

USBTC Announces 17th Annual Winter Competition Winners

Manchester, NH - The United States Beer Tasting Championship™ (USBTC) recently completed the Winter Competition of its 17th annual competition. A total of 403 beers from 112 breweries were examined across 13 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, Coffee was the choice for this year’s winter tasting.

For additional information about USBTC or how to enter beer, please visit our web site at www.usbtc.com

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>	Angel Share	The Lost Abbey	San Marcos, CA	36
<i>Barleywine</i>	Nemis	Founders Brewing	Grand Rapids, MI	34
<i>Strong/Old Ale</i>	Bridge Burner Strong Ale	Lakefront Brewery	Milwaukee, WI	38
<i>Imperial Stout</i>	The Abyss	Deschutes Brewery	Bend, OR	36
<i>Stout</i>	Obovoid	Boulder Brewing	Boulder, CO	34
<i>Porter</i>	Robust Porter	Smuttynose Brewing	Portsmouth, NH	36
<i>Brown Ale</i>	Hedgehog Brown Ale	Flying Goose Brew Pub	New London, NH	26
<i>Scottish-Style Ale</i>	Sheep Eater Scotch Ale	Grand Teton Brewing Company	Victor, ID	28
<i>Belgian-Style Ale</i>	Cuvee de Tomme	The Lost Abbey	San Marcos, CA	42
<i>Dark Lager/Dunkel</i>	Dirtoir Black Lager	Rogue Brewery	Newport, OR	19
<i>Vienna/Marzen Lager</i>	Oktoberfest	Vintage Brewing	Madison, WI	34
<i>Spice Beer</i>	Holiday Spice Lager	Lakefront Brewery	Milwaukee, WI	26
<i>Coffee Beer</i>	Café Royale	Williamsburg AleWerks, LLC	Williamsburg, VA	14

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>
Northeast			
Barrel- Aged Beer	Samuel Adams Stony Brook Red	Boston Beer Company	Boston, MA
Barleywine	Smuttynose Barleywine	Smuttynose Brewing Company	Portsmouth, NH
Honorable Mention	Isle of Pines Barleywine	Flying Goose Brew Pub	New London, NH
Strong/Old Ale	Prelude Special Ale	The Shipyard Brewing Company	Portland, ME
Honorable Mention	Really Old Brown Ale	Smuttynose Brewing Company	Portsmouth, NH
Imperial Stout	Samuel Adams Imperial Stout	Boston Beer Company	Boston, MA
Honorable Mention	Smuttynose Imperial Stout	Smuttynose Brewing Company	Portsmouth, NH
Stout	Blue Fin Stout	The Shipyard Brewery	Portland, ME

Porter	Robust Porter
Honorable Mention	Pullmans Porter
Brown Ale	Hedgehog Brown Ale
Honorable Mention	Samuel Adams Brown Ale
Scottish-Style Ale	Samuel Adams Scotch Ale
Belgian-Style Ale	Samuel Adams New World Tripel
Honorable Mention	Smuttynose Farmhouse Ale
Dunkels Lager	Samuel Adams Black Lager
Vienna/Marzen Lager	Samuel Adams Octoberfest
Spice Beer	Samuel Adams Old Fezziwig
Coffee Beer	No winner declared

Smuttynose Brewing Company
McNeill's Brewery
Flying Goose Brew Pub
Boston Beer Company
Boston Beer Company
Boston Beer Company
Smuttynose Brewing Company
Boston Beer Company
Boston Beer Company
Boston Beer Company

Portsmouth, NH
Brattleboro, VT
New London, NH
Boston, MA
Boston, MA
Boston, MA
Portsmouth, NH
Boston, MA
Boston, MA
Boston, MA

