

USBTC Announces 16th Annual Winter Competition Winners

Lincoln, NH - The United States Beer Tasting Championship™ (USBTC) recently completed the Winter Competition of its 16th annual competition. A total of 360 beers from 116 breweries were examined across 14 different beer categories. Within each category, the USBTC determined both a Grand Champion and the best entry from each of six U.S. regions: 1) Northeast, 2) Mid-Atlantic/Southeast, 3) Midwest, 4) Rockies/Southwest, 5) California, and 6) Northwest/Pacific.

The USBTC takes a unique approach in that its competition is held in multiple stages. Sequential field trials are conducted wherein judges evaluate beers and select the best to advance to subsequent rounds. This allows beers to be judged in relatively small flights while ensuring that the best beers are still determined through head-to-head competition. All beers were tasted in blinded fashion and judged on a hedonic scale.

The USBTC recognizes that American brewers are continually establishing new beer styles and reviving interest in classic styles. As one way to acknowledge this, the USBTC devotes “pull-out” categories in each competition to styles that are currently emerging or being faithfully carried on. In our most recent event, Smoke Beer and Belgo-American were selected as USBTC pull-out categories.

The USBTC Grand Champions were:

<u>Category</u>	<u>Grand Champion</u>	<u>Company</u>	<u>Location</u>	<u>Total Beers Judged</u>
<i>Barrel-Aged Beer</i>	Ivan the Terrible	Big Sky Brewing Company	Missoula, MT	25
<i>Barleywine</i>	Old Crustacean	Rogue Brewery	Newport, OR	30
<i>Strong/Old Ale</i>	Bridge Burner Strong Ale	Lakefront Brewery	Milwaukee, WI	28
<i>Imperial Stout</i>	Santa's Little Helper	Port Brewing	San Clemente, CA	37
<i>Stout</i>	Obsidian Stout	Deschutes Brewery	Bend, OR	28
<i>Porter</i>	Founders Porter	Founders Brewing Company	Grand Rapids, MI	30
<i>Brown Ale</i>	India Brown Ale	Terrapin Beer Company	Athens, GA	25
<i>Scottish-Style Ale</i>	Scotty Karate Scotch Ale	Dark Horse Brewing Company	Marshall, MI	24
<i>Belgian-Style Ale</i>	Schlafly Quadruple	The Saint Louis Brewery	St. Louis, MO	27
<i>Dark Lager/Dunkel</i>	Duck-Rabbit Schwarzbier	The Duck-Rabbit Craft Brewery	Farmville, NC	25
<i>Vienna/Marzen Lager</i>	Oktoberfest	Sly Fox Brewing Company	Royersford, PA	34
<i>Spice Beer</i>	Holiday Spice Lager	Lakefront Brewery	Milwaukee, WI	19
<i>Smoke Beer</i>	Sunday Morning in Bamberg	Upland Brewing Company	Bloomington, IN	8
<i>Belgo-American</i>	XIII	Weyerbacher Brewing Company	Easton, PA	15

The regional winners (along with beers receiving honorable mention) from each category were:

<u>Region/ Category</u>	<u>Regional Champion/ Honorable Mention</u>	<u>Company</u>	<u>Location</u>
<u>Northeast</u>			
Barrel-Aged Beer	Samuel Adams New World Tripel	Boston Beer Company	Boston, MA
Honorable Mention	Samuel Adams Stony Brook Red	Boston Beer Company	Boston, MA
Barleywine	Smuttynose Wheat Wine	Smuttynose Brewing Company	Portsmouth, NH
Honorable Mention	Pugsley's Shipyard Barley Wine	The Shipyard Brewing Company	Portland, ME
Strong/Old Ale	Prelude Special Ale	The Shipyard Brewing Company	Portland, ME
Honorable Mention	Hampshire Special Ale	D.L. Geary Brewing	Portland, ME
Imperial Stout	Samuel Adams Imperial Stout	Boston Beer Company	Boston, MA
Stout	Samuel Adams Cream Stout	Boston Beer Company	Boston, MA
Porter	Robust Porter	Smuttynose Brewing Company	Portsmouth, NH

Brown Ale Honorable Mention	Samuel Adams Brown Ale Pigs Ear Brown Ale	Boston Beer Company Woodstock Inn Brewery	Boston, MA N. Woodstock, NH
Scottish-Style Ale	Smuttynose Scotch Ale	Smuttynose Brewing Company	Portsmouth, NH
Belgian-Style Ale Honorable Mention	Allagash Four Allagash Grand Cru	Allagash Brewing Company Allagash Brewing Company	Portland, ME Portland, ME
Dunkels Lager	Samuel Adams Black Lager	Boston Beer Company	Boston, MA
Vienna/Marzen Lager	Samuel Adams Octoberfest	Boston Beer Company	Boston, MA
Spice Beer	Samuel Adams Old Fezziwig	Boston Beer Company	Boston, MA
Smoke Beer	Samuel Adams Scotch Ale	Boston Beer Company	Boston, MA
Belgo-American	Samuel Adams Imperial White	Boston Beer Company	Boston, MA

