

BAM Meeting, August 13, 2009.

We had 27+ members and guests at our August meeting, hosted by Dave Blank. Thanks Dave.

1. Misc.(old) Business:

AHA talk powerpoints available on AHA/NHC site or Beertown Homebrew club of the year write up needs to be submitted to Bruce at Anchor (in October. date?). Dave offered to collect information. Ben offered to submit something. WCOB T-shirts available. Hats, too. Each \$10. See Dave.

2. Coming Club Events (see web for more details)

9/8 September meeting, Thursday, Sept 10 (day after Labor day weekend). Site to be confirmed. Check the web site.

9/13 Oyster Slurp, Sunday Sept 13, Alameda.

9/18 NCHF—The 12th annual Northern California Homebrew Festival

3. Other Event s (see web for more details)

8/15 Saturday Toronado 22nd anniversary

8/15 Saturday Chili cook-off at Linden Street Brewing Company,

8/22 More Beer (Concord) competition. Entry deadline Wed Aug 19. Judging Sat 8/22, arrive 9:30 AM. Judges needed. Contact Randy Griggs.

8/28-30 Food Fest Jack London Square

Oct.. HAZE sponsors Queen of Beer Comp, entries accepted 9/26 to 10/9

Oct. 10 Oktobefest in the Diamond (comp w/ Mad Zymergists, entries by 9/26)

Nov. 7 State Comp (Stern Grove)

4. Web Site update: Todd and Dave

Check it out!. Suggestions are welcome. Please send any photos you may have for the web site, especially from WCOB and other BAM events such as the beer bus, the barrel project, parties, even meetings.

Mailing lists have been created:

members @bayareamashers.org --paid members

friends @bayareamashers.org--other clubs, brewers, former members, etc.

webmaster @bayareamashers.org --Todd

BAM @bayareamashers.org --Officers: Jim, Dave, Bernie, Todd

BAMpresident @bayareamashers.org--Jim, Dave

A friendly request: Please use discretion with using “reply to all” to the “Members” and especially the “Friends” list. Let’s avoid cluttering our mail boxes with comments not of general interest. E-mail addresses of individual members are available on the “Members” page BAM web site. Need a login ID? E-mail BAM@bayareamashers.org

5. NCHF Planning

Northern California Homebrew Festival runs Friday afternoon through Sunday Morning. Lake Francis Resort, Dobbins, Ca. 1.5 hours beyond Sacramento? Cost is only \$45, including 2 nights camping (tent or RV) plus Friday “Hoppy Hour”, Saturday festival with tasting glass and all the beer you can imagine, Cabins extra. For those not attending the brewers dinner, Roger will be hosting a pot luck in his cabin.

Overall theme is German beer: Oktoberfest. Club competition is for Kolsch and Alt styles.

We need planning for BAM booth: theme, food, extras.

We have discussed the 4 local clubs (BAM, HOME, DB and MZ) settling up a large tent for shade and seating. Logistics are an issue, and we would need buy in from NCHF board as well as Lake Francis Resort.

Confirmed attending Bammers include Dave B. , Jim, Lee, Paul H.

6. Style of the Quarter: Alt (Dusseldorf Altbier and N. German Altbier)

We discussed the style, an cool fermented ale from Germany, classified by the BJCP as an amber hybrids, styles 7a and 7b. Dave prepared a write up available as a pdf (attached and on the web site.)

We sampled the following German Alts.

Pinkus munster alt

Schwelmer alt

Uerige dopplesticke alt

Also Alaska Amber and Jim’s homebrewed alt.

3Q SOQ judging will be at October meeting. \$50, \$30, \$20 gift cert prizes, as usual.

4Q SOQ yet to be chosen, presented in November, tasted in January.

Next month (Sept) taste entries for NCHF as available Alt and Kolsch

Note: Christmas Party will have a separate Holiday Beer comp.

7. Cooling the fermentation: Dave and Jim

Dave showed his cooler design using an Igloo 50 quart cooler and a Styrofoam dome lid. (Descriptions on web site).. Jim showed an ultracheap styrofoam box, to cool a fermentation carboy, and one sized for a keg.. This is a minimalist version of “Son of a Fermentation Cooler”. (Descriptions on web site.)