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BAM Meeting, April 8, 2010. Linden Street Brewery.

With close to 50 in attendance, we had 13 folks at their first BAM Meeting. And a surprising number of them were experienced brewers! Thanks for coming. We welcomed new members, too numerous to name. Joining since the last meeting are Dan Coleman, Ken Gilliland, Monte and Lindie Cano. Welcome.

World Cup wrap-up.

World Cup was a big success. Thanks to Dave Blank for coordinating and cracking the whip. This was by far our biggest comp yet, 636 entries, from 191 entrants. Dave gave a complete wrap-up and thanked the Bammers whose hard work made it a success. We received a lot of good feedback from the judges on how well it ran, and on the quality of the entries. Best of Show winner was Dozer and new Bammer Arlyn Johns, who wins the opportunity to brew commercial scale batch of his Belgian Tripel with Adam at the Linden Street Brewery. Think about next year and how best to handle 800 entries!

BAM events

Next BAM event is the Sonoma-Marin Beer Bus trip on Saturday April 24. Chad Gallagher described the trip, which is going to be incredible! Check the BAM web site for the trip description. Space is still available, and is being offered to non-members to allow us to fill the bus. But we'd like this to be primarily a BAM event, so sign up and bring your friends. If you want to go, send your check to Chad Gallagher right away.

The Spring Oyster Slurp is on Sunday May 30th at Mike Schwartzbart's house. If you attend, please RSVP with Mike or Lee Shephard, and plan on bringing a side dish for potluck, some beer, and some cash for the oyster buy (\$10-\$20, depending on pricing and number of attendees). We will have a fun afternoon in Mike's back yard with a bay view, raw and BBQ'd oysters. It's always a fun afternoon.

May meeting will be Thursday May 13 at Jim Austin's metal fabrication shop in Oakland, not far from Linden Street. Jim will show us his 50 gallon system he is building. Dave will give a presentation on cleaning and sanitization. Lee will present the next Style of the Quarter: IPA.

As soon as the weather dries out, we are hoping to do our first group brew of the season in Linden Street Parking lot. Details to follow

We are always looking for ideas for BAM events, and someone to organize them. If you have an idea and want to make it happen, drop me an email or bring it up at a meeting.

Outside events

NHC Regionals in Lodi. (AHA National Homebrew Comp, round 1 is 9 regional events) It will be a huge event. Qualified judges are needed for either April 17th and/or 18th.

Speakeasy Brewers Dinner (with Matt Walsh, head brewer) @ theThe Hopmonk, Sunday April 18th starting at 6:00PM. Call for reservations (707) 829-7300. Tickets \$55.

Maifest, a Bavarian Festival with German food and beer in Oakland Hills. There will be live

traditional Bavarian music and dance. Sunday, May 2, 12:00PM to 6:00PM. Oakland Hills. Tickets \$10.

Brewmaster's dinner with Terence Sullivan of Sierra Nevada Brewery. at BayWolf restaurant in Oakland Monday May 3rd, 6:30 PM. Tickets are \$75/person + tax + gratuity.

BABO (Alameda County Fair). The Bay Area Brew Off is managed by our friends at the Draught Board. Entries due by May 28. Final judging June 12. Check the Draught Board web site for details.

Santa Cruz County Fair. Mark your calendars for Saturday September 11th for the annual judging.

Check the BAM web site for additional information on these and other events,.

Style of the Quarter Judging

SOQ judging was held in the brewery. Lee teamed up some experienced judges with novices, for a very rewarding experience. Out of nine entries, winners were first place John Curry, second place, Kel Alcalá, third place, Doug Ashcraft.. Congratulations.

Tech Talk

While the judging was proceeding, some of the rest of us held a panel discussion on what it takes to undertake all-grain brewing. And ideas to make it easy.

Beer

And there was beer. In excess.

Several cases of World Cup remainders were distributed at the end of the meeting. These were the finalists who did not go to the Best of Show round, i.e., all but the winners.

Cheers,
Jim (BAM Prez)
See you on the bus!

Overview

- Welcome new folks
- World Cup review
- Bam events
- Feedback for news events and projects
- Outside events
- Tech Talk
- SOQ- Amber ale

Welcome new members: 5 who joined last month: Paul Gordenev, Dan Patten, Arlyn Johns, Raymond (Ray) Savoie, Skyler Lassman,
Welcome first time visitors. Intros and how they heard about BAM

World Cup- 16th annual. Final judging and awards last Saturday April 3.
Thanks to Dave Blank who served as WC Coordinator. We broke all records.
Thanks to many other Bammers including
Kel, food (Todd and Selvie, Marc and Emily)
Jon and Paul Keefer, Judges
Paul Hsi, registrar who got out the results same day.
Dave M for stewards
Bryan and Lisa for lots (and cookies, too)
Entrants and Judges.
Doug for coordinating sponsors—(lots of good prizes and raffle items)
and for his band
Bernie and Oak Barrel
Trumer
Other clubs who helped with preliminary judging
Comments from Dave (and anyone else)

Upcoming BAM Events

Beer Bus, scheduled for .Saturday April 24. (2 weeks!)
Moylins, Bear Republic (Healdsburg) Russian River (Santa Rosa), Marin Brewing
Spaced Available. Only a few BAM members have signed up. Opened to other clubs and the
public.
Want to keep this a BAM event. Sign up tonight. Bring friends.
\$30 check to Chad or BAM ?
Comments from Chad, Paul or others.

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BBQ'd oysters (green sauce!), and maybe even a band playing. It's always a fun afternoon.

Spring Abalone Dive

Group brew in Linden Parking lot.

May Meeting.

The new BAM

More members, bigger meetings, lots of new brewers.
Do we need to get more “formal” in meetings? (Less room for side conversations).
What do you want from your club. Meeting agendas, Events.
One concern of mine: How to give feedback on beers people bring in.
Members are invited to organize events. If you have an idea, and wants to pursue it, speak up.

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The Bistro will be selling 4 different varietals of Hop Rhizomes along with special hoppy beers with live music and BBQ all day. Saturday April 10th

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Tech Talk

SOQ: American Amber Ale. Tasting and judging.