**Region/
Category**

**Regional Champion/
Honorable Mention**

Company

Location

Mid-Atlantic/Southeast

Barrel-Aged Beer Honorable Mention	Blasphemy Bourbon Barrel Porter	Weyerbacher Brewing Company Williamsburg AleWerks, LLC	Easton, PA Williamsburg, VA
Barleywine Honorable Mention	Old Horizontal 275 th Anniversary Ale	Victory Brewing Company General Lafayette Inn & Brewery	Downington, PA Lafayette Hill, PA
Strong/Old Ale Honorable Mention	Winter Storm Winter Warmer	Clipper City Brewing Company Lancaster Brewing Company	Baltimore, MD Lancaster, PA
Imperial Stout	He'Brew Jewbelation	Shmaltz Brewing Company	Saratoga Springs, NY
Stout	Duck-Rabbit Milk Stout	The Duck-Rabbit Craft Brewery	Farmville, NC
Porter	Washington's Porter	Williamsburg AleWerks, LLC	Williamsburg, VA
Brown Ale	India Brown Ale	Terrapin Beer Company	Athens, GA
Scottish-Style Ale Honorable Mention	McKenzie Wee Heavy Tasgall Ale	McKenzie Brew House Highland Brewing Company	Chadds Ford, PA Asheville, NC
Belgian-Style Ale Honorable Mention	Twelve Adoration	Victory Brewing Company Brewery Ommegang	Downington, PA Cooperstown, NY
Dunkels Lager	Duck-Rabbit Schwarzbier	The Duck-Rabbit Craft Brewery	Farmville, NC
Vienna/Marzen Lager	Oktoberfest	Sly Fox Brewing Company	Royersford, PA
Spice Beer	Christmas Ale	Sly Fox Brewing Company	Royersford, PA
Smoke Beer	Big Butte Smoked Porter	Highland Brewing Company	Asheville, NC
Belgo-American Honorable Mention	XIII Raging Bitch	Weyerbacher Brewing Company Flying Dog Brewing Company	Easton, PA Frederick, MD

Midwest

Barrel-Aged Beer	Backwoods Bastard	Founders Brewing Company	Grand Rapids, MI
Barleywine	Schlafly Oak Aged Barleywine	The St. Louis Brewing Company	St. Louis, MO
Strong/Old Ale	Bridge Burner Strong Ale	Lakefront Brewery	Milwaukee, WI
Imperial Stout Honorable Mention	Founders Imperial Stout Russian Imperial Stout	Founders Brewing Company Sprecher Brewing Company	Grand Rapids, MI Glendale, WI
Stout Honorable Mention	Oscar's Chocolate Oatmeal Stout Spetsnaz Stout	Sand Creek Brewing Company Grumpy Troll Restaurant & Brewery	Black River Falls, WI Mt. Horeb, WI
Porter Honorable Mention	Founders Porter Great Northern Porter	Founders Brewing Company Summit Brewing Company	Grand Rapids, MI St. Paul, MN
Brown Ale	Rocky's revenge	Tyranena Brewing Company	Lake Mills, WI
Scottish-Style Ale	Scotty Karate Scotch Ale	Dark Horse Brewing Company	Marshall, MI
Belgian-Style Ale Honorable Mention	Schlafly Quadruple Peter Gentry Belgian Strong Dark	The Saint Louis Brewery Grumpy Troll Restaurant & Brewery	St. Louis, MO Mt. Horeb, WI
Dunkels Lager	Black Bavarian	Sprecher Brewing Company	Glendale, WI
Vienna/Marzen Lager Honorable Mention	Upland Oktoberfest Winter Skal	Upland Brewing Company Capital Brewery	Bloomington, IN Middleton, WI
Spice Beer	Holiday Spice Lager	Lakefront Brewery	Milwaukee, WI
Smoke Beer	Sunday Morning in Bamberg	Upland Brewing Company	Bloomington, IN
Belgo-American	Hop Master's Abbey	Hoppin' Frog Brewery	Akron, OH

Rockies/Southwest

Barrel-Aged Beer
 Barleywine
 Strong/Old Ale
 Imperial Stout
 Honorable Mention
 Stout
 Honorable Mention
 Porter
 Brown Ale
 Scottish-Style Ale
 Honorable Mention
 Belgian-Style Ale
 Dunkels Lager
 Vienna/Marzen Lager
 Spice Beer
 Smoke Beer
 Belgo-American

Kickin' Chicken Killer
 Old Ruffian
 Hibernation Ale
 Ten Fidy Imperial Stout
 Double Chocolate Stout
 Zonker Stout
 Obovoid Oak-Aged Oatmeal Stout
 Planet Porter
 Ellie's Brown Ale
 Old Chub
 Iron Thistle Scotch Ale
 Abbey Grand Cru
 Kidd Lager
 Oktoberfest Marzen Lager
 Original Orange Blossom Ale
 Z Lager
 La Piste Escargot

