

April 1978

I ANNOUNCEMENT OF NEW OFFICERS

- a. President - Brent Wilson b. Vice President - John Silvester
c. Editor & Secretary - Jim Brenneman d. Treasurer - Jeff Trafftzs

II PRESIDENTS ADDRESS :

I'd like to start out with my thanks to last years officers who did so much to make the club happen, despite the weather. Thanks to Grace Dale, Merlin Elhardt, Jeff Trafftzs, Roy Clark, and Pat Rogers. With thier continued support, I have able to get off to a running start, for the new year coming up. Thanks again folks.

When I arrived at last months meeting, I was informed by Merlin that I was the new President of the beer club. This was quite a shock to put it mildly. He told me that because I hadn't been elected at the last meeting to refuse, I had been elected unanimously into the position most refused. I then refused the position, claiming that I have no qualifications everyone knows that I brew lousy beer, I can't sing, I've never been president of anything, and I'm not even a lush! Now what kind of beer club president would I make? After mulling over these considerations, I concluded that Merlin was indeed joking. However after asking him, "Seriously now?"; Three different times, and he said, "Yes you are President" I believed him. I refused again, and was informed "that to cast a dissenting vote", I had to have been present at the election. The vote was not unanimous and final so you are the new President. Well at that, I accepted my fate, and had a beer.

Later on, Grace, our honorable ex-President, called the meeting to order, and held an election for the new officers. Merlin immediately nominated me, and before I could realize I had been tricked, I was elected President. Merlin had psychologically primed me to accept the position least wanted of all public offices! I left outraged, but put the feeling down, and tried to think of what to do. Luckily, it came naturally. I just kept drinking beer. Wow, that's it. Nobody expects a beer club President to do much more than drink beer, and if I came up with more, well I'd be doing fine.

III PROPOSED ACTIVITIES '78

1 Club meetings will start at 1:30 P.M. with a raffle and a beer tasting session, and at about 2:00 P.M., a short presentation by various members on topics of interest. This May's presentation is; Purifying and maintaining an uncontaminated yeast culture, by Rodney Morris. These Activities, starting at 1:30 each meeting, are for those who wish to profit from having a beer club, and will be held at the beginning of the meeting before rampant looseness predominates. This leaves the rest of the meeting to fun, food, beer, and games, so slow up when you can.

2 SPECIAL GUESTS : - Brewmasters and experts.

- A. Fred Eckhardt has tentatively promised for August and said he'd bring some of his brew for the beer tasting!
B. Lee Coe - We will try to arrange his participation.
C. Byron Burch if he is available will speak.
D. Professor Michael Lewis of U.C. Davis. - If there is sufficient interest, he has promised to teach his brewing course down here, or

possibly a visit? We'll work on it.

3. FIELD TRIPS AND BREWERY VISITATIONS.

We will be visiting local breweries to learn more about our hobby. Also field trips to more distant breweries and locations are planned.

This May 26 - 27, there is scheduled a tour of Anchor Steam Beer brewery in San Francisco. This will coincide with the annual Winemakers Convention and has been arranged by Lee Coe. There will be at least two other brew clubs, Mr Coe, Fred Eckhardt and others involved. This is a great opportunity. If you would like to go representing the Maltose Falcons, contact John Silverster(836-0085) or any board member.

4. PICNIC - Combined with the annual wine club picnic. Set tentatively for July or August. Bring the family & friends.

6. BOARD MEETINGS :

Board meetings are open to all members. Please bring your ideas, talents and beer of course! We have come up with the above ideas at the last board meeting, with a small attendance. Imagine our potential if you participate! The next board meeting will be at Ray and Alice Sweats house on Thurs. May 11th, 6637 Labao Ave, Canoga Park, 91306 884-0087

7. A new member package will be put together soon including 1 ea. beer mug, electric pencil in shop for personalizing, 1 ea. Maltose Falcons I.D. card, teach simple recipe for a Dark & light beer.

8. Club room in shop to be redecorated w/pegs for mugs&a dart board.

END OF PRESIDENTIAL MESSAGE :

START OF OFFICIAL JOURNALISTS' RAMBLINGS :

Now this year I flick - off the new newsletter ; This newsletter has now been de-Merlinized. I will now go into a long diatribe of abuses and excesses that took place while Merlin was Editor. I will then show how I am moving these petty goings on and I will right all the wrongs that took place..... Yes, I will invite a representative from the W.C.T.U. * who will express her approval of the club activities, (fat chance), and will write an article about us in Ladies Home Journal.

