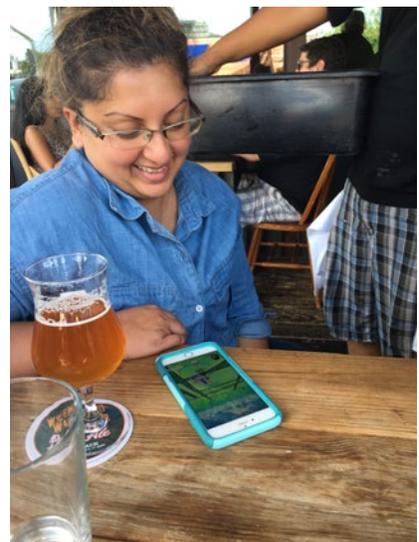
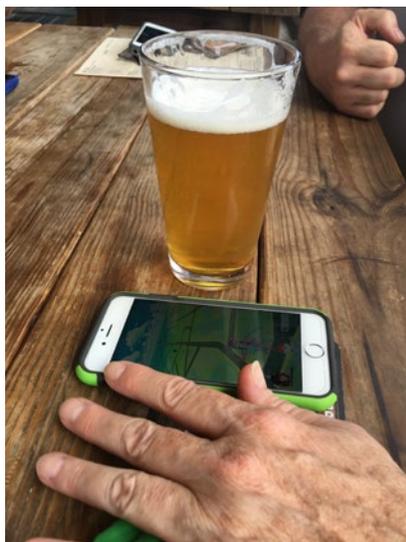
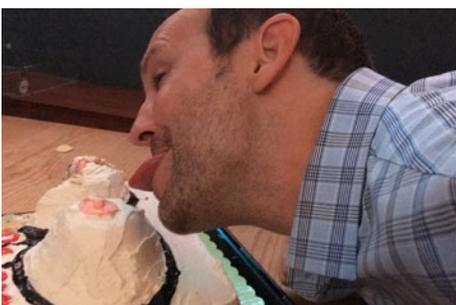


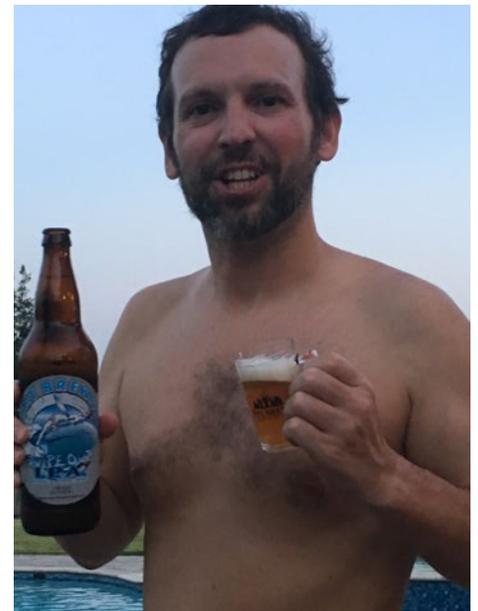
WOOT!!! It's that magical time of the month again; time to slap together an article for the brewsletter. As secondary, I've been asked to redo the monthly beer line ups to reflect more current trends in beers, because the styles served at each monthly meeting have not been altered since I've been a member. Several of the styles, like ambers and bitters, are becoming quite scarce, and in there place, has risen the era of Berliner Weiss, fruit beers and gose. We've also seen an explosion in the variety of some styles such as lambics. The previous calendar had Belgian and sour ales at the same meeting which meant most of the popular/expensive beers were on one night. I've also moved Pales and IPAs together, because frankly the line between them are so blurred that the differences non-existent. I announced my suggestions of styles on each month via Face-

book months ago and will post my rearranged suggestions below. I plan to follow this for the rest of the year. If I left out your favorite style from BJCP, let me know and I will sneak it in.

As some of you know I've recently remarried. We had our honeymoon in Las Vegas, so I brought back a few brews from the Las Vegas area for the next few meetings. If you end up in Vegas, I highly recommend visiting Craft Haus Brewery. They have an excellent series of saisons. The peach saison was a thing of beauty. Sadly they did not have cans/bottles to bring back, that and I was a little too tipsy to remember to buy them. Anyway cheers!

January: Porters & Stouts  
 February: Barley Wines & Holiday Brews  
 March: Belgium, Saison & Abby  
 April: Brown, Old & Scotch Ales  
 May: Bocks, Dark Lagers, Wood/Smoke Brews & Non-Fruit Sours  
 June: Trendy brews (Gose this year), Wheat Beers & Meads  
 July: Pool Party!!!  
 August: Light Lagers, Cream Ale, Pilsner, Amber, Fruit Beer, & Fruit Lambic  
 September: Oktoberfest, Alts, Pumpkin (HSV), Ciders  
 October: Dixie Cup!!!  
 November Pale Ales, IPAs & double IPAs  
 December: Homebrewers Christmas Party!!!







## That 5 Ringed Thing: Foam Ranger Reactions

"I'd be the best at shotgunning beers"  
Bat Boy



"Can we have an event for just enjoying  
beers?"  
Nathan Summers,  
Bartender at some place too cool for you



"I *still* don't understand why they can't  
do the Beer Mile."  
"Maybe they're waiting until they make  
the Olympics in imperial units."  
"You know, Prefontaine is pretty much a  
saint to me."  
Steve Moore,  
Hasher, Was-a lot of stuff some time ago



"Houston could give kayaks to use in the  
track events. Imagine the 200m Stand  
Up Paddleboard."  
Kate Jarvis,  
Made one wrong turn, ended up at  
Defalco's



