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# THE HOPLINE



Crescent City HomeBrewers

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## MEETING LOCATION

Deutsches Haus  
1023 Ridgewood Street  
Metairie, LA  
June 4, 2014 @ 7:00 P.M.

### Our Club Officers For 2014 are:

**Richard Doskey – President**  
**Jack Gonzales – Vice President**  
**Brandi Charbonnet – Secretary**  
**Marcel Charbonnet – Treasurer**  
**Keith St. Pierre – Quartermaster**  
**???-Web Master**



## SHARE YOUR BEER

### Bring your brew to the meeting.

When you bring your creation to the meeting, please sign the BROUGHT BEER sheet, legibly, with your name and the style(s) you bring.

### Last Meeting we had:

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Jacob Landry- Strawberry Mead, Belgian Blond  
Mike Retzlaff- Old Ale  
Brian Smith- Backpfeifengesicht bock  
Dan Rodbell-Dusseldorf Altbier  
Neil Barnett- ESB, Scotch Ale  
Murray Reynolds- Chocolate Milk Stout  
Chris Caterine- IPA  
Marcel Charbonnet- Bitters

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**Meeting Note:** When you come to the meeting at the Deutsches Haus - The only thing they ask is for us to patronize the bar. They have a quality selection.





# **Hank Speaks... So Listen by Hank Bienert**

JUNE 2014

There being little crawfish around and neither football nor king cake to distract from our infamous summertime blues, it was fun for my wife Georgine and myself to get out and about to attend the beer and food pairing offered at Gordon Biersch on May 27th.

Brewmaster Daniel Reynolds is young and energized yet with a many years long resume in brewpub operations although he and his wife only came early this year to New Orleans. If the name is familiar to non GB frequenters, he was at the CCH May meeting bringing us a generous donation from a cask tapping party he and GB held a few weeks ago to benefit our club.

The other side of the tag team is Chef Vega who understands that in our hometown, we are traditionalists but expect different spins on familiars and will accept unfamiliar if you do it well.

There were 10 diners and Daniel and Ms Reynolds in a little side room. Of note, we had a large CCH contingent of 6-we two, Frank Ballero, Boom Washington and his lady, and Ron Guarino. Evening started out with a so called German summerbrau, another name for the seldom seen kolsch style and a cold, refreshing generous pour it was. A good beginning for this event and the style is such a natural match for our locale. Making it a summer standard for GB seems like it would be a good idea.

Appetizers were crab stuffed sweet potato balls, nicely done well with the real potato flavor out there rather than a gorpy too sweet yam as sadly often.

Next was an arugula and cilantro salad with lemon vinaigrette side by side with a perfectly balanced hefeweizen with just a clove finish-as good as you get all over Germany but only rarely can find around here.

Main was sauteed grouper served in aluminum packet with sides of green beans and Mexican corn risotto which my experienced cook wife is still raving about. Beer was "special" Czech pils, a description which taught me that "special" at GB is code for highly dry hopped. The extra hop flavors did work well however with the mild rice, fish and vegetables.

Last was a cinnamon beignet resembling a French dough ball rather than our traditional carotid stopping grease bomb with a sauce of creme anglais. Very tasty with a grownup amount of sweetness and nothing more!! This was paired with a schwarzbier but since it was a GB "special" schwarzbier, the malty roasty flavor expected to balance the sweet dessert was also shared with a lot of dry hopped flavors-an unusual twist to that beer style.

Portions of beer and food were very ample and the venue of course excellent. Our overall thoughts as frequent diners around town-2 forks/glasses up!!....we look forward to the next one.

Hank and Georgine



The sign-up sheet for **Emerald Coast Beer Festival** *discount tickets* will be at June 4th meeting. If I can't be there some will bring the sheet.

It is not too early to reserve your rooms. Log on to emeraldcoastbeerfest.com. Follow instructions. Call the Pensacola Beach Resort (Days Inn) directly: 850 934-3300 and ask for Marta. (Do NOT call the 800 national reservation number. They would tell you the hotel is booked up!)

