

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 469 beers from 145 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.

For additional information, past results and how to enter beer please visit our web page at www.usbtc.com or search for us on Facebook. There is never a charge to enter the USBTC.

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	42
<i>Non-whiskey Aged Beer</i>	Leon	Cigar City Brewing Company	Tampa, FL	34
<i>Barleywine</i>	Warmer Winter Winter Warmer	Cigar City Brewing Company	Tampa, FL	26
<i>Strong/Old Ale</i>	Winter Warmer	Rahr & Sons Brewing Company	Ft. Worth, TX	20
<i>American Black Ale</i>	North West Alpha	Franklin's Brewery	Hyattsville, MD	25
<i>Imperial Stout</i>	Churchill's Finest Hour	The Lost Abbey	San Marcos, CA	36
<i>Stout</i>	American Stout	Wild Wolf Brewing Company	Nellysford, VA	32
<i>Porter</i>	TransPorter	Assawoman Bay Brewing Company	Ocean City, MD	26
<i>Brown Ale</i>	Timber Town Brown	Icicle Brewing Company	Leavenworth, WA	29
<i>Scottish-Style Ale</i>	Big Sound	Cigar City Brewing Company	Tampa, FL	23
<i>Belgian-Style Ale</i>	Reverent Monk	Saugatuck Brewing	Douglas, MI	52
<i>Dark Lager/Dunkel</i>	Black Bavarian	Sprecher Brewing	Glendale, WI	18
<i>Vienna/Marzen Lager</i>	Winter Skål	Capital Brewery	Middleton, WI	30
<i>Spice Beer</i>	Imperial Pumpkin	Lakefront Brewing	Milwaukee, WI	36
<i>Bean Beer</i>	Hunahpu's Imperial Stout	Cigar City Brewing Company	Tampa, FL	34

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	Boston Beer Company	Boston, MA
Stout	JP Stout	Boston Beer Company	Boston, MA
Porter	Robust Porter	Smuttynose Brewing Company	Portsmouth, NH
Brown Ale	Jabberwocky	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	Allagash Four	Allagash Brewing	Portland, ME
Honorable Mention	Allagash Tripel	Allagash Brewing	Portland, ME
Dark Lager/Dunkel	Smuttynose Winter Lager	Smuttynose Brewing Company	Portsmouth, NH
Vienna/Marzen Lager	Novemberfest	Flying Goose Brew Pub	New London, NH
Honorable Mention	Samuel Adams Octoberfest	Boston Beer Company	Boston, MA
Spice Beer	Bourbon Barrel Aged Smashed Pumpkin	The Shipyard Brewing Company	Portland, ME
Honorable Mention	Gingerbread Head	The Shipyard Brewing Company	Portland, ME
Bean Beer	Samuel Adams Chocolate Bock	Boston Beer Company	Boston, MA

Mid-Atlantic/Southeast

Whiskey Barrel Aged Beer	Bourbon Barrel Porter	Williamsburg AleWerks, LLC	Williamsburg, VA
Non-whiskey Aged Beer	Leon	Cigar City Brewing Company	Tampa, FL
Honorable Mention	Jubilee	Williamsburg AleWerks, LLC	Williamsburg, V
Barleywine	Warmer Winter Winter Warmer	Cigar City Brewing Company	Tampa, FL
Strong/Old Ale	Cormoran	Franklin's Brewery	Hyattsville, MD
American Black Ale	North West Alpha	Franklin's Brewery	Hyattsville, MD
Honorable Mention	Death of a Contract Brewer	Shmaltz Brewing Company	Clifton Park, NY
Imperial Stout	Marshal Zhurkov's	Cigar City Brewing Company	Tampa, FL
Stout	American Stout	Wild Wolf Brewing Company	Nellysford, VA
Honorable Mention	Java Head	Troegs Brewing Company	Harrisburg, PA
Porter	TransPorter	Assawoman Bay Brewing Company	Ocean City, MD
Honorable Mention	Pecan Porter	O'Connor Brewing Company	Norfolk, VA
Brown Ale	Georgia Brown	Sweetwater Brewing Company	Atlanta, GA
Scottish-Style Ale	Big Sound	Cigar City Brewing Company	Tampa, FL
Honorable Mention	20 th Anniversary Scotch Ale	Highland Brewing Company	Asheville, NC
Belgian-Style Ale	QUAD	Weyerbacher Brewing Company	Easton, PA
Honorable Mention	Gun Show	Monday Night Brewing Company	Atlanta, GA
Dark Lager/Dunkel	Tmavy Dark Czech Lager	Lost Rhino Brewing Company	Ashburn, VA
Vienna/Marzen Lager	Maryland Marzen	Assawoman Bay Brewing Company	Ocean City, MD
Honorable Mention	Cutlass	Heavy Seas Beer	Baltimore, MD
Spice Beer	Good Gourd	Cigar City Brewing Company	Tampa, FL
Honorable Mention	The Premiere Pumpkin Ale	Big Bear Brewing Company	Coral Springs, FL
Bean Beer	Hunahpu's Imperial Stout	Cigar City Brewing Company	Tampa, FL
Honorable Mention	Anastasia's Double Chocolate Fantasy	South Street Brewery	Charlottesville, VA

