

# At the Summit

the e-zine of Summits Wayside Tavern



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## 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!)**

03/18 Youngs

03/25 Sam Adams Lager

04/01 Tetley's

## March Madness

Join us for March Madness! March 16-24 Cheer on your favorite basketball teams as they compete. It is an action packed time. Join us and don't forget to wear your school colors!

## St. Paddy's Day...

Only \$2.06!!

Join us this St. Patrick's Day, Friday, March 17, for a day to remember!

We will be doing a Guinness (of course!) promotion and serving a special entree! For only \$2.06 you get a plate of corned beef, cabbage, and garlic mashed potatoes! What a deal! Don't forget to wear your green.

## ROGUE 15!!!!

Don't Miss it - Wednesday the 15th - all locations - drink a pint of Skullsplitter. While supplies last!

A strong ale, Skullsplitter was first brewed as Test Batch #2 in the summer of 2003, (aka Black Brutal Bitter) for the Oregon Brewers Festival. This beer is very dark for a strong ale, one on-line reviewer reports it looks like a stout but smells like a double IPA.

## A View From the Summit...

### Discovering San Francisco...

*Chris Joseph - Summits Manager*

One of my most favorite things to do is take three or four days and discover a new city. Unfortunately I have gotten away from these trips in the last few years, but the trips that I have taken stay with me to this day. About five years ago I took one such adventure to San Francisco and ever since I have had the irresistible urge to return.

San Francisco, to me, is a city unlike any other that I have visited. From the moment that I got out of the cab I could already sense how culturally diverse and unique San Francisco is. I stayed at the wharf in a rather moderate hotel. That



area of the city is a bit touristy but for the most part it is a great jumping off point. Aquatic park and the maritime museum are located there and they were interesting but I had to get on with what I really came to do- eat and drink!

The city is so multifaceted that honing in on merely a few bars and restaurants would be a great mistake. I will try to give you a few places that I

found. A great start to any day is at the Buena Vista. It is a San Francisco landmark and boasts to be the creator of the Irish coffee. As soon as you enter (for me at 9am) the bartender already has a line of them waiting at the end of the bar- and they are stiff! Hanging over the center of the bar is the famous Neiman painting of the Buena Vista. Oddly enough the rendition of the bartender in the painting resembled the one that was working the bar when I came in. If you want to grab a bite to steady the effects of the coffee, (...continued on page 2)



## Summit's Beer Offerings



### Snellville

Ayinger Octoberfest  
Pete's Wicked Ale  
Spring Heat Spiced Wheat  
Sapporo  
Mic Ultra Amber Bock

### Sandy Springs

Ayinger Octoberfest  
Ayinger Celebrator  
Pete's Wicked Ale  
Young's Chocolate Stout  
Sierra Nev. Scotch Ale

### Cumming

Young's Chocolate Stout  
Sam Adams White  
Mic Ultra Amber Bock  
Spring Heat Spiced Wheat  
Ayinger Octoberfest

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## "Discovering San Francisco" (continued...)

the seafood omelet is outstanding. Right outside the Buena Vista is the starting point for the cable cars. My destination was a Chinese restaurant that was given three thumbs up by the Gagne brothers called the House of Nanking. I chose to walk the length from the wharf toward Market Street. It was quite a haul but is worth the effort. I would suggest walking there by way of Chinatown. San Francisco seemed to me as one big residential area so much so that all along the way I kept feeling as if I were invading some ones neighborhood. The sporadic placement of shops and local pubs kept me from feeling all too invasive. After a couple hours I finally arrived at the House of Nanking. It was very small and unassuming with a rather tattered and rusted sign hanging above the entrance. When I walked in there must have been twenty people bustling about doing the prep work for the oncoming lunch crowd. Immediately a little old Chinese woman came rushing at me and literally pushed me out of the front door. I couldn't quite understand what she was saying but I gathered that they were not open for business at that time. So I looked around for somewhere to waste an hour or so and rekindle the early morning buzz from the Irish coffee that was now beginning to fade away. Right across the street was the Condor. I took an immediate liking to that bar. The Condor used to be a famous topless bar (imagine my attraction) but was now a comfortable bar with about ten different drafts and a good selection of scotches. Three beers later the



fires were lit and it was time to take on the House of Nanking (and that little old lady)! I was just about the only person in there and secured the best seat- a single bay window that looked out toward the street. I just ordered nearly one of everything on the menu and dug right in. Pete was right the food was outstanding and definitely the best garlic fried scallops that I have ever eaten. Now its Miller time!

