

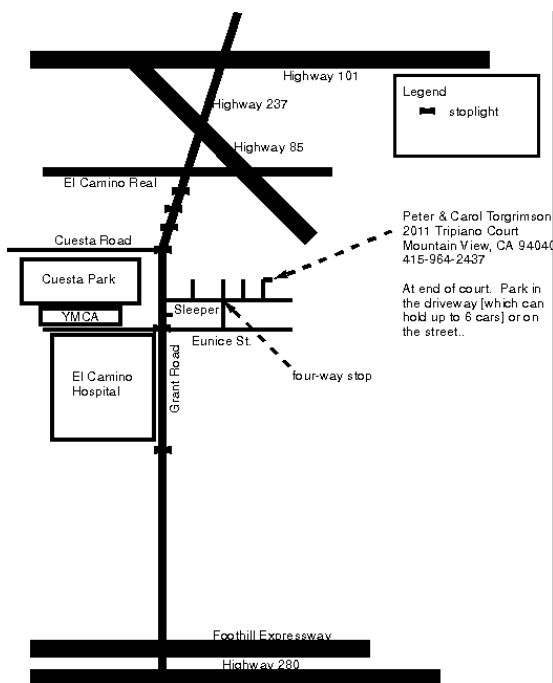
# WHAT'S BREWING?

## Worts of Wisdom Homebrewers

September, 2000

### The Next Meeting

The next WoW meeting will be at the Torgrimsons' on Wednesday September 27 at 7:30 PM. Here is a map:



There will be a talk on brewing calculations and recipe formulation. We will taste some of the better entries in the Small Brewers Festival, and we will pass out the leftover beer. Upcoming events will be discussed. Naturally, we will have the usual socializing and sampling of homebrew. Be sure to bring some of your best homebrew. Also bring some of your worst for feedback on possible causes of problems.

### President's Ruminations

*Peter Torgrimson*

As we come to the end of another summer, and the end of the summer beer festivals, remember that things are not completely dead yet. See the calendar for upcoming events. I want to draw your attention to two events, in

particular. The Northern California Homebrew Festival (October 6-8) is a gathering of homebrewers from across the state. Everybody who has gone has commented on what a great event this is. I encourage everybody to attend. The second event is the 22nd Annual California State Homebrew Competition, November 4, at Stern Grove in San Francisco. The entry deadline is October 21. This event is about the last beer competition of the year, and one of the best. It has good judging, good quality entries, and a great party following the judging. I have always believed that winning a ribbon at this competition is somehow more significant than many. This competition does not have open entries: Each club may submit up to three entries in each category. An individual brewer who has won a first place in another competition in the last year may submit one entry in any category for each first place won. This competition has its own categories, so check out the category descriptions at <http://www.river.org/~mumbly/malts/>. We will talk about this at the September meeting.

Another event to start thinking about is the WoW Holiday Party. It is tentatively scheduled for December 3. Mark your calendars. This is a great occasion for socializing with club members and spouses over wonderful food. I have always felt this event is the highlight of the club year.

With member departures from the area, we have had a variety of brewing equipment in need of new homes. We should not let this go to waste. If you have equipment which you no longer use, and wish to pass it on, please send out the appropriate messages. You WILL get a response.

If you are willing for others to observe/participate in your brew day, remember to put out the word, even if it is on relatively short notice. These informal club brew sessions are fun and informative. They typically have a small group in attendance and are very pleasant events. The way I look at it is, if somebody comes to my brew day, that is fine. If nobody comes, that is fine too. These are just different brewing experiences.

Read on for more exciting Worts of Wisdom news!

## What's Brewing?

Brew bodacious beer.

### July Meeting Minutes

*Jeff Schroeder*

In attendance:

*Members:* Randy Fischel, John Peiper, Jeff Schroeder, Carol Torgrimson, Peter Torgrimson, John Watson.

*Visitors:* Ed Davis, Barry Wertheimer.

The meeting was held at Peter and Carol Torgrimson's house.

We started with a little socializing, and we had the opportunity to taste homebrew brought by Peter Torgrimson, John Watson, and Barry Wertheimer. Yum!

We then got down to business. We started with a discussion of the club's web page and email lists. We decided that a custom domain would be nice, especially since it would give our web page a permanent address through future host moves. We also thought we should move the web page off of egroups, since non-members couldn't view the page, but that would make it necessary to find a willing host. Randy Fischel volunteered to host the page, as well as to secure our club domain name. Thanks, Randy! We will still use egroups for our email list, though there is some concern that egroups might be harvesting email addresses for spam.

At this point, we realized that we were supposed to hold elections this month. John Watson graciously accepted a nomination for a second term as treasurer and was elected. (I would like to say it was unanimous, but I don't know. I guess I should be tracking votes in the minutes. It was by popular acclaim, anyway.) Yours truly decided to make his role as minutes-taker and newsletter editor official, so he accepted a nomination for secretary and was elected. There were no nominations for president or vice president, and a constitutional crisis was narrowly averted when Peter Torgrimson didn't refuse to continue with the duties of president.

John Watson suggested raising the dues for a single membership from \$18 to \$20. It was decided to defer this item and put it on the agenda for next month.

There was some discussion about what we needed to do to get ready for the Small Brewers Festival. We needed a flyer to describe the club, which I volunteered to create. This made it necessary to get our domain name immediately so I could publish it in the flyer. Randy Fischel promised to take care of it the next day.

### Calendar of Upcoming Events

- **September 27 - WOW meeting, Torgrimson's, Mountain View.**
- **October 6-8 - Northern California Homebrew Festival, Skyline Park, Napa.**
- **October 25 - WOW meeting, location TBA.**
- **November 29 - WOW meeting, location TBA.**
- **December 3???? - WOW holiday party.**

After the conclusion of business, Peter gave a nice style talk about German amber beer. After that there was some discussion about brewing historic beers, and then we adjourned.

### August Meeting Minutes

*Jeff Schroeder*

In attendance:

*Members:* Randy Fischel, Katy Franz, Marty Franz, Mark Gealy, John Peiper, Jeff Schroeder, Chuck Sherwood, Peter Torgrimson, John Watson, Barry Wertheimer.

*Visitors:* Bob Hardy, Sean Quinlan, Mark Thompson, Conrad Wells.

The meeting was held at the Mountain View Tied House.

We got a few new members at the meeting: Welcome to Katy and Marty Franz and to Barry Wertheimer.

We started the meeting with a few announcements from Peter Torgrimson:

- The September meeting will be at Peter and Carol Torgrimson's house. We will be tasting beer left over from the Small Brewers Festival homebrew competition.
- The California State Homebrew Competition is coming up in November. All members are encouraged to brew and enter this competition.
- A BJCP exam may be scheduled soon in the Bay Area if enough interest is shown. We need to identify people who are interested in taking the exam. If an exam is scheduled, Peter and Carol Torgrimson will probably host another study session.

After the announcements Ron Manabe treated us to a tour of the brewery. Thank, Ron!

## About Us

The Worts of Wisdom Homebrewers is a diverse group of people living all around the Santa Clara Valley and up the peninsula who are interested in learning more about beer and brewing and sharing their brewing experiences and their beer.

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