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- Mayfaire Party, picnic and campout

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## **Editor's Note**

#### **Happy New Year!**

We've already gotten the year off to great start, with yet another excellent Doug King competition with many top-notch entries, hosted again by the gracious MacLeod. We also held a revival brew session of the mighty Falconsclaws! We collaborated on a special brew in the rare Adambier style with Figuroa Mountain Brewery, and that was just January. 2017 is shaping up to be a big year for the club and I can't wait to hop on and enjoy the ride with my friends!

Cheers! Cullen Davis

## Brew Year's Resolutions for the Love of Beer

### By Andy Ziskin, President



Andy has a cat. And sunglasses. And a beard.

Hey Falcons,

Happy New Year to all of you! I hope you all had a great time over the holidays and many opportunities to share your homebrews with friends and family near and far. I can't believe we're already on to the month of love, beer love that is! As is customary in January, I made some brewing resolutions to step up my game (and specifically my brewery). So first, I resolved to get my brewery and my "brew shed" organized. It is a resolution I've had for a while now, but I plan to take it seriously this time and schedule a day to just get organized and not try to shoehorn the organization into a brewday or a day when I'm already kegging

or bottling, so that I can give the organization the attention it actually needs. My second resolution is to do more brewing and collaborating with other brewers. I know that my process always runs smoothest when I brew alone (mostly because I'm less likely to enjoy a beer to two before cleanup begins), but after hosting a Brew-With-A-Falcon last year I also found out that I learned a bunch just by having other brewers around during my brewday that helped me to think more about the why in some of my process and equipment. Of course I hope that whatever your Brew Year's Resolutions are, that the Falcons will provide an arena for you to achieve those goals.

Speaking of... maybe you're always wanted to see what happens at a club meeting, you could resolve to show up this Sunday for the meeting and Chili Contest (especially since the homebrew sharing will be a little more informal and less intimidating for many members)...if you've resolved to get some great unbiased feedback on your beers, there are lots of great competitions coming up from the National Homebrew Competition to our own Mayfaire Competition on April 22nd... if you've wanted

to learn more about beer styles and off flavors, you could take the online BJCP entrance exam and even participate as a judge or steward at one of the local competitions! And of course we've got plenty more chances for you to learn more about beer and brewing and some great social activities planned for 2017.

And of course once month in to 2017 we've already had a lot of beer related fun and learning. First I want to say a big thank you to all our judges, stewards, and sponsors that made the Doug King Competition such a success. Also, a huge round of thanks go out to Nic and everyone at Figueroa Mountain for opening up their brewery (and taps) to all the Falcons for brewing of the Deacon's Nightcap Adambier.

I hope to see you all for our little Super Bowl pre-party/meeting and Chili Contest. Don't worry, we'll get everyone out in time to get to their viewing parties.

Cheers, Andy

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#### **Important Dates**

**Romancing the Beer Homebrew Competition:** February 11 at 8:00 am - 5:00 pm

**Mayfaire Homebrew Competition:** 

*Entries Due:* Friday, Apr. 7, *Check-in:* Sunday, Apr. 9, *Judging:* Friday, Apr. 21 and Saturday, Apr. 22 **Southern California Homebrew Festival:** Friday, May 5, 2017 - 10:00 to Sunday, May 7, 2017 - 12:00

## 2017 Doug King Memorial Competition Results

Congratulations to all the winners! Results are also available on the Maltose Falcons' web site.

#### **Best of Show:**

Noe Tellez -- "What The Helles?!" Munich-Style Helles

#### 1st Runner-up:

Alfredo Rocha -- Pela Vacas Milk Stout

#### 2nd Runner Up:

Gus Carrillo -- Imperial Russian Stout

Congrats to Noe for this great win and congrats to the rest of the winners in this hard-fought compeition!

#### Class 2 European Pale Lager

1st Noe Tellez Munich-Style Helles 2nd Tony Truong Bohemian-Style Pilsner

3rd Brandon Monroe, Chris Cesnek Dortmunder Export-Style Lager

#### **Class 9 Amber and Dark Lager**

1st Jorge Pineda Marzen/Oktoberfest 2nd Georgia Flair Vienna-Style Lager 3rd Bill Kutlesa Schwarzbier

#### **Class 10 American West Coast Beers**

1st Bryan Hendrickson West Coast Extra Pale Ale 2nd Mike Neice American Red and Amber Ale 3rd Jeff Koehler West Coast Extra Pale Ale HM Darrel Brown West Coast Extra Pale Ale

