

USBTC Announces 23rd Annual Winter Competition Winners

North Conway, NH - The United States Beer Tasting Championship™ (USBTC) recently completed its 23rd annual Winter Competition. A total of 480 beers from 133 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, Pumpkin Beer was selected as the USBTC pull-out category.

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The USBTC Winter 2017 Grand Champions are:

<u>Category</u>	<u>Grand Champion</u>	<u>Company</u>	<u>Location</u>	<u>Total Beers Judged</u>
<i>Whiskey Barrel Aged Beer</i>	Dixie Dirt	Tampa Bay Brewing Company	Tampa, FL	51
<i>Non-whiskey Aged Beer</i>	Lion's Share IV (Anniversary Ale)	Lakewood Brewing Co.	Garland, TX	27
<i>Barleywine</i>	Coming Home 2016	Grand Teton Brewing Company	Victor, ID	29
<i>Strong Ale</i>	Royston Rye IPA	Spencer Devon Brewing	Fredericksburg, VA	23
<i>American Black Ale</i>	Jukebox Hero	Revolution Brewing	Chicago, IL	19
<i>Imperial Stout</i>	Serpents Stout	The Lost Abbey	San Marco, CA	26
<i>Stout</i>	XXXXX Stout	Pike Brewing Company	Seattle, WA	29
<i>Porter</i>	Retro Porter	M.I.A. Beer Company	Doral, FL	29
<i>Brown Ale</i>	Boom Brown Ale	Tampa Bay Brewing Company	Tampa, FL	24
<i>Scottish-Style Ale</i>	Big Sound (Bourbon Barrel)	Cigar City Brewing Company	Tampa, FL	22
<i>Belgian-Style Ale</i>	Angry Elf	Big Bear Brewing Company	Coral Springs, FL	46
<i>Dark Lager/Dunkel</i>	Angler Black Lager	Barley Creek Brewing Company	Tannersville, PA	19
<i>Vienna/Marzen Lager</i>	Temblorfest	Temblor Brewing	Bakersfield, CA	29
<i>Spice Beer</i>	Gingy	Tampa Bay Brewing Company	Tampa, FL	34
<i>Pumpkin Beer</i>	Pumpkin Ale	Rahr & Son	Fort Worth, TX	28
<i>Bean Beer</i>	Marshal Zhukov's Penultimate Push	Cigar City Brewing Company	Tampa, FL	45

The regional winners (along with beers receiving honorable mention) from each category are:

<u>Region/ Category</u>	<u>Regional Champion/ Honorable Mention</u>	<u>Company</u>	<u>Location</u>
<u>Northeast</u>			
Whiskey Barrel Aged Beer	Bourbon Barrel Black Ale	Allagash Brewing	Portland, ME
Honorable Mention	Curieux	Allagash Brewing	Portland, ME
Non-Whiskey Aged Beer	Samuel Adams Funk Grand Cru	Boston Beer Company	Boston, MA
Barleywine	Samuel Adams Griffins Bow	Boston Beer Company	Boston, MA
Honorable Mention	Isle of Pines	Flying Goose Brewpub	New London, NH
Strong Ale	Hampshire Special Ale	D.L. Geary Brewing Co.	Portland, ME
Honorable Mention	Double Bag Ale	Long Trail Brewing Company	Bridgewater Crns, VT
American Black Ale	Mikey's Vyce Black IPA	Flying Goose Brew Pub	New London, NH
Imperial Stout	King Misanthrope	Henniker Brewing Co.	Henniker, NH
Honorable Mention	Shipyards Imperial Stout	The Shipyards Brewing Company	Portland, ME
Stout	Oatmeal Stout	Belfast Bay Brewing Co.	Portland, ME
Honorable Mention	1635 Series Joppa Stout	Newburyport Brewing Company	Newburyport, MA
Porter	Robust Porter	Smuttynose Brewing Company	Hampton, NH
Honorable Mention	Samuel Adams Holiday Porter	Boston Beer Company	Boston, MA
Brown Ale	Jabberwocky	Flying Goose Brew Pub	New London, NH
Scottish-Style Ale	Smuttynose Scotch Ale	Smuttynose Brewing Company	Hampton, NH
Belgian-Style Ale	Company	Henniker Brewing Co.	Henniker, NH
Dark Lager/Dunkel	Dunkel	Von Trapp Brewery	Stowe, VT
Vienna/Marzen Lager	Samuel Adams Octoberfest	Boston Beer Company	Boston, MA
Honorable Mention	Oktoberfest	Smuttynose Brewing Company	Hampton, NH
Spice Beer	Merry Maker	Boston Beer Company	Boston, MA
Honorable Mention	Old Fezziwig	Boston Beer Company	Boston, MA
Pumpkin Beer	20 Pounds of Pumpkin	Boston Beer Company	Boston, MA
Bean Beer	The Roast	Henniker Brewing Co.	Henniker, NH

