



Beer of the Month Club

This Month's Featured Brews

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Sacramento Brewing Company, Sacramento, California

Sacramento Brewing Company has been providing great beer and food in a fun, friendly, atmosphere since 1995.

"Our brewing philosophy is simple; brew real ales and lagers in their traditional style." - Sam Petersen, Head Brew Master of Sacramento Brewing Co.

Sam Petersen, the President and head Master Brewer, has been in the restaurant business since 1971 and graduated from the American Brewers Guild in 1995. Capm Petersen, their sales and marketing guru, spends most of his time on the road trying to get his beers into peoples mouths. We had a nice chat with him when he hand delivered our beer for this month's club members.

With two locations in Sacramento, CA, you can be sure that there will be a party at one of these places any night of the week! Both locations offer live entertainment nightly with features ranging from trivia nights to live music. The Sacramento Brewing Company Restaurant and Bar features great food and atmosphere in a classic brew pub setting, while the Oasis features a wonderful Egyptian theme.

Although the food and entertainment in both of these establishments is top notch, their beers are even better! With 126 medals since 1995, Sac Brew's beers speak for themselves. They offer several beers in bottles year round, and this month we are proud to bring you two more for your sampling pleasure.

Last month we brought you their Hefeweizen—a wonderful, unfiltered Bavarian wheat beer with fresh

fruit aromas and a crisp finish. This month we have two more beers from Sac Brew that are completely different!

Red Horse Ale—This is our favorite beer brewed by Sacramento Brewing Company. Where did the name come from? This spicy beer is named after the Air Force's Rapid Engineering Deployable Heavy Operational Repair Squadron Engineering. Yes, we know it's a long name, but every beer has its own story.

This classic Northern California brew has a deep amber color and has been aggressively dry hopped. It starts off with an exhilarating and spicy splash in your mouth, then finishes with that sweet hoppy burst we have come to love about this beer. Enjoy it with a bold barbequed steak or ribs, or by itself.

India Pale Ale—This is a very hoppy, high alcohol pale ale brewed to withstand the long sea voyages during the height of the English's colonial empire.

The short story goes like this. By the time British ships reached their troops in India (1772), all the beer on board was spoiled, and the troops were not happy. The answer to this dilemma was in the recipe—lots of hops and high alcohol content—both excellent natural preservatives. The classic style of the India Pale Ale (IPA) was born and has flourished veer since.

Once you learn to love this style of beer, nothing else really satisfies you.

Mad River Brewing Company, Blue Lake, California

The Mad River Brewing Company is located in Blue Lake, way up in Northern California where the air is fresh and the rivers run clean.

There are several very good breweries in that neck of the woods, and if you get the chance to visit Northern California, be sure to give us a call and we will help you plan a fun pub crawl as part of your adventure.

Mad River Brewing Company is one of California's few breweries that still uses open fermenters and brews the hard way. They brew about 10,000 barrels a year (a little over a half a million gallons) which keeps them solidly in the microbrewery category.

They started out in 1989 as a very small brewery, and have since evolved through four phases of growth to become the largest employer in the City of Blue Lake. Of course, Blue Lake isn't a very big town, so they are what we call a big fish in a little pond.

Brewmaster Bob Smith's dream to open a small

brewery began in the late seventies and his dream finally became reality in 1989 when Mad River opened its doors and started pouring some of the best beer in Northern California.

Now in their second decade of brewing, Mad River Brewing continues its commitment to produce very fine ales using an environmentally sound approach and a pure brewing process.

Steelhead Scotch Porter is a traditionally styled Porter with that Mad River twist.

Their version of the English working class brew offers complex malt characteristics balanced with a mild hop profile. The addition of Scottish peated and German Rauch malts lend a mild smoke flavor to the finish.

Try this beer along with grilled poultry, meats and veggies. It also makes a great overnight marinade for steaks... and the cook. Some actually prefer to wear a kilt when drinking this beer, or barbequing with it.