

October 21, 2025

Thank you to the 13 mobsters (and guests) who joined us at Hutton & Smith Brewing! Here's a quick recap of what was covered:

New Business

- Officer's Corner
 - \$2947 is in the coffers today.
- Competitions
 - Competitions showing on the MidSouth Series site for 2025.
<https://midsouthbrewer.com/>
 - New South Brew Off - 10/25/2025
 - Tennessee State Fair - **CLOSED**
 - BOCK (Bluegrass Cup) - 2/8/2025 **CLOSED**
 - Bluff City entries accepted through 2/22/25 **CLOSED**
 - Peach State Brew Off - 3/22/2025 **CLOSED**
 - Kentucky State Fair - 8/8/2025 **CLOSED**
 - North Georgia Homebrew Competition - 8/23/25 **CLOSED**
 - Music City Brewoff - 9/27/2025 **CLOSED**
 - Fugetaboutit - 10/18/2025 - **CLOSED**
 - **2026 - Paul to update the Mid South site.**
- Updates
 - Oktoberfest -
 - Updates -
 - Lessons Learned -
 - Component upgrades / Updates (Ball locks, etc.)
 - Gas side updates
 - Put AVB on the signs and make sure you are pouring correct amount.
 - Fugetaboutit! -
 - Medals
 - Lee Solomon - Bronze - Porter
 - Lang Johnson - Silver - Spiced Cidar
 - Chris Arnt - Bronze - International Pale Lager
 - Lee Solomon - Silver - Kolsch
 - Lee Solomon - Bronze - American Porter
 - Lang Johnson - Silver - American Light Lager
 - Paul Cahill - Gold - Helles Bock
 - Paul Cahill - Flanders Red Ale
 - Updates -
 - Overall, a really good event

- Lessons Learned -
 - When to schedule dates and judges
 - How can we get more out of town judges?
 - Make it more of a weekend event for some of the judging (pub crawl, cookout, etc.)
 - We need more entries. The club finished 6th in the event.
 - Maybe make the event free for club members.
 - Make sure to bring something with a keyboard for efficiency
 - Make sure we mention the times early.
- Call outs!
 - Tom did the most sessions!! (SIX)
 - Paul Cahill - Rocked leading the donations! (Thanks to all who helped!!)
 - Mark Gregory - The go to man!
 - Chris McAlexander - For taking on the competition and making it happen!!
- The Wise Guy Cup! - Club competition
 - will be presented to the Barley Mob Brewers club member that earns the most points across four club-only homebrew contests held during 2026. The prize will be The Wiseguy Cup and a \$100 gift card for homebrewing supplies.
 - The four contests for 2026 will be:
 - Judging will be at the club meeting of the month below.
 - January - Baltic Porter (a malt, yeast, and alcohol challenge)
 - April - English IPA (a hop challenge using English varieties and schedules)
 - July - Any beer made with Kviek Yeast (a light beer yeast challenge)
 - Sept - Any cider (not a beer!, but perfect timing to meet Chattanooga Octoberfest cider demand)
 - More info to follow!
- Beer Judge Certification Program (BJCP) Beer Tasting Exam
 - Exam Date - April 26, 2026
 - If you are interested in taking the Beer Tasting exam, please contact Thomas Watson at your earliest opportunity. The link will go to my email, twatson934@bellsouth.net. MAKE SURE YOU SEND AN EMAIL TO TOM IF YOU WANT TO JOIN THE TEST AND/OR PRE-SESSIONS.
 - **Cost:** \$60 for Baley Mob members, \$120 for non-members.
 - We will hold several beer judge exam training sessions at Mean King Brewing beginning on Sunday mornings at 10:30 AM in January. There will be six 2-hour sessions plus one make-up session per the following schedule.
 - Jan 11, 25
 - Feb 8, 22
 - Mar 8, 22

- Apr 12 as the make-up session
 - Apr 26 Exam
- See additional information....
- Club brew for the Chattanooga Whiskey Barrel.
 - After the votes were tallied, we are brewing a Belgian-style strong ale.

Next Meeting - 11/18/2025 6:30 PM - TBD.