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## Editor's Note

This month, we've got competitions and celebrations on tap. First up is our Mayfaire competition - the oldest in the world! - followed by the Southern California Homebrewers Festival in Temecula, and our own Mayfaire party in Woodland Hills. It's almost too much homebrew to handle... almost.

A quick reminder that there is no member meeting in May, as the Mayfaire party takes its place.

Prost!

Ian



# Board Meeting Minutes

by Brent Yarkin

**Location and Time:** Tuesday April 23rd at the Home Beer Wine and Cheese Shop in Woodland Hills, CA

**Attendees:** Brent, Cullen, Kent, Matt, Ian, Ed, Jenna, Eric, Rick

**Next Board meeting is:** 5/28 at the shop.

## Treasurer's Report

We have just under \$9,000 in our account but we are waiting on income from a few sources. We will have the sweatshirt order form up soon.

Discussion on state of club engagement and activities overload with lack of activities director to manage each event actively. Tiffany just had her baby, CONGRATS Tiffany! Some comments from the discussion, lower interest overall throughout the homebrewing world. many more options for clubs these days. Money issues were brought up, there is a fear of too many events might cannibalize certain other events. Which events are core to the falcons? Maybe cancel DKM next year. Try for more brewery hangouts as those are easy to plan and don't need large attendance to feel successful. Club Meetings are still a big draw but the club needs some work to look better and market our club more effectively (more on this below)

## Activities

March Mashness went great. Needs to be better communication as to the host and their need to update (and have access) their events as they need to be.

SCHF is going well. We have 6 RVs and 10 campers tickets sold. After discussion with board, no raising of prices this year to encourage people to sign up. Discussion about a per camper rate (regardless of RV).

Mayfaire Party is ready to go at DAV. More tickets need to be sold.

Bus Tour - As we don't have a leader for this event this year and the money this year should be focused on improving the clubhouse, the board has decided to cancel the bus tour. We will try to do one again next year.

Lake Arrowhead is going well. New location but should still be a ton of fun!

45th anniversary party planning is going on. There is a

Committee Meeting on June 11th at 7pm at the shop. Collaboration brews are being setup. Next step is to confirm brew dates and invite club members to join. More information to be discussed at the committee meeting.

Our club meeting schedule for the rest of 2019 is: June, July, August, October, and December. 1st Sunday of each of those months.

## VP Report

Mayfaire just occurred. Lower entries than normal. Still having trouble finding enough judges.

## Webmaster

Ian is doing a great job working through the issues on the website and with hosting. Things are getting better but there is still work to do.

## Membership

120 active members, new cards have been printed for all members. Getting about 3 new members per month.

## Publicity

Shop brew went great, Drew led it and he actually paid for all the ingredients. Thanks Drew!

Kent will lead a shop brew in October.

Matt has done a great job getting sponsors for Mayfaire. Thanks Matt!

## Clubhouse updates

Cullen met with the Cellarmasters and talked about a plan of action for specific improvements to the club that both the Cellarmasters and Falcons can enjoy and be proud of.

Here are some of the improvements that were discussed: New Flooring, New Painting, Duct work redone, move the freezer outside, new cabinets. It was discussed that materials could cost about \$5,000 of which half would be on the falcons. We need to put actual bodies to these tasks. This should have all of the board and many of the non-board falcons helping out with their time and labor.

# 2019 Mayfaire Party Invitation

Saturday, May 18th, 2019, join us at the Woodland Hills Disabled American Veterans Hall (DAV) for another fun Mayfaire party!

## Address

DAV Address: 6543 Corbin Ave, Woodland Hills, CA 91367

This year's celebration is a little different: new location & an added highlight - Drew will host some trivia fun! Of course burgerfrau Jenna has plans to whip up some delicious grub as snacks & dinner as well. Party goers are welcome to camp overnight just like at Oktoberfest.

## Date & Time

Party starts: Saturday, May 18th @ 1:00 pm

DAV departure: Sunday, May 19th @ 12:00 pm

## Mayfaire Food

Light afternoon snacks, also bring your own too. BBQ chicken, ribs and sausages with vegan baked beans, an assortment of salads and dessert. Breakfast will be biscuits and gravy, or homemade preserves with Bloody Marys.

In addition to eating yummy food & sharing brews, we also announce all of the winners for our annual Mayfaire homebrew competition, present the category medals and of course, the Best of Show winner.

To cover the cost of the facilities & dinner, the fee is \$30.00 per person. No extra charge to pitch your tent or park your RV onsite (no hook-ups available.)

As is the case with almost all of our events, the party/campout is a private event, open only to members and their guests. This is a family friendly event. Kids under 21 are free. Pets are welcome with a leash.

Buy your party pass(es) online at: <http://www.maltosefalcons.com/content/2019-mayfaire-party-fee>



# Southern California Homebrewers Festival

by Jenna Bonney

The Southern California Home Brewers Festival is a yearly event that usually takes place the first weekend in May. Home brew clubs from all around Southern California come together to celebrate and share beer. This year SCHF was located at Vail Lake, CA, which is really close to Temecula. It's a weekend event that allows you to camp at the event site, or book a hotel in Temecula, with a free shuttle pick up/drop off service on both Friday night and Saturday morning/night.

