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BEER DRINKER'S QUICK QUIZ

Just to kill a minute or two, why don't you match your own beer-drinking habits and preferences against those of the Budweiser Brewmaster. While you're taking the test, it might be a good idea to cover up the answers with a cold can or two of the King of Beers.

1. When you do use a glass, do you ease the beer down the side? ____ Or do you pour it down the middle to give a nice head of foam? __

2. How much foam do you like on a glass of draught beer? None at all ____ One inch ____ One and a half to two inches ____

3. Do you like to drink your beer in little sips? ____ Big swallows? ____ Something in between? ____

4. Which do you like best? Canned beer ____ Bottled beer ____ Draught beer ____

5. Which beer is brewed by "exclusive Beechwood Aging with natural carbonation to produce a better taste and a smoother, more drinkable beer?" Budweiser ____ Some other brand ____


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