

ANNOUNCEMENTS:

- SOQ winners:
 - First Place for Aaron Bautista for his Brett Saison
 - Second Place Paul Keefer
 - Third Place to Matt Youngblut for his Belgian Specialty
- Next SOQ- voted to be English Pale Ales. Entrants into the SOQ should save their receipts from entering into the World Cup of Beer to receive a \$10 Oak Barrel gift card. Judging will be through the World Cup of Beer competition. The three top scoring entrants will receive First, Second, and Third places and will also receive the typical BAM SOQ awards (\$50, \$30, \$20)
- Speakeasy collaboration- contact Rylan Ortiz if you're interested in participating. Essentially Speakeasy will brew up a style (to be determined) on the 15 barrel system, and BAM Members will bring a carboy (or potentially two) to have filled. Participants then add/modify the brew and pitch their own yeast. After complete, all will get together to share their creations. Ideally 100 are desired to participate- currently there are about 50 signed up. Possibly the call will be sent to other brew clubs, but we'd like more BAM Participants. After the sign-ups, the event will happen likely 1 to 2 months later.
- Sacramento Brew tour- still in planning stage, but progressing. Likely will happen February after SF Beer Week.
- World Cup of Beer discussion (the Bay Area Masher's annual competition- this year the 21st year- the state's longest running annual competition, and the second or third largest in the state). The main event will happen April 4th - Finals at Faction. Entries open Jan 19th through March 4th, all BJCP styles accepted. Preliminary Judging dates may change but are currently scheduled for the Saturday the two weekends before the April 4th event. The competition happens because of a lot of volunteers. Caleb Schaffer is organizing the event again this year. The team needs assistance and more volunteers. Specifically, if you have a local hangout or know of a business which may be a good sponsor, to donate funds, gift certificates, or schwag, contact Collin and the team and they can share some information to coordinate donations. They're also looking for volunteers to shadow the leaders to transition for future years.
- Nanobrew Pinball Fest- February 8th at the Pacific Pinball Museum (Webster St in Alameda)- pinball art show and unique beers- as part of SF Beer Week, \$25 entry in advance.

TECHNICAL PRESENTATION

- For tonight's presentation, Chris Niggel shared BEER AUTOMATION which covered building a keezer, or kegerator, and how to dispense beer automatically with "access control" and other techy techniques and gadgets... everything from hardware to programming. He shared his new portable dispensing jockeybox which contained 40' of copper coil, and limited the time of pours with a pushbutton system. His presentation also covered types of kegs, advantages and disadvantages of different setups, and good general recommendations. See his presentation posted on the BAM web site for full details: <http://www.bayareamashers.org/wp-content/uploads/2015/01/Keerator-Presentation.pdf>