

At the Summit

the e-zine of Summits Wayside Tavern



6 December, 2004

PINT NIGHTS

Pint Nights are held on the days below from 7-9 pm at all locations. Drink a pint and keep the glass! (while supplies last!)

12/11 Sweet Georgia Brwn

12/18 Fischer LaBelle

12/25 Xmas - (Closed)

01/01 Terrapin

Great Gifts!

Fruitcake and Coffee!

The Monastery of the Holy Spirit in Conyers, Georgia has given us the privilege of selling some of the finest Homemade Fruit Cakes and Coffees around!

Brother Basil's Kitchen at the Conyers monastery makes 1-lb fruitcakes that melt in your mouth! These cakes are made with pecans, dates, cherries, Sherry, raisins, Honey Peach Brandy, almonds, cinnamon, and nutmeg to create a real holiday flavor!

Each 1-lb fruitcake serves six people. Great as gift ideas or for holiday entertaining! For a real treat serve each fruitcake with a cup of premium coffee grown by the Monastery of Our Lady of the Andes in Venezuela! This high grown Arabica coffee is available in 12-oz ground bags.

Fruitcakes are available for \$10.95, Coffee is available for \$ 9.95 at all three Summits Wayside Tavern locations.

Monastery of the Holy Spirit:
www.abbeystore.org
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www.trapense.com.ve

A View from the Summit

"Winter Ales 2004"

Kevin - Manager - Sandy Springs Location

Winter has finally arrived and rolling in with the cold weather is the usual assortment of seasonal beer. While Octoberfest is always a lot of fun, and some breweries produce a few notable spring and summer quaffs, nothing compares to the quality and quantity of the winter selection. Christmas time seasonals never fail to delight, with a variety of complex ales that warm the palate and dazzle the senses. Furthermore, this year, Santa will be particular good to us with the six percent beer limit finally liberalized.

While most other seasonals fall into predictable patterns, the winter beers hit a wide spectrum of flavors and styles. Examples range from the delicate, and nutty/mild Samuel Smith Winter Ale, to the malty/sweetish Sam Adams winter lager, all the way to rich complexity of the Anchor Christmas.



Just as Anchor is considered the pioneer of the craft brew movement, beginning in 1976 they established a tradition of a yearly winter seasonal. Anchor even furthered the tradition by completely closing operations for a day and harvesting the hops that are used in their Christmas Ale. Each year the label also changes and features a different native California tree.

Anchor Christmas ale is one of the most powerful and complex ales around. It is very dark and rich and boasts an array of flavors such as ginger, nutmeg, allspice, and of course their signature piney/spruce finish.

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Summit's Beer Offerings



Snellville

Brooklyn Saison
Sam Adams Winter
Piraat
Gulden Draak
Dogwood Winter
RedHook Winter
Sweetwater Festive

Sandy Springs

Corsendonk Christmas
Sam Adams Winter
Piraat
Gulden Draak
Anchor Old Foghorn
Brooklyn Brown
Kappitel Abbey Ale

Cumming

Corsendonk Christmas
Wittekerke
Piraat
Gulden Draak
Sapporo
Red Brick Winter
Kappitel Abbey Alede
Konick

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However, the only beer I really need under my Christmas tree is the one and only, Sierra Nevada Celebration Ale. Weighing in at a hearty, yet drinkable 6.8%, the Celebration strikes the perfect balance between malt and hops. This beer is versatile enough to be enjoyed as a nightcap or consumed as a session beer (though the 6.8% does catch up to you rather quickly).

In years past, the Celebration was frequently the crown jewel brought back from out of state beer excursions or illicit mail orders. It still does not seem quite right to see stacks of Celebration openly displayed at the local liquor store. I'll admit that some of the mystique has vanished. However, at least I don't have to explain to my wife the annual \$500 visa bill for my December beer order any more.

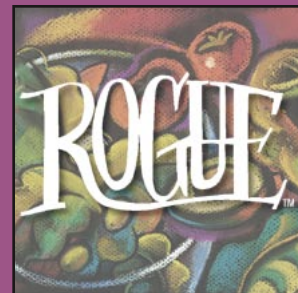
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Don't Miss It!

Rogue 15th!

Join us on December 15th for a pint of Rogue Oyster Stout. The oysters, shells and all, were tossed in the vat during the beer making! Rumor has it that they were then shucked and eaten, I'm sure with an excellent Rogue beer. Beer starts pouring when we open at 11 am.



