



## BEER JUDGE CERTIFICATION PROGRAM

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Dear BJCP Judge;

Another year has passed and not without controversy and changes within the judging community. The changes being in the form of a new and improved Beer Score Sheet with detailed judge instructions and a new Beer Cover Sheet (enclosed for your review). These items were developed by a BJCP committee which included active BJCP judges and a staff member from the AHA. The sheet has been adopted for use by both the BJCP and the AHA as their standard. The controversy arises from how the score sheet should have also had "this or that" or should have been formatted like so... everyone seems to have an opinion. Please keep in mind that this has been the first major revamp of the score sheet within 8 years. The score sheet, like the style guidelines, are ever evolving pieces of art. After a year of use, and with feedback from you, a new committee will be formed to decide what additional changes may need to be made. We are trying to grow into the 21st century. The growth in knowledge of the brewing processes in the past ten years needs to be reflected in our growth and the score sheet is just the start.

As we finalize a new Exam Study Guide and a comprehensive Program Guide, these items will be published and released for distribution. Donations will be accepted for the Study Guide, but it will generally be distributed free of charge to help fulfill our educational requirements. Once the BJCP Database gets its final shakedown after conversion to a relational format, judges' experience point records will be available for review through the BJCP Web page.

*The BJCP Reporter* needs your articles! We don't need ten page manuscripts, a page or even a half page will do. Articles on judging, BOS judge considerations, Beer Styles, organizing competitions, recounting good or bad experiences, or anything else that is judging or competition related. Contact Ed Westemeier at: [hopfen@iac.net](mailto:hopfen@iac.net)

I wish to thank Steve Daniels, Darryl Richman and Bob Gorman, for their years of service with the Board of Directors. These gentlemen have helped to shape the BJCP after it became an independent organization. Their shoes will be hard to fill.

I also wish to welcome the new Directors: Alan Moen (Mountain-Northwest), Steve Moore (Gulfcoast), and Bill Slack (Northeast). Their Statements of Candidacy are included with this letter so that you may get some sense of who will be representing you on the Board of Directors. I am sure that they will have much to contribute to the continued success and growth of the BJCP.

Dennis Davison  
President, BJCP Board of Directors

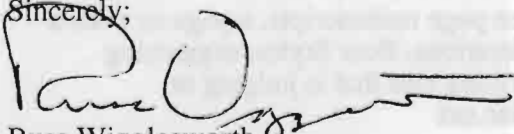
Dear BJCP Member;

I would like to apologize to any judges who had to wait for a rank promotion during 1997. I confess I got buried by BJCP business (not to mention my other life) and organizer report data entry took a back seat to closing out exams and processing competition registrations. I made a concerted effort to get caught up with experience points prior to this mailing and am happy to report that the records are now current through March 1998. So, with any luck all the promotions which were due are now in hand. I have also managed to write all the conversion formulas necessary to expand the database to a relational format so I expect data entry to be much more streamlined in 1998. I will also be able to delegate data entry chores if things get too busy.

As you review your records please keep in mind that a two month delay between an event and the points getting recorded is normal. If you think you are missing points for an event prior to April 1998 please let me know. It is possible that you were missed but it is equally possible that the report has not yet come across my desk. There are several delinquent organizers out there.

And now I need to ask for your help. There is a persistent misunderstanding among competition folk that the BJCP maintains records on all competition participants, regardless of their status with the BJCP. This is not so. ***The BJCP only records experience points for BJCP Judges who are current with the program.*** The BJCP has never maintained records on people prior to their taking the BJCP Exam. Once you have taken the exam you are allowed to request retroactive experience points for the period 24 months prior to your first exam date. The BJCP does maintain files on all competitions which have qualified for experience points, either through the BJCP or the AHA, and so can verify points retroactively. As a result of this confusion I have had to inform some individuals with many years of competition experience that they are limited in the number of points that they can claim after they take their first exam. Few veterans are pleased to learn of this fact. Please do what you can to dispel this misconception and encourage people to take the exam sooner rather than later. Two years should be ample time to prepare for the exam.

Sincerely;



Russ Wigglesworth  
BJCP Program Administrator

### Statements of Candidacy for new Regional Directors

Gulf Coast : Steve Moore, 6629 Wildwood Way, Houston TX 77023

Steve Moore began homebrewing in 1990. He joined Houston's Foam Rangers Homebrew Club the following year and has been an active member ever since. He recently finished a tour of duty as the Rangers' Grand Wazoo (President) and has served as judge both coordinator and organizer of the Dixie Cup. A BJCP member since 1993, he has attained the rank of National Judge. He has enjoyed some success at homebrew contests, most notably being co-brewer of Best-of-Show beers at the Dixie Cup and the Bay Area Mashtronauts' Lunar Rendezbrew. He helps spread the Gospel of beer appreciation by conducting the monthly tastings at Houston's renowned Gingerman Pub. Steve will be in charge of competition logistics for the first Masters Championship of Amateur Brewing.

