

USBTC Announces 21st Annual Winter Competition Winners

Cambridge, MA - The United States Beer Tasting Championship™ (USBTC) recently completed its 21st annual Winter Competition. A total of 562 beers from 146 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, Non-whiskey Barrel/Wood Aged Beer and “Bean” Beer were selected as the USBTC pull-out categories.

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The USBTC Grand Champions were:

<u>Category</u>	<u>Grand Champion</u>	<u>Company</u>	<u>Location</u>	<u>Total Beers Judged</u>
<i>Whiskey Barrel Aged Beer</i>	Jumbo Love	Figure Eight Brewing	Valparaiso, IN	48
<i>Non-whiskey Aged Beer</i>	Leon	Cigar City Brewing Company	Tampa, FL	40
<i>Barleywine</i>	Warmer Winter Warmer	Cigar City Brewing Company	Tampa, FL	34
<i>Strong/Old Ale</i>	Winter Warmer	Rahr & Sons Brewing Company	Ft. Worth, TX	21
<i>American Black Ale</i>	North West Alpha	Franklin's Brewery	Hyattsville, MD	31
<i>Imperial Stout</i>	Churchill's Finest Hour	The Lost Abbey	San Marcos, CA	46
<i>Stout</i>	American Stout	Wild Wolf Brewing Company	Nellysford, VA	42
<i>Porter</i>	TransPorter	Assawoman Bay Brewing Company	Ocean City, MD	35
<i>Brown Ale</i>	Timber Town Brown	Icicle Brewing Company	Leavenworth, WA	34
<i>Scottish-Style Ale</i>	Big Sound	Cigar City Brewing Company	Tampa, FL	27
<i>Belgian-Style Ale</i>	Reverent Monk	Saugatuck Brewing	Douglas, MI	64
<i>Dark Lager/Dunkel</i>	Black Bavarian	Sprecher Brewing	Glendale, WI	18
<i>Vienna/Marzen Lager</i>	Winter Skál	Capital Brewery	Middleton, WI	35
<i>Spice Beer</i>	Imperial Pumpkin	Lakefront Brewing	Milwaukee, WI	48
<i>Bean Beer</i>	Hunahpu's Imperial Stout	Cigar City Brewing Company	Tampa, FL	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	Whiskey Barrel Aged Beer	Bourbon Barrel Black Ale	Allagash Brewing	Portland, ME
	Honorable Mention	Curieux	Allagash Brewing	Portland, ME
Non-Whiskey Barrel Aged Beer	Flanders Red	Flying Goose Brew Pub	New London, NH	
Barleywine	Smuttynose Barleywine Style Ale	Smuttynose Brewing Company	Portsmouth, NH	
Honorable Mention	Isle of Pines	Flying Goose Brewpub	New London, NH	
Strong/Old Ale	Double Bag Ale	Long Trail Brewing Company	Bridgewater Crns, VT	
American Black Ale	Black IPA	The Shipyard Brewing Company	Portland, ME	
Honorable Mention	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
Stout	JP Stout
Porter	Robust Porter
Brown Ale	Jabberwocky
Honorable Mention	Smuttynose Old Brown Dog Ale
Scottish-Style Ale	Smuttynose Scotch Ale
Belgian-Style Ale	Allagash Four
Honorable Mention	Allagash Tripel
Dark Lager/Dunkel	Smuttynose Winter Lager
Vienna/Marzen Lager	Novemberfest
Honorable Mention	Samuel Adams Octoberfest
Spice Beer	Bourbon Barrel Aged Smashed Pumpkin
Honorable Mention	Gingerbread Head
Bean Beer	Samuel Adams Chocolate Bock

Boston Beer Company	Boston, MA
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Smuttynose Brewing Company	Portsmouth, NH
Flying Goose Brew Pub	New London, NH
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Allagash Brewing	Portland, ME
Allagash Brewing	Portland, ME
Smuttynose Brewing Company	Portsmouth, NH
Flying Goose Brew Pub	New London, NH
Boston Beer Company	Boston, MA
The Shipyard Brewing Company	Portland, ME
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Boston Beer Company	Boston, MA

