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 **Palmia Corporation**
 **University of Wyoming**

Mark Colburn · 3rd

 Vice President - Marketing & Sales at Palmia Corporation

 Walnut Creek, California, United States ·

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About

Creative, tenacious and innovative winning brand builder with extensive experience in and passion for marketing, distribution, experiential events and sales of craft beer, cider, spirits, wine and non alcoholic beverages. Helped build San Francisco wholesaler, Golden Brands seven fold, into one of the Nation's largest craft beverage distributors, DBI Beverage now Reyes Distributing.

Expertise includes brand management, marketing research (incl Nielsen, IRI, VIP & focus group moderation), advertising, experiential events, new product/innovation launch, creative sales incentive ("clutter buster") planning and sales & brand team motivation. Led over 800 wholesaler sales meetings. Experiential event experience includes: Outside Lands Festival, Millbrae Art & Wine Festival & dozens more. Managed and executed over 40 events per year for 15 years. Published by the American Marketing Association on this topic. Author of, "Craft Beer Marketing & Distribution - Brace for SKUMeggedon," <https://www.amazon.com/CRAFT-BEER-MARKETING-DISTRIBUTION-SKUMEGGEDON/dp/0692503919>.

Featured speaker at the California Craft Beer conference on the topics of Marketing, Events and Sales Incentive Synergies. Craft beer, cider judge and speaker at the Int'l Beer Festival in San Francisco and for the Beverage Trade Network. Host of "The Shinerunner Show" pod cast on the Brewing Network: <https://podcasts.apple.com/us/podcast/shinerunner-craft-marketing/id1413430329?mt=2>

Published by Craft Brewing Business-www.craftbrewingbusiness.com/packaging-distribution/suggestions-from-a-former-distributor-exec-for-keeping-tap-handles-and-slowing-down-craft-beers-rotation-nation/?utm_source=Craft+Brewing+Business+Newsletter&utm_campaign=f7320aefe6-CBBNews_20190501&utm_medium=email&utm_term=0_1e143189ee-f7320aefe6-96715821

Speaking experience includes:

International Food Exhibition - Earl's Court London
 Fancy Food Show - San Francisco & New York
 California Craft Beer Spring Conference- San Diego
 San Francisco International Beer Festival - Keynote
 SynBioBeta Conference 9/2020
 British Broadcasting Corporation (BBC), London (Interviewed on US cider market)
 Adjunct Marketing Professor, Golden Gate University, University of Phoenix, Diablo Valley College

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Activity


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Tuna casserole

Mark commented



Thanks TNB!


Mark replied to a comment



Hello Everyone, hoping to "see" you during my presentation...

Mark shared this

4 Reactions · 4 Comments




Hello LinkedIn Colleagues, just 12 days until my...

Mark shared this

8 Reactions

Experience




Vice President - Marketing & Sales

Palmia Corporation - Contract


Jan 2020 - Present · 11 mos

San Francisco, California, United States


Oversee Palmia's - (a 96 calorie, lemon-infused shandy-style lager with 0 grams of sugar) Marketing, Sales, Distribution and Experiential Event strategy and execution within the states of California, Colorado, Oregon, Nevada and Arizona. Palmia, part of the rapidly growing, "Good for you segment," is a shandy/radler style, all natural, organic lemon-infused lager @ 4.2% ABV. Now available in six-pack cans. I invite you to try some today and please tell your friends!



Summer in a can.jpg



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Shinerunner Craft Marketing

2 yrs 2 mos

Creative Director

Freelance

Apr 2018 - May 2020 · 2 yrs 2 mos

San Francisco Bay Area

Created, directed and hosted the pod cast series, "The Shinerunner Show." Show ran for 26 episodes receiving worldwide interest with 4.8/5.0 rating. Content covered marketing, distribution, experiential events, key account and meeting presentations, merchandising, sales, incentives and team motivation. The show's entire focus was on the beverage alcohol industry, specifically craft beer, cider, spirits and wine. Available for download on

iTunes and the Brewing Network.
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Owner

Contract

Apr 2018 – Dec 2019 · 1 yr 9 mos
Walnut Creek, California, United States

Consulted for regional cider and beer company on marketing, wholesaler appointments & management, contracts, experiential event selection & execution, market launch, pricing and packaging strategy, incentive creation, execution and motivation, key account presentations, wet demo programming and training and staff hiring.

