

## Bay Area Mashers August 2015 Meeting Minutes

### Introduction of the [Bay Area Mashers](#) - Gene Wood (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](#).

### Interesting Brewing Stories - Gene asked for any new, funny, or interesting Brewing Stories

- o A member retold his story of a broken siphoning experience where the racking siphon didn't start the siphon into the keg, but blew the nice compact yeast cake back into the beer ... thus having to wait another two days for the yeast to resettle out again before transferring.
- o A member told a story of roasting his own malt for the Style of the Quarter challenge. He smoked the malt with some mesquite wood and left it overnight in the garage and when he checked in on it in the morning ... the garage smelled like it was on fire .. and the smoked malts smelled wonderful!

### Additional People are needed to fill out the other officer roles

- o Technical Coordinators - to schedule topics and people to present the topics at the monthly meetings. The club could use one more technical coordinator to help with organizing presentations.
- o Style of the Quarter Coordinator - helps to coordinate what the next style will be, helps to organize the current quarter pick up and judging, and provides the results to the club.
- o Web Master support is needed to support the BAM web site. - Our current web master is moving out of state and we need someone to take over the web site.
- o Social Media Coordinator / Web Content Coordinator - We need one or more persons to help take photos at the meeting, post and manage the facebook, website, posts, etc.

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### **Style of the Quarter results from the Second Quarter of 2015 (July - Sept 2015).**

- 3rd Quarter challenge --- Smoked Beers!
- Enter any BJCP category beer incorporating smoked malt
- Due date will be first Thursday in September (September 3rd)

### **Upcoming Coming events:**

- [GABF](#) ProAm Drakes Beer - August 21st - Brian Buckingham's brewed on Drake's Brewery system. The beer will be released on Friday August 21st at the [Good Hop Bottle Shop](#). The beer will also be on at [Drake's Barrel House](#), likely the new Dealership, The [Albany Tap Room](#), and other spots around the bay as well over the next few weeks.
- Multi-club picnic on August 23rd - The local multiple Homebrew club picnic is August 23rd in the [Briones Regional Park](#). Look for more details in the BAM emails and Facebook!
- Millet beer project at GilTract on August 30th - The Gilman Tract is growing [millet](#) and could be available to some club members to use in place of your base malts. Millet is a drought alternative grain and are an alternative grain for people with gluten allergies.
- BAM Club Oyster Slurp -Sept 13th - look for the additional information on the club emails from Daniel
- [The Northern California Homebrewers Festival](#) is coming up September 18th and 19th. Jeanne is organizing the BAM club today - look for more information from her on the BAM Facebook and club emails. Here's a direct link to the NCHF store : <http://nchfstore.mybigcommerce.com/> . Last year BAM had a good sized group ( 36 ) at NCHF and won the award for best food and Jason Davis won BOS in the Club Keg Competition. Tickets still available!
- Fieldwork Brewery is having a home brew competition. The winner brews on their system! Look for more information on the BAM emails and BAM Facebook.
- [Oaktobefest](#) is Oct 3rd - in the Diamond district of Oakland. Tickets are \$40 or free with a keg donation to the BAM club. Please contact Chris to organize dropping off a keg. The MadZ Homebrew club is having a [German style competition](#). Your smoked beers for the style of the quarter qualify!
- Group Buy - Jon had bought 55lbs of [PBW](#) and was selling 5lbs for \$5.- the last of the one pound bags were purchased in the August meeting - look for more group buys in the future!

August Topic Technical Topic:

Pat presented his two session beers. Club members were able to taste and understand what Pat was looking to create when he was brewing each beer.