Santa Fe Brewing Company
 Great Divide Brewing Company
 Great Divide Brewing Company
 Oskar Blues Brewery
 The Fort Collins Brewery
 Snake River Brewing Company
 Boulder Beer Company
 Boulder Beer Company
 Avery Brewing Company
 Oskar Blues Brewery
 Rahr & Sons Brewing Company
 New Belgium Brewing
 The Fort Collins Brewery
 Left Hand brewing Company
 Buckbean Brewing Company
 The Fort Collins Brewery
 Snake River Brewing Company

Santa Fe, NM
 Denver, CO
 Denver, CO
 Lyons, CO
 Fort Collins, CO
 Jackson Hole, WY
 Boulder, CO
 Boulder, CO
 Boulder, CO
 Lyons, CO
 Ft. Worth, TX
 Fort Collins, CO
 Fort Collins, CO
 Longmont, CO
 Reno, NV
 Fort Collins, CO
 Jackson Hole, WY

**Region/
Category****Regional Champion/
Honorable Mention****Company****Location****California**

Barrel-Aged Beer
 Honorable Mention
 Barleywine
 Strong/Old Ale
 Honorable Mention
 Imperial Stout
 Honorable Mention
 Stout
 Porter
 Honorable Mention
 Brown Ale
 Scottish-Style Ale
 Belgian-Style Ale
 Honorable Mention
 Dunkels Lager
 Vienna/Marzen Lager
 Spice Beer
 Smoke Beer
 Belgo-American

Angel's Share
 Kilt Lifter (Wet)
 Old Blarney Barleywine
 Wet Hopsickle Triple
 Old Viscosity
 Santa's Little Helper
 Serpents Stout
 San Quentin Breakout Stout
 Chelsea Moylan's Porter
 Point Reyes Porter
 Acme California Brown Ale
 Kilt Lifter Scotch Ale
 Devotion Ale
 Marin Quad
 No winner declared
 No winner declared
 Hoppy Holiday
 No winner declared
 No winner declared

The Lost Abbey
 Moylan's Brewing Company
 Moylan's Brewing Company
 Moylan's Brewing Company
 Port Brewing
 The Lost Abbey
 Port Brewing
 Marin Brewing Company
 Moylan's Brewing Company
 Marin Brewing Company
 North Coast Brewing Company
 Moylan's Brewing Company
 The Lost Abbey
 Marin Brewing Company

San Clemente, CA
 Novato, CA
 Novato, CA
 Novato, CA
 San Clemente, CA
 San Marcos, CA
 San Clemente, CA
 Larkspur, CA
 Novato, CA
 Larkspur, CA
 Fort Bragg, CA
 Novato, CA
 San Marcos, CA
 Larkspur, CA

Marin Brewing Company
 Larkspur, CA

Northwest/Pacific

Barrel-Aged Beer
 Honorable Mention
 Barleywine
 Honorable Mention
 Strong/Old Ale
 Honorable Mention
 Imperial Stout
 Honorable Mention
 Stout
 Honorable Mention
 Porter
 Brown Ale
 Honorable Mention
 Scottish-Style Ale
 Belgian-Style Ale
 Honorable Mention
 Dunkels Lager

Ivan the Terrible
 Bourbon Barrel Double Vision
 Old Crustacean
 Mirror Mirror
 Mogul Madness Ale
 Wassail
 The Abyss
 Imperial Stout
 Obsidian Stout
 Polar Bear Stout
 Bobo's Robust Porter
 Hazelnut Brown Nectar
 Lakeside British Ale
 Sheep Eater Scotch Ale
 Dick's Grand Cru
 M nage   Frog
 D rtoir Black Lager

Big Sky Brewing Company
 Grand Teton Brewing Company
 Rogue Brewery
 Deschutes Brewery
 Rogue Brewery
 Full Sail Brewing Company
 Deschutes Brewery
 Rogue Brewery
 Deschutes Brewery
 Coeur d'Alene Brewing Company
 Big Sky Brewing Company
 Rogue Brewery
 Coeur d'Alene Brewing Company
 Grand Teton Brewing Company
 Dick's Brewing Company
 Issaquah Brewery
 Rogue Brewery

Missoula, MT
 Victor, ID
 Newport, OR
 Bend, OR
 Newport, OR
 Hood River, OR
 Bend, OR
 Newport, OR
 Bend, OR
 Coeur d'Alene, ID
 Missoula, MT
 Newport, OR
 Coeur d'Alene, ID
 Victor, ID
 Centralia, WA
 Issaquah, WA
 Newport, OR

Honorable Mention Session Black
Vienna/Marzen LagerFest Bier Marzen Lager
Spice Beer Auld Acquaintance
Smoke Beer Smoke Ale
Belgo-American *No winner declared*

Full Sail Brewing Company
Grand Teton Brewing Company
Pike Brewing Company
Rogue Brewery

Hood River, OR
Victor, ID
Seattle, WA
Newport, OR