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Bay Area Mashers February Meeting Notes Thursday February 18, Linden Street Brewery, Oakland

A record turnout tonight, close to 60 members and guests. (I lost count after 58!)
We welcomed 15+ folks attending a BAM meeting for the first time.

The Home Brew Club of the Year trophy was on display, with a newly polished copper mug on top. While the Anchor party was a great success, we are troubled that someone (not from this club, I trust) removed a photograph from the Anchor tap room. We plead for its anonymous return.

World Cup of Beer, 2010.

Entries due now through Sat. 3/13. Drop yours off at the Oak Barrel or at More Beer. Prelims will be Sat. 3/27, and finals (and party) on Sat. 4/3 at the Trumer Brewery. New members are encouraged to take part, and learn about homebrew competitions. Stewards (judges' assistants) are especially needed for both prelims and finals. See the World Cup web site www.worldcupofbeer.com for more details and judge and steward sign-ups, or contact WC coordinator Dave Blank, or WC Steward Coordinator Dave Mikza.

Upcoming Events

Other events are coming up later this year. Check the BAM web site for updates.

Paul Hsi, along with Chad and Jack, are planning a Beer Bus trip tentatively for Saturday April 24. Check the web site for updates. Everyone will chip in for the bus charter. Possible destinations under consideration are AB in Fairfield, Blue Frog in Fairfield, Iron Springs in Fairfax, Bear Republic in Cloverdale/Healdsburg

The original Oyster Slurp, a spring event created by Mike Schwarzbart, will be in the spring. We plan to also have the fall oyster slurp, as usual.

We hope to have a Group Brew, some weekend after the weather gets better, possibly in the Linden Street parking lot

We are looking into having a BJCP training class for prospective beer judges, in the summer.

BABO/Alameda county fair homebrew competition, run by the Draught Board, will be in the summer

Check the BAM web site for listings of other Beer related events.

Technical discussions

Malts 101: Jim Files gave a very quick summary of malts and malting.

Style of the quarter, Amber ales: Lee Shephard presented Red Tail Amber and Lagunitas Censored as examples of flavor balance in an amber ale. He followed with some very informative comparative tastings of extracts from 5 different crystal malts and 4 different hops. We will taste member's ambers at the May meeting.

HCoY glasses

A HCoY glass was given to each member, as of the date of that award. Additional glasses are available to all members for \$5 each “while supplies last” (but we have a lot). Contact Dave Blank to pick up or buy your glass.

Next Meeting

The March meeting will be Thursday, March 11 at the Trumer Brewery in Berkeley

Cheers,
Jim (BAM prez)