

Mobsters,

Thank you to the 16 mobsters (and guests) who joined us at Tanasi on December 16. We covered a lot of ground, so here's a clear recap for everyone.



Thanks to Paul Tansill for the photo!

New Business

Officer's Corner

- Current balance: **\$3,185** in the coffers.

Club Officer Voting (2026 Term)

Congratulations 🎉 to the officers elected at the December meeting who will serve during the 2026 year:

- **President:** Paul Cahill
- **Vice President:** Chris McAlexander
- **Treasurer:** Brian Ott

Thank you to those stepping up to keep the club running strong.

Facebook Page – Public to Private Vote

- **Vote result: Private**

After discussion, the club voted to make the Facebook **group** private, while maintaining a **public-facing page** for visibility and outreach. We also discussed expanding presence on other platforms such as Instagram and TikTok.

- This gives us flexibility while protecting member content.
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Competitions (MidSouth Series & Others – 2026)

Competitions are now appearing on the MidSouth Series site. Dates listed below are **estimates** at this time:

<https://midsouthbrewer.com/>

- **BOCK (Bluegrass Cup):** 2/21/2026
- **Bluff City Extravaganza:** 2/28/2026

- 195 total entries as of Dec 16 (limit 300)
 - 165 paid entries
 - **Peach State Brew Off:** March 2026
 - **Kentucky State Fair:** August 2026
 - **North Georgia Homebrew Competition:** 8/26/2026
 - **Music City Brewoff:** September 2026
 - **Fugetaboutit:** October 2026
 - **New South Brew Off:** October 2026
 - **Mid State Brewing Competition:** December 2026
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Flanders Red Distribution

Pickup for the Flanders Red has concluded. A **limited number of bottles** will be available at the **January meeting** on a **first-come, first-served basis** for paid members.

The Wise Guy Cup – 2026 Club Competition

The Wise Guy Cup will be awarded to the club member earning the most points across **four club-only competitions** in 2026.

Prize:

- The Wise Guy Cup trophy
- **\$100 homebrew supply gift card**

Competition Schedule (Judged at the listed meetings):

- **January 20, 2026:** Baltic Porter
- **April 21, 2026:** English IPA
- **July 21, 2026:** Any beer using Kveik yeast
- **September 15, 2026:** Any cider (not beer)

Entry requirement:

- Bring **2 bottles** per entry.
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BJCP Beer Tasting Exam – Hosted by Tom Watson

- **If you're interested, email Tom Watson NOW!**
- **Exam Date:** April 26, 2026
- **Contact:** Tom Watson – twatson934@bellsouth.net
You must email Tom to participate in the exam and/or pre-sessions.

Costs:

- Course: **\$60** (Barley Mob members) / **\$120** (non-members)
- Tasting Exam: **\$40**
- Online Entrance Exam: **\$20** (3-for-2 option available)

Training Sessions

Held at Mean King Brewing, Sundays at 10:30 AM

Session Number	Date & Time	Topics	Homework Due	Fees Due
All events will be held at Mean King Brewing 1414 Jenkins Rd. Chattanooga, TN 37421				
1	Sun 11 Jan 26, 10:30a-12:30p	Orientation, Cats 1-5, 7, 10 (Lagers/Wheats), Off-Flav, Malt, 7-Steps, Appearance, Exam Prep, LAB	None	Training Fee Due \$60
2	Sun 25 Jan 26, 10:30a-12:30p	Cats 2,3,6-9 (Dark Lagers), Off-Flav, Water, Hops, Eval1, Mouthfeel, Exam Prep, LAB	Sessions 1 & 2	Training Fee Due \$60, no kidding!
3	Sun 9 Feb 26, 10:30a-12:30p	Cats 11,12, 18, 19, 21, 22 (Brit Bitters, Am Pales, IPAs), Yeast, Mash, Eval2, Aroma, Exam Prep, LAB	Session 3	
4	Sun 22 Feb 26, 10:30a-12:30p	Cats 13-15, 17, 19 (Browns, Scottish, Irish, Am), Off-Flav, Boil, Carb, Master Exam, Free On-line, Flavor, Exam Prep, LAB	Session 4	
5	Sun 9 Mar 26, 10:30a-12:30p	Cats 9,13,15,16,20 (Porters-Stouts), Off-Flav, On-line Exam-Focus, Overall Impression, Exam Prep, LAB	Session 5	
6	Sun 22 Mar 26, 10:30a-12:30p	Cats 24-26 (Belgian), Master Sheef, Exam Mistakes, Troubleshooting/Feedback, LAB	Session 6	Test Fee Due \$40
7 (optional!)	Sun 12 Apr 26, 10:30a-12:30p	Practice Exam, Cat 23 (Sours)	Bring your favorite Pencil and Eraser	Test Fee Due \$40, no kidding!
8	Sun 26 Apr 2026, 10:30 – 1:30 pm	Judging Exam 11:00 – 12:30pm	On-Line Certificate	

Payment Deadlines:

- Course fee due **Jan 11**
- Tasting exam fee due **Mar 22**

Online exam info:

<https://www.bjcp.org/exam-certification/exam-program-overview/online-exam/>

Club Brew – Chattanooga Whiskey Barrel

- **Style:** Belgian-style Strong Ale
- Details are still being finalized with Chattanooga Whiskey and Mean King Brewing.

Next Meeting

📍 **Hutton & Smith Brewing Company**
 📅 **January 20, 2026**
 🕒 **6:30 PM**

If you have any questions or concerns about anything discussed or would like further information, let us know.

As always, great discussion and good participation. Looking forward to kicking off 2026 together.

Cheers ,

Secretary
Barley Mob Brewers

