

## RWC BEER CLUB January meeting notes:

*On January 24<sup>th</sup> 1935, the beer was first canned!*



### ***He'Brew Jewbelation Vertical:***

Tonights beers are brewed by Schmaltz Brewing. They might be more known for their line of cleverly naming but these beers rarely dissappoint. Schmaltz also are the brewers behind the Coney Island beers. They have been around since 2003 and recently their founder released the book, Craft Beer Bar Mitzvah. In my opinion their best beer is the Bittersweet Lenny R.I.P.A. named after the late Jewish comedian Lenny Bruce.



Their latest Vertical releaser is “blended,” meaning it’s actually a mixture of the previous seven beers by the company. As also has become popular the beer has been aged in rye whiskey barrels. Yum.

The body of the beer is opaque black and pours like a big beer should, finishing with a creamy light-brown head. The aroma is very pleasant, with notes of chocolate, caramel, vanilla, burnt wood and rye whiskey. The taste holds up well too, buttery toffee, maple, brown sugar, chocolate, vanilla and always there in the back, whiskey rye. This beer is still generally available in the 22 ounce bomber bottle.

It isn’t necessary to try all seven to appreciate the Vertical, but that is what we are going to do anyway.

Why? Because we can. Prost!

### Thirsty Beer tour:

The head brewer at Thirsty Bear in SF wanted to extend to us the opportunity to tour their in-house brewery, try their beers and dine on some tapas. Because of SF Beer week the earliest we could do this would be March. Let me know if you are interested.

I had dinner in the brewery last May, it was a blast, this time should be just as entertaining.

### SF Beer Week:

There are literally hundreds of events, so I am calling out our local ones. If you have the time, interest or just want to be adventurous go to [sfbeerweek.org](http://sfbeerweek.org) and click on the schedule and you will find all the details for all the events: like Gordon Biersch Beer and Oysters, 21<sup>st</sup> Amendment Sunday Tea, Wet Your Whistle’s train pub crawl, Social Kitchen’s beer run, Meet the Brewer events, beer dinners, beer pairings and some many more choices. Go beer!

2/11 – Opening Gala, tickets available at [sfbeerweek.org](http://sfbeerweek.org), \$45/person

2/19 - Meet the Brewers: Food Truck – the Brewers Edition, \$25/person

Join us for the best mobile eats paired with the best local breweries from Silicon Valley and beyond.

**DCB events:**

- 2/12 - Full Circle Scottish Ale Event – Beer to Beef! Not to be missed. \$65/person**  
Graze on pit-roasted steer, beer-soaked cheese, oysters, tartare, flatbreads, house-made charcuterie, malt cupcakes and more at this wandering feast through the Devil's Canyon Ranch Brewery. Limited to 150 people.
- 2/17 - WOMEN ONLY! Blind Beer Tasting and Appreciation Night, \$25/person**  
Devil's Canyon Brewing Company invites all women to its 2nd annual blind beer tasting in Belmont. Enjoy sampling beers in a casual setting among other likeminded women and embrace the joy that is craft beer.

**Haus Staudt events:**

- 2/17 – FiftyFifty**  
Meet brewer Todd Ashman of FiftyFifty and sample some of his amazing beers at Gourmet Haus Staudt. A variety of FiftyFifty offerings will be pouring all night on tap.
- 2/18 – To be announced**  
...but a beer birdy told me it's an ex-Drakes brewer (they are still friends) who is opening his own brewery in the East bay near Drakes.
- 2/19 – Kern River Brewing Company**  
Join us for a night of Kern River beers. We'll be pouring Just Outstanding IPA, Citra Double IPA, Class V Imperial Stout and a new, yet-to-be-named chocolate porter. Kernriver IPAs (in my German beer opinion) are some of the best.

**Rose & Crown events (all start at 11:30 am, many end soon after):**

- 2/11 – Vintage Beer Night** - We will dip into our cellar and bring out some tasty vintage beers.
- 2/12 – Sour Roses** - Pouring a Deschutes limited-release sour, sours from New Belgium, and a handful of Belgian sours.
- 2/13 – Lagunitas Night** - Pouring some very special beers from our friends at Lagunitas.
- 2/14 - Food & Beer Pairing** - We will making some wonderful food pairings of Mussels and Belgian-cut fries with Belgian and California Craft beers. Peninsula-famous Barry Stiles will be in the kitchen pairing with beers not available year round.
- 2/15 - Sierra Nevada Beer Camp Beers** - We will have the pleasure of bringing to you some beers created by the famous SN Beer Camp.
- 2/16 - Pliny the Younger and Abacus Event** - We will start this day by rushin' through our Russian River Pliny the Younger. Go early get in line, it will be gone in 30 minutes.
- 2/17 - New Beer Release: Jack 'n' Jolly from Drake's Brewing Co.**
- 2/19 - Scraps & Leftovers Mmmmmm -**

**\*\*Don't forget February also brings us Strong Beer Month from the 21<sup>st</sup> Amendment and Magnolia's brewpub and Tornado's Barley Wine Fest.**