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Marketing Manager

DBI Beverages

Nov 2002 – Mar 2018 · 15 yrs 5 mos
South San Francisco, California

Managed a team of 6 brand managers, a POS manager and a Graphics Team. Worked with small, medium and large beer brands that are focused on succeeding in the hyper competitive San Francisco market. Also managed and executed as many as 40 special events each year in the Bay Area market designed to generate trial and increase brand awareness. Have 30 years of experience here and have called on the majority of large chains in the US. Have ad agency, cat mgt, int'l and brand mgr experience.

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Author

Shinerunner Publishing

Jan 2012 – Jan 2016 · 4 yrs 1 mo
Walnut Creek, California

Look for my book, "Craft Beer Marketing & Distribution - Brace for SKUMeggedon" now available in paperback and in EPUB/Kindle version on Amazon and Barnes & Noble. If you ever wanted to learn about how beverages are sold and marketed in the US then this book is for you. It applies to non alcoholic beverages as well and digs deeply into marketing strategy, product life cycle analysis, distribution, wholesaler sales team motivation and lots, lots more.

You can also catch my Podcast on Craft Beer Marketing at The Brewer's Network.com - go to BN Line then click on Watch Live and click on "The Session 12/7/15" and forward to minute marker 38. You can also listen to the podcast at Sticher.com and click on the session 12/7. Also want to thank Schoolcraft University in Michigan for making my book their primary text book in their upcoming Brewing & Marketing class.

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Brand Champion/Category Manager

Earthgrains Company - Full-time

Feb 1999 – May 2001 · 2 yrs 4 mos
Oakland, California, United States

- Launched San Luis Sourdough line after acquisition of company by Earthgrains. Responsible for presenting SLS to Safeway corporate and brand planning for upstart sourdough line. Also analyzed bakery category for both Earthgrains and Safeway. Devised creative experiential event strategy to increase both trial and awareness within the state of California

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Food & Beverage Marketing Specialist

Government of the United Kingdom - Contract

1991 – 1998 · 7 yrs

Specialized as Britain's "Lead Post" on the US Food and Beverage industry reporting on whisky, ale/beer and cider categories. Developed marketing plans for UK exporters on how best to approach the US On and Off Trade market segments. Speaker at the IFE show and on BBC. During Mark's tenure as Lead Post on Food and Drink, U.K. exports of food to the U.S. doubled, while beverage exports to the U.S. increased by 35 percent.

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Brand Manager

Honey Hill Farms - Full-time

Jan 1989 – Jan 1991 · 2 yrs 1 mo
San Francisco Bay Area

- Launched first-ever, super-premium frozen yogurt line produced to compete with Haagen Dazs and Ben & Jerry's in the supermarket channel. Developed creative strategy and tag line for brand used by ad agency, Goodby, Berlin & Silverstein in 30 second spots and OOH. Organized, selected, negotiated and executed multi-million dollar supermarket sampling and experiential event campaign throughout western US. Responsible for creating brand line extensions (with R&D) based on primary and secondary research, one of which became second best-selling SKU in entire line shortly after introduction per IRI data

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Marketing Research Analyst

LaPointe and GREY Advertising - Full-time

Jan 1985 – Jan 1989 · 4 yrs 1 mo
San Francisco, California, United States

- Began career as a Marketing Research Analyst with LaPointe Advertising then hired by GREY. Worked on development of creative strategies based on primary and secondary research sources. Presented creative strategy to ad teams (copy, creative, media and art) who then developed client execution. First consumer brand worked on was California Cooler.

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Education



University of Wyoming

MS Marketing, marketing and advertising, 3.5
1983 – 1984

Earned Master of Science in Marketing. The MS in marketing required 10

marketing courses (MBA-Marketing requires 3 or fewer) including an internship, thesis (Product Cannibalism in the beverage industry), oral defense of thesis and comprehensive written exam at the end of all coursework. If this "Blue Book" exam was not passed, the degree was not awarded despite meeting all other degree requirements. Exam covered all 10 courses.