Beer Spotlight: Thomas Hardy Ale

This legendary ale of Dorchester was saved from extinction by Phoenix and is now brewed in neighboring Devon. Not for the faint of palate, especially when young, this singular beer has set the benchmark for vintage ales since 1968. It offers very complex and subtle flavors, whether brashly young or elegantly mature, and is the only beer known to mature for at least 25 years in the bottle.

www.mythbirdbeer.com



Cooking With Beer Chili-Beer Brisket Of Beef Over Wild Rice Amadine

Ingredients

- 2 1/2 lb fresh beef brisket
- 1/2 cup diced onion
- 1 tsp salt
- 1 tsp pepper
- 1/4 tsp garlic powder
- 1 each bottle (12 oz) chili sauce
- 1 each bottle (12 oz) beer

WILD RICE AMADINE GARNISHES

- 2 each med. ripe tomatoes, sliced
- 1 parsley sprigs

Directions

Place beef brisket, fat side down, in deep roasting pan. Sprinkle brisket with onion, salt, pepper and garlic powder. Pour chili sauce over brisket. Cover tightly and

cook in slow oven (325 degrees F.) for 3 hours. Pour beer over brisket. Increase oven temperature to moderate (350 degrees F.) and continue cooking, covered, 30 minutes.

Place brisket on large serving platter and surround with Wild Rice Amadine. Garnish with sliced tomatoes and parsley. Slice brisket very thin and serve with hot cooking liquid.

Servings: 8 servings

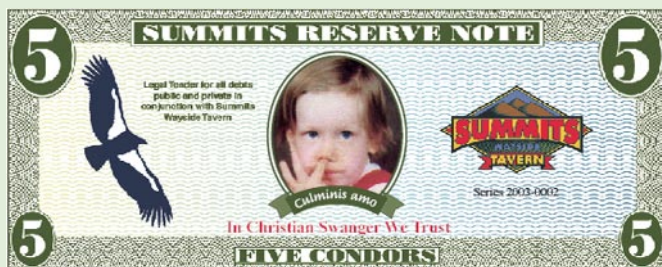
<http://www.recipe-ideas.co.uk/recipes-7/Chili-Beer%20Brisket%20Of%20Beef%20Over%20Wild%20Rice%20Amadine.htm>

More Holiday Gift Ideas!

Take the pain out of holiday gift shopping with the help of Summits Wayside Tavern!

Summits Wayside Tavern has the PERFECT holiday gift giving idea. Personalized Summits gift certificates are terrific for the Holidays! Provide us with your favorite photo and you can create your own unique personalized Summits "cash" that can be used for food, drink, or retail items in any of our three Summits Wayside Tavern locations! Summits certificates are available in \$20 increments. Simply email us a digital image or bring in a photo and we will incorporate it into house cash... the picture can be of yourself, the gift recipient, your kids, your pets, your car..... anything at all! This is a great way to personalize a Gift Certificate!

Contact snellville@summitsonline.com for details!



The Beer Connoisseur

Anchor Christmas

The brewers of Anchor Steam(r) Beer are proud to announce the release of our thirtieth annual Christmas Ale.

Every year since 1975 the brewers at Anchor have brewed a distinctive and unique Christmas Ale, which is available from early November to mid-January. The Ale's recipe is different every year-as is the tree on the label-but the intent with which we offer it remains the same: joy and celebration of the newness of life. In ancient times trees symbolized the winter solstice, when the earth with its season appears born anew.

Each year our Christmas Ale gets a unique label and a unique recipe for the Ale itself. Although our recipes must remain a secret, many enthusiasts save a few bottles from year to year-stored in a cool dark place-to taste later and compare with other vintages. Properly refrigerated, the beer remains intriguing and drinkable for years, with different nuances slowly emerging as the flavor mellows slightly.



<http://www.anchorbrewing.com/beers/christmasale.htm>

Did you know?

Flying While Intoxicated - Some birds haven't learned when to say when. Thousands of Waxwing birds in Sweden became intoxicated by gorging on fermenting berries. About 50 lost their lives by flying into nearby windows.

The word "toast," meaning a wish of good health, started in ancient Rome, where a piece of toasted bread was dropped into wine.

<http://www2.potsdam.edu/alcohol-info/FunFacts/index.html>



Spotlight on Food

Soft Baked Pretzels

Our Oktoberfest pretzels are available on our menu! An order comes with 4 soft pretzels and 2 sides of mustard; one yellow, and one French wine. Pretzels and beer- the perfect combination!

For a full look at our menu, click on www.summits-online.com and let your food adventure begin.



Quote of the Week

"Whoever serves beer or wine watered down, he himself deserves in them to drown."

-Medieval plea for pure libations

Your Weekly Summits Calendar

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
5	6	7	8	9	10	11 7-9p Sweet GA Brown
	SN Trivia 7:30p	SS Trivia 8p	C Trivia 8p double!		C Karaoke 10p SN Trivia 10p SS Trivia 10p	SS Trivia 9p
12	13	14	15 ROGUE 15! Tasting - 7 p Sandy Springs	16	17	18 7-9p Fischer
	Tasting - 6:30 p Cumming SN Trivia 7:30p	Tasting - 7 p Snellville SS Trivia 8p	C Trivia 8p double!		C Karaoke 10p SN Trivia 10p SS Trivia 10p	SS Trivia 9p
19	20	21	22	23	24	25 Closed for Christmas
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26	27	28	29	30	31	Jan. 1 7-9p Terrapin Rye
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