

BAM Meeting, September 10, 2009.  
September meeting, hosted by Chad Gallagher. Thanks Chad.

### 1. Misc. Business:

Group Photo!

Discussed Tuesday/Thursday meeting preference. Tonight, most liked Thursday, but then, this was on a Thursday. Further input invited.

Discussed possibility of BJCP classes in the future. There were several people interested. I will explore possibilities. Also, there are some exams coming up in the Bay Area that may have spaces available. October 3 in Pleasanton (contact Brian Cooper) and November 21 in Sacramento (contact David Teckam)

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

9/13 **Oyster Slurp**, Sunday Sept 13, 2 PM Alameda. RSVP NOW! About 20 people signed up so far. Bring food and beer. \$10 guests –waived if the guest hates oysters.

9/18-20 (8 days!) **NCHF**—The 12<sup>th</sup> annual Northern California Homebrew Festival See below. (Dave and Jessica coordinating)

October meeting to be in Oakland, hosted by Ben Mosher, Oct. 8 or 13, tba.

### 3. Other Events (See the BAM website for more details and for many more events!)

Sept/Oct. Speisekammer (restaurant) Oktoberfest, 2424 Lincoln Ave., Alameda, CA on 4 Sundays, 9/20, 9/27, 10/4, 10/11) Possible informal BAM group attendance. Info to follow.

Oct. HAZE sponsors Queen of Beer Comp, entries accepted 9/26 to 10/9 (shipped) (or drop off at HAZE NCHF booth 9/19) Judging, Saturday, October 24, 2009

Oct. 10. Oktoberfest in the Diamond (comp w/ Mad Zymergists, entries by 9/26, judging 10/4. BOS judging and awards 10/10. Check M.Z. web site for more info.

Nov. 7. State Comp (Stern Grove) Entries October 5 to Saturday, October 17, 2009 at OB or B3.

### 4. Web Site review: Todd and Dave

Check it out!. Still accepting photos. Suggestions are welcome.

Reminder: 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

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 now \$55, 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. It’s not too late: On line registration until 9/15 (Tuesday)...after that register at the festival. Eleven BAM members are confirmed attending.

Overall theme is German beer: Oktoberfest. Club competition is for Kolsch and Alt styles. Kegs only. In the BAM entry selection tastings, Dave Blank was the winner (and only entrant) in both the Kolsch and Alt categories. Other challengers on Friday at NCHF.

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

Cool fermented ale from Germany Dave prepared a write up available as a pdf on the web site or by e-mail. Judging will be at October meeting. \$50, \$30, \$20 gift certificate prizes, as usual. SOQ 4<sup>th</sup> quarter will me Mild (BJCP style 11a).

7. Hop Bag demo by Dave.

One large bag for all hop additions. Very easy, very cheap. See his pdf on web site under Gadgets.