

January 1993

Dear BJCP Judge,



This has been an exciting year for the AHA/HWBTA Beer Judge Certification Program. We've appointed 3 new BJCP Committee members, we've completely redesigned the program booklet, the wallet cards and the certificates and most importantly, we've added 134 new judges to the program. We now have 466 Recognized judges, 268 Certified Judges, 33 National Judges, 6 Master Judges and 8 Honorary Judges. There are an additional 123 people who have participated in the program, for a total of 907 BJCP participants. The AHA sanctioned 72 competitions in 1992, the HWBTA 19. The enclosed calendar of events lists upcoming competitions in 1993. If you would like to organize a competition, we will be happy to provide you with information.

Please join us in welcoming John Dale of Neshanic Station, N.J., Russ Wigglesworth of San Francisco, Calif., and Eric McClary from Carson City, Nev. to the BJCP Committee. Dale, Wigglesworth and McClary join committee veteran Dave Norton of Kenosha, Wisc. in the responsibility for administering the BJCP bylaws - essentially any and all changes that effect the distribution of points, the exam process and the clarification of rules and regulations. The Committee, Co-Directors, Associate Directors, the AHA, and HWBTA are all interested in your input, ideas, comments and suggestions. Please feel free to contact us.

Following is a brief summary of the key decisions made by the Beer Judge Certification Committee at the annual meeting in June 1992:

- Point earnings for the AHA and HWBTA National Competitions have been changed. See the enclosed BJCP Program Guide for details.
- Point earnings for extra large regional competitions having 500 or more entries have been increased. See the enclosed BJCP Program Guide for details.
- Quality control procedures for BJCP judges have been determined, and will include three steps.
 - 1) Organizers should announce prior to judging that completed score sheets will be reviewed by the organizer and score sheets deemed incomplete, unhelpful, derogatory or rude in tone, will be forwarded to the BJCP Administrator.
 - 2) The BJCP Administrator will distribute the score sheets to BJCP Co-Directors Jim Homer and Pat Baker who will decide on a course of action.
 - 3) All complaints about judges from brewers or other judges will be filed in the judge's hard file. If a judge acquires two or more complaints the BJCP Administrator will send documentation of the complaints to Jim Homer and Pat Baker for action.
- The Committee agreed that judges who have become inactive for whatever

reason should write a letter to the BJCP Administrator detailing their reasons for being inactive. The decision to reinstate judges will be determined on an individual, case-by-case basis.

If you have an issue you would like included on the agenda of the 1993 BJCC meeting, please submit it to the BJCP Administrator, *in writing*, by May 1, 1993.

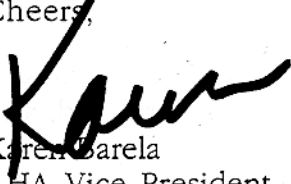
The AHA and HWBTA National Competitions are approaching. Judges, stewards and volunteers are needed. The HWBTA Nationals will be held February 7-14, 1993 in San Jose, Calif. The AHA National Competition first round is once again being held in four locations, San Francisco, Calif., Denver, Colo., Chicago, Ill., and Woodstock, N.Y. Portland, Ore. will again host the Saké competition and Boston, Mass. the Cider competition. Mark your calendars for June 1-14 and contact the Site Directors at the location nearest you for details. The second round of the AHA National Competition will be judged July 27, 1993 at the AHA Conference in Portland, Oregon.


Your personal judging record is enclosed. Please let us know in writing if there is an error in your judging record. As you review it, keep in mind that we cannot administer experience points until we have received the Organizer's Report from the competition organizer. On average, this process can take 4 to 6 weeks. Unless you have plans to retake the exam, this annual update is the only correspondence you will receive from the BJCP concerning your personal judging record. We are, however, happy to send you an update, anytime, at your request. We've also enclosed the new, redesigned wallet card. There is a matching certificate that we will be happy to send to you. Again, just let us know.

The BJCP is an important asset to world of homebrewing. Your participation helps to foster beer appreciation, quality brewing and spreads the word about homebrew. This is your program, you made it happen and you help it progress. We look forward to your participation in the coming year.

As always, we are here for you. We encourage you to contact us.

Cheers,


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Enclosures:

BJCP, AHA, HWBTA Directory
BJCP Program Guide
BJCP Personal Judging Record
BJCP Wallet Card
1993 Calendar of Events