

Beer Barons of Milwaukee

BJCP Study Session Syllabus 2012

Each session is approximately 3 hours in length. The format is a combination of lecture, discussion, and quiz. The syllabus may be tweaked a bit as we're making some changes in the classes based on experience from grading exams.

You are expected to complete all reading and style study assignments before class so that you can participate in the discussion.

Test Questions

Write answers to randomly assigned test questions. First without using any study materials or guides, then using materials. One question will be assigned each session, scored before the next session and discussed as time permits. All answers will be shared among the group on an anonymous basis.

Cost

The cost is \$80 for the series which includes beer.

Schedule

When: 2nd & 4th Friday of the month starting January 2012 @ 7:00 PM All sessions are projected to be about 3 hours. Last class will be March. The exam is scheduled for Sunday, April 1 with overflow on Saturday, May 5, 2012.

January 13 & 27, February 10 & 24, March 9 & 23

Place: TBA

Session 1

BJCP Program & Beer Basics

BJCP Program Overview

Beer Basics

Tasting Techniques

Tasting/Styles

Beer Styles 1, 3, 4, 6, 7 (selections of less well known styles only).

Reading

BJCP Exam Study Guide Sections I. II. and III.

BJCP Membership Guide

BJCP Judges Procedures Manual

BJCP - Mastering the BJCP Exam

Designing Great Beers Chapters 1 & 2 and related style sections

2008 BJCP Style Guidelines

Audio Files

The Brewing Network Sunday Show 07/03/05 - Styles and Tasting/Styles (Topic starts at approx 50 minutes)

<http://www.thebrewingnetwork.com/archive/dwnldarchive07-03-05.mp3>

The Brewing Network Sunday Show 06/18/06 - BJCP Program (Topic starts at approx XX minutes)

<http://www.thebrewingnetwork.com/archive/dwnldarchive06-18-06.mp3>

Session 2

Water Chemistry

What's in the Water

How it Affects Mashing and Flavors

Tasting/Styles

Beer Styles 12, 13.
Ciders

Reading

BJCP Exam Study Guide Section IV. A
Designing Great Beers Chapter 8 and related style sections
2008 BJCP Style Guidelines

Session 3

Grain, Adjuncts & Mashing

Tasting/Styles

Beer Styles 5, 9, 19.

Reading

BJCP Exam Study Guide Section IV. B and C
Designing Great Beers Chapters 3 - 7 and related style sections
2008 BJCP Style Guidelines

Session 4

The Boil & Hops

Palate Fatigue

Tasting/Styles

Beer Styles 8, 10, 11, 14.

Palate Fatigue

Reading

BJCP Exam Study Guide Section IV. D
Designing Great Beers Chapters 9 - 11 and related style sections
2008 BJCP Style Guidelines

Session 5

Yeast & Fermentation

Tasting/Styles

Beer Styles 16, 17, 18.

Reading

BJCP Exam Study Guide Section IV. E
Designing Great Beers Chapter 12 and related style sections
2008 BJCP Style Guidelines

Session 6

Conditioning & Storage

Tasting/Styles

Beer Styles 2, 15, 24.

Meads

Reading

BJCP Exam Study Guide Section IV. F

2008 BJCP Style Guidelines

Session 7

Question Review

Run through some of the sample questions for the exam.

Session 8

Review and Q&A