Haight-Ashbury is home to the Toronado. It is a dingy little bar but it offers up over sixty drafts. They are mostly Belgians and other hard to find high gravities. This was the first place that I ever had Chimay on draft. I spent a few (too many) hours in there, then headed out to see what else was in the area. Right across the street from the Toronado, I discovered a small british style pub called Mad Dog In The Fog. I grabbed a seat at the bar and had a Fullers winter (I never new they made one). I looked around and noticed that there were various chew toys laying about the place. After a few minutes some of the regulars started drifting in after work. Next thing I know I am surrounded by dogs and their owners. One guy even had a bowl there with his dog's name on it and shared his pint with him. That bar was really a blast. I had wanted to stay a bit longer since everyone was gathering for a satellite feed of two rival british soccer teams but it was time to hit the hotel to rest up for round two.



After a quick nap at the hotel I began to locate a good spot for dinner. Seafood was on my mind and a place called the Stone Crab couldn't be passed up. It was a bit far for walking so I hailed a cab up toward the (...continued on page 3)

## Beer Spotlight

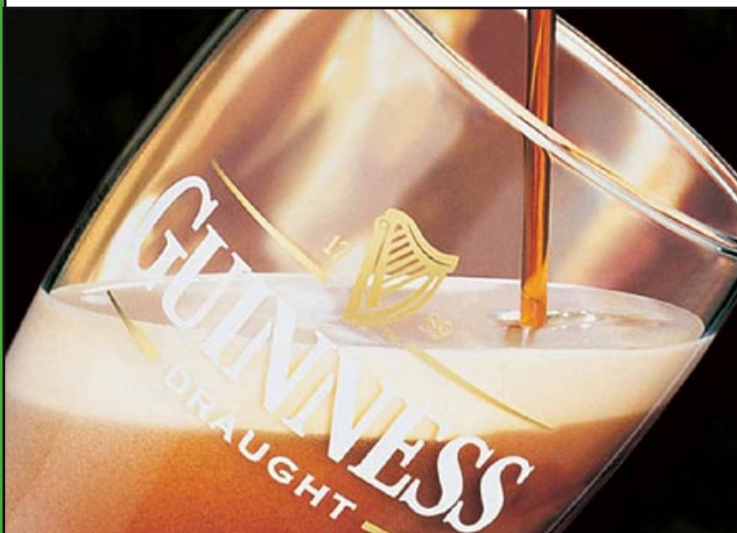
### Guinness

Adored since 1959, it's the powerful surge and settle that gives GUINNESS® Draught beer its uniqueness. Lovingly poured around the world, GUINNESS® Draught is one of best-selling imported beers in the USA.

A unique mix of nitrogen and carbon dioxide helps create GUINNESS® Draught's liquid swirl that tumbles, surges and gradually separates into a black body and smooth creamy head.

The rise and fall of our bubbles has perplexed PhD physicists. But all you need to focus on is the taste. With an initial malt and caramel flavour, GUINNESS® Draught finishes with a dry roasted bitterness. Enjoy.

[http://www.guinness.com/us\\_en/beer/draught/default.aspx](http://www.guinness.com/us_en/beer/draught/default.aspx)



## Beer Geek

### Summits own Cliffhanger Ale

Rogue Brewing Company out of Newport, Oregon has brewed and bottled a beer exclusively for Summits. This unique beer is "an English style bitter, amber in color with a mild hop finish"; it is a cross between a Fullers ESB and a Sierra Nevada Celebration.

The ingredients include Great Western 2 Row Pale, Great Western 60 Malts; Willamette, UK Kent Golding & Amarillo Hops, Free Range Coastal Waters & Top Fermenting Pacman Yeast.

