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Next Meeting

Tuesday, March 10
at 7 pm. At

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President's Message

Greetings Fellow Homebrewers!

At this month's meeting, we will hold our annual elections. I am planning to run for president again, for the record, as I have enjoyed serving the Club this year and hope to continue to do so.

If you would like to run for club office, this is a quick rundown of the elected positions and their duties (taken from our bylaws):

- **President:** The President shall be the chief executive officer and general manager of the Corporation and shall supervise, direct, and control the activities, affairs, and officers of the Corporation. The President shall also have such other powers as are usually vested in the office of the President of a Corporation and such other powers and duties as the Board or these Bylaws may require. The President shall preside at all Board meetings and all meetings of Associates if present thereat.
- **Vice President:** The Vice President shall assist the President in carrying out his/her duties, shall assist the other officers of the Corporation in organizing and coordinating Corporation Activities, and shall have such other powers and duties as the Board or these Bylaws may require. If the President is absent or disabled, the Vice President shall perform all duties of the President (for example, presiding over Board meetings and meetings of Associates). When so acting, the Vice President shall have all powers of, and be subject to all restrictions on the powers of, the President.
- **Treasurer:** The Treasurer is the chief financial officer of the Corporation. The Treasurer shall keep and maintain, or cause to be kept and maintained, adequate and correct books and accounts of the Corporation's properties and transactions.
- **Secretary:** The secretary keeps meeting minutes and plus manages the club's newsletter.

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In addition to these positions, there are a handful of appointed positions. If you are interested in any of these positions, speak to the elected president after the March meeting to see if the position is still open. These are the appointed positions:

- **Event Coordinator:** As the name indicates, this person will coordinate our major events (Fest potluck, Big Brews, Red White and Brews, etc...)
- **Past President (Not appointed):** This is the president from the prior year (Ray would continue in this position until a new president is elected, at which point I would fill this position).
- **Webmaster:** Manages digital footprint of club, including competition websites, the club website, and our social media presence.
- **4 Members At Large:** These club members are voting members of the board and each asked to contribute 3 newsletter articles on the year.

I had a ton of fun at the Big Brew at Long Beach Beer Lab and I hope everyone else there did as well. A huge thanks to Michelle and Levi for coordinating and hosting respectively!

There are 2 meetings left (March and April) before the Fest. The T-shirt design is done and the shirt color will be a dark blue. This is the final design:



Shirts will be \$20 each for women's or men's styles. Please give us your shirt information pay Tom at the meeting or via PayPal by 3/15/2020 so we can get the shirts made and available to distribute at the April meeting. I'll be sending out a Google sheet to the email and google groups as well so you can verify that you are on the list.

The first HBOY competition month is in the books. There were 8 tasty strong bitters to taste and the voting was so close that we had a tie for first place after a couple of run-offs.

1st place (tie): Jon Silvertooth and Oscar Pulido.

3rd place: Tom Fontes

March's theme will be session beers (anything under 4% ABV). I personally love session beers, as I can have a few without the alcohol really impacting my day. I can't wait to see what people brew for this!

April's theme, as most years, is the So Cal Homebrew Fest bragging rights style. The style this year is Kolsch. All entries for this mini-competition will need to enough beer to submit bottles to the fest committee for judging and to pour at the fest if your beer is our club's entry. I look forward to seeing whose beer will represent us this year!

Happy Brewing!

Jon Silvertooth

Styles for 2020:

Month	Style or theme	HBOY Month
January	Kviek	
February	ESB (English Style)	HBOY 1
March	Session Beers (Beers under 4% ABV)	
April	SCHF Bragging Rights Style (Kolsch)	
May	Munich Helles (German Style)	HBOY 2
June	Mead, wine, or other fermentable	
July	Anything American	
August	Belgian Tripel (Belgian Style)	HBOY 3
September	Wild Beers	
October	English Beers	
November	IIPA (American Style)	HBOY4
December	Winter Warmers or other seasonal beers	

Tastings at the February Meeting (ESB, HBoTY)

Jon S	ESB tie for 1 st
Keith C	ESB
Adam W	ESB
Tom F	ESB 3 rd
Val G	ESB
Oscar P	ESB tie for 1 st
Richard	ESB
Eric	ESB

Other Beers:

Neil H	American Amber
Tom F	Imperial Rice Pilsner
DJ Kelly	Hazy IPA
David	Stout

Why do I Brew Beer?

By Neil Ian Horowitz

I ask myself on occasion, why do I brew beer? A simple question with not a simple answer.

I have been brewing for several years now and got introduced to the process by my friends Jeff and Tom watching them brew up a 10-gallon batch of Imperial Stout. It seemed at the time to me to be a very laborious process and fun to watch them do it, but I did not have the equipment or place to do it myself.

Well time passed and I moved from Long Beach to Pomona and Maryellen's Brother in Law Ron in San Jacinto was also a home brewer. He invited us over to his place to partake in doing a batch of home brew. That was the start of the "Through the Looking Glass" home brew club. Then Christmas Maryellen bought me my 1st kettle and burner (that I still use) and I found myself brewing on a more regular basis. After that I would travel out to San Jacinto for other "Through the Looking Glass" group brewing. On occasion we ventured down to our friends in Valley Center to brew at their house for the weekend.

I invested in a Speidel Fermenter and other necessary equipment and found that I would feel anxious if I didn't have a brew working on a monthly basis. I guess I was hooked.

I was talking with my mom about my brewing and she had mentioned that my grandfather made wine at home, so I guess it is something in my genes to make fermented beverages. A year or so ago I started to make gallon batches on mead and that is being a biannual event. I don't know if I will venture into making table wine but never say never.

So why do I brew?

Well I enjoy the process of making something I can share with family and friends. I like the good feedback on beers I have made. I enjoy the process of coming up with a recipe and making a beer or mead. I like the comradery with the Long Beach Homebrewers Club and the support everyone gives to each other on making better beers.

It's just plain fun.