

## USBTC Announces 22<sup>nd</sup> Annual Winter Competition Winners

**North Woodstock, NH** - The United States Beer Tasting Championship™ (USBTC) recently completed its 22<sup>nd</sup> annual Winter Competition. A total of 550 beers from 167 breweries were examined across 16 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, Belgian-Style Tripel 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>	BBIS	Reuben's Brews	Seattle, WA	39
<i>Non-whiskey Aged Beer</i>	Rum King	Indeed Brewing Company LLC	Minneapolis, MN	29
<i>Barleywine</i>	Whiskey Barrel-aged Beer Line	Lakefront Brewery	Milwaukee, WI	36
<i>Strong/Old Ale</i>	Hop Zen	Franklin's Brewery	Hyattsville, MD	35
<i>American Black Ale</i>	Mikey's Vyce Black IPA	Flying Goose Brew Pub	New London, NH	29
<i>Imperial Stout</i>	Marshal Zhukov's	Cigar City Brewing Company	Tampa, FL	38
<i>Stout</i>	XXXXX Stout	Pike Brewing Company	Seattle, WA	36
<i>Porter</i>	Shake	Boulder Beer Company	Boulder, CO	38
<i>Brown Ale</i>	St. Botolph's Town	Pretty Things Beer & Ale Project	Somerville, MA	31
<i>Scottish-Style Ale</i>	Big Sound	Cigar City Brewing Company	Tampa, FL	28
<i>Belgian-Style Ale</i>	Four Swords	Deep Ellum Brewing Company	Dallas, TX	33
<i>Belgian-Style Tripel</i>	Golden Monkey	Victory Brewing Company	Downington, PA	28
<i>Dark Lager/Dunkel</i>	Black Bavarian	Sprecher Brewing	Glendale, WI	22
<i>Vienna/Marzen Lager</i>	Smuttlabs Oktoberfest	Smuttynose Brewing Company	Hampton, NH	30
<i>Spice Beer</i>	Merry Maker	Boston Beer Company	Boston, MA	57
<i>Bean Beer</i>	Track 10	The Lost Abbey	San Marcos, CA	41

### 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>	Whiskey Barrel Aged Beer	Bourbon Barrel Black Ale	Allagash Brewing	Portland, ME
	Honorable Mention	Curieux	Allagash Brewing	Portland, ME
Non-Whiskey Aged Beer	Flora and Biota	Flying Goose Brew Pub	New London, NH	
Barleywine		1635 Small Batch Series Barleywine	Newburyport Brewing Company	Newburyport, MA
	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	Shipyard Imperial Stout	The Shipyard Brewing Company	Portland, ME
Honorable Mention	Smuttynose Imperial Stout	Smuttynose Brewing Company	Portsmouth NH
Stout	1635 Series Joppa Stout	Newburyport Brewing Company	Newburyport, MA
Honorable Mention	Cream Stout	Boston Beer Company	Boston, MA
Porter	Robust Porter	Smuttynose Brewing Company	Hampton, NH
Honorable Mention	Samuel Adams Holiday Porter	Boston Beer Company	Boston, MA
Brown Ale	St Botolph's Town	Pretty Things Beer & Ale Project	Somerville, MA
Honorable Mention	Jabberwocky	Flying Goose Brew Pub	New London, NH
Scottish-Style Ale	Smuttynose Scotch Ale	Smuttynose Brewing Company	Hampton, NH
Belgian-Style Ale	Samuel Adams Tetravis	Boston Beer Company	Boston, MA
Belgian-Style Tripel	Smuttynose Tripel	Smuttynose Brewing Company	Hampton, NH
Dark Lager/Dunkel	Smuttynose Winter Lager	Smuttynose Brewing Company	Hampton, NH
Vienna/Marzen Lager	Smutlabs Oktoberfest	Smuttynose Brewing Company	Hampton, NH
Honorable Mention	Samuel Adams Octoberfest	Boston Beer Company	Boston, MA
Spice Beer	Merry Maker	Boston Beer Company	Boston, MA ME
Honorable Mention	Fat Pumpkin	Boston Beer Company	Boston, MA
Bean Beer	Zombie Seamstress Coffee Porter	Flying Goose Brew Pub	New London, NH

