

Bay Area Mashers Meeting Notes

Thursday, July 8, 2010

Oak Barrel, Berkeley

Tonight was the 20th anniversary of the first BAM meeting in July of 1990!

The location of the July meeting was changed at the last minute from Linden Street in Oakland to the Oak Barrel in Berkeley. The Meserlthe verdict was due to be announced, and there were fears of rioting in Oakland. Thanks to all of you who made the switch and my sincere apologies to the few of you without iPhones who didn't get the message.

Coming Events

Group Brew is scheduled for Saturday July 17, here at Linden Street Parking lot.

BBQ will be going. Club will provide sausages. Bring additional pot luck and beer.

This is the big one, lots of room. Bring your system, or just come to help out or hang out. Water and power available, but bring cords and hoses. Full details are being sent by e-mail.

Annual fall oyster BBQ, in conjunction with the Draught Board, at John Sheehan's in Alameda on Sunday September 12, a week after the Burning Man Festival.

NCHF XIII (aka Beer Camp) September 17-19, 2010, Lake Francis Resort, Dobbins Ca, in the Sierra foothills north of Sacramento, about a 3 hour drive from Oakland/Berkeley. Theme this year is Eastern Europe, and the club competitions are Baltic Porter and Bohemian Pilsner. Paul Keefer described this amazing event to the group, and he is a good contact for questions and info. Check out the web site at <http://www.nchfinfo.org/> Online registration is open now. Registration includes 2 nights camping. If you hate to camp, rustic cabins are available if you reserve early. If you want to share a cabin, let us know.

August Meeting will be a joint meeting DOZE and likely some of the Zymergists. Tentatively planned for a weekend afternoon at a venue mid-way between the clubs, in Vallejo. Suggested dates Aug 15 and Aug 29. A poll showed preference evenly divided. Stay tuned for details. Invited speakers and other activities are being planned. Direct questions or suggestions to me or to Events Coordinator Lee Shepherd.

Lee has also kindly agreed to handle the Beer Judging Class planned for the coming summer/fall. Contact me or Lee with any questions and offers to teach. Contact Lee if you are interested in taking this 10 week (approx) course and you have not already responded to either of us.

Elections

July is the month to elect new BAM officers. After much discussion we agreed that a committee would be a good way to manage the club and its activities. Six offers to serve on the committee were gratefully accepted by unanimous proclamation. Committee members are Noah Weatherford (president), Paul Keefer (v.p.), Lee Shepherd (events coordinator), Todd Lay, Rick Hayes and Will Bauer. Thank you all for your commitment to the club. It's going to be a great year!

Style of the Quarter

SOQ this quarter is IPAs. There were 12 entries brought to the meeting, and all were judged with BJCP score sheets. And the winners are: First place, Jason Englund. Second place, Chad Gallagher, and third place was Brian Fulk. Congratulations and thanks to all who entered.

Dues are Due

July means dues. Please bring a check made out to Bay Area Mashers for \$20 (\$30 couples), with your name(s) on the check to the next event or meeting. Renewal can also be done at the Oak Barrel, cash or check.

My thanks to all for an incredible year as president of BAM—Homebrew Club of the Year!

Jim Files