Mid-Atlantic/Southeast

Barrel-Aged Beer	Decade Double IPA
Honorable Mention	R.I.P.A. on Rye
Barleywine	Old Horizontal
Strong/Old Ale	St. Romain
Honorable Mention	Winter Warmer
Imperial Stout	Tiny
Honorable Mention	Cox Diesel
Stout	Duck-Rabbit Milk Stout
Porter	Washington's Porter
Brown Ale	Duck-Rabbit Brown Ale
Honorable Mention	Trail Blaze Organic Brown Ale
Scottish-Style Ale	Fegley's Bagpiper's Scotch Ale
Honorable Mention	Cup O Kyndnes
Belgian-Style Ale	Adoration Ale
Honorable Mention	QUAD
Dunkels Lager	Dunkel
Honorable Mention	Saranac Black Forest
Vienna/Marzen Lager	Duck-Rabbit Marzen
Spice Beer	The Great'er Pumpkin
Coffee Beer	Café Royale

Big Bear Brewing Company
Shmaltz Brewing Company
Victory Brewing Company
McKenzie Brew House
Lancaster Brewing Company
Weyerbacher Brewing Company
Big Bear Brewing Company
The Duck-Rabbit Craft Brewery
Williamsburg AleWerks, LLC
The Duck-Rabbit Craft Brewery
Appalachian Brewing Company
Allentown BrewWorks
Brewery Ommegang
Brewery Ommegang
Weyerbacher Brewing Company
Sly Fox Brewing Company
F.X. Matt Brewing Company
The Duck-Rabbit Craft Brewery
Heavy Seas Brewing Company
Williamsburg AleWerks, LLC

Coral Gables, FL
Saratoga Springs, NY
Downington, PA
Chadds Ford, PA
Lancaster, PA
Easton, PA
Coral Gables, FL
Farmville, NC
Williamsburg, VA
Farmville, NC
Harrisburg, PA
Allentown, PA
Cooperstown, NY
Cooperstown, NY
Easton, PA
Royersford, PA
Utica, NY
Farmville, NC
Baltimore, MD
Williamsburg, VA

Midwest

Barrel-Aged Beer	Melange A Trois
Barleywine	Nemesis
Strong/Old Ale	Bridge Burner Strong Ale
Imperial Stout	Black Betty Imperial Stout
Honorable Mention	Schlafly Imperial Stout
Stout	Scaredy Cat Oatmeal Stout
Porter	Chief Blackhawk Porter
Brown Ale	Rocky's Revenge
Scottish-Style Ale	Dirty Bastard
Belgian-Style Ale	Dantalion
Honorable Mention	Schlafly Quad
Dunkels Lager	Black Bavarian
Vienna/Marzen Lager	Octoberfest
Spice Beer	Holiday Spice Lager
Coffee Beer	Breakfast Stout

Nebraska Brewing Company
Founders Brewing
lakefront Brewing Company
Nebraska Brewing Company
Saint Louis Brewing Company
Vintage Brewing Company
Tyranena Brewing Company
Tyranena Brewing Company
Founders Brewing
Upland Brewing Company
Saint Louis Brewing Company
Sprecher Brewing Company
Vintage Brewing Company
Lakefront Brewery
Founders Brewing Company

Papillion, NE
Grand Rapids, MI
Milwaukee, WI
Papillion, NE
St Louis, MO
Madison, WI
Lake Mills, WI
Lake Mills, WI
Grand Rapids, MI
Bloomington, IN
St Louis, MO
Glendale, WI
Madison, WI
Milwaukee, WI
Grand Rapids, MI

Rockies/Southwest

Barrel-Aged Beer	Quinquepartite
Honorable Mention	Barrel Aged Chicken Killer Barley Wine
Barleywine	Old Double Bagger
Strong/Old Ale	Never Summer
Imperial Stout	Ten Fidy Imperial Stout
Stout	Obovoid Oak-Aged Oatmeal Stout
Honorable Mention	Zonker Stout

Avery Brewing Company
Santa Fe Brewing CO
Oskar Blues Brewing Company
Boulder Beer Company
Oskar Blues Brewery
Boulder Beer Company
Snake River Brewing Company

Boulder, CO
Santa Fe, NM
Lyons, CO
Boulder, CO
Lyons, CO
Boulder, CO
Jackson Hole, WY

