

## Bay Area Mashers February 2016 Meeting Minutes

Introduction of the [Bay Area Mashers](#) - Gene Wood (President of BAM) & Matt Youngblut (Vice President of BAM)

- Gene introduced who and what the Bay Area Mashers are about and what we do. The BAM web site is a good source of information for what the BAM club does. Explained how to [join BAM](#) and the benefits of joining.
- BAM is a non-profit homebrewing club with a membership based in the Northern California East Bay (Oakland, Berkeley area) that was formed in June 1990. BAM's main goal is to promote the practice of better brewing and to have fun while doing it. The club consists of everyone from novice brewers to nationally ranked BJCB judges and current and ex commercial brewers. Several members own brew supply shops, and many have gone on to become professionally involved with beer and beer brewing (Oak Barrel Winecraft in Berkeley, Coast Range Brewing in Gilroy, Buffalo Bill's in Hayward, 21st Amendment in San Francisco, Rock Bottom in Long Beach.) Many members of BAM have received numerous awards in local and national homebrew competitions.

BAM emails - if you aren't receiving the BAM emails, please renew your membership at the Oak Barrel or at the [BAM web site](#).

Gene thanked Dan and Mark who represented BAM at the [First annual Battle of the Brew Clubs](#) at [Freewheel Brewing](#) in Redwood City Sunday January 24th. They are fermenting their beer and it will soon be judged!

Paul Keefer discussed the [World Cup Beer Competition](#) hosted by our club.

- Registration for your entries opens February 1st, 2016
- Registration closes March 9th, 2016
- Delivery or drop off to [Oak Barrel Winecraft](#) closes March 9th, 2016
- Prelim judging dates are scheduled for March 19th, March 20th, and March 26th.
- Final judging is April 2nd, 2016
- Please sign up for stewarding and judging on the World Cup site.

Dan had some hops that he provided to the club. [Alameda Island Brewing Company](#) had a shipment of hops that the bags were pierced and thus unusable for them. But - good for home brewers! Dan had rebagged the 11 pounds of Challenger and they were available for the club members. He will have some East Kent Goldings available in March.

[Alameda Island Brewing Company](#)'s one year anniversary is Saturday February 27th, 2016. Stop by for their celebration and release of barrel aged beers!

Colin asked the club for assistance in gathering sponsor donations for the World Cup of Beer. Please contact him if you would assist in asking a business for a donation.

Matt talked about the [Kalsec hop](#) extract group buy [on Tilt](#). It tilted and the product will be coming soon. Contact Matt if you have any ideas on other group buys for the club members.

Gene announced that there will be a survey to the club soon to determine which type of hoodie to buy. The hoodie will be black with the skull and mash paddle logo ([old example here](#)).

Mike talked about the upcoming [R.O.C.K the Brew](#) Saturday April 16th, 2016. Join hundreds of San Franciscans as we R.O.C.K. the Brew. This event features a homebrew competition & tasting, interactive games, food, silent auction, raffle and music. 100% of proceeds benefit San Francisco nonprofit Real Options for City Kids (R.O.C.K.)

The February Presentation was a panel of six homebrewers who described different techniques on how, why, when, to enter a homebrew competition.