

<b>Restaurant:</b>	Baba India Restaurant (Cincinnati - Oakley, OH, US)		
<b>Field Reporter:</b>	N/A	<b>Date:</b>	March 31st, 2022
<b>The Show:</b>	Excellent (8)		
<b>Attendance:</b>	<b>Score:</b>	<b>Yellow Cards:</b>	<b>Red Cards:</b>
<b>President:</b>			
Nate Deems	7.5		
<b>Members:</b>			
Leom Holley	7.3	-	-
Kenny Noyes	8.0	-	-
Rob Bosma	6.0	-	-
JJ Wurtz	8.3	-	-
Joni Levi	7.0	-	-
Matt Butler	8.3	-	-
Aaron Madaris	6.0	-	-
<b>Totals:</b>	58.4	<b>Avg. 7.3</b>	0
<b>General Comments:</b>			
<p>Returning for the second year in a row and now coined "The Oakley Classic," the Gentleman of the Cincinnati and Surrounding Areas Curry Club set out to enjoy the nationally recognized MadTree Brewing for pre-dinner beverages followed by dinner at Baba India Restaurant in the Oakley neighbourhood of Cincinnati, OH where they would apply their world-renowned knowledge of Indian curries to determine whether or not Baba had what it takes to be deemed <i>the best</i> curry in Cincinnati (and surrounding areas).</p> <p>The evening began at MadTree Brewing where the first three attendees chose a table near the middle of the main taproom that proved to be difficult for the next two members to find. Despite these challenges, the club did their part to help MadTree empty their kegs over the course of 2 hours as the CASACC continued to assemble.</p> <p>Following pre-dinner festivities, the CASACC made their way to Baba India Restaurant where the club was disappointed to learn that the previously made reservation seemed to have been lost. However, the crisis was averted when the club was sat in the middle of the restaurant (a fitting place for such a worldly group) as-requested initially. Pre-dinner challenges continued as plates, water, and silverware arrived over the next 20 minutes in small batches (as did the complimentary poppadoms and chutneys).</p> <p>Despite these challenges, the CASACC made their dinner selections and waited patiently for their food to arrive, which was deemed to be well worth it as most members agreed that their dinner was excellent (although spice levels were determined to be inconsistent with some members believing that their spice level did not match their order while other members struggled to keep track of their own waters). Historically, Baba has proven to be a worthy contender in the pool of restaurants given the privilege of being evaluated by the CASACC every year and 2022 was no exception.</p> <p>After-dinner deliberations began with accusations that a member was in violation of one of the club's sacred rules. However, it was determined that sufficient evidence was not available to warrant a yellow, nor a red, card. The President reminded the attending members that membership of the club is a <i>privilege</i> and, in the spirit of member Butler's meal, the group agreed that it is more appropriate to explain our group as a "Soup Club" to nosey, non-members who have not formerly been voted into the CASACC.</p> <p>On a more positive note, during after-dinner deliberations, the CASACC did establish Friday, May 6th as the date for the Annual Covington Pub Crawl, an event that does not fail to embody the camaraderie of the CASACC. Additionally, a vote was raised to determine whether or not restaurants that primarily served non-Indian curries could be considered for future meetings. After applying a decidedly adequate handicap to the vote, 13 out of 8 members came to unanimous consensus that the club would remain an <i>Indian</i> curry club.</p> <p>The evening came to a close with the club's usual voting where members generally agreed that their food was satisfying (although a portion of the club had hoped for more spice when ordering at the top of the scale) but perfect scores could not be awarded due to long waits and service that left a lot to be desired (although members were pleased with how friendly the staff was!). The final average came out to 7.3 - a 0.005 improvement over the 2021 average of 7.295. If there is one thing this club is, it's consistent!</p> <p>The last order of business was to choose a new President for April - a role which Matt Butler so graciously volunteered to accept. <i>Figure 1</i> (page 2) below shows the ceremonial hand-off of the Presidential Blazer in front of a very full and very happy curry club. Thanks to all in attendance and Baba for hosting us!</p>			
<b>Final Average Score:</b>	<b>7.3</b>		



*Figure 1 - Handoff of the Ceremonial Blazer to newly appointed President Matt Butler (2022-03-31)*