

MASH MONTHLY MEETING April 2022



Treasurer's Report



- **Current funds \$6,411**
- **Coconut Cup \$1,6643**



Hurricane Blow Off 2022

- **Best of Show Kayla Almeida**
- 2nd Place BOS Gary Fuller
- MASH 42 points
- 18 medals-9 different brewers
- MASH leads the circuit by 36 points



Florida Circuit 2022

DEFEND THE CUP

- **Hogtown Brew Off** Competition 5/28
- **Hot and Humid** April 1st to May 13th - June 11th
- **Sunshine Challenge** Sept 17th July 18th to August 13th
- **First Coast** July 18th Entry 5-23 to 6-16
- **Commander SAAZ** August 20th 6-20 to 7-27
- **Go to Reggie for all details**



New Business

- **Big Brew Day May 7th @
Urban Brewers**
- **Lauder Ale Home Brew Competition- April 30th**
- **Outreach committee**
- **Merchandise**





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Why?

Judging beer will:

- Help you better understand and identify beer flavors and aromas.
- Develop a greater understanding of brewing ingredients and processes and their effects on the finished beer.
- Improve your understanding of beer styles.
- Give you an opportunity to share knowledge and discuss beer with other judges.
- Allow you to help your fellow homebrewers improve their beers.



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The BJCP Beer Judge Exam Series consists of three examinations:

- **The BJCP Beer Judge Entrance Examination**
An online examination to screen prospective candidates.
- **The BJCP Beer Judging Examination**
A practical tasting examination of six beers in a competition-like setting.
- **The BJCP Beer Judge Written Proficiency Examination**
A written examination consisting of 20 True-False and five essay questions used to test skills and knowledge necessary for higher rank.



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1. Pass the BJCP online beer entrance exam.

- The starting point to become a beer judge is to take and pass the online entrance exam consisting of 180 questions over 60 minutes.
- Passing an online exam allows an examinee to register for a judging exam, but does not grant membership in the BJCP.
- Once you pass the online beer entrance exam, you have one year to sit for a beer judging exam.
- We recommend that you secure a spot to take an exam before passing the online exam. Otherwise, if you cannot find an open exam seat within a year, you will have to retake the online exam.



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2. Pass the BJCP beer judging exam.

- This is a practical tasting exam. You will be asked to judge six beers in a competition-like setting.
- Passing this exam grants membership in the BJCP and awards standard beer judge certification levels of either Recognized beer judge, Certified beer judge, depending on exam score and experience points earned.
- We will be hosting a Beer Judging Exam on Saturday, August 20th. Limited to 12 participants.



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What's the Online BJCP Entrance Exam Like?

The cost of the exam is \$10 per attempt, or \$20 for three attempts.

There are 180 questions on the online exam, to be answered in 60 minutes. That gives you an average of about 20 seconds per question – a brisk pace.

The content of the questions is primarily comprised of:

1. [The 2015 BJCP Style Guidelines](#) [approx. 50-70% of the exam]
2. Brewing knowledge (possible causes of [faults in beer](#), brewing processes, and brewing ingredients)
3. The BJCP program ([judging procedures](#) and ethics)



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What's the Online BJCP Entrance Exam Like?

- There are three types of questions on the exam: (1) true-false, (2) multiple-choice, and (3) multiple-choice/multiple-answer.
- You probably have a good idea about what true-false and multiple-choice questions are like, however a “multiple-choice/multiple-answer” type of question is one where there can be one or more correct answers to a question (but there is always at least one correct answer).
- Immediately after submitting your answers, you'll be notified whether or not you passed the exam (no numerical score is given).
- Whether you pass or fail, you will be given an “Exam Report” which identifies the topic areas where you scored below the passing standard.
- If you pass, you'll be emailed a certificate with your name and the date that you passed the Entrance Exam. After passing the online Entrance Exam, you are considered a provisional judge and you have up to one year to complete the BJCP Beer Judging Exam (tasting exam), otherwise you will have to retake the online Entrance Exam.



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Tips for Passing the Online Entrance Exam

1. Study Smart

It is possible to pass the BJCP Online Exam by studying only two things closely:

A) [The 2015 BJCP Style Guidelines](#)

B) [The BJCP Study Guide](https://dev.bjcp.org/exam-certification/program/studying/beer-exam-study-guide/) (<https://dev.bjcp.org/exam-certification/program/studying/beer-exam-study-guide/>)

Do you need to memorize all 93 pages of the Style Guidelines and all 66 pages of the Study Guide?