Porter	Doc's American Porter	Crystal Springs Brewing Company	Boulder, CO
Brown Ale	Santa Fe Nut Brown	Santa Fe Brewing Company	Santa Fe, NM
Scottish-Style Ale	Old Chub	Oskar Blues Brewery	Lyons, CO
Honorable Mention	Iron Thistle Scotch Ale	Rahr & Sons Brewing Company	Ft. Worth, TX
Belgian-Style Ale	No Award Given		
Dunkels Lager	Ugly Pug	Rahr & Sons Brewing Company	Ft. Worth, TX
Vienna/Marzen Lager	Apline Fest	Snake River Brewing Company	Jackson Hole, WY
Spice Beer	No Award Given		
Coffee Beer	No Award Given		

California

Barrel-Aged Beer	Angel's Share	The Lost Abbey	San Marcos, CA
Honorable Mention	Double Kilt Lifter aged in Apple Brandy Barrels	Moylan's Brewing Company	Novato, CA
Barleywine	Older Viscosity	Port Brewing Company	San Marcos, CA
Honorable Mention	Old Blarney Barleywine	Moylan's Brewing Company	Novato, CA
Strong/Old Ale	Old Viscosity	Port Brewing	San Marcos, CA
Imperial Stout	Imperial Stout	Moylan's Brewing Company	Novato, CA
Honorable Mention	Serpents Stout	Port Brewing	San Marcos, CA
Stout	San Quentin Breakout Stout	Marin Brewing Company	Larkspur, CA
Honorable Mention	Dragoon's Dry Irish Stout	Moylan's Brewing Company	Novato, CA
Porter	Chelsea Moylan's Porter	Moylan's Brewing Company	Novato, CA
Honorable Mention	Point Reyes Porter	Marin Brewing Company	Larkspur, CA
Brown Ale	Acme California Brown Ale	North Coast Brewing Company	Fort Bragg, CA
Scottish-Style Ale	Kilt Lifter Scotch Ale	Moylan's Brewing Company	Novato, CA
Belgian-Style Ale	Cuvee de Tomme	The Lost Abbey	San Marcos, CA
Honorable Mention	10 Commandments	The Lost Abbey	San Marcos, CA
Dunkels Lager	No winner declared		
Vienna/Marzen Lager	No winner declared		
Spice Beer	Hoppy Holiday		
Coffee Beer	<i>No winner declared</i>	Marin Brewing Company	Larkspur, CA

Northwest/Pacific

Barrel-Aged Beer	Olde Bluehair	Big Sky Brewing Company	Missoula, MT
Honorable Mention	Jubel 2010	Deschutes Brewery	Bend, OR
Barleywine	Old Crustacean	Rogue Brewery	Newport, OR
Honorable Mention	Critical Hit	Ninkasi Brewing Company	Eugene, OR
Strong/Old Ale	Double Diamond	Dick's Brewing Company	Centralia, WA
Honorable Mention	Vinter Varmer	Laurelwood Public House	Portland, OR
Imperial Stout	The Abyss	Deschutes Brewery	Bend, OR
Stout	Obsidian Stout	Deschutes Brewery	Bend, OR
Honorable Mention	XXXXXX Stout	Pike Brewing Company	Seattle, WA
Porter	Mud Shark Porter	Fish Brewing Company	Olympia, WA
Brown Ale	Bitch Creek ESB	Grand Teton Brewing Company	Victor, ID
Scottish-Style Ale	Sheep Eater Scotch Ale	Grand Teton Brewing Company	Victor, ID
Belgian-Style Ale	Dick's Grand Cru	Dick's Brewing Company	Centralia, WA
Honorable Mention	Ménage À Frog	Issaquah Brewery	Issaquah, WA
Dunkels Lager	Dirtoir Black Lager	Rogue Brewery	Newport, OR
Vienna/Marzen Lager	Maierfest Lager	Rogue Brewery	Newport, OR
Spice Beer	Unconventionale	Ninkasi Brewing Company	Eugene, OR
Honorable Mention	Chammomellow	Buckman Village Brewery	Portland, OR
Coffee Beer	Pipeline Porter	Kona Brewing Company	Kailua-Kona, HI