

January 2019 Minutes

Location/Time: Ritual Brewing @noon

January meeting is underway!

Member introduction – Hello to our 1st time attendees

Yeast raffle for members who participated in our online survey

First in-style beer is poured. A delicious chocolate stout.

Brewer of the year announcement.

1st place – Jason Dunn - \$100 dollar gift card

2nd place – Cary Chitwood - \$50 gift card

3rd place – Russel Geisner

Good job to everyone who participated in the brewer of the year competition. Upcoming point changes for the coming year were announced. Up to date information can be found at <https://inlandempirebrewers.com/boty.html>

Recap of our 2018 Homebrew Competition

- Thank you again to everyone who allowed us to make is a success
- The club raised \$350, all of which will be donated to a local charity benefiting veterans

Upcoming Competitions were discussed. We would really like everyone to get out to judge or steward as many competitions as possible this year.

- Doug King Memorial
- AHA National Homebrew Competition

SoCal Homebrew Fest 2019!

- SoCal Homebrew Fest is taking place May 3rd/4th at Vail Lake. Fest is two days of greatness. Friday there will be professional brewers serving their beer alongside a few homebrew clubs. Saturday revolves around 30-40 homebrew clubs serving beer at their booths all day long.
- There is also a competition at Fest to see which club can brew the best tasting version of a given style. This year that style is Wee Heavy. The Inland Empire Brewers will have our own internal competition at our April Meeting. Get going now if you want to win our club comp and represent us at Fest.
- SCHF also has an artwork competition. Entries are due Feb 7th. Winner receives \$300, two complimentary Fest registrations, and two t-shirts featuring their artwork

A delicious barrel aged Russian Imperial Stout makes it's way around the room as we near the end of the in-style beer. Announcements continue to be weaved in between fantastic beers.

Club Social Gatherings (not meetings) will be moved to the 4th Thursday of each month. Our first club social will take place January 24th at the Brickwood Tavern in Riverside. Address is 3653 Main St, Riverside, CA 92501.

We've finished up the stouts and start heading into the out of style beers. Of special note is Russel

Geisner's version of Resilience. Resilience is an IPA brewed by Sierra Nevada Brewery. In order to help out the victims of the recent California wildfires, Sierra Nevada shared the recipe and encouraged other breweries to brew it and donate the proceeds to the fire victims. It's been a lot of fun to brewery hop and try Resilience IPA at the various breweries who participated in the charitable effort. Russel's own attempt was stellar and it's great to see even homebrewers spreading the message about this great campaign.

The club unveils plans for a Metrolink Pub Crawl. Members who wish to participate will meet up at a local train station where we will ride out to LA together to drink our way through the town. Mark your Calendar for March 2nd if you want to attend.

Our Annual Pub Crawl will take place later on this year with the fee to be determined. Our destination will be the North Park area of San Diego. Get ready for a great time coming down the pike.

New Merch Announcement! The club now has some beautifully designed stickers that you can purchase for \$1.00 each. One style sold out quite quickly at the club but we will print more in the future. The club also plans to sell hats in the near future. A prototype is shown around and modeled by brewer Damon Poliakon.

Ruben Munoz is the winner of our monthly \$50 Morebeer gift card! If you'd like a chance to be next months winner make sure to join the raffle by purchasing tickets or donating an item to be raffled off.

President Jason Dunn has set up a Google calendar with club events to help our members manage the various activities we have planned this year.

The beer has been poured and the announcements have been made. Our next meeting is set for Friday Feb 8th at 7pm with location and additional information coming soon. Time to switch from homebrew to the delicious offerings of Ritual Brewing Company. See you all next month everyone!