

I would like to thank the Northwest district for the opportunity to represent you. This is a large district with over 1 million square miles, or a judge for every 2,646 square miles! While the miles may separate us, it is the common bound of great authentic beer that binds us together lessening the distance.

I take beer judging very seriously. My walk-in refrigerator holds over 40 kegs of beer and many cases of beer. I will freshen my pallet with beer styles I am going to judge prior to competitions. My yearly goal is 150 different beers to taste. They are from each BJCP sub category that I can find. This is the experience I expect from a master level judge, I can offer no less.

Beer Experience: It would be a bit of an understatement to say I have a deep love of beer. It started back right out of high school when I started brewing in 1983, in the brown hop days. Since then I taught myself all grain brewing and have brewed over 1600 gallons of Ales, Lagers, Meads and Ciders. Brewing has brought me into contact with many new beer styles.

Home brewing also brought me into judging in about 1997. I knew what good beer tasted like, but my describing and judging skills were not up to par. In 2000, I took the BJCP test and passed with the highest score of the year 92! My avid brewing helped with the test. Since then I have become a Grand Master Beer judge, help grade exams, proctored exams, organized over a dozen competitions and teach a BJCP prep course. In 2005, I was assistant director to the Continuing Education Program. I have been the regional representative for the Northwest for the last 3 years, helped teach a mead and cider training and help an advanced judge training class.

Work Experience: General Manager for a water slide and pavilion manufacturing company, Natural Structures. As a manager, I work in all aspects of the company from contracts, lawyers, production, personnel and everything in between. In the last 4 years, my team at work has tripled the size of the company. Business experience, as you know it is the blend of academia and hard work, where the real world hits the street. I travel for business a lot, generally throughout the USA which allows me to meet with a lot of the key people in the BJCP.

Goals: We need to continue to bring respect to the BJCP. We need to increase the mead certified judges. From the outside we look silly judging them with minimal training. Communication is also a big one for me. With my travels for work, I'm able to meet throughout the district as I usually get to about half of the 10 states each year. Meetings can be arranged at the different competitions to discuss your concerns.

Thank you for your support!

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