

Brew Angels Homebrew Club

Stockton, California

Dear Anchor Homebrew Club of the Year Organizers,

I am the event's organizer for the Brew Angels homebrew club in Stockton California and this letter and included documents is our club entry for the 2014 Anchor Homebrew Club of the Year.

The Brew Angels are a medium sized club with members ranging from Oakland to Jackson and Tracy to Galt. We have about forty dues paying members but like many clubs about half of those are routine participants. The club meets once a month on the first Saturday, at a club volunteers home.

The Brew Angels should be named Anchor Homebrew Club of the year because we support our local communities, the homebrew and the commercial brewing communities.

We have an annual fundraiser that is a Saint Patricks' party. We prepare our own Corned Beef recipe and all the usual accompaniments and provide a wide variety of homebrew for our guests to enjoy. We seat two hundred-forty guests who pay about \$30 per adult and \$15 per child or designated driver. Although it is a fundraiser for the club it is a very good value for our guests, a full evening of quality food and homebrew for \$60 per couple, can't do that anywhere else!

Besides club expenses the fundraiser funds many club events and contributions throughout the year.

Early in the year the club hosts two brew days to prepare for the Saint Patricks' fundraiser. The brew day is open to the public and is frequently held at a public place. While the club members brew beer our guests and visitors are encouraged to join in and help brew and also learn something about beer judging and beer tasting.

The club sponsors a pub crawl every year in the fall. The club pays for a full size tour bus and invites club members, friends and family to spend the day touring breweries and pubs in a particular area. This year we will tour the Oakland/Berkeley/Alameda area in November.

The club organizes two picnics a year, one in the spring and another in the fall. The club secures a site at a local park and provides the main course. Members bring appetizers, sides, salads, desserts and homebrew. Club members are encouraged to invite friends and family and especially new people who may have an interest in home brewing. It is not unusual to pick up a member who just likes the club and years later finally brews their first homebrew.



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In July the club organizes two brew competitions. The Amador County Fair Homebrew Competition and the Amador Commercial Microbrew Competition. The club has several BJCP judges and invites judges from other clubs in the area. This year's standings are included with this letter.

In September many club members participate in the Northern California Homebrew Festival in Dobbins California. The club provides a variety of homebrew and appetizers for the NCHF guests to enjoy.

Most club members are also AHA (American Homebrewers Association) members and contribute to their monthly magazine (Zymurgy) in the form of letter to the editor and their "Ask The Professor" series. The club also participates in the AHA club liability insurance program.

Several of the Brew Angels (wives and girlfriends) are avid sewers and frequently support the Saint Joseph's Oncology Ward by making knitted caps for cancer patients. The club supports these efforts by reimbursing these members for supplies and equipment.

The last thing we do for the year is support a (typically) local charitable cause at Christmas time. Generally speaking we contribute all remaining funds save for a minimum amount to keep the bank account active. A separate document of those contributions through 2013 is included with this letter.

So as you can see we are an active club that contributes to the homebrew scene, commercial breweries, public education, charitable causes, safe and fun evenings and days out for our members, guests and their families.

We have a web site that has years of picture galleries of everything from brew days, pub crawls and Saint Patricks' fundraisers. There is too much data to include on a CD or DVD so I encourage you to browse the site and see for yourselves. www.brewangels.com

We appreciate the opportunity to compete for the Homebrew Club of the Year and especially enjoy and appreciate Anchor opening their doors to us every year.

Attached:

[Charitable Contributions Document](#)

[2014 Amador County Fair Homebrew Competition](#)

[2014 Amador Commercial Microbrew Competition](#)

Sincerely Yours,

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