## Mid-Atlantic/Southeast

Whiskey Barrel Aged Beer	Blasphemy	Weyerbacher Brewing Company	Easton, PA
Honorable Mention	Bourbon Barrel Aged Imperial Stout	Sweetwater Brewing Company	Atlanta, GA
Non-whiskey Aged Beer	Da un Beso a la Botella	Cigar City Brewing Company	Tampa, FL
Honorable Mention	Richland Reserve	Terrapin Beer Company	Athens, GA
Barleywine	Warmer Winter Winter Warmer	Cigar City Brewing Company	Tampa, FL
Strong/Old Ale	Hop Zen	Franklin's Brewery	Hyattsville, MD
Honorable Mention	Winter Storm	Heavy Seas Beer	Baltimore, MD
American Black Ale	Death of a Contract Brewer	Shmaltz Brewing Company	Clifton Park, NY
Honorable Mention	The Hop Strikes Black	Franklin's Brewery	Hyattsville, MD
Imperial Stout	Marshal Zhukov's	Cigar City Brewing Company	Tampa, FL
Honorable Mention	WolfINstein	Wild Wolf Brewing Company	Nellysford, VA
Stout	Java Head	Troegs Brewing Company	Harrisburg, PA
Honorable Mention	Milk Stout	The Duck-Rabbit Brewing Company	Farmville, NC
Porter	Once Upon A Train	Franklin's Brewery	Hyattsville, MD
Honorable Mention	Porter	The St. George Brewing Company	Hampton, VA
Brown Ale	Hash Brown	Sweetwater Brewing Company	Atlanta, GA
Honorable Mention	Angry Clown Brown	Assawoman Bay Brewing Company	Ocean City, MD
Scottish-Style Ale	Big Sound	Cigar City Brewing Company	Tampa, FL
Belgian-Style Ale	QUAD	Weyerbacher Brewing Company	Easton, PA
Belgian-Style Tripel	Golden Monkey	Victory Brewing Company	Downington, PA
Honorable Mention	Merry Monks	Weyerbacher Brewing Company	Easton, PA
Dark Lager/Dunkel	Tmavy Dark Czech Lager	Lost Rhino Brewing Company	Ashburn, VA
Vienna/Marzen Lager	Oktoberfest	The St. George Brewing Company	Hampton, VA
Honorable Mention	Maryland Marzen	Assawoman Bay Brewing Company	Ocean City, MD
Spice Beer	Drunkin Pumpkin Ale	Big Bear Brewing Company	Coral Springs, FL
Bean Beer	Java Cask	Victory Brewing Company	Downington, PA
Honorable Mention	Blackbeard's Breakfast	Heavy Seas Beer	Baltimore, MD

## Midwest

Whiskey Barrel Aged Beer	Lucky 13	Saugatuck Brewing	Douglas, MI
Non-whiskey Aged Beer	Rum King	Indeed Brewing Company	Minneapolis, M
Barleywine	Whiskey Barrel-aged Beer Line	Lakefront Brewery	Milwaukee, WI
Strong/Old Ale	Old Siberian	Cranker's Brewery	Big Rapids, MI
American Black Ale	Midnight Ryder	Indeed Brewing Company	Minneapolis, MN
Imperial Stout	Little Betty	Nebraska Brewing Company	Papillion, NE
Stout	Brian's Remorse	Saugatuck Brewing	Douglas, MI
Porter	Transporter	Kalona Brewing Company	Kalona, IA
Brown Ale	Rocky's Revenge	Tyranena Brewing	Lake Mills, WI
Scottish-Style Ale	Outta Kilter	Hoppin' Frog Brewing	Akron, OH
Belgian-Style Ale	Booyah	Milwaukee Brewing Company	Milwaukee, WI
Belgian-Style Tripel	Reverent Monk	Saugatuck Brewing	Douglas, MI

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

Black Bavarian  
Oktoberfest  
Imperial Pumpkin  
Espresso Stout

Sprecher Brewing  
Upland Brewing  
Lakefront Brewery  
Point Brewery

Glendale, WI  
Bloomington, IN  
Madison, WI  
Stevens Point, WI

## Rockies/Southwest

Whiskey Barrel Aged Beer Bourbon Barrel Temptress  
Non-whiskey Aged Beer Dudes D'spare  
Barleywine Barley Wine  
Strong/Old Ale Infamy  
American Black Ale Desert Select Black Imperial IPA  
Imperial Stout Dark Hour  
Stout 825 State Stout  
Porter Shake  
Brown Ale Nut Brown  
Scottish-Style Ale Great Scot  
Belgian-Style Ale Four Swords  
Belgian-Style Tripel Freaky Deaky  
Dark Lager/Dunkel Ugly Pug  
Vienna/Marzen Lager Oktoberfest  
Spice Beer Oak Cliff Coffee (Barrel aged)  
Bean Beer French Temptress