Licenses & certifications



Bondurant Helicat High Performance Driving School

Issued Dec 2018 · No Expiration Date

Credential ID HPD1

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Cicerone Certified Beer Server, Level 1

Cicerone® Certification Program

Issued May 2016 · No Expiration Date

[See credential](#)



RESCUE DIVER

PADI

Issued Nov 1993 · No Expiration Date

Credential ID 9402767336

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Volunteer experience



Running back, linebacker and conditioning coach.

Clayton Valley Youth Football

Mar 1987 – Dec 1990 · 3 yrs 10 mos

Children

Coached 3 years with Clayton Valley Youth Football. Two of three seasons we went undefeated while most of our kids went on to play for De la Salle. Two turned pro (NFL & CFL). Loved coaching and miss football in a big way.

Also volunteered in grad school at the Animal Care Center to help a retired couple who owned this organization in Laramie, Wyoming. Getting my master's degree in marketing helped this organization as I conducted their first ever, "Run for the Puppies" which raised more money in one event than they had in over a dozen years' worth of events. Very satisfying and I got to play and run with the dogs, loved it.

Skills & endorsements

Marketing Strategy · 30



Endorsed by Mark Milkovich and 1 other who is highly skilled at this



Endorsed by 8 of Mark's colleagues at DBI Beverage

Market Planning · 24



Endorsed by Frank Lewis Beverage Champion, who is highly skilled at this



Endorsed by 6 of Mark's colleagues at DBI Beverage

Brand Development · 21



Endorsed by 5 of Mark's colleagues at DBI Beverage

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Recommendations

[Received \(4\)](#)

[Given \(0\)](#)



William Tabone

Play Harder Tours
"Beer Tourism" &
"Bucket List" travel
planner call 904-910-
7009

December 14, 2018,
William was a client of
Mark's

Mark's enthusiastic approach energizes his listeners in a way you don't often see. I'm looking forward to an ongoing business relationship that should be fruitful and very productive as we work together promoting beer tourism. Bill Tabone
www.playhardertours.com



Matt Place

Territory Manager at
Athletic Brewing
Company

October 8, 2018, Matt
was a client of Mark's

Mark's book and podcast have been very important to my career working for a distributor. I have used a lot of the lessons in his book and in the Shinerunner Podcast and implemented them into our company's sales process. I work closely with our supplier p...
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Robert Nathanson

Chief Executive
Officer at Palmia
Corporation

August 29, 2018, Robert
worked with Mark but at
different companies

I have known Mark for two years and he was instrumental in giving advice to us at Palmia Beer Corporation. I would recommend his book, "CRAFT BEER MARKETING & DISTRIBUTION - BRACE FOR SKUMEGGEDON" to anyone wanting to le... [See more](#)



Peter August

Northern California
Sales Manager at Karl
Strauss Brewing
Company

January 28, 2016, Peter
worked with Mark but at
different companies

As one of DBI Beverage's supplier partners, I've been fortunate to work with Mark very closely. Mark's knowledge, passion, and creativity have helped increase distribution and volume for Karl Strauss Brewing Company in the San Francisco B...
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Accomplishments



[Publications](#)

What is the Most Important "P" in the Marketing Mix?

Dec 4, 2018 · Beverage Trade Network

Your nectar may have earned a dozen gold medals, have spectacular presentation (packaging), be priced just so for your target market and put five

presentation (packaging), be priced open on the target market and get the wags from your Cairn Terrier Sparky – but without DISTRIBUTION – your brand is nowhere. This article educates the craft beverage reader on the critical importance that must be placed on wholesaler distribution in the United States.

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CRAFT BEER MARKETING & DISTRIBUTION - BRACE FOR SKUMEGGEDON May 15, 2015 • SHINERUNNER PUBLISHING

Comprehensive look into the US craft beer industry and how marketing, distribution, sales, special events and wholesaler sales incentives play a vital role in brand success. Applies to all beverages including spirits, wine, cider and non alcoholic.

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Guerrilla Marketing
American Marketing Association

Interests

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|  Craft Distillers Network
833 members |  ForceBrands
102,357 followers |
|  Diageo
1,044,143 followers |  BMW of North America, LLC
142,195 followers |
|  Beer & Social Media
3,407 members |  Wine and Spirits Jobs for ...
20,153 members |