

December 17, 2024

We had 17 mobsters (and guests) at Hutton & Smith Brewing Company. Thanks to all who attended the meeting. It was a festive night!

Here is a recap of the meeting.

- Competitions
 - Club Competition - BeCaffeinated—Tom Watson—Coffee-Beer Collaboration with BeCaffeinated Coffee. This will be a Club Contest held in February. Get your thinking caps on and figure out what style of beer you want to make with coffee.
 - Competitions showing on the MidSouth Series site for 2025.
 - Bluff City entries accepted through 2/22/25
 - Fugatibout will be in September 2025.
- Officer's Corner
 - \$3250 Total in the coffers as of today.
 - Communications in the club. A new email service is being set up to better serve the club! You have to accept an invitation from Zoho to participate in the group emails. More information to come on this.
- Upcoming Events
 - 2025:
 - Limiting club events due to lack of participation.
 - Two Market events - Chattanooga Beer Fest (May 24, 2025) & Oktoberfest (Date TBD)
 - Maybe the Sequatchie Valley Event??
 - Check Barley Mob Calendar for up-and-coming events
 - https://calendar.google.com/calendar/embed?src=dpnvvn2ijlnhgkjin3g57s5c%40group.calendar.google.com&ctz=America%2FNew_York

New Business

- The officers met with Clinton at Tanasi. Tanasi will offer club members a 10% discount on home brewing products. Due to Tanasi's operating schedule, we can't have a monthly meeting at their taproom, but the club may try to do a brew day or something on a Sunday with Clinton.
- Bulk grain buy with Tanasi. More details to come shortly!
- Coffee Beer Contest - Bring a container to the January meeting if you requested coffee concentrate.

Next Meeting - 1/21/2025 - TBD

Coffee Beer Contest

What - Coffee Beer Contest featuring BeCaffeinated coffee

When - February Meeting, 18 Feb 2025

Where - Be Caffeinated, Northshore Location, 14 W. Kent Street, Chattanooga, TN

Who - Barley Mob and members of BeCaffeinated staff, specifically Luke Pigott - head coffee roaster.

Beer Contest Rules

1. Must use BeCaffeinated coffee. The coffee is donated to Barley Mob brewers as either whole beans or liquid coffee concentrate. Whole beans will be made available at the December meeting. The liquid coffee concentrate will be available at the January meeting.
2. Beer can be any base style, but brewer must declare base style per BJCP guidelines for SHV beers, Cat 30A is typical, but is not limited to that category. Consider 30D, Specialty Spice Beers would also be a valid category.
3. This is a three-bottle contest. Two bottles will be used by Barley Mob judges to determine the top three beers, and one bottle will be used by Be Caffeinated staff to evaluate the best coffee character. There will be a total of four awards. A brewer can win two awards.

More Fun Stuff

1. The Be Caffeinated location has two gathering areas;
 - a. Covered/plastic enclosed/heated area
 - b. Covered, but open area. The enclosed heated area will be used for judging.
2. Bottle Share - While the judging is going on, the open area can be used for bottle sharing. Because Be Caffeinated typically closes at 6pm, our semi-private event is not limited by licensing limitations.
3. Once judging is complete. We can bring both groups together in the heated area for awards and continued celebration.

We need folks to be on time for the meeting to submit their beers and to be evaluated.

If you have questions about the club contest, contact Tom Watson (twatson934@bellsouth.net) or the Secretary account.