

USBTC Announces 20th Annual Winter Competition Winners

Manchester, NH - The United States Beer Tasting Championship™ (USBTC) recently completed its 20th annual Winter Competition. A total of 580 beers from 151 breweries were examined across 15 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, “Giant” Beer 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>	Bourbon Barrel Porter	Williamsburg Alewerks, LL C	Williamsburg, VA	68
<i>Barleywine</i>	Pilgrim’s Dole	New Holland Brewing	New Holland, MI	46
<i>Strong/Old Ale</i>	Old Siberian Strong Ale	Crankers Brewery	Big Rapids, MI	34
<i>American Black Ale</i>	Goatman	Lakewood Brewing Company	Garland, TX	33
<i>Imperial Stout</i>	Siberian Night	Thirsty Dog Brewing Company	Akron, OH	35
<i>Stout</i>	Neapolitan Stout	Saugatuck Brewing	Douglas, MI	36
<i>Porter</i>	Robust Porter	Smuttynose Brewing	Portsmouth, NH	42
<i>Brown Ale</i>	Hedgehog Brown Ale	Flying Goose Brew Pub	New London, NH	46
<i>Scottish-Style Ale</i>	Big Sound Scottish Ale	Cigar City Brewing	Tampa, FL	24
<i>Belgian-Style Ale</i>	Judgment Day	The Lost Abby	San Marcos, CA	55
<i>Dark Lager/Dunkel</i>	Black Bavarian	Sprecher Brewing	Glendale, WI	20
<i>Vienna/Marzen Lager</i>	October fest	Figure Eight Brewing	Valparaiso, IN	26
<i>Spice Beer</i>	Imperial Pumpkin	Lakefront Brewing	Milwaukee, WI	53
<i>Bean Beer</i>	Café Royale	Williamsburg Alewerks, LLC	Williamsburg, VA	35
<i>Giant Beer</i>	Jewbelation Reborn	Shmaltz Brewing	Clifton Park, NY	17

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	Bourbon Barrel Black Ale	Allagash Brewing	Portland, ME
	Honorable Mention Curieux	Allagash Brewing	Portland, ME
Barleywine	Smuttynose Barleywine Style Ale	Smuttynose Brewing Company	Portsmouth, NH
Strong/Old Ale	B & T Strong Ale	Wormtown Brewing	Worcester, MA
Honorable Mention	Double Bag Ale	Long Trail Brewing Company	Bridgewater Corners, VT
American Black Ale	Mikey’s Vyce Black IPA	Flying Goose Brew Pub	New London, NH
Imperial Stout	Smuttynose Imperial Stout	Smuttynose Brewing Company	Portsmouth, NH
Honorable Mention	Samuel Adams Imperial Stout	Boston Beer Company	Boston, MA
Stout	Blue Fin Stout	The Shipyard Brewing Company	Portland, ME
Porter	Robust Porter	Smuttynose Brewing Company	Portsmouth, NH
Brown Ale	Hedgehog Brown Ale	Flying Goose Brew Pub	New London, NH

Honorable Mention	Smuttynose Old Brown Dog Ale	Smuttynose Brewing Company	Portsmouth, NH
Scottish-Style Ale	Smuttynose Scotch Ale	Smuttynose Brewing Company	Portsmouth, NH
Belgian-Style Ale	Homonculus Ale	Smuttynose Brewing Company	Portsmouth, NH
Honorable Mention	Allagash Four	Allagash Brewing	Portland, ME
Dark Lager/Dunkel	Smuttynose Winter Lager	Smuttynose Brewing Company	Portsmouth, NH
Vienna/Marzen Lager	None declared		
Spice Beer	Samuel Adams Old Fezziwig	Boston Beer Company	Boston, MA
Bean Beer	None Declared		
Yeast Killer	Samuel Adams Utopias	Boston Beer Company	Boston, MA