Cliff Hanger Ale is available in a 22 oz bottle at your local Summits. Look for Cliffhanger Ale at your local package store. If you don't see Cliffhanger Ale, ask for it by name!



## San Fran (continued from pg 2)

Union district. I got out of the cab and noticed a Thai restaurant, named Lemon Grass. I thought a spicy bowl of shrimp and mushroom soup and a Singha would be a fine appetizer. I am glad that I had stopped in there because their soup rivaled, if not exceeded that of my favorite Atlanta Thai restaurant, Surin. On to the Stone Crab. It is a two level, elegant restaurant, where I was the only schmuck not wearing a suit and tie. I was a bit out of sorts to begin with, but I settled in quite nicely when my huge stone crab arrived. The only problem that I encountered was when I refused to put a bib on when the waiter surprised me from behind. I cannot speak for anyone else but nothing dulls down fine dining when you look around the place and all you see is grown men in suits sporting a bib. I finished that exquisite meal with a twenty-five year Macallan. I was not quite ready to return to the hotel so I stumbled across the street to a very local pub. To this day I cannot remember the name of the pub (imagine that) but it was one of the best bars I had found. A far stretch of the imagination, it was probably thirty feet by eight feet deep and crammed pack with customers who most likely lived in the attached housing. The one thing that sticks in my mind most about that bar was a Mike's Hard Lemonade poster that had inscribed on it "The best lemonade I ever had, signed Jim Jones." It was finally time to call it a night. I stepped outside and waited for a cab to swing by. Just my luck, the rain began to fall. It was near eight o'clock so the cabs were not as abundant as they were earlier. Soaked, I squatted against the wall of the bar and removed the tie that held back my hair (back before I cut it all off) to drain off the rain water. Just then a man walked by, and without even looking at me, slipped a dollar into my hand. I think that they are a little too used to pan-handlers in San Francisco! Anyway, the cab finally came and day one was down and out.



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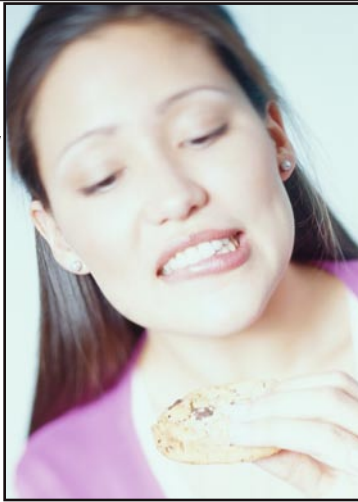
## Spotlight on Food

### Fuji Apple Mountain

A freshly baked apple muffin topped with vanilla bean ice cream, hot caramel, and hot cinnamon-spiced fuji apple slices.

### Belgian Mousse Smore

A freshly baked chocolate waffle topped with vanilla bean ice cream, chocolate mousse, and covered with marshmallow fluff and graham crackers.



For a full look at our menu, click on [www.summits-online.com](http://www.summits-online.com) and let your food adventure begin.

## Did You Know?

Molson Companies Ltd., Montreal. Quebec. is the oldest brewery in North America. The company was founded by John Molson in 1786, and is still under Molson family control.



The most popular beverage in the world is tea, and beer is number two. However, in England and Ireland, beer is the most popular beverage.



<http://www.foodreference.com/html/fbeer.html>

## Quote of the Week

*"...there is only one game at the heart of America and that is baseball, and only one beverage to be found sloshing at the depths of our national soul and that is beer."*

*-Peter Richmond*

## Your Weekly Summits Calendar

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
12	13 Summits Univ. Cumming	14 Summits Univ. Snellville	15 Summits Univ. Sandy Springs <b>ROGUE 15!!!</b>	16	17 <b>St. Paddy's!!</b>	7-9p 18 Youngs
	SN Trivia 7:30p	SS POKER!! 7p	C Trivia 8p double!		C Trivia 9p SN Trivia 10p SS Trivia 10p	SS Trivia 9p
19	20	21	22	23	24	7-9p 25 Sam Adams Lager
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