

Bay Area Mashers: Minutes 2/10/21

- SOQ 1: Black is Beautiful Winners announced with \$1000 going toward UnCommon Law; fights to ensure that all people incarcerated for violent crimes have access to healing, justice, and effective legal representation.
- Malt Tea Tasting session led by Ian Carswell; tasted 4 malts: GW 2-Row, Rahr 2-Row, Crisp Maris Otter, and Admiral Maiden Voyage. Tastings done in grain and steep tea method per ASBC.
- SOQ 2: Hazy IPA category, Q3, Trappist Ales, Q4 planning for Clone your favorite beer
- Upcoming competitions:
 - SF Brewing Company for California Craft Beer week. Submissions allowed 2/15-2/21
 - World Cup of Beer kickoff meeting April, 2021 for planned event in October remote judging
- 2 new members joined us at the online meeting with 34 total participants at peak
- Lee Shepard memorial fund approved by EC \$5,000 to be allocated to BJCP expense related activities
- EC approved a paid Zoom account for 2021 during the Covid period.

Updates from the meeting in [Blue](#)

- [Adam] Welcome
 - What is BAM? Who am I? He's Adam, club. President!!! Who is new?
 - Why join BAM?
 - Attend meetings and share homebrew with others safely and remotely
 - Feedback and advice on your beer from members and BJCP ranked judges
 - [Bistro Double IPA fest: Deets?](#)
 - [Del Cielo brew competition](#)
 - Access to the club mailing list, Slack channel (email Nick or Ian for invite)
 - 🙌 [Let's try Slack! We've got 109 folks from the team there already. You can sign up here: \[https://join.slack.com/t/bayareamashers/shared_invite/zt-lzl0t1zr-5HcupRapDd66lbLJ9Ortow\]\(https://join.slack.com/t/bayareamashers/shared_invite/zt-lzl0t1zr-5HcupRapDd66lbLJ9Ortow\)](#)
 - Group buys
 - [1000 keg poppets; Contact Gene if you need](#)
 - Beer events, most still postponed until we're all vaccinated: ~~Annual Multi-Club Picnic, World Cup of Beer, Oktoberfest, Northern California Homebrewers Festival, **pub crawls and outings**~~
- [SF Brewing Company competition wide open, accepting beers in SF 2/15-2/21](#)
- Discounts: Ledgers Liquor 10%, Oak Barrel 10%, MoreBeer 5%
- [Adam] Support your local breweries, homebrew shops, and restaurants
 - Check hours online or on phone!
 - Most Breweries have online ordering, in-person pickup, and/or delivery (Faction, Almanac, Ocean View Brew works, Drakes, Fieldwork, Alameda Island BC, Ghost Town, Ale Industries, etc)
 - Oak Barrel is open normal hours, MoreBeer stores all have curbside pickup, Hoptech has limited hours, Williams brewing has curbside pickup (though no discount here), San Jose Beer & Wine Co. Open and allowing inside shopping (can order hard to find stuff) some good European malts avail
 - Homebrewing in place stories
- Barrel projects - [Sean to give short update]
 - https://docs.google.com/spreadsheets/d/12fnCphxi94PaPyYABqd_7_fgthUyF9-32829MjgsYc/edit?usp=sharing
 - BdG - [On track for 3/14 Pull; final top offs scheduled for 2/13 and 2/28](#)

- Golden Strong- on track 3/14 fill? We had ordered 3# of Saaz hops, 14 packets of Wyeast 1388, and 2 # of Fuggles. Saaz arrived as 11# order and wasn't split up until 2/10, fuggles ETA 2/11, Wyeast is onsite and available. If needed to accommodate brewers, can we push the barrel pull 2-4wks? Is this desired?
 - Mashers: Don't be afraid to stray from any one recommended recipe. You know your brewing style and equipment better than anyone. Be open minded and lean in toward Belgian Golden Strong Ale. Straw yellow to golden, 6-10% ABV, Saaz and other mild English hops.
 - Yes, I've heard of the stories about shelf life on Wyeast Smack packs. Not preferred by suppliers I have talked to the last two weeks. But if you make a starter, little yeasties can be your savior! Ferment warm! Wrap your beers in a winter jacket or jumper.
- World Cup of Beer??
 - No gatherings allowed due to Covid
 - Hopeful Schedule is October to arrange small judging; masks, sanitizing stations
 - Interested Beer Judges; contact @ Neil
 - Committee forming on how to execute a safe judging.
 - Start thinking about 6months out, April checkpoint
- How to join and renew - Any new members?
 - Cory (Jason's friend), Tim Forrest new members visiting
- We have meeting minutes online (on the website) if you miss a meeting
- EC Business motions passed:
 - EC passed motion to use club funds for 1-tier up from Free for Zoom account for BAM \$150? yearly?
 - EC passed motion to allocate \$5000 from club funds to support BJCP related programs and materials support
- Catchbox rules: Hit the "hands up" button in chat.
- Think about homebrewing stories/experiences to share
- Social Events hosts almost every Wednesday happy hours, check for email invitation
 - Open format happy hours, usually Wednesday with little to no notice, we can be better about this.
 - **Easy to remember link:** <https://bayareamashers.org/happyhour>
- Virtual tastings
 - None lined up yet. Reach out to your favorite local brewery
 - Does anyone want to contact a brewery and be a champion?
- [Nick] SOQ update
 - Q4 Black is Beautiful results!
 - \$1,000 in Donations to UnCommon Law: fights to ensure that all people incarcerated for violent crimes have access to healing, justice, and effective legal representation.
 - Number & type of entries
 - How we judged; facciola@gmail.com, rorybens@gmail.com
 - Overall impressions
 - Winners of 15 entries for Black Beers; mostly imperial stouts 10, a few Schwartz, and a few Baltic, imperial porter. 5 times over Thursdays remote judging; quality of all entries was above par for quarterly judging.
 - Was SRM measured for 40+ compliance? No, but one "brow" beer was noted
 - 3rd: Julian for Imperial Stout 14%ABV
 - 2nd: Sam Kopp for Schwartz beer; 2nd time brewing style, deep research; happily surprised with the beer quality.
 - Winner: @ American Stout by Steven Hass

- Thanks for your donation to UnCommon Law in the form of your prize moneys
 - Scoresheets
 - Julian sent two bottles of BiB to the South Pole. The picture sent to Weathered Souls and they love it. UnCommon Law is thankful for the surprise unexpected gift from the club and has asked to share all our clubs social tags so we can share our common interests.
- Q1 NE IPA
 - Thanks to Jason Davis for the presentation on Hazy and NE IPA
- Q2 Trappist Ales
- Q4 2021 Clone Your Favorite Beer Challenge
 - Pick an easy goto beer you can get; try the beer, see if you can get it right. Make multiple tries, maybe 2-3 batches to improve.
 - Submit your beer along with commercial beer.
- As always, you can check our website for SOQ updates

- [Ian] BAM Bottle Share - if you take beer, please consider directly contacting the brewer to give feedback
 - sfdcangel@gmail.com Ian, can you update the inventory of beers, swag, caps, other and screen share during the meeting for a few minutes? Allow everyone to screen capture or email out link to current stock

- [Ian Carswell] Malt Tea Sampling
 - See meeting recording for notes from the sampling or check the site for the presentation