

Bay Area Mashers Meeting Minutes September 2017

- Introduction
 - Jon introduced the club and himself, the president about who we are and what we do.
 - BAM is a nonprofit 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.
 - How to join and renew - BAM emails if you aren't receiving the BAM emails, please renew your membership at the Oak Barrel or at the [BAM web site](#).
 - We meet at the [Faction](#) Tasting room: last call and tabs closed by 9pm
 - Catchbox rules: Glass down, Arms up, talk close, don't point it at the speaker.
 - Think about recent homebrewing stories/experiences to share in a few minutes.
- Month in Review
 - Multiclub picnic on August 20th in San Leandro
 - Oyster slurp on Sept 9th in Alameda
 - We had our annual oyster slurp and potluck which was a great success. The annual oyster slurp was held at Jon's house – Mr. President, on September 10th from 2pm to 6pm, guests were welcome. As usual the oysters will be free for all BAM members and there will be a nominal fee from any guests of BAMers who attend.
 - We had a great turnout with over 250 oysters and 60 or so people.
- SOQ 2017Q3 Results
 - Collaboration with BAM member you don't normally brew with
 - Brew a beer with 5 SRM or less
 - Must use Golden Naked Oats (GNO)
 - And the winners are congratulations to the winners!
 - 1st (Matt Youngblut)
 - 2nd (Neil Topliffe)
 - 3rd (Nick Facciola)
- Other competitions coming up:
 - Oaktoberfest 8/12-9/25 entry window (Oakland)
 - State Comp 9/9-10/12 entry window, castatebrewcomp.org (SF)
 - Celebrewtion 8/1 - 10/6 entry window, Celebrewtion.com (Sacramento)
- The keg poppets buy (part deux), is over and done completely sold out, anyone with an idea for the next group buy please contact the club.
- Santa Rosa Beer Trip – Beer Bus signup (there are only a couple of spots left as of 9/25!): <https://shop.trycelery.com/page/59c024e144b77e11007fc9d2>
We are excited to be visiting:
 - Plow Brewing Company
 - Moonlight Brewing Company

- Cooperage Brewing Company
- HenHouse Brewing Company
 - If you're a BAM member, you reserve a seat and you show up and attend the tour, your seat on the bus is free! See:
<https://www.bayareamashers.org/blog/2017/09/18/santa-rosa-brewery-tour-october-2017/>
- Oaktoberfest is looking for people to donate Kegs and pour in exchange for free admission to the event (\$60 value)
 - Saturday, September 31st
 - German Styles preferred, but not required
 - Pour your beer and talk to the public
 - Oaktoberfest.org
 - Judges are needed for the homebrew comp.
 - Final judging at Eight Bridges Brewery, Livermore on Saturday, September 23rd at 9:00am
 - Sign up at oaktoberfest.bottletaps.com
- Homebrew Stories
 - We had a story of a member who broke their electronic thermometer and resulted in a dumper.
- No Technical Presentation this week, we focused on tasting and chatting.