You get special pricing for tickets *through me at the CCH Club!!* \$20 general admit. \$50 VIP.

You are not obligated until you get the tickets from me!

Please sign up so that I will be able to procure enough tickets -- there is a limited amount of discounted tickets available!!

**Tickets will be available at the July and August CCH meeting.**

Your cooperation is greatly appreciated!!! Call with any questions.

As Usual,

Frank  
Frank W. Ballero 504 452-1743.



## CRESCENT CITY HOMEBREWERS

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**2014 MEMBERSHIP APPLICATION**

Yearly Dues: \$30.00

### Mission Statement and Purpose

To promote Homebrewing within the club; through public awareness and appreciation of the quality and variety of homebrew; through education and research; and through the collection and dissemination of information. To serve as a forum for technological and cross-cultural aspects of the Art of Homebrewing. Most importantly, to encourage responsible alcohol consumption.

New Member  Returning Member (joined CCH in \_\_\_\_\_ )

**Name:**

**Home Telephone:**

**Home Address:**

**Cellular Telephone:**

**City, State, ZIP**

**e-mail Address**

**Date of Birth:**

**Spouse:**

**Occupation**

**Homebrewing Experience:**  Beginner  Intermediate  Advanced

**Beer Judging Experience:**

**BJCP Ranking: #**  Apprentice  Recognized

Certified  National  Master

**Non-BJCP:**  None  Experienced  Professional Brewer

**I FULLY UNDERSTAND THAT:** My participation in the Crescent City Homebrewers is entirely voluntary. I know that alcoholic beverages are offered at various functions, and that my consumption of these beverages may affect my perceptions and reactions. I accept full responsibility for myself, and absolve the CRESCENT CITY HOMEBREWERS, ITS OFFICERS, DIRECTORS, AND FELLOW MEMBERS of any responsibility for my conduct, behavior, and actions.

**SIGNED:** \_\_\_\_\_ **DATE:** \_\_\_\_\_, 2014

**Paid: \$**  Cash  Check #

**For the responsible drinker, there is always another party.**

## Schedule of Events

# 2014 CALENDAR

### May

CCH General Membership Meeting	Wed	7	7:00 pm	11:00 pm
Brew Off – Greg Hackenberg	Sat	24	8:00 am	

### June

CCH General Membership Meeting	Wed	4	7:00 pm	11:00 pm
WYES Beer Tasting	Sat	14	6:00 pm	9:00 pm
<a href="http://www.wyes.org/events/beer.shtml">http://www.wyes.org/events/beer.shtml</a>				
Brew Off – The Barnett's	Sat	7	8:00am	

### July

CCH General Membership Meeting	Wed	2	7:00 pm	11:00 pm
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### August

CCH General Membership Meeting	Wed	6	7:00 pm	11:00 pm
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### September

CCH General Membership Meeting	Thu	3	7:00 pm	11:00 pm
Pensacola Emerald Coast Beer Fest	Fri	5	TBA	TBA
Pensacola Emerald Coast Beer Fest	Sat	6	TBA	TBA
Pensacola Emerald Coast Beer Fest	Sun	7	TBA	TBA
Brew Off – Rick Doskey	Sat	13	8:00 am	

### October

CCH General Membership Meeting	Wed	1	7:00 pm	11:00 pm
Club Brew	Sat	?	7:00 am	4:00 pm
Club Brew at Oktoberfest Grounds in Rivertown Kenner	Sat		2:00 pm	?:00 pm
Deutsches Haus Oktober Fest Last 3 weekends. Kenner Old Town				
October TBA 11:00 AM until ???				

### November

CCH General Membership Meeting	Wed	5	7:00 pm	11:00 pm
CCH Winterfest @ Deutsches Haus	Sat	?	6:00 pm	11:00 pm
Club Brew	Sat	8	8:00 am	4:00 pm

### December

<b>CCH General Membership Meeting, Nominees from Floor, Election and Christmas Party</b>	Fri	5	7:00 pm	11:00 pm
<b>Location Pending</b>				
<b>Club Brew</b>	Sat		7:00 am	4:00 pm

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