

## USBTC Announces 18<sup>th</sup> Annual Winter Competition Winners

**Boston, MA** - The United States Beer Tasting Championship™ (USBTC) recently completed the Winter Competition of its 18th annual competition. A total of 435 beers from 134 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, Big Belgian was selected as the USBTC pull-out category.

For additional information on The United States Beer Tasting Championship, how to enter beer, and past winners, please visit our web site at [www.usbtc.com](http://www.usbtc.com) or look for us on Facebook.

### 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>	Siberian Nights Barrel Aged	Thirsty Dog Brewing	Akron, OH	44
<i>Barleywine</i>	Pilgrims Dole	New Holland Brewing	New Holland, MI	38
<i>Strong/Old Ale</i>	Tocobaga Red Ale	Cigar City Brewing Company	Tampa, FL	31
<i>Imperial Stout</i>	Serpent's Stout	The Lost Abbey	San Marcos, CA	37
<i>Stout</i>	XXXXX Stout	Pike Brewing Company	Seattle, WA	34
<i>Porter</i>	Founders Porter	Founders Brewing Company	Grand Rapids, MI	34
<i>Brown Ale</i>	Bitch Creek ESB	Grand Teton Brewing Company	Victor, ID	32
<i>Scottish-Style Ale</i>	Samuel Adams Wee Heavy	Boston Beer Company	Boston, MA	25
<i>Big Belgian</i>	V-12	Victory Brewing Company	Downington, PA	24
<i>Belgian-Style Ale</i>	Merry Monks'	Weyerbacher Brewing Company	Easton, PA	40
<i>Dark Lager/Dunkel</i>	Black Lager	Magic Hat Brewing Company	S. Burlington, VT	30
<i>Vienna/Marzen Lager</i>	Duck-Rabbit Marzen	The Duck-Rabbit Craft Brewery	Farmville, NC	34
<i>Spice Beer</i>	Smashed Pumpkin	The Shipyard Brewing Company	Portland, ME	32

### 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>
<b>Northeast</b>			
Barrel- Aged Beer	Samuel Adams Thirteenth Hour	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	Geary's Hampshire Special Ale	D.L. Geary Brewing Company	Portland, ME
Honorable Mention	Double Bag Ale	Long Trail Brewing Company	Bridgewater Corners, VT
Imperial Stout	Smuttynose Imperial Stout	Smuttynose Brewing Company	Portsmouth, NH
Honorable Mention	Samuel Adams Imperial Stout	Boston Beer Company	Boston, MA
Stout	Crockett's Corner Oatmeal Stout	Flying Goose Brew Pub	New London, NH

Honorable Mention	Blue Fin Stout
Porter	Potter Place Porter
Honorable Mention	Robust Porter
Brown Ale	Shipyards Brown Ale
Honorable Mention	Samuel Adams Brown Ale
Scottish-Style Ale	Samuel Adams Wee Heavy
Big Belgian	Gravitation Ale
Belgian-Style Ale	Homonculus Ale
Honorable Mention	Smuttynose Farmhouse Ale
Dunkels Lager	Magic Hat Black Lager
Vienna/Marzen Lager	Flying Goose Oktoberfest
Spice Beer	Smashed Pumpkin Ale

The Shipyards Brewing Company  
 Flying Goose Brew Pub  
 Smuttynose Brewing Company  
 The Shipyards Brewing Company  
 Boston Beer Company  
 Boston Beer Company  
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 Smuttynose Brewing Company  
 Magic Hat Brewing Company  
 Flying Goose Brew Pub  
 The Shipyards Brewing Company

Portland, ME  
 New London, NH  
 Portsmouth, NH  
 Portland, ME  
 Boston, MA  
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 Portsmouth, NH  
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 S. Burlington, VT  
 New London, NH  
 Portland, ME