Mid-Atlantic/Southeast

Whiskey Barrel Aged Beer	Bourbon Barrel Porter
Non-whiskey Aged Beer	Leon
Honorable Mention	Jubilee
Barleywine	Warmer Winter Winter Warmer
Strong/Old Ale	Cormoran
American Black Ale	North West Alpha
Honorable Mention	Death of a Contract Brewer
Imperial Stout	Marshal Zhurkov's
Stout	American Stout
Honorable Mention	Java Head
Porter	TransPorter
Honorable Mention	Pecan Porter
Brown Ale	Georgia Brown
Scottish-Style Ale	Big Sound
Honorable Mention	20 th Anniversary Scotch Ale
Belgian-Style Ale	QUAD
Honorable Mention	Gun Show
Dark Lager/Dunkel	Tmavy Dark Czech Lager
Vienna/Marzen Lager	Maryland Marzen
Honorable Mention	Cutlass
Spice Beer	Good Gourd
Honorable Mention	The Premiere Pumpkin Ale
Bean Beer	Hunahpu's Imperial Stout
Honorable Mention	Anastasia's Double Chocolate Fantasy

Williamsburg AleWerks, LLC	Williamsburg, VA
Cigar City Brewing Company	Tampa, FL
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Franklin's Brewery	Hyattsville, MD
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Shmaltz Brewing Company	Clifton Park, NY
Cigar City Brewing Company	Tampa, FL
Wild Wolf Brewing Company	Nellysford, VA
Troegs Brewing Company	Harrisburg, PA
Assawoman Bay Brewing Company	Ocean City, MD
O'Connor Brewing Company	Norfolk, VA
Sweetwater Brewing Company	Atlanta, GA
Cigar City Brewing Company	Tampa, FL
Highland Brewing Company	Asheville, NC
Weyerbacher Brewing Company	Easton, PA
Monday Night Brewing Company	Atlanta, GA
Lost Rhino Brewing Company	Ashburn, VA
Assawoman Bay Brewing Company	Ocean City, MD
Heavy Seas Beer	Baltimore, MD
Cigar City Brewing Company	Tampa, FL
Big Bear Brewing Company	Coral Springs, FL
Cigar City Brewing Company	Tampa, FL
South Street Brewery	Charlottesville, VA

Midwest

Whiskey Barrel Aged Beer	Jumbo Love
Non-whiskey Aged Beer	Melange A Trois
Barleywine	Pilgrim's Dole
Strong/Old Ale	Shovel Strong
Honorable Mention	Jackhammer
American Black Ale	IBA
Imperial Stout	Boris The Crusher
Stout	Barrel Aged Neapolitan Stout
Honorable Mention	Spetsnaz
Porter	Old Leg Humper
Brown Ale	Rocky's Revenge
Scottish-Style Ale	Dirty Bastard
Belgian-Style Ale	The Reverent Monk
Dark Lager/Dunkel	Black Bavarian
Vienna/Marzen Lager	Winter Skál
Spice Beer	Imperial Pumpkin
Bean Beer	Breakfast Stout

Figure 8 Brewing	Valparaiso, IN
Nebraska Brewing Company	Papillion, NE
New Holland Brewing Company	New Holland, MI
Tri-City Brewing	Bay City, MI
Arbor Brewing	Ypsilanti, MI
Lakefront Brewing	Milwaukee, WI
Hoppin Frog Brewing	Akron, OH
Saugatuck Brewing	Douglas, MI
Grumpy Troll Brewery	Mt Horeb, WI
Thirsty Dog Brewing	Akron, OH
Tyranena Brewing	Lake Mills, WI
Founders Brewing Company	Grand Rapids, MI
Saugatuck Brewing	Douglas, MI
Sprecher Brewing	Glendale, WI
Capital Brewery	Middleton, WI
Lakefront Brewing	Madison, WI
Founders Brewing	Grand Rapids, MI

Rockies/Southwest

Whiskey Barrel Aged Beer Tempress

Non-whiskey Aged Beer Sangre
Barleywine The Duke
Strong/Old Ale Rahr's Winter Warmer
American Black Ale Black I.P.A.
Imperial Stout Ten Fiddy
Stout Barrel One
Porter Jamieson Station
Brown Ale Winter Bourbon Barrel Brown
Scottish-Style Ale Iron Thistle
Honorable Mention Great Scot
Belgian-Style Ale Flying Monk
Dark Lager/Dunkel Ugly Pug
Vienna/Marzen Lager Lakewood Lager
Spice Beer Nightmare Before Xmas
Bean Beer Bad Baptist