Lakewood Brewing Company  
Boulder Beer Co  
Epic Brewing  
Infamous Brewing Company  
Moab Brewery  
Deep Ellum Brewing Company  
Epic Brewing  
Boulder Beer Co  
Santa Fe Brewing  
Peticolas Brewing  
Deep Ellum Brewing Company  
Oak Highlands Brewery  
Rahr & Sons Brewing Company  
Rahr & Sons Brewing Company  
Deep Ellum Brewing Company  
Lakewood Brewing Company

Garland, TX  
Boulder, CO  
Salt Lake City, UT  
Austin, TX  
Moab, UT  
Dallas, TX  
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Santa Fe, NM  
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Ft. Worth, TX  
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Garland, TX

## California

Whiskey Barrel Aged Beer Kiltlifter (Aged in Bourbon Barrels)  
Non-whiskey Aged Beer Sede Vacante  
Honorable Mention Santo Ron Diego  
Barleywine Old Dipsea  
Honorable Mention Double Kiltlifter  
Strong/Old Ale Arrogant Bastard  
American Black Ale *No winner declared*  
Imperial Stout Churchill's Finest Hour  
Honorable Mention Serpents Stout  
Stout Dragoons Dry Irish Stout  
Porter Chelsea Moylan's Porter  
Honorable Mention Beggars Banquet Porter  
Brown Ale Acme California Brown Ale  
Scottish-Style Ale Kilt Lifter Scotch Ale  
Belgian-Style Ale Judgement Day  
Honorable Mention Inferno  
Belgian-Style Tripel Think it Aint Belgian Tripel  
Dark Lager/Dunkel Evans Black Lager  
Vienna/Marzen Lager El Cerrito  
Spice Beer Hoppy Holiday  
Honorable Mention White Christmas  
Bean Beer Track #10

Moylan's Brewing Company  
The Lost Abbey  
The Lost Abbey  
Marin Brewing Company  
Moylan's Brewing Company  
Stone Brewing

Novato, CA  
San Marcos, CA  
San Marcos, CA  
Larkspur, CA  
Novato, CA  
Escondido, CA

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

San Marcos, CA  
San Marcos, CA  
Novato, CA  
Novato, CA  
Bakersfield, CA  
Fort Bragg, CA  
Novato, CA  
San Marcos, CA  
San Marcos, CA  
Bakersfield, CA  
Corona, CA  
Bakersfield, CA  
Larkspur, CA  
Novato, CA  
San Marcos, CA

## Northwest/Pacific

Whiskey Barrel Aged Beer BBIS  
Honorable Mention Entire 2015  
Non-whiskey Aged Beer The Decline  
Honorable Mention Liquid Sunshine  
Barleywine Barley Wine Style Ale 2012  
Honorable Mention Old Crustacean 2008  
Strong/Old Ale Double Hopulus  
Honorable Mention Old Scrooge  
American Black Ale Imperial Black IPA  
Imperial Stout Imperial Stout  
Stout XXXXX Stout  
Porter Robust Porter

Reuben's Brews  
Pike Brewing Company  
Icicle Brewing Company  
Silver City Brewery  
Old Schoolhouse Brewery  
Rogue Brewery  
Pike Brewing Company  
Silver City Brewery  
Reuben's Brews  
Old Schoolhouse Brewery  
Pike Brewing Company  
Reuben's Brews

Seattle, WA  
Seattle, WA  
Leavenworth, WA  
Bremerton, WA  
Winthrop, WA  
Newport, OR  
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Honorable Mention	Mocha Porter	Rogue Brewery	Newport, OR
Brown Ale	Hazelnut Brown Nectar	Rogue Brewery	Newport, OR
Scottish-Style Ale	Fat Scotch Ale	Silver City Brewery	Bremerton, WA
Belgian-Style Ale	<i>No winner declared</i>		
Belgian-Style Tripel	Monk's Uncle	Pike Brewing Company	Seattle, WA
Dark Lager/Dunkel	Leavenworth Biers Bakke Hill Black Lager	Fish Brewing Company	Olympia, WA
Vienna/Marzen Lager	Dirtyface Amber Lager	Icicle Brewing Company	Leavenworth, WA
Spice Beer	Winter Ale	Bitter Root Brewing	Hamilton, MT
Bean Beer	Dark Persuasion	Icicle Brewing Company	Leavenworth, WA

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