## Mid-Atlantic/Southeast

Barrel-Aged Beer	Bourbon Barrel Porter
Honorable Mention	Three Philosophers
Barleywine	97 Pound Weakling
Strong/Old Ale	Tocobaga Red Ale
Imperial Stout	Marshal Zhurkov's
Stout	Java Head
Porter	Baltic Porter
Brown Ale	He'Brew Messiah Nut Brown Ale
Scottish-Style Ale	Highland Hugh
Honorable Mention	Kilt Tilter
Big Belgian	V-12
Honorable Mention	QUAD
Belgian-Style Ale	Merry Monks'
Honorable Mention	Incubus
Dunkels Lager	Schwarzbier
Vienna/Marzen Lager	Duck-Rabbit Marzen
Spice Beer	Festive Ale
Honorable Mention	Saranac White IPA

Williamsburg AleWerks, LLC  
 Brewery Ommegang  
 Franklin's Brewery  
 Cigar City Brewing Company  
 Cigar City Brewing Company  
 Troegs Brewing Company  
 Dominion Brewing Company  
 Shmaltz Brewing Company  
 Franklin's Brewery  
 Middle Ages Brewing Company  
 Victory Brewing Company  
 Weyerbacher Brewing Company  
 Weyerbacher Brewing Company  
 Sly Fox Brewing Company  
 The Duck-Rabbit Craft Brewery  
 The Duck-Rabbit Craft Brewery  
 Sweetwater Brewing Company  
 Matt Brewing Company

Williamsburg, VA  
 Cooperstown, NY  
 Hyattsville, MD  
 Tampa, FL  
 Tampa, FL  
 Harrisburg, PA  
 Dover, DE  
 Saratoga Springs, NY  
 Hyattsville, MD  
 Syracuse, NY  
 Downingtown, PA  
 Easton, PA  
 Easton, PA  
 Royersford, PA  
 Farmville, NC  
 Farmville, NC  
 Atlanta, GA  
 Utica, NY

## Midwest

Barrel-Aged Beer	Mélange A Trois
Barleywine	Pilgrims Dole
Strong/Old Ale	Shadowy Planet
Honorable Mention	Strong Ale
Imperial Stout	Black Betty Imperial Stout
Stout	Oscars Double Chocolate Oatmeal Stout
Honorable Mention	Steel Valley Stout
Porter	Founders Porter
Honorable Mention	Winterland Porter
Brown Ale	Cabin Fever Brown
Scottish-Style Ale	Tri City Brewing Scottish Ale
Belgian-Style Ale	Belgian Dubbel
Big Belgian	Barrel Aged Naked Evil BBW
Dunkels Lager	North Star Black Lager
Vienna/Marzen Lager	Riverwest Stien
Spice Beer	Schlafly Holiday Spice
Honorable Mention	Thirsty Dog Brewing

Nebraska Brewing Company  
 New Holland Brewing Company  
 Vintage Brewing Company  
 Modern Monks Brewing  
 Nebraska Brewing Company  
 Sand Creek Brewing Company  
 Ohio Brewing Company  
 Founders Brewing Company  
 Hinterland Brewery  
 New Holland Brewing Company  
 Tri-City Brewing  
 Bier Brewery  
 Hoppin' Frog Brewery  
 Grumpy Troll Brewery  
 Lake Front Brewing Company  
 The St Louis Brewing Company  
 12 Dogs of Christmas

Papillion, NE  
 New Holland, MI  
 Madison, WI  
 Lincoln, NE  
 Papillion, NE  
 Black River Falls, WI  
 Akron, OH  
 Grand Rapids, MI  
 Green Bay, WI  
 New Holland, MI  
 Bay City, MI  
 Indianapolis, IN  
 Akron, OH  
 Mt Horeb, WI  
 Milwaukee, WI  
 St Louis, MO  
 Akron OH

## Rockies/Southwest

Barrel-Aged Beer	Barrel Aged Winter Warmer
Barleywine	Hog Heaven
Strong/Old Ale	Old Jubilation
Imperial Stout	North Star Imperial Porter
Honorable Mention	Java Imperial Stout
Stout	Zonkers Stout
Honorable Mention	RIP Milk Stout

Rahr & Sons Brewing Company  
 Avery Brewing Company  
 Avery Brewing Company  
 Twisted Pine Brewing  
 Santa Fe Brewing Company  
 Snake River Brewing Company  
 Pagosa Springs Brewing Company

Ft.Worth TX  
 Boulder, CO  
 Boulder, CO  
 Boulder, CO  
 Santa Fe, NM  
 Jackson Hole, WY  
 Pagosa Springs, CO