No! Especially considering that the BJCP allows for the use of the Style Guidelines and other resources while taking the online exam.

Which brings us to the next strategy...



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2. Choose your Resources Carefully

This exam is open-book. It is permissible to use the Style Guidelines or other references. However, due to the time constraint, this does not compensate for lack of knowledge. The best three resources are:

A) [The Beer Style Compare-O-Matic](#)

50-60% of the questions on the online exam deal with information found in the BJCP Style Guidelines. The Compare-O-Matic allows you to quickly isolate any two (or three) of the 2015 BJCP beer styles for immediate comparison, with key terms highlighted for easy use.

B) [The 2015 BJCP Study Guide](#)

30-40% of the Entrance Exam deals with information found on the [BJCP Study Guide](#). The two major areas to focus on in the study guide are **(1)** information from the [BJCP Judging Procedures Manual](#) or all of the true-false questions beginning on page 18 of the [BJCP Study Guide](#), and **(2)** the section on troubleshooting beer flaws beginning on page 59 of the Study Guide.

C) A second computer monitor



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3. Monitor Your Pace

- You have 60 minutes to answer 180 questions on the BJCP online Entrance Exam, that gives you 20 seconds per question.
- Check your pace every 15 minutes, or at least once you've reached the 30 minute mark. For example, you should have completed about 45 questions when you have 45 minutes remaining, 90 questions answered when you reach the 30 minute mark, and 135 questions completed with 15 minutes remaining.
- At the very least, make sure that you've got about 90 questions completed when you hit the 30 minute mark. If you're only on question 70 after 30 minutes have passed, stop spending so much time on each question, get into focus-mode, crank up the adrenaline, and pick up the pace.



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4. Pick Your Battles

- You will find some questions on the Entrance Exam easier than others.
- In a situation where you have to take an educated guess on a tough question, your odds of getting it right are better on a true-or-false (50/50) question than on a multiple-choice question or multiple-choice/multiple-answer type of question.
- A true-or-false question that you spend 20 seconds on is worth the same amount of points as a complex multiple-choice/multiple-answer question that you spend two minutes on.
- Pick your battles and manage your time wisely.



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5. Don't Leave Questions Unanswered

- You have the option to mark any question on the exam for review. You might be tempted to mark the difficult questions, skip them, and return to answer them later. **DON'T fall for that trap.**
- If you run out of time before you get a chance to go back and answer the questions that you skipped, you're guaranteed to get the questions that you didn't answer wrong.
- The better strategy is to answer every question as you go along, and mark those questions that you are unsure about. If you have time, go back and review those tricky questions at the end of the exam.
- You're guaranteed to get an unanswered question wrong.



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6. Take the free BJCP Online Practice Exams

- The BJCP has put together a free 20 question [Practice Entrance Exam](#) to give you a good feel for what the actual exam is like.
- There is also a free 30 question [BJCP Entrance Exam Mock Practice Test](#) available at beersyndicate.com



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6. Talk to a BJCP Certified Judge

- MASH has a number of BJCP Certified Beer Judges who would all be happy to help you obtain your goal:
 - David Kirsten - Bob Billany
 - Chris Nash - Chris Lopez
 - Gerardo Coronel - Gary Fuller
 - Macorix Perera - Matt Crawford
 - Fernando Espino - Juan Corredor
 - Scott Graham - Denise Graham
 - Jon Britton - Alissa Britton
 - Matt Waldron
- We will be hosting study sessions and beer tastings over the next few months.
- Good luck!



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Appendix: Other Study Materials for the BJCP Beer Entrance Exam

- *How to Brew*, by John Palmer
- *Dave Miller's Homebrewing Guide* and *The Complete Handbook of Home Brewing*, by Dave Miller
- Michael Jackson's *Beer Companion*
- *Designing Great Beers*, by Ray Daniels
- *New Brewing Lager Beer*, by Greg Noonan
- *Brewing Better Beer: Master Lessons for Advanced Homebrewers*, by Gordon Strong

Another key element for successful study is to taste and judge beers (using the BJCP Beer Scoresheet) to better understand how the written descriptions in the BJCP Beer Style Guidelines manifest themselves in the actual flavor and aroma of the beer.



BotY

Amber Malty/ Dark European Lagers

6A, 6B, 6C, 8A, 8B

**Next month Belgian Wit, Pale & Biere
de Garde**

