

Bay Area Mashers Meeting Minutes March 8, 2018

- Introduction
 - Gene introduced the club and himself about who we are and what we do.
 - BAM is a non-profit home brewing 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, email us at officers@bayareamashers.org you can renew your membership at Oak Barrel in Oakland or at the [BAM web site \(https://www.bayareamashers.org/\)](https://www.bayareamashers.org/).
 - We meet at the [Faction \(http://factionbrewing.com/\)](http://factionbrewing.com/) Tasting room: last call and tabs closed by 9pm.
 - We are communicating via Slack (bayareamasher.slack.com) and everyone is encouraged to join the conversation. It is a private group, Email Neil ntopliffe@gmail.com for an invite.
 - Did you know we get discounts as BAM members? We get discounts at OakBarrel, MoreBeer, and Ledgers Liquors, among others.
- Month in Review
 - Santa Rosa Beer Trip was Sat March 10th
 - Thank you Michael again for your continued commitment
- BJCP class Started on 1/14 and are every Sunday. The class is amazing and a perfect class to take if you're interested in furthering your journey in the homebrew adventure.
 - Meetings are 2:30-4:30 pm on Sundays at Faction almost every Sunday for the next month or so.
 - The schedule has been provided, please contact Robert robertayasse@gmail.com for more information.
 - Thank you to the Lee Shephard Fund!
- World Cup of Beer! 24th Annual – See below for more info:
 - Dates are as follows: Preliminary Rounds: 3/24, 3/25, 3/31 Final Round on 4/7
 - www.worldcupofbeer.com
- Other Upcoming Competitions
 - Alameda County Fair is coming up
 - Nor Cal Brew Competition – April 20
 - NHC-Regionals scheduled for the second weekend in April held in Portland and is a 3 day event (Thursday thru Saturday).
- Questions and Answer Period:
 - No questions recorded.
- Technical Presentation: Judging Beers and Entering Competitions, What to expect, what is important, How do you improve?
 - Don't mix up your entries

- Winning Beer from last year is served on tap at the event!
- There will be food from a truck (Paella)
- There will be a Raffle with lots of prizes
- This is how we pay for our Club so please help out as there are lots of needs.
- We had a panel of three judges answering questions from the group, there were lots of questions
- I was surprised to learn how difficult judging is. Beers are judged based on the most miniscule of details and everything is considered including
 - Did you use a recycled bottle or is it new?
 - Did you head retention perform per style?
 - Was the label applied in a way which suggests you took care and paid attention to detail?