# **USBTC Announces 21st Annual Winter Competition Winners**

**Cambridge, MA** - The United States Beer Tasting Championship<sup>™</sup> (USBTC) recently completed its 21<sup>st</sup> 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 <a href="www.usbtc.com">www.usbtc.com</a> or search for us on Facebook. There is never a charge to enter the USBTC.

#### The USBTC Grand Champions were:

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

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

Region/ Category	Regional Champion/ Honorable Mention	<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 Imperial Stout Honorable Mention

Stout Porter Brown Ale Honorable

Honorable Mention Scottish-Style Ale Belgian-Style Ale

Honorable Mention Dark Lager/Dunkel Vienna/Marzen Lager Honorable Mention

Spice Beer

Honorable Mention

Bean Beer

Mikey's Vyce Black IPA Smuttynose Imperial Stout Samuel Adams Imperial Stout

JP Stout Robust Porter Jabberwocky

Smuttynose Old Brown Dog Ale

Smuttynose Scotch Ale

Allagash Four Allagash Tripel

Smuttynose Winter Lager

Novemberfest

Samuel Adams Octoberfest

Bourbon Barrel Aged Smashed Pumpkin

Gingerbread Head

Samuel Adams Chocolate Bock

Flying Goose Brew Pub Smuttynose Brewing Company Boston Beer Company Boston Beer Company

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Smuttynose Brewing Company Flying Goose Brew Pub Boston Beer Company

The Shipyard Brewing Company
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**Boston Beer Company** 

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Portland, ME

Boston, MA

## Mid-Atlantic/Southeast

Whiskey Barrel Aged Beer Bourbon Barrel Porter

Non-whiskey Aged Beer Honorable Mention Barleywine

Strong/Old Ale American Black Ale Honorable Mention

Honorable Mention
Imperial Stout

Stout

Honorable Mention

Porter

Honorable Mention

Brown Ale Scottish-Style Ale

Honorable Mention

Belgian-Style Ale

Honorable Mention
Dark Lager/Dunkel
Vienna/Marzen Lager

Honorable Mention

Spice Beer

Honorable Mention Bean Beer

Honorable Mention

Leon Jubilee

Warmer Winter Winter Warmer

Cormoran North West Alpha

Death of a Contract Brewer

Marshal Zhurkov's American Stout Java Head TransPorter Pecan Porter Georgia Brown Big Sound

Big Sound 20<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Scotch Ale

QUAD Gun Show

Tmavy Dark Czech Lager

Maryland Marzen Cutlass Good Gourd

The Premiere Pumpkin Ale Hunahpu's Imperial Stout

Anastasia's Double Chocolate Fantasy

Williamsburg AleWerks, LLC Cigar City Brewing Company Williamsburg AleWerks, LLC Cigar City Brewing Company Franklin's Brewery

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Shmaltz Brewing Company

Cigar City Brewing Company Wild Wolf Brewing Company Troegs Brewing Company

Assawoman Bay Brewing Company O'Connor Brewing Company Sweetwater Brewing Company Cigar City Brewing Company Highland Brewing Company Weyerbacher Brewing Company Monday Night Brewing Company Lost Rhino Brewing Company

Assawoman Bay Brewing Company Heavy Seas Beer

Cigar City Brewing Company Big Bear Brewing Company Cigar City Brewing Company South Street Brewery

Figure 8 Brewing

Williamsburg, VA Tampa, FL Williamsburg, V Tampa, FL Hyattsville, MD Hyattsville, MD Clifton Park, NY Tampa, FL Nellysford, VA Harrisburg, PA Ocean City, MD Norfolk, VA Atlanta, GA Tampa, FL Asheville, NC Easton, PA Atlanta, GA Ashburn, VA Ocean City, MD Baltimore, MD

Tampa, FL

Tampa, FL

Coral Springs, FL

Charlottesville, VA

### **Midwest**

Whiskey Barrel Aged Beer Jumbo Love

Non-whiskey Aged Beer
Barleywine
Strong/Old Ale
Honorable Mention
Honorable Mention
Honorable Mention

Melange A Trois
Pilgrim's Dole
Shovel Strong
Jackhammer

American Black Ale IBA

Vienna/Marzen Lager

Imperial Stout Boris The Crusher

Stout Barrel Aged Neapolitan Stout

Winter Skal

Honorable Mention
Porter
Brown Ale
Scottish-Style Ale
Belgian-Style Ale
Dark Lager/Dunkel
Honorable Mention
Porter
Old Leg Humper
Rocky's Revenge
Dirty Bastard
The Reverent Monk
Black Bavarian
Dorfbier