#### **Class 14 Northern European Strong Beers**

1st Gus Carrillo Imperial Russian Stout

2nd Todd Slater, Matt Castellino Baltic-Style Porter

3rdMike NeiceImperial Russian StoutHMJeff KoehlerImperial Russian Stout

#### Class 15 Bock

2nd Todd Slater, Matt Castellino Doppelbock

#### **Class 16 Porter**

1st Shane May American-Style Porter 2nd Brian Drown American-Style Porter

#### Class 24 Specialty Beer: Fruit/Vegetable and Herb/ Spiced

1st Alfredo Rocha Pela Vacas Milk Stout
 2nd Darrell Rogers Imperial Pumpkin Porter
 3rd Samuel Staley Tart Saison With Green Plums

Class 25 Specialty Beer: Historical, Experimental &

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1st Edgar Regis Haliparot New England Citra Calamansi IPA

2nd Noel Michel, Amy Michel, Ayse Cerami, Zach

Smith ,Steve Hall 100 Giants Gruit 3rd Jesse Rodriguez Oud Bruin De Table

#### Class 26 Specialty Beer - Smokes & Wood Aged

1st Jason Justeson, Gabe Padilla, Ralph Carrasquillo, Vic Carrasquillo Imperial Headache, A BBA Story Wood-Aged Beer, Whiskey

2nd Jeff Koehler Wood-Aged Beer, Whiskey

3rd Alejandro Ramos, David Crane Wood-Aged Beer, Whiskey

HM Gus Carrillo Barleywine

#### **Class 29: Experimental Session**

2nd Miles McLennan LR Berliner Wiesse

#### **Category 30: Imperial Anything**

1st Noe Tellez Imperial Anything
2nd Gus Carrillo Bestial Devastation
3rd Bryan Hendrickson Billi Walk DIPA

#### Category 31: English/Irish/Scottish and Specialty

1st Jeffrey Leming, Brett Shaw Barely Barleywine

2nd Bonfilio Ruiz English/Irish/Scottish and

Specialty

3rd Darrel Brown Sugar Daddy's Brown Ale

HM Tony Truong Kilt Dropper



## **Falconsclaws Simplified**

#### by Drew Beechum

This is the 2016 edition of the infamous Falconsclaws recipe. The older recipes from 1999-2001 needed additional ingredients like sugars and extracts because we didn't have enough system capacity to try and hit that magically ridiculous 1.140 gravity. Seriously, it's nuts. But thanks to the club's awesome 50 gallon system, we could actually mash enough grain to make this thing happen! (Hat Tip to Kevin Baranowski for the original series of beers)

**Brewed By:** Drew Beechum, Jim Meyer, Donovan Nebreklievski, Lyne Noella, Craig Shapland, Tom Sisolak,

Matt Trumbo

Brew Date: 01/15/2017 Brew Type: All-Grain

Beer Styles: Experimental and

Specialty Beer, Other Classic Style: Samichlaus

Recipe Category: Classic Falcon

Recipe

**Batch Size:** 29.0 gallons **Boil Time:** 90 minutes

Original Gravity: 1.137 O.G. Final Gravity: 1.020 F.G.

**ABV:** 14.7% ABV **IBUs:** 28.4 IBUs **SRM:** 16.7 SRM

#### Malt/Grain/Sugar/Extract:

70 lbs Weyermann Pilsner 70 lbs Weyermann Munch 0.75 lbs Weyermann Carafa III

#### **Special Mashing Instructions:**

Mash at 150F for 60 minutes

#### Hops:

3.75 oz Magnum Pellets 11.5%AA 60 minutes

3.75oz Hallertauer Mittelfruh 2.8% 5

minutes

#### **Extra Ingredients:**

Yeast Nutrient

#### **Yeast:**

White Labs WLP885 Zurich Lager Yeast (courtesy of White Labs) Saflager S-189

#### **Special Instructions / Notes:**

Force chill to mid-70's.
Hit with pure O2
Chill overnight into high 40's before pitching
Hit with pure O2 every 12 hours for the next day.
Pray and wait one year before

serving.

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### **Competition Calendar**

For those of you interested in winning fame and fortune in homebrew competition, here are some upcoming comps. Don't forget about our own competitions, of course! Those events are always listed on the Falcons' web site: www.maltosefalcons.com

**February 11** Support our neighbors!

5th Annual Romancing the Beer Homebrew Competition Thousand Oaks, CA • AHA/BJCP Comp

**February 11:** Napa Homebrewers Classic Napa, CA • AHA/BJCP Comp http://northnaparotary.org/napa\_homebrewers\_classic

**February 25:** The Temecula Valley Strange Brew Murrieta, CA • AHA/BJCP Comp

March 25: California State Fair Homebrew Competition

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