

March 2018



Dear Members,

We would like to invite all families with young children to our yearly event:

Easter Egg Hunt & Easter Brunch
Saturday, March 31, 9:30 AM
Nealon Park, 800 Middle Avenue, Menlo Park



What to bring: your own Easter basket and appropriate shoes/boots. Be prepared to look for Easter eggs in tall, possibly wet grass, and be prepared to walk on possibly muddy terrain. This event will start at 10:00 am sharp!

Cost: \$10 per child/ \$15 per adult, members only please. Check our website www.bcnc.com for info on

how to become a member or email dirk@bcnc.com. We will provide brunch and drinks.

Registration and Payment: please go to our website www.bcnc.com and select the Easter Egg Hunt under “Events”. You can pay by credit card or Paypal or mail check to: Pierre Smit, 140 Greenwood Avenue, San Francisco, CA 94112.

Deadline to register: Wednesday, March 28, no late registrations please. For more information, please email Sophie at sophieboutelegier@hotmail.com

We also would like to invite you to a new treat for our Belgian Club of Northern California.

BELGIAN BEER TASTING & CHEESE PAIRING
Sunday April 15, 2018 from 5-7PM
Laughing Monk Brewery, 1439A Egbert Ave, San Francisco



We are so happy to have found this gem of a place. The Laughing Monk Brewery offers a nice selection of Belgian Beers made right here in San Francisco. Owner Brother Jeff enjoyed the beers of Belgium so much that he developed a wonderful selection of beers, including many Belgians like the Witbier, Golden Ale, Dubbel and Tripel.

For our event, he will be pairing 4 Belgian beers with 4 different locally made cheeses.

Cost for this event is \$30/person for the beer tasting & cheese pairing plus the brewery tour. Check our website at bcnc.com to register. Min. 21 yr old. RSVP by April 10. The tour will start at 5 pm.

Suggestion: To make this event even more entertaining, bring one cold dish, a salad, a cheese or a snack to share that would complement the Beer & Cheese Tasting. Make it fun so we'll all be

laughing with the monk!

Other Laughing Monk beers will be available for sale at the event if you wish to taste their other ales. Plus you will be able to purchase more brews to take home.

Laughing Monk Brewery
1439A Egbert Avenue, San Francisco, CA 94124
LaughingMonkBrewing.com

Parking: There should be plenty of parking on the street.

Directions: Check Google Map, follow your GPS or tell the address to your self-driving car. In brief, it is located in the Bayview District of San Francisco one block from Third Street. From Fwy 101, take the Third Street Exit and go North on Third Street. Take a right on Egbert.

FYI: Laughing Monk just got their first CA State Fair medal!
And 7x7 Magazine named them *Best Small Batch Brewery* in their Best of the Bay Area.

This is a Member-only event. Check our website www.bcnc.com for info on how to become a member or email dirk@bcnc.com. Membership is the only way the club can function and we are able to organize this type of event. Register today.

For any questions, contact Pierre Smit at Pierre@bcnc.com, or 415-939-2410.

Registration and payment: Please go to our website www.bcnc.com and select the **Belgian Beer Tasting** under “Events” where you can pay by credit card or Paypal. Or, mail your reservation and check to: Pierre Smit, 140 Greenwood Avenue, San Francisco, CA 94112.

Deadline to register: April 10.

News from the Consulate in Los Angeles

This photo exhibit is about the fascinating story of how, during World War I, a group of Belgian soldiers made it from Russia all the way back to Belgium via Siberia, China, California, through the US, New York and finally Paris.



APRIL 17, 2018
5:00 - 7:00pm

California Department of Veterans Affairs
Medal of Honor Hall
1227 O Street
Sacramento, CA 95814

World War I: The epic and one-of-a-kind story of the Belgian Expeditionary Corps of Armored Cars.

Evening reception and opening of photo exhibit from the Consulate General of Belgium in Los Angeles.



CONSULATE GENERAL
OF THE KINGDOM OF BELGIUM

We are pleased to announce the visit of the Flying Consul to **San Francisco on Thursday April 26th, 2018.**

As a passport must now be applied for in person to allow us to take your biometrics (fingerprints, digital photo and signature), Belgian posts in the United States organize visits of the Flying Consul to meet the needs of Belgian nationals and to hopefully spare you a trip to the post where you are registered.

If you are interested in the event, please proceed as follows:

STEP 1

DOCUMENTS TO SEND IN AS SOON AS POSSIBLE at the following address:

Consulate General of Belgium
To the attention of the F/C
6300 Wilshire Boulevard Suite 720
Los Angeles, CA 90048

1. **Application form, completed, dated and signed** (form is attached)
 - No.1.4 : for married/divorced women: indicate if you wish the name of your (ex-)husband mentioned on page 4 of your passport;
 - No.3.4 : indicate if you wish us to keep your biometric data during 7 years.If your passport is lost or stolen, a new passport can be processed by mail;
2. **One recent color passport photo** : clear background, US format, this photo is for administrative purposes only;
3. Copy of the identity page of your current **passport** – the original passport will be requested by the flying consul;
4. Copy of your permanent **resident card**, US visa or certificate of naturalization. The copy of your permanent residency card must be legalized by a notary public if your expired passport was issued before June 2007. (not applicable if you are born in the US);
5. **Money order** or cashier's check payable to the Consulate General of Belgium; \$97.50 for adults, \$45.50 for minors (under 18). Please do not send cash or personal checks. One money order per family is acceptable;
6. Prepaid **self-addressed envelope** with which we can send, approximately 2 weeks after the appointment, your old and new passports. Use for instance USPS flat rate with tracking, Federal Express or UPS, prepaid;
7. **For minors** (under 18 years old): copy of permanent resident card, US visa or certificate of naturalization of **the parent**. The copy of your permanent residency card must be legalized by a notary public if the expired passport of the parent was issued before June 2007;

8. For adults:

- **Civil status** : if your civil status has changed since the issuance of your last passport, send an original certificate of marriage/divorce/death.

STEP 2

PLEASE SCHEDULE AN APPOINTMENT:

Go to: <http://www.appointmentquest.com/scheduler/2120112830> - Choose San Francisco.

Please schedule one appointment per person.

DEADLINE:

We must **IMPERATIVELY** have your documents by **Friday April 13th, 2018.**

We need time to prepare : the appointment is only secured once we have received your documents.

You may not hear from us while we prepare your file but you will receive an email, approximately one week prior to the event with the exact location of the venue.

If you are interested in giving your biometric data without requesting a passport, please contact us.

Do not hesitate to contact the Consulate General for more information at losangeles@diplobel.fed.be.