Porter	State Pen Porter
Brown Ale	Santa Fe Nut Brown
Scottish-Style Ale	Old Chub
Belgian-Style Ale	The Reverend
Dunkels Lager	Ugly Pug
Vienna/Marzen Lager	Santa Fe Oktoberfest
Spice Beer	<i>No winner declared</i>
<i>Big Belgian</i>	<i>No winner declared</i>

Sante Fe Brewing Company	Santa Fe, NM
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Oskar Blues Brewery	Lyons, CO
Avery Brewing Company	Boulder CO
Rahr & Sons Brewing Company	Ft. Worth, TX
Santa Fe Brewing Company	Santa Fe, NM

## California

Barrel-Aged Beer	Deliverance Ale
Honorable Mention	Moylan's Imperial Stout (Barrel Aged)
Barleywine	Old Blarney Barleywine
Strong/Old Ale	Arrogant Bastard Ale
Imperial Stout	Serpents Stout
Honorable Mention	Ryan O'Sullivan's Imperial Stout
Stout	San Quentin Breakout Stout
Honorable Mention	Dragoon's Dry Irish Stout
Porter	Chelsea Moylan's Porter
Honorable Mention	Point Reyes Porter
Brown Ale	Acme California Brown Ale
Scottish-Style Ale	Kilt Lifter Scotch Ale
Big Belgian	Cuvee de Tomme
Belgian-Style Ale	Red Barn Ale
Honorable Mention	Gift of the Magi
Dunkels Lager	Evans Black Lager
Vienna/Marzen Lager	Moylan's Oktoberfest Marzen
Spice Beer	Hoppy Holiday

The Lost Abbey	San Marcos, CA
Moylan's Brewing Company	Novato, CA
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Stone Brewing Company,	San Diego, CA
Port Brewing	San Marcos, CA
Moylan's Brewing Company	Novato, CA
Marin Brewing Company	Larkspur, CA
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Marin Brewing Company	Larkspur, CA
North Coast Brewing Company	Fort Bragg, CA
Moylan's Brewing Company	Novato, CA
The Lost Abbey	San Marcos, CA
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Evans Premium Lager	Corona, CA
Moylan's Brewing Company	Novato, CA
Marin Brewing Company	Larkspur, CA

## Northwest/Pacific

Barrel-Aged Beer	Black Butte XXIII
Honorable Mention	Olde Bluehair
Barleywine	Old Crustacean
Honorable Mention	Critical Hit
Strong/Old Ale	Double Diamond
Imperial Stout	The Abyss
Stout	XXXXXX Stout
Honorable Mention	Oasis Oatmeal Stout
Porter	Priebe Porter
Honorable Mention	Bobo's Robust Porter
Brown Ale	Bitch Creek ESB
Honorable Mention	Track Town Brown Ale
Scottish-Style Ale	Track Town Porcini Scotch Ale
Big Belgian	Dick's Grand Cru
Belgian-Style Ale	Coming Home 2011
Honorable Mention	Monk's Uncle
Dunkels Lager	Dirtoir Black Lager
Honorable Mention	Groomer
Vienna/Marzen Lager	Session Fest
Spice Beer	Frosty Frog
Honorable Mention	Side Dish

Deschutes Brewery	Bend, OR
Big Sky Brewing Company	Missoula, MT
Rogue Brewery	Newport, OR
Ninkasi Brewing Company	Eugene, OR
Dick's Brewing Company	Centralia, WA
Deschutes Brewery	Bend, OR
Pike Brewing Company	Seattle, WA
Ninkasi Brewing Company	Eugene, OR
Icicle Brewing Company	Leavenworth, WA
Big Sky Brewing Company	Missoula, MT
Grand Teton Brewing Company	Victor, ID
Eugene City Brewery	Eugene, OR
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Dick's Brewing Company	Centralia, WA
Grand Teton Brewing Company	Victor, ID
Pike Brewing Company	Seattle, WA
Rogue Brewery	Newport, OR
Bayern Brewing	Missoula, MT
Full Sail Brewing Company	Hood River, OR
Issaquah Brewery	Issaquah, WA
Buckman Village Brewery	Portland, OR