Nebraska Brewing Company
New Holland Brewing Company
Tri-City Brewing
Arbor Brewing
Lakefront Brewing
Hoppin Frog Brewing
Saugatuck Brewing
Grumpy Troll Brewery
Thirsty Dog Brewing
Tyranena Brewing
Founders Brewing Company

Founders Brewing Compa Saugatuck Brewing Sprecher Brewing Urban Chestnut Capital Brewery Valparaiso, IN Papillion, NE New Holland, MI Bay City, MI Ypsilanti, MI Milwaukee, WI Akron, OH Douglas, MI Mt Horeb, WI Akron, OH Lake Mills, WI Grand Rapids, MI Douglas, MI Glendale, WI St Louis, MO Middleton, WI

Spice Beer Imperial Pumpkin Lakefront Brewing
Bean Beer Breakfast Stout Founders Brewing

**Rockies/Southwest** 

Whiskey Barrel Aged Beer Temptress
Non-whiskey Aged Beer Sangre
Honorable Mention Farmhouse Ale
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 Honorable Mention
Belgian-Style Ale Flying Monk
Dark Lager/Dunkel Ugly Pug
Vienna/Marzen Lager Lakewood Lager
Spice Beer Nightmare Before Xmas

Bean Beer Bad Baptist

California

Whiskey Barrel Aged Beer Angel Share

Honorable Mention
Non-whiskey Aged Beer
Barleywine

Barrel Aged Imperial Stout
Sede Vacante
Old Blarney Barleywine

Honorable Mention
Strong/Old Ale
Old Biarriey Barreywirle
Old Dipsea
Board Room Brown Ale

American Black Ale
Imperial Stout
Honorable Mention

Board Rooff Brown Ale

No winner declared
Churchill's Finest Hour
Serpents Stout

Honorable Mention Serpents Stout
San Quentin Breakout Stout

Stout Honorable Mention

Honorable Mention
Porter
Brown Ale
Scottish-Style Ale
Belgian-Style Ale
Cragoons Dry Irish Stout
Chelsea Moylan's Porter
Acme California Brown Ale
Kilt Lifter Scotch 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

Lakewood Brewing Company

Revolver Brewing Wanderlust Brewing Peticolas Brewing

Rahr and Sons Brewing Company

Santa Fe Brewing
Oskar Blues Brewing
Revolver Brewing
Brasserie St James
Grand Canyon Brewing

Rahr and Sons Brewing Company

Peticolas Brewing Adelberts Brewery

Rahr & Sons Brewing Company Lakewood Brewing Company

Cobra Brewing Epic Brewing Dallas, TX FT Worth, TX Santa Fe, NM Longmont, CO Granbury, TX Reno, NV Williams, AZ

Madison, WI

Garland, TX

Granbury, TX

Flagstaff, AZ

Grand Rapids, MI

FT Worth, TX Dallas, TX Austin, TX Ft. Worth, TX Garland, TX

Garland, TX Lewisville, TX

Salt Lake City, UT

The Lost Abbey

Moylan's Brewing Company
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Marin Brewing Company
The Lost Abbey

San Marcos, CA
San Marcos, CA
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

North Coast Brewing Company
Moylan's Brewing Company
The Lost Abbey
The Lost Abbey
Evans Premium Lager
Moylan's Brewing Company
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Novato, CA

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Seattle, WA

Northwest/Pacific

Stout

Porter

Whiskey Barrel Aged Beer Entire 2013

Honorable Mention Overhang
Non-whiskey Aged Beer
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

t Obsidian Stout
Honorable Mention Hooligan Stout
Robust Porter
Honorable Mention Rendezous Porrter
Timber Town Brown

Brown Ale Timber Town Scottish-Style Ale Sheep Eater

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

Pike Brewing Company

Old Schoolhouse Brewery
Icicle Brewing Company
Grand Teton Brewing Company

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

Belgian-Style Ale Honorable Mention Dark Lager/Dunkel Vienna/Marzen Lager Spice Beer Bean Beer Coming Home 2014 Monk's Uncle Leavenworth Biers Bakke Hill Black Lager Dirtyface Amber Lager Winter Ale Black Butte XXV Grand Teton Brewing Company Pike Brewing Company Fish Brewing Company Icicle Brewing Company Bitter Root Brewing Deschutes Brewery Victor, ID Seattle, WA Olympia, WA Leavenworth, WA Hamilton, MT Bend, OR