



BJCP Judge (Tasting) Exam Prep Course **8 sessions @ 2 hours/session**

Session 1

- **Introductions**
- **General Course Info:**
 - Ground rules, administration (GTT) and resources
- **Overview of content (8 -week agenda)**
 - **BJCP Topics**
 - General Info (Purpose, History, Judging Procedures, Guidelines, Web Site)
 - General Exam Info
 - **Judging topics, Styles**
 - List All Topics
- **BJCP – Beer Judge Certification Program**
 - **Online Beer Judging Exam Info**
 - Overview
 - The Exam
 - Next Steps
 - Registering
 - **BJCP Judge Procedures**
 - Decision Strategies
 - Procedure
- **General Review of Style Category**
 - **LIGHT LAGER**
 - 1A. Lite American Lager
 - 1B. Standard American Lager
 - 1C. Premium American Lager
 - 1D. Munich Helles
 - 1E. Dortmunder Export
- **Beer Judging (Taste) - #1**
 - **Munich Helles (Paulaner Premium Lager)**
 - Review Guideline of Beer & How to Use
 - The Scoresheet (Evaluate 1st Beer Pale Ale)
- **Beer Vocabulary List**
 - Start List
- **Off Flavors**
 - Doctoring Info
- **Resources, Review & Assignments**

Session 2

- **Review of Scoresheets & Judging Procedures**
- **Tasting - Flavors & Flaws - Causes & Possible Solutions**
 - **Skunky -- taste**
 - **DMS -- taste**
 - **Vegital**
 - **Vinegary -- taste**
 - **Grassy**
 - **Medicinal -- taste**
 - **Sweet**
- **Beer Vocabulary**
 - Add to list
- **General Review of Style Category**
 - **6. LIGHT HYBRID BEER**
 - 6A. Cream Ale
 - 6B. Blonde Ale
 - 6C. Kölsch
- **Beer Judging – Taste - #2**
 - **Cream Ale (Genesee Cream Ale)**
 - Review Guideline
 - Complete Scoresheet
- **General Review of Style Category**
 - **4. DARK LAGER**
 - 4A. Dark American Lager
 - 4B. Munich Dunkel
 - 4C. Schwarzbier (Black Beer)
- **Beer Judging – Taste - #3**
 - **Munich Dunkel (Hofbräu Dunkel)**
 - Review Guideline
 - Complete Scoresheet
- **Resources, Review & Assignments**

Session 3

- **Review**
 - **Tasting - Flavors & Flaws - Causes & Possible Solutions (Fermentation By-Products)**
 - Phenols (Plastic, Band-Aid)
 - Esters
 - **Acetaldehyde -- taste**
 - **Fusel Alcohols -- taste**
 - **Diacetyl -- taste**
 - Oxidation
 - Sour/Acidic
- **Beer Vocabulary**
 - Add to list
- **General Review of Style Category**
 - **2. PILSNER**
 - 2A. German Pilsner (Pils)
 - 2B. Bohemian Pilsener
 - 2C. Classic American Pilsner
- **Beer Judging – Taste - #4**
 - **German Pilsner (Pils) -- Discussion**
 - Review Guideline

- **General Review of Style Category**
 - **3. European Amber Lager**
 - 3A. Vienna Lager
 - 3B. Oktoberfest / Märzen
- **Beer Judging – Taste - #5**
 - **Oktoberfest / Märzen**
 - Review Guideline
 - Complete Scoresheet
- **Resources, Review & Assignments**

Session 4

- **Review**
- **Beer Vocabulary**
 - Add to list
- **General Review of Style Category**
 - **BELGIAN AND FRENCH ALE**
 - **16A. Witbier**
 - **16B. Belgian Pale Ale**
 - **16C. Saison**
 - **16D. Bière de Garde**
- **Beer Judging – Taste - #6**
 - **16A. Witbier - Discussion**
 - Review Guideline
- **General Review of Style Category**
 - **17. SOUR ALE**
 - 17A. Berliner Weisse
 - **17B. Flanders Red Ale**
 - **17C. Flanders Brown Ale/Oud Bruin**
 - **17D. Straight (Unblended) Lambic**
 - 17E. Gueuze
 - 17F. Fruit Lambic
- **Beer Judging – Taste - #7**
 - **17B. Flanders Red Ale**
 - Review Guideline
 - Complete Scoresheet
- **General Review of Style Category**
 - **18. BELGIAN STRONG ALE**
 - **18A. Belgian Blond Ale**
 - **18B. Belgian Dubbel**
 - **18C. Belgian Tripel**
 - **18D. Belgian Golden Strong Ale**
 - **18E. Belgian Dark Strong Ale**
- **Beer Judging – Taste - #8**
 - **18A. Belgian Tripel**
 - Review Guideline
 - Complete Scoresheet
- **Resources, Review & Assignments**

