

USBTC Announces 32nd Annual Winter Competition Winners

Chicago, IL/Boston, MA - The United States Beer Tasting Championship™ (USBTC) recently completed its 31st annual Winter Competition. A total of 562 beers from 209 breweries were examined across 19 different beer categories. Within each category, the USBTC determined a national Grand Champion and the best entry from each of 7 U.S. regions: 1) Northeast, 2) Mid-Atlantic 3) Southeast, 4) Midwest, 5) Rockies/Southwest, 6) California, and 7) 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, Belgian Tripel, Dessert/Pastry Beer, and Collaboration Beer were selected as the USBTC pull-out categories.

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The USBTC Winter Grand Champions are:

<u>Category</u>	<u>Grand Champion</u>	<u>Company</u>	<u>Location</u>	<u>Total Beer Judged</u>
Whiskey Aged Beer	Three Ryes Men	Reuben's Brews	Seattle, WA	17
Whiskey Aged Porter/Stout	Double Wolf	3 Sheep's Brewing	Sheboygan, WI	25
Non-whiskey Aged Beer	Quad Bless TX 15	Oak Highlands brewing	Richardson, TX	19
Barleywine	Barleywine	Old Schoolhouse Brewery	Winthrop, WA	25
Strong Ale	Spicer St	Akronym Brewing	Akron, OH	34
Imperial Stout	Ten	Castle Island Brewing Co.	Norwood, MA	29
Stout	Hooligan Stout	Old Schoolhouse Brewery	Winthrop, WA	24
Porter	Stygian Tide Porter	Old Schoolhouse Brewery	Winthrop, WA	30
Brown Ale	Buffle Head Brown Ale	Kishwaukee Brewing	Woodstock, IL	29
Scottish-Style Ale	Highland Claymore	Ike & Oak brewing	Woodridge, IL	18
Belgian-Style Ale	The Mad Elf	Troegs Brewing Company	Hershey, PA	28
Belgian Tripel	Golden Monkey	Victory Brewing Company	Downingtown, PA	23
Dark Lager/Dunkel	Hidden Mechanism	Aeronaut Brewing Company	Somerville, MA	42
Vienna/Marzen Lager	Munich Fest	Jack's Abby	Framingham, MA	77
Spice Beer	Pumpkin Spice Veneration	3 Sheep's Brewing	Sheboygan, WI	31
Holiday Spice Beer	Mr. Krampus	Port O Pints brewing	Crescent City, CA	29
Bean Beer	Barrel Aged Krampus Cookies	Old Irving Brewing	Chicago, IL	37
Dessert/Pastry Beer	Framinghammer Tiramisu	Jack's Abby	Framingham, MA	30
Collaboration Beer	Squatch of Galway	Brother Chimp Brewing	W Aurora, IL	15