Mid-Atlantic/Southeast

Barrel-Aged Beer	Bourbon Barrel Porter	Williamsburg AleWerks, LLC	Williamsburg, VA
Barleywine	The Gimp	Sweetwater Brewing Company	Atlanta, GA
Honorable Mention	97 Pound Weaking	Franklin's Brewery	Hyattsville, MD
Strong/Old Ale	Bootes	Weyerbacher Brewing Company	Easton, PA
Honorable Mention	Stegmaier Winter Warmer	The Lion Brewery	Wilkes-Barre, PA
American Black Ale	Black Hop Down	Franklin's Brewery	Hyattsville, MD
Imperial Stout	Marshal Zhurkov's	Cigar City Brewing Company	Tampa, FL
Honorable Mention	Storm King	Victory Brewing Company	Downington, PA
Stout	Java Head	Troegs Brewing Company	Harrisburg, PA
Honorable Mention	Black Mocha Stout	Highland Brewing Company	Asheville, NC
Porter	Baltic Porter	Dominion Brewing Company	Dover, DE
Honorable Mention	Dead Reckoning	Troegs Brewing Company	Harrisburg, PA
Brown Ale	Old Stitch	Williamsburg AleWerks, LLC	Williamsburg, VA
Scottish-Style Ale	Big Sound	Cigar City Brewing Company	Tampa, FL
Honorable Mention	Highland Hugh 2012	Franklin's Brewery	Hyattsville, MD
Belgian-Style Ale	QUAD	Weyerbacher Brewing Company	Easton, PA
Honorable Mention	Twelve	Victory Brewing Company	Downington, PA
Dark Lager/Dunkel	Dunkel Lager	Sly Fox Brewing Company	Royersford, PA
Vienna/Marzen Lager	Oktoberfest Lager	Sly Fox Brewing Company	Royersford, PA
Spice Beer	Good Gourd	Cigar City Brewing Company	Tampa, FL
Bean Beer	Café Royale	Williamsburg AleWerks, LLC	Williamsburg, VA
Honorable Mention	Wake 'N Bake	Terrapin Beer Company	Athens, GA
Giant Beer	Jewelation Reborn	Shmaltz Brewing Company	Clifton Park, NY

Midwest

Barrel-Aged Beer	Dragons Milk	New Holland Brewing Company	New Holland, MI
Honorable Mention	Melange A Trois	Nebraska Brewing Company	Papillion, NE
Barleywine	Pilgrim's Dole	New Holland Brewing Company	New Holland, MI
Honorable Mention	Fathead	Nebraska Brewing Company	Papillion, NE
Strong/Old Ale	Old Siberian	Crankers Brewing	Big Rapids, MI
Honorable Mention	Jackhammer	Arbor Brewing	Ypsilanti, MI
American Black Ale	Bludgeon yer eye	Shorts Brewing	Bellaire, MI
Honorable Mention	Urban Blacktop	Urban chestnut	St Louis, MO
Imperial Stout	Siberian Night	Thirsty Dog Brewing	Akron, OH
Stout	Neapolitan Stout	Saugatuck Brewing	Douglas, MI
Honorable Mention	Spetsnaz	Grumpy Troll Brewery	Mt Horeb, WI
Porter	Founders Porter	Founders Brewing Company	Grand Rapids, MI
Brown Ale	Rocky's Revenge	Tyranena Brewing	Lake Mills, WI
Scottish-Style Ale	Dirty Bastard	Founders Brewing Company	Grand Rapids, MI
Belgian-Style Ale	Cerberus	Thirsty Dog Brewing	Akron, OH
Honorable Mention	Phat Abbot	Arbor Brewing	Ypsilanti, MI
Dark Lager/Dunkel	Black Bavarian	Sprecher Brewing	Glendale, WI
Vienna/Marzen Lager	Oktoberfest	Figure Eight Brewing	Valparaiso, IN
Spice Beer	Imperial Pumpkin	Lakefront Brewing	Madison, WI
Bean Beer	Tiramisu Stout	Crankers Brewing	Big Rapids, MI
Giant Beer	Bolt Cutter	Founders Brewing	Grand Rapids, MI

Rockies/Southwest

Barrel-Aged Beer	Choc OPA	Krebs Brewing Company	Krebs, OK
Honorable Mention	Sophia D'oren	Brasserie St James	Reno, NV
Barleywine	Barley Wine	Epic Brewing	Salt Lake City, UT
Strong/Old Ale	Never Summer	Boulder Beer Company	Boulder, CO
American Black Ale	Goatman	Lakewood Brewing	Garland, TX
Imperial Stout	Black Curtains	Peticolas Brewing	Dallas, TX
Stout	Captain Bastards	Squatters Brewing	Salt Lake City, UT
Porter	State Pen Porter	Santa Fe Brewing Company	Santa Fe, NM
Brown Ale	Santa Fe Nut Brown	Santa Fe Brewing Company	Santa Fe, NM
Scottish-Style Ale	Smoked and Oaked	Epic Brewing	Salt Lake City, UT
Honorable Mention	Great Scot	Peticolas Brewing	Dallas, TX
Belgian-Style Ale	Flying Monk	Adelberts Brewery	Austin, TX
Honorable Mention	Quadrophobia	Brasserie St James	Reno, NV
Dark Lager/Dunkel	Ugly Pug	Rahr & Sons Brewing Company	Ft. Worth, TX
Vienna/Marzen Lager	Choc Choctoberfest	Krebs Brewing Company	Krebs, OK
Spice Beer	DC Brau	Epic Brewing	Salt Lake City, UT
Honorable Mention	Don't Pout Holiday Stout	Odyssey Beerwerks	Arvada, CO
Bean Beer	Bad Baptist	Epic Brewing	Salt Lake City, UT
Giant Beer	Prairie Artisan Ales Pirate Bomb	Krebs Brewing Company	Krebs, OK