At last meeting, myself and Brent minding our own business, sat down for a beer and just discovered that we had been elected President, Journalist, and secretary of the beer club, that Roy Clark was returning to England.

Now that strikes me a little funny, as this was my second meeting I ever attended.

I expressed my disbelief to Roy Clark that anyone would return to cold, foggy, rainy England, especially after seeing Sunny Southern California from December '77 to April '78 but I guess we all have our own personal quirks.

After most of the Club left, I was left talking to a member who said he was constantly being bitten by dogs and could never get far enough away from them, and they were the worse thing since... etc. etc. etc. I asked what would be sufficient protection from these vicious creatures? A bow and arrow? (OVER)

* Women's Christian Temperance Union.



An M 16 rifle? a tank? An I.C.B.M. ? Not withstanding my ironic comments, he went right on about how a french poodle could rip out your Achilles tendon with just one bite and lay you up for several months. I will not divulge his name, but HE knows who he is. To make a long story short, this line of conversation gave me an irresistable urge to visit the Mens room, and that was the end of our fractured meeting. At the end of the meeting, "Dog Man" invited I and Brent over to his house for beer, where he had a pool table, a ping pong table, and 75 six packs of home brew. I shortly got smashed at pool, ping pong, and on his home brew. I had a can of genuine "Billy Beer" and came to the sudden conclusion that if Billy ever ran for President, he would never get my vote.

I took home with me six sulphur candles I had purchased at the shop for fumigating the fleas out of my sisters room. When I got home, I proceeded to light the candles as per direction, and in half an hour, the room was opaque with sulphur dioxide smoke, and it was impossible to even walk in. Even with the door to her room closed, it was the odor of SO₂ was present throughout the house, and in the morning, the fleas were as active as ever.

The next function I went to was the board meeting of the club. We started talking about science. (The beer club is full of B.A.'s, M.A.'s, D.A.'s and P.H.D.'s, but no M.D.'s) We were waiting for Merlin, and Grace Jada. When they came we opened our ~~offic~~ official board business, discussing how the club could go in, who are the paid members, hint, hint. who the new officers are, and what their functions would be/. We next discussed the logistics of the club.

I would like to remind the members that if it's been more than a year since joining, new memberships are due, and that even if you're not paid, we are sending you this newsletter to remind you of your opportunity to support and ENJOY the beer club. We kicked around an idea of starting a beer tasting, beer appreciation thing going with the club, and would appreciate the feedback. Right after the meeting the other members expressed their appreciation of how we brought some interest and enthusiasm to the beer club. At the end of the meeting, Brent and I, went over to the Home Wine Making shop with John, who expressed great enthusiasm concerning the meeting, and our attitudes. Essentially, that is what went on at the last two meetings, and we are looking forward to seeing you on May 7th at 1:30 sharp at the beer club. If any members have friends who are interested in brewing or different kinds of beers, please invite them for the beer tasting & discussions, and let them see the variety of beers, commercial also, that are available.

I would like to end this newsletter with a poem that I wrote.
(It has 5 references to beer, count them) (OVER)



Outside my room,
There is a bluebird.
He tries to get in my room,
when I'm asleep.
but the window is always shut.
when I come to the window to open it,
he flies away.
I stick my head out the window
To invite him in for some fruit and nuts
but he just looks at me.
Then he flies on his way.
then he leaves the phone rings.
when I come to the phone,
it stops ringing.
So I go downstairs
and pour me a beer.
For relaxation and good cheer.
To talk with the bird.
To talk with the phone.
let me listen to the wind.
let the sunshine of my face.
let the stars fill me with wonder.
let my spirit travel the universe in it's infinite vastness.
let me see the planet and find a place,
where the bird shall alight.
where the phone never ring.
where all questions have ~~answe~~ answers.
where the river endlessly downstream.
where the sun always greets me.
and the night never dark.
where the eyes of your friend. (not a cold hearted thief)
where the broken and tormented souls who cry for relief.
where you can find a mortal
and the world will be your free.
The sun will set as I finish my beer.
but the world keeps on turning.
and the sun will set on me.
and the bird will no longer come.
and the phone will go on without me.
Forever, and ever, and on and on.
Disappointed by a day in the sun.