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>New England</u>			
Whiskey Aged Beer	Smashed Pumpkin Bourbon Barrel Aged	Shipyards Brewing Company	Portland, ME
Whiskey Aged Porter/Stout	Ten Double Barrel-Aged	Castle Island Brewing Co.	Norwood, MA
Honorable Mention	Manhattan Relic	Bent Water Brewing Co.	Lynn, MA
Non-Whiskey Aged Beer	Horchata Relic	Bent Water Brewing Co.	Lynn, MA
Honorable Mention	When Peaches Attack	The Flying Goose Brewpub & Grille	New London, NH
Barleywine	The Gathering	Spyglass Brewing Company	Nashua, NH
Strong Ale	Double Pig's Ear	Woodstock Inn Brewery	N. Woodstock, NH
Honorable Mention	Prelude	Shipyards Brewing Company	Portland, ME
Imperial Stout	Ten	Castle Island Brewing Co.	Norwood, MA
Honorable Mention	King Misanthrope	Henniker Brewing Company	Henniker, NH
Stout	Chipmunk Love Story	The Flying Goose Brewpub & Grille	New London, NH
Porter	Working Man's Porter	Henniker Brewing Company	Henniker, NH
Honorable Mention	Porter	Bent Water Brewing Co.	Lynn, MA
Brown Ale	Olde London Nut Brown Ale	The Flying Goose Brewpub & Grille	New London, NH
Scottish-Style Ale	Scotch Ale	Berkshire Brewing Company	Deerfield, MA
Belgian-Style Ale	Size 10	Lost Shoe Brewing & Roasting Co.	Marlboro, MA
Honorable Mention	Footy Pajamas	Henniker Brewing Company	Henniker, NH
Belgian Tripel	Three Little Pigs	Rockingham Brewing Company	Derry, NH
Dark Lager/Dunkel	Hidden Mechanism	Aeronaut Brewing Company	Somerville, MA
Honorable Mention	Dunkel	Von Trapp Brewing	Stowe, VT
Vienna/Marzen Lager	Munich Fest	Jack's Abby	Framingham, MA
Honorable Mention	Oktoberfest	Henniker Brewing Company	Henniker, NH
Spice Beer	Smashed Pumpkin	Shipyards Brewing Company	Portland, ME
Honorable Mention	Patchwork	Aeronaut Brewing Company	Somerville, MA
Holiday Spice Beer	Dire Consequences	False Hope Brewing	North Haven, CT
Bean Beer	Aphrodite's Kiss	The Flying Goose Brewpub & Grille	New London, NH
Honorable Mention	Mocha Stout	Rapscallion Brewery	Spencer, MA
Dessert/Pastry Beer	Framingham Tiramisu	Jack's Abby	Framingham, MA
Collaboration Beer	Stronger Together	Dirigible Brewing Company	Littleton, MA
Honorable Mention	Diversity of the Word	Twisted Fate Brewing Company	Danvers, MA
		Vitamin Sea Brewing	Weymouth, MA
		J Wakefield Brewing	Miami, FL
<u>Mid-Atlantic</u>			
Whiskey Aged Beer	Warmth & Wood Rye Pale Ale	Cape May Brewing Co.	Cape May, NJ
Whiskey Aged Porter/Stout	Concrete Ship	Cape May Brewing Co.	Cape May, NJ
Non-whiskey Aged Beer	Fireside Smoked Lager	Talea Beer Co.	New York, New York
Barleywine	Double Dog	Flying Dog Brewery	Utica, NY
Strong Ale	ubu Ale	Lake Placid Pub & Brewery	Lake Placid, NY
Imperial Stout	Gonzo Imperial Porter	Flying Dog Brewery	Utica, NY
Stout	Softly Falling Darkness	Sly Fox Brewing Company	Pottstown, PA
Honorable Mention	Night Gazer	Troegs Brewing Company	Hershey, PA
Porter	Bring Us Some Figgy Porter	Talking Cursive Brewing Company	Syracuse, NY
Brown Ale	Firkin Mirkin	Hudson Brewing Company	Hudson, NY
Scottish-Style Ale	Scotch Ale	Brewery Ardennes	Geneva, NY
Belgian-Style Ale	The Mad Elf	Troegs Brewing Company	Hershey, PA
Belgian Tripel	Golden Monkey	Victory Brewing Company	Downingtown, PA
Dark Lager/Dunkel	Breaking the Lager	Double Groove Brewing Company	Forest Hill, MD
Honorable Mention	Pennsylvania Dark Lager	Troegs Brewing Company	Hershey, PA
Vienna/Marzen Lager	Oktoberfest	Talking Cursive Brewing Company	Syracuse, NY
Spice Beer	Punkin Ale	Dogfish Head Craft Brewery	Milton, DE
Holiday Spice Beer	Jingle Ale The Way	Double Groove Brewing Company	Forest Hill, MD
Honorable Mention	Christmas Ale	Sly Fox Brewing Company	Pottstown, PA
Bean Beer	Mexican Coffee Stout	Cape May Brewing Co.	Cape May, NJ
Dessert/Pastry Beer	Cinnamon Babka	Grimm Artisan Ales	New York, NY
Collaboration Beer	Friends Who Fest	Cape May Brewing Co.	Cape May, NJ
		Farm Truck Brewing	Medford, NJ