Lakewood Brewing Company

Garland , TX

Revolver Brewing Granbury, TX
Peticolas Brewing Dallas, TX
Rahr and Sons Brewing Company FT Worth, TX
Santa Fe Brewing Santa Fe, NM
Oskar Blues Brewing Longmont, CO
Revolver Brewing Granbury, TX
Brasserie St James Reno, NV
Grand Canyon Brewing Williams, AZ
Rahr and Sons Brewing Company FT Worth, TX
Peticolas Brewing Dallas, TX
Adelberts Brewery Austin, TX
Rahr & Sons Brewing Company Ft. Worth, TX
Lakewood Brewing Company Garland, TX
Cobra Brewing Lewisville, TX
Epic Brewing Salt Lake City, UT

California

Whiskey Barrel Aged Beer Angel Share
Honorable Mention Barrel Aged Imperial Stout
Non-whiskey Aged Beer Sede Vacante
Barleywine Old Blarney Barleywine
Honorable Mention Old Dipsea
Strong/Old Ale Board Room Brown Ale
American Black Ale *No winner declared*
Imperial Stout Churchill's Finest Hour
Honorable Mention Serpents Stout
Stout San Quentin Breakout Stout
Honorable Mention Dragoons Dry Irish Stout
Porter 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
Dark Lager/Dunkel Evans Black Lager
Vienna/Marzen Lager Moylan's Octoberfest Marzen
Spice Beer White Christmas
Bean Beer *Chelsea Moylans Porter
with Cocoa Nibs and Vanilla Beans*

The Lost Abbey
Moylan's Brewing Company
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Marin Brewing Company
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San Marcos, CA
Novato, CA
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Novato, CA
Larkspur, CA
San Marcos, CA

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Marin Brewing Company
Moylan's Brewing Company
Moylan's Brewing Company
North Coast Brewing Company
Moylan's Brewing Company
The Lost Abbey
The Lost Abbey
Evans Premium Lager
Moylan's Brewing Company
Moylan's Brewing Company
Moylan's Brewing Company

San Marcos, CA
San Marcos, CA
Larkspur, CA
Novato, CA
Novato, CA
Fort Bragg, CA
Novato, CA
San Marcos, CA
San Marcos, CA
Corona, CA
Novato, CA
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Northwest/Pacific

Whiskey Barrel Aged Beer Entire 2013
Honorable Mention Overhang
Non-whiskey Aged Beer The Decline
Barleywine Old Crustacean
Honorable Mention Mirror Mirror
Strong/Old Ale Deep Thaw Winter Warmer
American Black Ale Last Cast Black IPA
Imperial Stout Imperial Stout
Stout Obsidian Stout
Honorable Mention Hooligan Stout
Porter Robust Porter
Honorable Mention Rendezous Porrtter
Brown Ale Timber Town Brown
Scottish-Style Ale Sheep Eater
Belgian-Style Ale Coming Home 2014
Honorable Mention Monk's Uncle

Pike Brewing Company
Two Beers Brewing Company
Icicle Brewing Company
Rogue Brewery
Deschutes Brewery
River City Brewing Company
Bitter Root Brewing
Rogue Brewery
Deschutes Brewery
Old Schoolhouse Brewery
Reuben's Brews
Old Schoolhouse Brewery
Icicle Brewing Company
Grand Teton Brewing Company
Grand Teton Brewing Company
Pike Brewing Company

Seattle, WA
Seattle, WA
Leavenworth, WA
Newport, OR
Bend, OR
Spokane, WA
Hamilton, MT
Newport, OR
Bend, OR
Winthrop, WA
Seattle, WA
Winthrop, WA
Leavenworth, WA
Victor, ID
Victor, ID
Seattle, WA

Dark Lager/Dunkel
Vienna/Marzen Lager
Spice Beer
Bean Beer

Leavenworth Biers Bakke Hill Black Lager
Dirtyface Amber Lager
Winter Ale
Black Butte XXV

Fish Brewing Company
Icicle Brewing Company
Bitter Root Brewing
Deschutes Brewery

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Leavenworth, WA
Hamilton, MT
Bend, OR