



### Backyard Beer Panel

During the long cold winter I built a man cave / bar and have found it to be a social attractant. The panel members are drawn to it like a moth to a flame and do not want to venture far from it as if it was some motherly pull to never leave. This is the first time we have reviewed a beer in a can let alone the same brewery two months in a row. We were quite pleased and liked this beer and this brewery.

### This Month's Beer New Belgium Shift



Brewed by: New Belgium Brewing Company  
Fort Collins, Colorado USA

Beer Style: Pale Lager

ABV: 5.0 IBU: 29

Calories: 210 per 16 oz can

### COMMERCIAL DESCRIPTION

New Belgium employee-owners work in shifts to brew to life world-

class beers. Those efforts are rewarded daily with a shared end-of-shift beer. We're passing that welcomed occasion onto consumers in this lightly-hopped Shift Pale Lager. From work to play, from bottle to can, from bold and heavy to refreshing and sessionable; Shift salutes the shift in occasion, package and beer. So, go ahead and get your Shift beer, you've earned it!

The Stats:

	Mike	Telal	Tim	Pat	Dan	Mitch	Christine	Bill	Spencor	Damian	Kim	Overall	Wise words from my friends
Appearance	4.5	3.5	4	4	3.5	4.6	4	4	4	4	4	4.0	Very pleasant lager look, great head dissipates quickly, inviting look. Bill
Smell	2.5	3	2.5	3.5	2	3.8	3	3	3	3.5	3	3.0	A citrus like smell with a pleasing linger and a light hint of melons Kim
Taste	3	3	4	4	2	3.5	3.5	4.5	4	4	3	3.5	Hops come out right away but do not stick around like an IPA Spencor
Mouth Feel	3	4	4	4	2	4.2	4	4	4.5	4	3	3.7	Tingles from front to back, cant wait for the next drink uh-oh Mitch
Drinkability	3.5	4	4	4.5	2	4.7	4.5	4.5	5	4	4	4.1	Goes down like a lite beer but tastes full flavored. Wouldn't be a problem to drink these all night Tim
Overall	3.3	3.5	3.7	4	2.3	4.2	3.8	4	4.1	3.9	3.4	3.7	

**Ft. Collins, CO, March 7, 2012** - New Belgium Brewing is pleased to announce that its newest year-round offering, Shift Pale Lager, will roll into markets on April 2. Capitalizing on New Belgium's recently expanded can line, Shift will be available in 16-ounce cans only. In addition, the four-pack cartons are 100 percent recycled content. The beer's name evokes New Belgium's tradition of sharing a shift beer at the end of the day to celebrate a job well done. Shift Pale Lager features the newly developed Nelson Sauvin hop, which brings forth elements of citrus and soft fruit alongside specialty malts and lager yeast. Easy to drink, crisp and congratulatory, Shift is ready for a responsible session in the backyard and beyond. (How cool is that).

Well almost all of us thought this was a very drinkable beer (common Strackman like the beer). This drank clean and crisp like a light beer but was definitely full flavored and placed gently into a one pound can. This will make this an excellent lawn mowing beer or watching the wife mowing lawn beer. The one pound delivery system gives you enough beer to share a little with the parched wife after she is done and you do not have to feel too guilty about it. This beer is versatile enough to go with light lunch to a full dinner.

Please let me take a minute to thank my friends, Mike St Marie, Telal Al-Rifai, Tim Gilbert, Dan (Strackman) Strack, Mitch (wonder tongue) Sloan, Christine

Vorphal, SpencorLoehrer, Damian Loehrer, Bill Bettendorf, KimWieneke. Thank you all my friends who enjoy beer and support Westside Liquor.

Beer Quote:

*An intelligent man is sometimes forced to be drunk to spend time with his fools.  
Always do sober what you said you'd do drunk.  
That will teach you to keep your mouth shut.  
-Ernest Hemingway- Well said my friend...*

Your beer friend,  
Pat Best

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