Non-whiskey Aged Beer	Quad Bless TX 15	Oak Highlands Brewing	Richardson, TX
Barleywine	<i>No winner declared</i>		
Strong Ale	<i>No winner declared</i>		
Imperial Stout	Road Of Bones	MotoSonora Brewing	Tucson, AZ
Stout	<i>No winner declared</i>		
Porter	<i>No winner declared</i>		
Brown Ale	Face Down Brown	Telluride Brewing	Telluride, CO
Scottish-Style Ale	<i>No winner declared</i>		
Belgian-Style Ale	<i>No winner declared</i>		
Belgian Tripel	Freaky Deaky	Oak Highlands Brewing	Richardson, TX
Dark Lager / Dunkel	<i>No winner declared</i>		
Vienna/Marzen Lager	Oktoberfest	Oak Highlands Brewing	Richardson, TX
Spice Beer	<i>No winner declared</i>		
Holiday Spice Beer	<i>No winner declared</i>		
Bean Beer	Vanilla Porter	Oak Highlands Brewery	Dallas, TX
Dessert/Pastry Beer	<i>No winner declared</i>		
Collaboration Beer	<i>No winner declared</i>		

California

Whiskey Aged Beer	<i>No winner declared</i>		
Whiskey Aged Porter/Stout	<i>No winner declared</i>		
Non-whiskey Aged Beer	<i>No winner declared</i>		
Barleywine	John Barleycorn 2016	Paskenta Mad River Brewing Company	Blue Lake, CA
Strong Ale	O'Melveny Red Ale	San Fernando Brewing Company	San Fernando, CA
Honorable Mention	Crimson Chrome	Fruition Brewing Company	Watsonville, CA
Imperial Stout	Rezzed Imperial Stout	Paskenta Mad River Brewing Company	Blue Lake, CA
Stout	Seaquake Milk Stout	Seaquake Brewing Company	Crescent City, CA
Porter	Seaquake Porter	Seaquake Brewing Company	Crescent City, CA
Honorable Mention	Tint	Fruition Brewing	Watsonville, CA
Brown Ale	Nut Brown Ale	AleSmith Brewing Company	San Diego, CA
Scottish-Style Ale	<i>No winner declared</i>		
Belgian-Style Ale	Sneaker Wave	Port O' Pints Brewing Company	Crescent City, CA
Belgian Tripel	3 Sisters	Port O' Pints Brewing Company	Crescent City, CA
Dark Lager/Dunkel	Dunkel	Port O' Pints Brewing Company	Crescent City, CA
Vienna/Marzen Lager	East Lake	Fruition Brewing	Watsonville, CA
Honorable Mention	My Friend AI	Port O' Pints Brewing Company	Crescent City, CA
Spice Beer	<i>No winner declared</i>		
Holiday Spice Beer	Mr. Krampus	Port O' Pints Brewing Company	Crescent City, CA
Bean Beer	<i>No winner declared</i>		
Dessert/Pastry Beer	<i>No winner declared</i>		
Collaboration Beer	<i>No winner declared</i>		

Northwest/Pacific

Whiskey Aged Beer	Three Ryes Men	Reuben's Brews	Seattle, WA
Whiskey Aged Porter/Stout	BBIS	Reuben's Brews	Seattle, WA
Honorable Mention	Barrel-Aged Melipona	Old Schoolhouse Brewery	Winthrop, WA
Non-whiskey Aged Beer	<i>No winner declared</i>		
Barleywine	Barleywine	Old Schoolhouse Brewery	Winthrop, WA
Strong Ale	Dead Guy Ale	Rogue Ales & Spirits	Newport, OR
Imperial Stout	Imperial Stout	Old Schoolhouse Brewery	Winthrop, WA
Stout	Hooligan Stout	Old Schoolhouse Brewery	Winthrop, WA
Porter	Stygian Tide Porter	Old Schoolhouse Brewery	Winthrop, WA
Honorable Mention	Robust Porter	Reuben's Brews	Seattle, WA
Brown Ale	Big Valley Brown	Old Schoolhouse Brewery	Winthrop, WA
Honorable Mention	Hazelnut Brown Nectar	Rogue Ales & Spirits	Newport, OR
Scottish-Style Ale	The Magnificent	Silver City Brewery	Bremerton, WA
Belgian-Style Ale	<i>No winner declared</i>		
Belgian Tripel	<i>No winner declared</i>		
Dark Lager/Dunkel	<i>No winner declared</i>		
Vienna/Marzen Lager	Vienna Lager	Silver City Brewery	Bremerton, WA
Spice Beer	Night Owl	Elysian Brewing Company	Seattle, WA
Holiday Spice Beer	Julebokk	Reuben's Brews	Seattle, WA
Bean Beer	Melipona	Old Schoolhouse Brewery	Winthrop, WA
Dessert/Pastry Beer	<i>No winner declared</i>		

Collaboration Beer *No winner declared*

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