Session 5

- **Review**
- **Beer Vocabulary**
 - Add to list

- **General Review of Style Category**
 - **9. SCOTTISH AND IRISH ALE**
 - 9A. Scottish Light 60/-
 - 9B. Scottish Heavy 70/-
 - 9C. Scottish Export 80/-
 - 9D. Irish Red Ale
 - 9E. Strong Scotch Ale
- **Beer Judging – Taste - #9**
 - **9D. Irish Red Ale - Discussion**
 - Review Guideline
- **General Review of Style Category**
 - **11. ENGLISH BROWN ALE**
 - 11A. Mild
 - 11B. Southern English Brown
 - 11C. Northern English Brown Ale
- **Beer Judging – Taste - #10**
 - **11C. Northern English Brown Ale**
 - Review Guideline
 - Complete Scoresheet
- **General Review of Style Category**
 - **12. PORTER**
 - 12A. Brown Porter
 - 12B. Robust Porter
 - 12C. Baltic Porter
- **Beer Judging – Taste - #11**
 - **12A. Brown Porter**
 - Review Guideline
 - Complete Scoresheet
- **Resources, Review & Assignments**

Session 6

- **Review**
- **Beer Vocabulary**
 - Add to list
- **General Review of Style Category**
- **8. ENGLISH PALE ALE**
 - 8A. Standard/Ordinary Bitter
 - 8B. Special/Best/Premium Bitter
 - 8C. Extra Special/Strong Bitter (English Pale Ale)
- **Beer Judging – Taste - #12**
 - **8A. Standard/Ordinary Bitter - Discussion**
 - Review Guideline
- **General Review of Style Category**
 - **10. AMERICAN ALE**
 - 10A. American Pale Ale
 - 10B. American Amber Ale
 - 10C. American Brown Ale
- **Beer Judging – Taste - #13**
 - **10C. American Brown Ale**
 - Review Guideline
 - Complete Scoresheet
- **General Review of Style Category**

- 14. INDIA PALE ALE (IPA)
 - 14A. English IPA
 - 14B. American IPA
 - 14C. Imperial IPA
- **Beer Judging – Taste - #14**
 - **14B. American IPA**
 - Review Guideline
 - Complete Scoresheet
- **Resources, Review & Assignments**

Session 7

- **Review**
- **Beer Vocabulary**
 - Add to list
- **General Review of Style Category**
 - **7. AMBER HYBRID BEER**
 - 7A. Northern German Altbier
 - 7B. California Common Beer
 - **7C. Düsseldorf Altbier**
- **Beer Judging – Taste - #15**
 - **7B. California Common Beer - Discussion**
 - Review Guideline
- **General Review of Style Category**
 - **13. STOUT**
 - 13A. Dry Stout
 - 13B. Sweet Stout
 - 13C. Oatmeal Stout
 - 13D. Foreign Extra Stout
 - 13E. American Stout
 - 13F. Russian Imperial Stout
- **Beer Judging – Taste - #16**
 - **13A. Dry Stout**
 - Review Guideline
 - Complete Scoresheet
- **General Review of Style Category**
 - **19. STRONG ALE**
 - 19A. Old Ale
 - 19B. English Barleywine
 - 19C. American Barleywine
- **Beer Judging – Taste - #17**
 - **19C. American Barleywine**
 - Review Guideline
 - Complete Scoresheet
- **Resources, Review & Assignments**

Session 8

- **Review**
- **Beer Vocabulary**
 - Add to list
- **General Review of Style Category**
 - **15. GERMAN WHEAT AND RYE BEER**
 - 15A. Weizen/Weissbier
 - 15B. Dunkelweizen

- 15C. Weizenbock
 - 15D. Roggenbier (German Rye Beer)
- **Beer Judging – Taste - #18**
 - **15A. Weizen/Weissbier - Discussion**
 - Review Guideline
- **General Review of Style Category**
 - **5. BOCK**
 - 5A. Maibock/Helles Bock
 - 5B. Traditional Bock
 - 5C. Doppelbock
 - 5D. Eisbock
- **Beer Judging – Taste - #19**
 - **5C. Doppelbock**
 - Review Guideline
 - Complete Scoresheet
- **General Review of Style Category**
 - **SMOKE-FLAVORED/WOOD-AGED BEER**
 - 22A. Classic Rauchbier
- **BJCP Online Exam & Course Overview**
 - The Exam (Reprise)
 - General Review
- **Beer Judging – Taste - #20 (Time Permitting)**
 - **22A. Classic Rauchbier or any Smoke Flavored Beer**
 - Review Guideline
 - Complete Scoresheet