

Thanks to Dave Blank and Jeanie for hosting the BAM holiday party. We had a great turnout, with countless homebrews contributed. Thanks to all for donations of beer and food. Thanks to Dave for generously sharing his cellar.

If there had actually been a meeting, these would be the minutes.

### Meeting Minutes December 4, 2009

#### 1. Welcome!

Since the November meeting, we have had 5 new members join. Welcome to Rick Hayes, Jen Muehlbauer, Peter Battie, and John Curry, as well as welcoming back Tim Underwood, one of the 3 founding BAMmers. BAM membership has now surpassed 50!

#### 2. Coming Events

Brew-In. After the first of the year, date and location TBA

Beer Bus. After the first of the year, date TBA

Anchor Homebrew Club of the Year party, mid February, date TBA

#### 3. World Cup of Beer dates have been set.

Entry deadline Saturday March 13.

Preliminary Judging Saturday March 27,

Final judging and awards party Saturday, April 3.

Much more information to be announced. I encourage all our new (and old) members to take part in this incredible production. If you have never been to a homebrew competition, help as a steward, and prepare to be amazed.

#### 4. January meeting. Thursday, January 14 at the Oak Barrel in Berkeley.

We will prepare World Cup announcements for mailing.

Mike McDole and Nathan Smith will lead a discussion of entering (and winning) homebrew competitions.

AND, we will be judging for style of the quarter, English Mild.

Note: We propose that no more than half the SOQ entries win cash prizes, eg. if fewer than 6 beers are entered, no 3<sup>rd</sup> place will be awarded. Also, let's limit to one entry per member, unless we are short of entries (fewer than 6). Comments? E-mail me or BAMpresident@

#### 5. Other announcements

There are some holiday beer events coming up, including at the Trappist. Check the BAM web site for information. If you know of other events to be listed, please submit to the webmaster or to the Prez or Veep for posting.

Tyler Yarbrough wants to plug "The Liq", a liquor store in San Leandro, under new management. Tyler says:

A nice young guy has taken over the liquor store 1 block North of Estudillo and MacArthur in San Leandro. It's right off 580/Estudillo exit. He's got a pretty serious selection of micros, including some fairly exotic stuff, and a few Germans (Weihestaphen) and Belgians (DT, Chimay, etc). He's working on building up a wine selection, and has a decent start on the spirits side (Buffalo Trace!). I'd love to see him succeed.

6. Holiday/Strong Beer competition. Thanks to the 8 members who submitted entries and to our judges. The "best of show" award goes to Dave Blank for his old ale. Runner up was Marc Rehfuss and third place went to Noah Weatherford.

Happy holidays. With so many energetic and talented new members, 2010 will be our best year yet. Cheers, Jim