Mid-Atlantic/Southeast

Whiskey Barrel Aged Beer	Dixie Dirt	Tampa Bay Brewing Company	Tampa, FL
Honorable Mention	Dark-hours	Lost Rhino Brewing Company	Ashburn, VA
Non-whiskey Aged Beer	Bolita	Cigar City Brewing Company	Tampa, FL
Honorable Mention	Godspeed	O'Connor Brewing Company	Norfolk, VA
Barleywine	Jewbelation 20	Shmaltz Brewing Company	Clifton Park, NY
Honorable Mention	Jack the Giant Killer	Franklin's Brewery	Hyattsville, MD
Strong Ale	Royston Rye IPA	Spencer Devon Brewing	Fredericksburg, VA
American Black Ale	Tommy's Double Black IPA	Barley Creek Brewing Company	Tannersville, PA
Honorable Mention	Hoppy Bunny	The Duck-Rabbit Brewing Company	Farmville, NC
Imperial Stout	Georgian Imperial	Monday Night Brewing Company	Atlanta, GA
Stout	American Stout	Wild Wolf Brewing Company	Nellysford, VA
Honorable Mention	Java Head	Troegs Brewing Company	Harrisburg, PA
Porter	Retro Porter	M.I.A. Beer Company	Doral, FL
Honorable Mention	Honey Porter	Upstate Brewing Company	Elmira, NY
Brown Ale	Boom Brown Ale	Tampa Bay Brewing Company	Tampa, FL
Honorable Mention	Duck-Rabbit Brown Ale	The Duck-Rabbit Brewing Company	Farmville, NC
Scottish-Style Ale	Big Sound (Bourbon Barrel)	Cigar City Brewing Company	Tampa, FL
Honorable Mention	Drafty Kilt	Monday Night Brewing Company	Atlanta, GA
Belgian-Style Ale	Angry Elf	Big Bear Brewing Company	Coral Springs, FL
Honorable Mention	Belgian Barleywine	Motorworks Brewing	Bradenton, FL
Dark Lager/Dunkel	Angler Black Lager	Barley Creek Brewing Company	Tannersville, PA
Honorable Mention	Tmavy Dark Czech Lager	Lost Rhino Brewing Company	Ashburn, VA
Vienna/Marzen Lager	Oktoberfest	The St. George Brewing Company	Hampton, VA
Spice Beer	Gingy	Tampa Bay Brewing Company	Tampa, FL
Honorable Mention	Holiday Mess	Big Boss Brewing Company	Raleigh, NC
Pumpkin Beer	Good Gourd Almighty	Cigar City Brewing Company	Tampa, FL
Honorable Mention	Pumpkin Spice Latte	Swamp Head Brewery	Gainesville, FL
Bean Beer	Marshal Zhukov's	Cigar City Brewing Company	Tampa, FL
	Penultimate Push		

Midwest

Whiskey Barrel Aged Beer
 Honorable Mention
 Non-whiskey Aged Beer
 Barleywine
 Strong Ale
 American Black Ale
 Imperial Stout
 Honorable Mention
 Stout
 Honorable Mention
 Porter
 Honorable Mention
 Brown Ale
 Honorable Mention
 Scottish-Style Ale
 Belgian-Style Ale
 Honorable Mention
 Dark Lager / Dunkel
 Vienna/Marzen Lager
 Spice Beer
 Pumpkin Beer
 Honorable Mention
 Bean Beer
 Honorable Mention

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 Backwoods Bastard
 Winter Spiced
 Pilgrims Dole
 Bridge Burner
 Jukebox Hero
 My Turn Latif
 Imperial Stout
 Blueberry Maple Stout
 Neapolitan Milk Stout
 Porter
 Five Quarter Porter
 Cabin Fever Brown Ale
 Bonfire Brown
 Dirty Bastard
 Reverent Monk
 Black Tulip Belgian Tripel Ale
 Eastside Dark
 No Winner Declared
 Serrano Pepper Ale
 Imperial Pumpkin
 Pumpkin Lager
 Breakfast Stout
 Fuel Café

Founders Brewing Co. Grand Rapids, MI
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 Lakefront Brewery Milwaukee, WI
 New Holland Brewing Co. Holland, MI
 Lakefront Brewery Milwaukee, WI
 Revolution Brewing Chicago, IL
 Lakefront Brewery Milwaukee, WI
 Founders Brewing Co. Grand Rapids, MI
 Saugatuck Brewing Co. Douglas, MI
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Rockies/Southwest

Whiskey Barrel Aged Beer
 Honorable Mention
 Non-whiskey Aged Beer
 Honorable Mention
 Barleywine
 Honorable Mention
 Strong Ale
 American Black Ale
 Imperial Stout
 Honorable Mention
 Stout
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 Porter
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 Scottish-Style Ale
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 Vienna/Marzen Lager
 Honorable Mention
 Spice Beer
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 Pumpkin Beer
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 Bean Beer
 Honorable Mention