Mountain-Northwest: Alan Moen, 253 Independence Way, Cashmere WA 98815

I am a freelance artist and writer, and have been a homebrewer for over 20 years. I became a BJCP judge in 1991. I am currently a Certified judge, and hope to become a national judge this year. In the last seven years, I have organized and/or judged over 20 homebrew competitions in Washington, Oregon, Idaho, and Canada. Many of these contests were sanctioned by the AHA and/or BJCP, including Novembeerfest and the Great Northwest Homebrew Competition, Seattle; Wort You Brewin', Vancouver; the Puyallup, Tri-Cities, and Evergreen State fairs in Washington; and both the first and second round of the AHA nationals and the Nor'Wester Rose festival competition in Portland. In addition, I have judged an AHA club competition in Seattle and at many other fairs and festivals throughout the Northwest.

As editor of Northwest Beer Notes, a bi-monthly beer newspaper distributed in the Northwest for the past year, I have written regularly about evaluating beer, beer styles, homebrewing clubs and competitions. I am also a columnist (The Last Wort) and cartoonist (Moenbrau) for Brewing Techniques magazine, and my work has been published in American Brewer, Brew, Market Watch, Midwest Beer Notes, Southern Draft, and Zymurgy.

I feel that my extensive experience as beer writer, homebrewer, and judge qualifies me for a position on the board of directors of the BJCP. As a director, I hope to participate more actively in helping guide homebrewers and homebrewing into the next century by promoting better beer, better competitions and better beer judging. We've come a long way toward those goals in the last few years, and I believe that the BJCP has played a crucial role in this effort. I'd like to contribute and to continue to develop my skills as competition organizer, writer, and judge with the BJCP and to maintain its integrity as an organization of, by, and for homebrewers.

Northeast: William Slack, 202 Flagstone Dr., #10, Nashua NH 03063

At the urging of my friends, including the incumbent, I have decided to run for the office of Northeast Representative on the BJCP Board of Directors. I have discussed the duties and requirements with the current representative and am confident that I can make a significant contribution in the position. I have been a homebrewer and member of the Boston Wort Processors since 1986, have been president of the Worts and treasurer and cofounder of Brew Free or Die. I am currently a National Judge with over 70 experience points in judging all categories of beer, cider and mead. I have been on over a dozen Best of Show panels including the recent Boston Beer Company World of Homebrew contest. I am an experienced lead grader of the BJCP exams and have judged extensively at all major homebrew competitions in New England and many of the smaller ones. I know most of the judges and competition organizers in the Northeast and am interested in continuing to contribute to the craft that has brought me so much satisfaction. My organizational skills and "results orientation" result from my career as an engineering manager and consultant to the computer and communications industries. I have enough time to participate actively on the board and I maintain 24-hour phone, mail, e-mail and web access at my home office. I hope you will give me your support in seeking this position.

#### EXAM STATISTICS

Total exam takers in 1997—384  
Exams administered—44

#### LEADING STATES

CA	71
NY	51
PA	25
TX	20
MO	19

#### COMPETITION STATISTICS

Total Competitions registered in 1997—192

#### BY SIZE

>500	6
300-499	12
150-299	38
75-149	49
<75	47
Yet to report	40!!!

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Balance Sheet Comparison

As of December 31, 1997

	Dec 97	Dec 96	\$ Change	% Change
<b>ASSETS</b>				
Current Assets				
Checking/Savings				
Acct #1	3804.64	3804.64	0.00	0.0%
Acct #2	23,337.74	16,080.82	7256.92	45.1%
Total	27,142.38	19,885.46	7256.92	36.5%
Total Current Assets	27,142.38	19,885.46	7256.92	36.5%
Fixed Assets				
Computer	900.00	0.00	900.00	100.0%
Laser Printer	1392.08	1392.08	0.00	0.0%
Zip Drive	236.26	236.26	0.00	0.0%
Total	2528.34	1628.34	900.00	55.3%
Total Assets	29,670.72	21,513.80	8156.92	37.9%
<b>LIABILITIES &amp; EQUITY</b>				
Equity				
Opening Bal. Equity	7084.36	6608.06	476.30	7.2%
Retained Earnings	14,905.74	345.26	14560.48	4217.3%
Net Income	7680.62	14560.48	(6879.86)	(47.3%)
Total Equity	29,670.72	21,513.80	8156.92	37.9%
Liabilities	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.0
Total Liabilities & Equity	29,670.72	21,513.80	8156.92	37.9%

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Profit and Loss YTD

January through December 1997

Ordinary Income/Expense

Income

Competition Registrations	4,602.00
Exam Fees	10,604.20
Merchandise Sales	45.00
Total Income	15,251.20

Expense

Exam Support Costs	104.93
Internet Related Costs	491.25
Office Supplies	817.39
Postage	1,703.43
Exam Processing Costs	2,223.54
Telephone	586.63
Uncategorized Expense	378.91
Total Expense	6,306.08

Net Ordinary Income 8,945.12

Other Income/Expense

Other Expense

Other Expenses	
National/Master Pins	1,264.50

Net Other Income/Expense (1264.50)

Net Income 7,680.62