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BAM January meeting, Oak Barrel, Jan. 14, 2010.

We had 40+ members and guests at the Oak Barrel for our annual WC mailer send out. Including 6 or 7 folks coming for the first time! By meeting's end, BAM had 60 paid members!

Business discussed included:

HCOY

This is our last regular meeting before the SF beer week festivities, including the Homebrew Club of the Year party at Anchor. The party will begin at 1:00 PM on Saturday, February 13, at Anchor Brewery 1705 Mariposa Street, San Francisco. All BAM members are invited to this event to honor the Bay Area Mashers as California Homebrew Club of the Year. Members are invited to bring a spouse or "significant other". Bruce will be needing a head count, so please respond when the time comes. The party is being held during SF Beer Week so that brewers from clubs all over California will be in attendance. A buffet meal will be served. The Anchor taps will be open all afternoon, so consider transit or a designated driver.

Commemorative shirts will be available at the Oak Barrel before the event. Details upcoming.

WCOB

Dave Blank gave us a World Cup update. Activities are proceeding on schedule. Doug has lined up an impressive list of sponsors to donate money or prizes. Dave showed us the ribbons which just arrived. WC glasses are on order. Doug's band, the Damn Liars, has agreed to play at the finals day party at Trumer on April 3. Team leaders will get together this month to iron out more details. All BAM members are encouraged to take part in putting on the World Cup competition. On the days of Prelims and especially Finals there will be lots to do, including judge registration, judging, stewarding, working in the cellar, helping with food prep and serving, prizes, sales and raffle items, and of course set-up and clean-up. And washing tasting glasses. Contact Dave Blank or Bryan Gros if you wish to join any particular team.

The WCOB web site is up and looks great!

Brew for World Cup

Entry window opens Feb. 19, and the entry deadline is Saturday March 13, 2010. Now is the time to brew up your best beers to enter. Aside from supporting the club and the comp, and the chance for glory, you will get some expert written analysis from BJCP judges, and suggestions for improving your beer. Also, we will be asking for kegs to be donated for serving at the Finals Party on April 3. Also, we will need kegs of BAM homebrew for serving at the prelims and finals! (Especially for the Awards party on April 3.) So plan your brews and let Dave or Bryan Gros know if you'll have a keg you plan on bringing so we can make sure you have enough. Not sure if we'll be doing a 'Peoples Choice' award for it this year, but if you all want it, we can definitely do it. Contact Dave and Bryan at worldcup@bayareamashers.org

SF Beer week.

Begins the weekend of Feb 6-7 and continues to weekend of Feb 13-14. Check the site for events. A special beer tasting seminars will be held on Sunday Feb. 7. Contact Brian Cooper for more info. Bernie will be hosting a "not to be missed" event on Thursday, Feb. 11, 5-9 P.M. at the Oak Barrel, including a brewing demo by brewers from Triple Rock, Tasty Bear and Iron Springs, and Homer's barbecue! Watch your mailbox for further information. The Barley Wine Festival, at

Toronado on Feb. 13 is a favorite judging gig.

More upcoming events:

After World Cup, Paul Hsi will organize a chartered Beer Bus visiting several north east bay breweries. As soon as the weather clears up in the Spring, BAM will have an outdoor Brew-in.

The Brewing Network hosts the first "Winter Brews Festival" at Linden Street Brewery on Saturday, January 30, 1-8 P.M.

Tonight's speaker:

Mike McDole presented his insights on brewing for and entering homebrew competitions. A great presentation. Thanks, Mike!

The job:

540 mailers were assembled, folded, sealed, labeled, and stamped in record time. Yours is in the mail.

SOQ

At the same time 5 judges rated the 10 entries in the English Mild Style of the Quarter. Surprising no one, first place went to Kel and Danielle. Second place was Brian Sullivan, and third place Ray Francisco. Congratulations to the winners, and thanks to those who brewed and entered, and especially to the judges. The next SOQ will be presented next month, February, for judging at the April meeting. Lee Shepard will be overseeing the SOQ program, so contact Lee if you want to lobby for your favorite style.

Next

The February meeting will be postponed until after SF beer week, and is tentatively scheduled for the third Thursday, Feb. 18 at the Linden Street Brewery. The March WC final prep meeting will be at Trumer.

Thanks to the many members and guests who brought beer and snacks for the meeting. See you at Anchor!

Jim