Bourbon Barrel Temptress
 Thread Spinner
 Lion's Share IV
 (Anniversary Ale)
 White Wine Freaky Deaky
 Infamy
 Killer Penguin Barleywine
 Winter Warmer
 No Winner Declared
 Black Curtains
 All Eyez on Me
 Sweep the Leg
 Best Mistake Stout
 Shake Chocolate Porter
 Holiday Bonus
 No Winner Declared
 Great Scot!
 A Lost Epic
 Freaky Deaky
 Ugly Pug
 Oktoberfest
 Oktoberfest Marzen
 Angry Santa
 Mole Temptress
 Pumpkin Ale
 Pumpkin Massacre
 Vanilla Porter
 French Quarter Temptress

Lakewood Brewing Co. Garland, TX
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 Oak Highlands Brewery Dallas, TX
 Infamous Brewing Co. Austin, TX
 Boulder Beer Co. Boulder CO
 Rahr & Sons Fort Worth, TX
 Peticolas Brewing Co. Dallas, TX
 Cobra Brewing Co. Lewisville, TX
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California

Whiskey Barrel Aged Beer	Angel Share	The Lost Abbey	San Marcos, CA
Honorable Mention	Kiltlifter (Aged in Bourbon Barrels)	Moylan's Brewing Company	Novato, CA
Non-whiskey Aged Beer	Madonna and Child	The Lost Abbey	San Marcos, CA
Honorable Mention	Santo Ron Diego	The Lost Abbey	San Marcos, CA
Barleywine	Old Dipsea	Marin Brewing Company	Larkspur, CA
Honorable Mention	Diamond Dogs	Temblor Brewing Company	Bakersfield, CA
Strong Ale	Celebration Ale	Sierra Nevada Brewing	Chico, CA
American Black Ale	<i>No Winner Declared</i>		
Imperial Stout	Serpents Stout		
Stout	San Quentin Breakout Stout	The Lost Abbey	San Marcos, CA
Porter	Beggars Banquet Porter	Marin Brewing Company	Larkspur, CA
Honorable Mention	Chelsea Moylan's Porter	Temblor Brewing Company	Bakersfield, CA
Brown Ale	Board Meeting Brown Ale	Moylan's Brewing Company	Novato, CA
Scottish-Style Ale	Kilt Lifter Scotch Ale	Port Brewing	San Marcos, CA
Belgian-Style Ale	Judgement Day	Moylan's Brewing Company	Novato, CA
Honorable Mention	Inferno	The Lost Abbey	San Marcos, CA
Dark Lager/Dunkel	Evans Black Lager	The Lost Abbey	San Marcos, CA
Vienna/Marzen Lager	Temblorfest	Evans Premium Lager	Corona, CA
Spice Beer	Hoppy Holiday	Temblor Brewing Company	Bakersfield, CA
Honorable Mention	White Christmas	Marin Brewing Company	Larkspur, CA
Pumpkin Beer	<i>No Winner Declared</i>	Moylan's Brewing Company	Novato, CA
Bean Beer	Air Porter Chocolate Porter	Marin Brewing Company	Larkspur, CA

Northwest/Pacific

Whiskey Barrel Aged Beer	BBIS	Reuben's Brews	Seattle, WA
Non-whiskey Aged Beer	Old Woody	Fish Brewing Company	Olympia, WA
Barleywine	Coming Home 2016	Grand Teton Brewing Company	Victor, ID
Honorable Mention	The Femur	Boneyard Beer	Bend, OR
Strong Ale	Pray For Snow	10 Barrel Brewing Company	Bend, OR
American Black Ale	Black Imperial IPA	Reuben's Brews	Seattle, WA
Imperial Stout	Chocolate Imperial Stout	Fish Brewing Company	Olympia, WA
Honorable Mention	Imperial Stout	Old Schoolhouse Brewery	Winthrop, WA
Stout	XXXXX Stout	Pike Brewing Company	Seattle, WA
Porter	Rendezvous Porter	Old Schoolhouse Brewery	Winthrop, WA
Brown Ale	Hazelnut Brown Nectar	Rogue Brewery	Newport, OR
Scottish-Style Ale	Wee Heavy	Reuben's Brews	Seattle, WA
Honorable Mention	Cold Smoke Scotch Ale	Kettle House Brewery	Missoula, MT
Belgian-Style Ale	Monk's Uncle	Pike Brewing Company	Seattle, WA
Dark Lager/Dunkel	Session Black	Full Sail Brewing Company	Hood River, OR
Vienna/Marzen Lager	Dirtyface Amber Lager	Icicle Brewing Company	Leavenworth, WA
Spice Beer	Orange & Anise Midnight Marmot	River City Brewing Company	Spokane, WA
Honorable Mention	Fuego Rojo	Boneyard Beer	Bend, OR
Pumpkin Beer	Harlot's Harvest	Pike Brewing Company	Seattle, WA
Bean Beer	Dark Persuasion	Icicle Brewing Company	Leavenworth, WA
Honorable Mention	Frontier Justice	Three Creeks Brewing Company	Sisters, OR

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