The event starts at 6 PM Friday night with a Pro Pour night. Several breweries are invited to pour their beers; and so far, they have been different breweries each year. The Pro Pour goes for three hours, with each brewery bringing at least two different beers, but usually several more than that. They know this is a brewers event, so they generally bring beer they are proud of. The Pro Pourers this year were:

- Barley Forge
- Calusa Brewing
- RIIP Beer Co.
- Skyland Ale Works
- Trustworthy Brewing
- Wild Barrel Brewing

After Pro night, you head back to your clubs camp grounds. Some to get some rest for the main event on Saturday, but quite a few of us stay up to drink more beer. I usually eat a late dinner, between the Pro night and the bottle share. These after parties, on both nights, are where I have tasted some real treats, whether the beer was home brewed or commercial, the good stuff is usually brought. At a certain point, and after all the drinks, the group starts to dwindle, with people slightly stumbling back to their tent or RV. A select one or two might continue on and "trick or treat" with other clubs. It's not always wise, but I hear it is fun.

Saturday comes a little too quickly for some of us, and a breakfast beer, or Bloody Mary might be consumed before the main event, that starts at 11. This is the event we are here for! Kevin Baranowski helped set up and take down our booths for the event, so thank you Kevin! He also brought the bar with 13 taps, plus there were two taps with randalls, and a couple Jockey boxes with two taps each. We had a total of 19 taps pouring, and a few back up kegs too. Several of our members also contributed mead to be poured, Roger Taylor was very helpful in our mead tent.

This home brewers festival is the highlight, the Pro night might have some tasty beer, but this fest offers truly original and unique beer. This is one of the biggest reasons why I love this event, the beer you're not going to find anywhere else again. Sometimes it's a great beer, sometimes not so much, but usually it's tasty and different. I tend to start with lighter beers

in the first part of the fest: lagers, blondes, session ales and sours. As the day progresses, so do my beers choices. By night time, I am usually drinking the big and boozy beers: imperial IPAs, Browns and stouts, wee heavy, Belgian strong ales. Any type of beer you can think of, one of the clubs probably is pouring it. Another perk of this fest: since I am camping, sometime in the afternoon I head back to my site, make lunch and take a nap. Refreshed, I head on back to the fest, ready for round two. This is a ten-hour marathon, not a sprint. And there is plenty of beer to drink!

The fest has a few other things to do throughout the day, you are not just drinking beer. There are special guest speakers, a raffle with one grand prize, but also other handy, practical and fun prizes, food trucks, and live bands. The first speaker was Jason Thompson, Calusa brewery, he spoke about "The state of American IPA". The second speakers were Pete Bakulic, The Mazer Cup, and Billy Beltz, Lost Cause Meadery, and they spoke about "Mead making for Brewers". The speakers are different every year, usually being very informative and helpful. I look forward to them. There are usually a few different bands that play through out the event, including our very own Maltose Falcons Band with two sets. They had a large audience and a crowd of dancers. I enjoyed listen to them from our booth while I took my turn pouring for our club.

The event also offers a Bragging Rights Only Competition. At the beginning of the year, the SCHF Association specifies a style from BJCP beer guidelines to be brewed and entered into the BRO Comp, one entry from each club can be submitted. This year was Wee Heavy, a style I am a big fan of, and was very happy to see several at the Fest. However, I have no clue who won and I looked for the BRO banner.

One of the interesting things about this festival, is how much I returned to the Maltose Falcons booth for another taste. While I enjoyed too many other clubs' beers to list or count, I would still go back to our booth. And I have done this all four years that I have attended. It's not even a specific beer, but most of them I tried and retried a few more times. After ten hours of drinking, I would assume that I would be ready to pass out. Nope. "Bring out your dead!" The dead palates starts at a somewhat agreed upon time/location. After drinking all day, we decide to bring out some more beer. Usually the rare, extremely tasty and high ABV. At this time, none of us are worried about having to wake up the next morning and tear down camp. Just give us that next sample of yummy beer! And yes, I should be there again next year.

by Jenna Bonney



# Southern California Homebrewers Festival

by Jenna Bonney



# 2019 Mayfaire Homebrew Competition

The 2019 Mayfaire Homebrew Competition was held on Saturday, April 27th, at Five Threads Brewing in Westlake Village. Mayfaire is our flagship competition, and the oldest homebrewing competition in the world. This year, there were 262 entries submitted from 116 brewers from near and far. Thank you to all judges and stewards who worked hard all day, and thanks to all Board Members and others who worked hard to organize this terrific competition.

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The Home Beer Wine and Cheese Making Shop

## Results

### BEST IN SHOW WINNERS

First Place: Mike Neice from Phantom Homebrew Club, “Bbw,” Category 26.3: Wood-Aged Beer, Whiskey.

Second Place: Andrew Simsak from the San Francisco Homebrewer’s Guild, “Grodziskie,” Category 25.1: Historical Beer.

Third Place: Mike and Alex Riddle from HOME Brewers, “Goat In A Boat” Category 15.2: Traditional Bock.

You can find a listing of all medalists in all categories at <http://competitions.maltosefalcons.com/>





# 2019 Mayfaire Homebrew Competition



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# Calendar of Events

## 2019 Mayfaire Party

Sat, 05/18/2019, 13:00 - Sun, 05/19/2019, 12:00

## June Member Meeting - IPA's & POTLUCK!!

Sun, 06/02/2019, 11:00

## July Member Meeting

Sun, 07/07/2019, 11:00

## August Member Meeting

Sun, 08/04/2019, 11:00

## Lake Arrowhead Brewfest 2019

Sat, 09/07/2019, 12:00

## October Membership Meeting

Sun, 10/06/2019, 11:00

## 45th Anniversary Celebration!

Sat, 11/02/2019, 18:00

## December Membership Meeting

Sun, 12/01/2019, 11:00

**Notice:** No member meetings in May, September, and November.

