

## Todd Lay

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Special thanks to Morgan at Linden Street for hosting us, and staying 'til midnight to allow us to celebrate!

### November Meeting Notes

Our November meeting was held on Thursday November 12 at the Linden Street Brewery. Thanks to Adam and to Morgan for hosting and sharing Linden's beer. Being our first chance to all celebrate Club of the Year, we had 40+ attendees, including "old timers" Ray Francisco and Tyler Yarbrough. Great to see you guys.

After intros and congrats, we looked at:

### Club Events

December 4, BAM Holiday Party at Dave Blank's in Oakland

January Meeting at the Oak Barrel, for the Word Cup mail out, and a discussion with Mike McDole on entering, and winning, homebrew comps.

Several upcoming events at local beer joints check the BAM web page for the latest.

### Business

Paul Hsi for is organizing a Beer Bus for sometime in January or February.

World Cup of Beer coordinators are mostly in place. Mailings go out in January. Comp dates will be set soon, around the usual time of late March to Early April. Finals probably will be the first Saturday in April 2010. At Trumer Brauerei, Berkeley.

Ray and Tyler offered to host a possible revival of the famous BAM North Coast abalone dive trip, likely May or early June. Stay tuned for details.

A Brew-in is in the works, date to be determined. We are open to suggestions for a time and place.

### SOQ

Jim presented the new Style of the Quarter, English Mild Ale. Club entries will be judged at the January meeting, with the usual \$50/\$30/\$20 prizes, so make a batch soon. Style description and a recipe are posted on the Web site.

### Technical

Brewing water treatments was discussed. A summary is posted on the Web site. Bottom line: Adding some calcium is a good idea. Use gypsum (CaSO<sub>4</sub>) for dry or hop accentuated beers and Calcium Chloride (CaCl<sub>2</sub>) for sweeter or malt accentuated beers. Some brewers remove chloramine from brewing water, many don't.

### Celebration

Thanks to everyone for bringing food and beer. I especially want to thank Dave for sharing his Anchor barrel beer, and Randy for his Utopias. Paul brought a keg of Bourbon Barrel and Lee brought Kolsch. Thanks to Randy and More Beer for offering Bammers a special 15% "Club of the Year" discount, through the end of the year. Use code BAM2009 on Internet orders.

See you at the Holiday Party.