

USBTC Announces 19th Annual Winter Competition Winners

Lisle, IL - The United States Beer Tasting Championship™ (USBTC) recently completed its 19th annual Winter Competition. A total of 472 beers from 144 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, American Black Ale and “Bean” Beer were selected as the 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>	Angel Share	The Lost Abbey	San Marcos, CA	46
<i>Barleywine</i>	Pilgrim’s Dole	New Holland Brewing	New Holland, MI	40
<i>Strong/Old Ale</i>	B & T’s Strong Ale	Wormtown Brewery	Worcester, MA	35
<i>Imperial Stout</i>	B.O.R.I.S. The Crusher	Hoppin’ Frog Brewery	Akron, OH	30
<i>Stout</i>	Hooligan Stout	Old Schoolhouse Brewery	Winthrop, WA	28
<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	24
<i>Scottish-Style Ale</i>	Samuel Adams Wee Heavy	Boston Beer Company	Boston, MA	24
<i>Belgian-Style Ale</i>	QUAD	Weyerbacher Brewing Company	Easton, PA	34
<i>Dark Lager/Dunkel</i>	Dirtoir Black Lager	Rogue Brewery	Newport, OR	28
<i>Vienna/Marzen Lager</i>	Session Fest	Full Sail Brewing Company	Hood River, OR	34
<i>Spice Beer</i>	Ebenezer’s Christmas Ale	Williamsburg AleWerks, LLC	Williamsburg, VA	47
<i>American Black Ale</i>	Hop Heathen	Hoppin’ Frog Brewery	Akron, OH	29
<i>Bean Beer</i>	Café Royale	Williamsburg AleWerks, LLC	Williamsburg, VA	39

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 Thirteenth Hour	Boston, MA
	Barleywine	Samuel Adams Griffins Bow	Boston, MA
Honorable Mention	Isle of Pines Barleywine	Flying Goose Brew Pub	New London, NH
	Strong/Old Ale	B & T Strong Ale	Wormtown Brewing
Honorable Mention	Double Bag Ale	Long Trail Brewing Company	Bridgewater Corners, VT
	Imperial Stout	Smuttynose Imperial Stout	Smuttynose Brewing Company
Honorable Mention	Samuel Adams Imperial Stout	Boston Beer Company	Boston, MA
	Stout	Crockett’s Corner Oatmeal Stout	Flying Goose Brew Pub
Honorable Mention	Blue Fin Stout	The Shipyard Brewing Company	New London, NH
	Porter	Robust Porter	Smuttynose Brewing Company
Honorable Mention	Samuel Adams Holiday Porter	Boston Beer Company	Portsmouth, NH
	Brown Ale	Hedgehog Brown Ale	Boston, MA
		Flying Goose Brew Pub	New London, NH

Honorable Mention	Samuel Adams Brown Ale
Scottish-Style Ale	Samuel Adams Wee Heavy
Belgian-Style Ale	Homonculus Ale
Honorable Mention	Smuttynose Farmhouse Ale
Dunkels Lager	Magic Hat Black Lager
Vienna/Marzen Lager	Flying Goose Vienna
Spice Beer	Smashed Pumpkin Ale
American Black Ale	Mikey's Vyce Black IPA
Bean Beer	Sweet Tats

Boston Beer Company	Boston, MA
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Smuttynose Brewing Company	Portsmouth, NH
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Magic Hat Brewing Company	S. Burlington, VT
Flying Goose Brew Pub	New London, NH
The Shipyard Brewing Company	Portland, ME
Flying Goose Brew Pub	New London, NH
Wormtown Brewing	Worcester, MA

Mid-Atlantic/Southeast

Barrel-Aged Beer	Bourbon Barrel Porter
Honorable Mention	Cheers!
Barleywine	The Gimp
Honorable Mention	97 Pound Weakling
Strong/Old Ale	Old Miser
Imperial Stout	Marshal Zhurkov's
Stout	Black Mocha Stout
Porter	Dead Reckoning
Honorable Mention	Stegmaier Porter
Brown Ale	Tavern Ale
Scottish-Style Ale	Big Sound
Honorable Mention	Highland Hugh
Belgian-Style Ale	QUAD
Honorable Mention	Twelve
Dunkels Lager	Saranac Black Forest
Vienna/Marzen Lager	BisonFest
Spice Beer	Ebenezer's Christmas Ale
American Black Ale	Yakima Glory
Honorable Mention	Hoppy Bunny
Bean Beer	Café Royale
Honorable Mention	Wake 'N Bake

Williamsburg AleWerks, LLC	Williamsburg, VA
Cigar City Brewing Company	Tampa, FL
Sweetwater Brewing Company	Atlanta, GA
Franklin's Brewery	Hyattsville, MD
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Cigar City Brewing Company	Tampa, FL
Highland Brewing Company	Asheville, NC
Troegs Brewing Company	Harrisburg, PA
The Lion Brewery	Wilkes-Barre, PA
Williamsburg AleWerks, LLC	Williamsburg, VA
Cigar City Brewing Company	Tampa, FL
Franklin's Brewery	Hyattsville, MD
Weyerbacher Brewing Company	Easton, PA
Victory Brewing Company	Downington, PA
FX Matt Brewing Company	Utica, NY
Flying Bison Brewing Company,	Buffalo, NY
Williamsburg AleWerks, LLC	Williamsburg, VA
Victory Brewing Company	Downington, PA
The Duck-Rabbit Craft Brewery	Farmville, NC
Williamsburg AleWerks, LLC	Williamsburg, VA
Terrapin Beer Company	Athens, GA