Midwest

Whiskey Barrel Aged Beer	Jumbo Love	Figure 8 Brewing	Valparaiso, IN
Non-whiskey Aged Beer	Melange A Trois	Nebraska Brewing Company	Papillion, NE
Barleywine	Pilgrim's Dole	New Holland Brewing Company	New Holland, MI
Strong/Old Ale	Shovel Strong	Tri-City Brewing	Bay City, MI
Honorable Mention	Jackhammer	Arbor Brewing	Ypsilanti, MI
American Black Ale	IBA	Lakefront Brewing	Milwaukee, WI
Imperial Stout	Boris The Crusher	Hoppin Frog Brewing	Akron, OH
Stout	Barrel Aged Neapolitan Stout	Saugatuck Brewing	Douglas, MI
Honorable Mention	Spetsnaz	Grumpy Troll Brewery	Mt Horeb, WI
Porter	Old Leg Humper	Thirsty Dog Brewing	Akron, OH
Brown Ale	Rocky's Revenge	Tyranena Brewing	Lake Mills, WI
Scottish-Style Ale	Dirty Bastard	Founders Brewing Company	Grand Rapids, MI
Belgian-Style Ale	The Reverent Monk	Saugatuck Brewing	Douglas, MI
Dark Lager/Dunkel	Black Bavarian	Sprecher Brewing	Glendale, WI
Honorable Mention	Dorfbier	Urban Chestnut	St Louis, MO
Vienna/Marzen Lager	Winter Skal	Capital Brewery	Middleton, WI

Madison, WI
Grand Rapids, MI

Lakewood Brewing Company	Garland , TX
Revolver Brewing	Granbury, TX
Wanderlust Brewing	Flagstaff, AZ
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

The Lost Abbey	San Marcos, CA
Moylan's Brewing Company	Novato, CA
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Marin Brewing Company	Larkspur, CA
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North Coast Brewing Company	Fort Bragg, CA
Moylan's Brewing Company	Novato, CA
The Lost Abbey	San Marcos, CA
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Evans Premium Lager	Corona, CA
Moylan's Brewing Company	Novato, CA
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Pike Brewing Company	Seattle, WA
Two Beers Brewing Company	Seattle, WA
Icicle Brewing Company	Leavenworth, WA
Rogue Brewery	Newport, OR
Deschutes Brewery	Bend, OR
River City Brewing Company	Spokane, WA
Bitter Root Brewing	Hamilton, MT
Rogue Brewery	Newport, OR
Deschutes Brewery	Bend, OR
Old Schoolhouse Brewery	Winthrop, WA
Reuben's Brews	Seattle, WA
Old Schoolhouse Brewery	Winthrop, WA
Icicle Brewing Company	Leavenworth, WA
Grand Teton Brewing Company	Victor, ID

Belgian-Style Ale	Coming Home 2014	Grand Teton Brewing Company	Victor, ID
Honorable Mention	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	Black Butte XXV	Deschutes Brewery	Bend, OR