California

Barrel-Aged Beer	Angel Share	The Lost Abbey	San Marcos, CA
Honorable Mention	Barrel Aged Imperial Stout	Moylan's Brewing Company	Novato, CA
Barleywine	Old Dipsea	Marin Brewing Company	Larkspur, CA
Honorable Mention	Old Blarney Barleywine	Moylan's Brewing Company	Novato, CA
Strong/Old Ale	Arrogant Bastard Ale	Stone Brewing Company	San Diego, CA
American Black Ale	<i>No winner declared</i>		
Imperial Stout	Serpents Stout	The Lost Abbey	San Marcos, CA
Honorable Mention	Ryan O'Sullivan's Imperial Stout	Moylan's Brewing Company	Novato, CA
Stout	San Quentin Breakout Stout	Marin Brewing Company	Larkspur, CA
Honorable Mention	Dragoons Dry Irish Stout	Moylan's Brewing Company	Novato, CA
Porter	Chelsea Moylan's Porter	Moylan's Brewing Company	Novato, 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	Judgement Day	The Lost Abbey	San Marcos, CA
Honorable Mention	Inferno	The Lost Abbey	San Marcos, CA
Dark Lager/Dunkel	Evans Black Lager	Evans Premium Lager	Corona, CA
Vienna/Marzen Lager	Moylan's Octoberfest Marzen	Moylan's Brewing Company	Novato, CA
Spice Beer	White Christmas	Moylan's Brewing Company	Novato, CA
Bean Beer	<i>No winner declared</i>		
Giant Beer	No winner declared		

Northwest/Pacific

Barrel-Aged Beer	Bourbon Barrel-aged Imperial Stout	Reuben's Brews	Seattle, WA
Honorable Mention	Big Ass Barrel Brewer's Ale	Rogue Brewery	Newport, OR
Barleywine	Barley Wine Style Ale	Old Schoolhouse Brewery	Winthrop, WA
Honorable Mention	Old Crustacean	Rogue Brewery	Newport, OR
Strong/Old Ale	Brrr 2013	Widmer Brothers Brewing Company	Portland, OR
Honorable Mention	Powder Hound	Big Sky Brewing Company	Missoula, T
American Black Ale	Last Cast Black IPA	Bitter Root Brewing	Hamilton, MT
Honorable Mention	Trout Hop	Grand Teton Brewing Company	Victor, ID
Imperial Stout	The Abyss 2011	Deschutes Brewery	Bend, OR
Stout	Hooligan Stout	Old Schoolhouse Brewery	Winthrop, WA
Honorable Mention	Organic Oatmeal Stout	Fish Brewing Company	Olympia, WA
Porter	Five Pine Chocolate Porter	Three Creeks Brewing Company	Sisters, OR
Brown Ale	Bitch Creek ESB	Grand Teton Brewing Company	Victor, ID
Scottish-Style Ale	Kilt Lifter	Pike Brewing Company	Seattle, WA
Belgian-Style Ale	Monk's Uncle	Pike Brewing Company	Seattle, WA

Dark Lager/Dunkel	Dirtoir Black Lager	Rogue Brewery	Newport, OR
Honorable Mention	Leavenworth Biers Bakke Hill Black Lager	Fish Brewing Company	Olympia, WA
Vienna/Marzen Lager	Dirtyface Amber	Icicle Brewing Company	Leavenworth, WA
Spice Beer	Winter Drumfire	Icicle Brewing Company	Leavenworth, WA
Bean Beer	Black Butte XXV	Deschutes Brewery	Bend, OR
Honorable Mention	Dark Persuasion	Icicle Brewing Company	Leavenworth, WA
Giant Beer	<i>No winner declared</i>		

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