Midwest

Barrel-Aged Beer	Dragons Milk
Honorable Mention	DAFT
Barleywine	Pilgrim's Dole
Honorable Mention	Fathead
Strong/Old Ale	Bridge Burner
Imperial Stout	BORIS The Crusher
Stout	Spetsnaz
Porter	Founders Porter
Brown Ale	Bonfire Brown
Scottish-Style Ale	Outta Kilter Wee-Heavy
Belgian-Style Ale	Fortunato
Dunkels Lager	Schwarz Black Lager
Vienna/Marzen Lager	Riverwest Stein
Spice Beer	Joulupukki
Honorable Mention	Schlafly Christmas Ale
American Black Ale	Hop Heathen Imperial Black Ale
Bean Beer	Cup Of Joe

New Holland Brewing Company	New Holland, MI
Urban Chestnut Brewing Company	St Louis, MO
New Holland Brewing Company	New Holland, MI
Nebraska Brewing Company	Papillion, NE
Lake Front Brewing Company	Milwaukee, WI
Hoppin' Frog Brewery	Akron, OH
Grumpy Troll Brewery	Mt Horeb, WI
Founders Brewing Company	Grand Rapids, MI
Saugatuck Brewing Company	Saugatuck, MI
Hoppin' Frog Brewery	Akron, OH
Tri-City Brewing Company	Bay City, MI
Upland Brewing Company	Bloomington, IN
Lake Front Brewing Company	Milwaukee, WI
Vintage Brewing Company	Madison, WI
The St Louis Brewery	St Louis, MO
Hoppin' Frog Brewery	Akron, OH
Shorts Brewing Company	Bellaire, MI

Rockies/Southwest

Barrel-Aged Beer	Das Überkind
Barleywine	Killer Penguin
Strong/Old Ale	Never Summer
Imperial Stout	Snowmageddon
Stout	Double Chocolate Stout

Jester King Craft Brewery	Austin, TX
Boulder Beer Company	Boulder, CO
Boulder Beer Company	Boulder, CO
Rahr & Sons Brewing Company	FT Worth, TX
The FT Collins Brewery	FT Collins, CO

Porter	Texas Crude
Brown Ale	Santa Fe Nut Brown
Scottish-Style Ale	Great Scot
Honorable Mention	Old Chub
Belgian-Style Ale	Tripel B
Dunkels Lager	Ugly Pug
Vienna/Marzen Lager	Oktoberfest
Spice Beer	Wintervention
American Black Ale	BLACK I.P.A.
Bean Beer	Double Chocolate Coffee Stout
Honorable Mention	Imperial Java Stout

Texas Big Beer Brewery
Santa Fe Brewing Company
Peticolas Brewing Company
Oskar Blues Brewery
Adelberts Brewery
Rahr & Sons Brewing Company
Santa Fe Brewing Company
Peticolas Brewing Company
Santa Fe Brewing Company
The FT Collins Brewery
Santa Fe Brewing Company

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Santa Fe, NM
Dallas, TX
Longmont, CO
Austin, TX
Ft. Worth, TX
Santa Fe, NM
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FT Collins, CO
Santa Fe, NM

California

Barrel-Aged Beer	Angel Share
Honorable Mention	Deliverance Ale
Barleywine	Old Blarney Barleywine
Strong/Old Ale	Arrogant Bastard Ale
Imperial Stout	Serpents Stout
Honorable Mention	Ryan O'Sullivan's Imperial Stout
Stout	Dragoon's Dry Irish Stout
Honorable Mention	San Quentin Breakout Stout
Porter	Point Reyes Porter
Honorable Mention	Chelsea Moylan's Porter
Brown Ale	Acme California Brown Ale
Scottish-Style Ale	Kilt Lifter Scotch Ale
Belgian-Style Ale	Judgement Day
Honorable Mention	Inferno
Dunkels Lager	Evans Black Lager
Vienna/Marzen Lager	Moylan's Oktoberfest Marzen
Spice Beer	Hoppy Holiday
American Black Ale	none declared
Bean Beer	none declared

The Lost Abbey
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Moylan's Brewing Company
Stone Brewing Company
Port Brewing
Moylan's Brewing Company
Moylan's Brewing Company
Marin Brewing Company
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North Coast Brewing Company
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San Marcos, CA
San Marcos, CA
Corona, CA
Novato, CA
Larkspur, CA

Northwest/Pacific

Barrel-Aged Beer	Oak Priebe
Honorable Mention	Switch Back Stout
Barleywine	10 ²
Honorable Mention	Coming Home 2012
Strong/Old Ale	XX Bitch Creek
Imperial Stout	The Abyss
Stout	Hooligan Stout
Honorable Mention	XXXXXX Stout
Porter	Mocha Porter
Brown Ale	Bitch Creek ESB
Scottish-Style Ale	Kilt Lifter
Belgian-Style Ale	Biere de Noel
Honorable Mention	All Souls Ale
Dunkels Lager	Dirtoir Black Lager
Vienna/Marzen Lager	Session Fest
Spice Beer	Winter Ale
Honorable Mention	Frosty Frog
American Black Ale	Lost Cast Black IPA
Honorable Mention	Swordfish
Bean Beer	Black Butte XXIV

Icicle Brewing Company
Two Beer Brewing Company
Fish Brewing Company
Grand Teton Brewing Company
Grand Teton Brewing Company
Deschutes Brewery
Old Schoolhouse Brewery
Pike Brewing Company
Rogue Brewery
Grand Teton Brewing Company
Pike Brewing Company
Big Sky Brewing Company
Big Sky Brewing Company
Rogue Brewery
Full Sail Brewing Company
Bitter Root Brewing
Issaquah Brewery
Bitter Root Brewing
Fish Brewing Company
Deschutes Brewery

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Olympia, WA
Victor, ID
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Bend, OR
Winthrop, WA
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