

USBTC Announces 29th Annual Winter Competition Winners

Chicago, IL/Boston, MA - The United States Beer Tasting Championship™ (USBTC) recently completed its 29th annual Winter Competition. A total of 568 beers from 173 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, Smoke Beer, Wine Enhanced Beer, and Experimental 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>
<i>Whiskey Aged Beer</i>	Three Ryes Men	Reuben's Brews	Seattle, WA	21
<i>Whiskey Aged Porter/Stout</i>	Deth's Tar	Revolution Brewing	Chicago, IL	38
<i>Non-whiskey Aged Beer</i>	Cosmos Redshift 7	Cigar City Brewing Company	Tampa, FL	23
<i>Wine Enhanced Beer</i>	Corbet's Couloir	Ike & Oak Brewing	Woodridge, IL	10
<i>Barleywine</i>	Jack the Giant Killer	Franklins Brewery	Hyattsville, MD	19
<i>Strong Ale</i>	Flap Jack	Henniker Brewing Company	Henniker, NH	31
<i>Imperial Stout</i>	Russian Rhapsody	Church St Brewing	Itasca, IL	32
<i>Stout</i>	Dark Lantern	True North Ale Company	Ipswich, MA	20
<i>Porter</i>	Maria Robust Porter	Alaro Craft Brewery	Sacramento, CA	31
<i>Brown Ale</i>	Brown Bear	Big Bear Brewing Company	Coral Springs, FL	22
<i>Scottish-Style Ale</i>	Paint It Plaid	Church Street Brewing	Itasca, IL	19
<i>Belgian-Style Ale</i>	Tetralogy	Akronym Brewing	Akron, OH	33
<i>Dark Lager/Dunkel</i>	Midnight Expression	The Lost Abbey	San Marcos, CA	43
<i>Vienna/Marzen Lager</i>	Chucktoberfest	Ipswich Ale Brewery	Ipswich, MA	72
<i>Spice Beer</i>	The Rusty Nail	Fremont Brewing	Seattle, WA	33
<i>Holiday Spice Beer</i>	War on XMAS 2022	Illuminated Brew Works	Chicago, IL	42
<i>Bean Beer</i>	Imperial Seven Bells	Vitamin Sea Brewing	Weymouth, MA	37
<i>Experimental Beer</i>	War on XMAS 2021	Illuminated Brew Works	Chicago, IL	22
<i>Smoke Beer</i>	Trösten Lager	Von Trapp Brewing	Stowe, VT	20

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 BBA	Shipyards Brewing Company	Portland, ME
Whiskey Aged Porter/Stout	BBA Evana	Greater Good Imperial Brewing Company	Worcester, MA
Non-Whiskey Aged Beer	Salisbury Mansion	Redemption Rock Brewing Co.	Worcester, MA
Wine Enhanced Beer	Destination: Argentina	Jack's Abby Brewing	Framingham, MA
Barleywine	Triple Bag	Long Trail Brewing Company	Bridgewater Corners, VT
Strong Ale	Flap Jack	Henniker Brewing Company	Henniker, NH
Honorable Mention	Prelude	Shipyards Brewing Company	Portland, ME
Imperial Stout	The Nightmare After Christmas	Flying Dreams Brewing Company	Marlboro, MA
Honorable Mention	Good Night Moon	Greater Good Imperial Brewing Company	Worcester, MA
Stout	Dark Lantern	True North Ale Company	Ipswich, MA
Honorable Mention	Sláinte	Bay State Brewing Company	Worcester, MA
Porter	Robust Porter	Amory's Tomb Brewing Co.	Maynard, MA
Brown Ale	Wordplay	Lamplighter Brewing Company	Cambridge, MA
Scottish-Style Ale	Bo's Scotch Ale	Stark Brewing Company	Manchester, NH
Belgian-Style Ale	Winter Ale	Ipswich Ale Brewery	Ipswich, MA
Dark Lager/Dunkel	Dunkel	Von Trapp Brewing	Stowe, VT
Honorable Mention	Hidden Mechanism	Aeronaut Brewing Company	Somerville, MA
Vienna/Marzen Lager	Chucktoberfest	Ipswich Ale Brewery	Ipswich, MA
Honorable Mention	Oktoberfest	Von Trapp Brewing	Stowe, VT
Spice Beer	Winter Woods	True North Ale Company	Ipswich, MA
Honorable Mention	Giant Pumpkin	Greater Good Imperial Brewing Company	Worcester, MA
Holiday Spice Beer	Gingerbread Ale	Greater Good Imperial Brewing Company	Worcester, MA
Honorable Mention	Biere De Fête	Redemption Rock Brewing Co.	Worcester, MA
Bean Beer	Imperial Seven Bells	Vitamin Sea Brewing	Weymouth, MA
Honorable Mention	Felicia	Bay State Brewing Company	Worcester, MA
Experimental Beer	Beachfire Stories	Vitamin Sea Brewing	Weymouth, MA
Smoke Beer	Trösten Lager	Von Trapp Brewing	Stowe, VT
<u>Mid-Atlantic</u>			
Whiskey Aged Beer	Blackberry Tizzy	Troegs Brewing Company	Hershey, PA
Whiskey Aged Porter/Stout	Path of the Sun	Revelation Craft Brewing Company	Rehoboth Beach, DE
Honorable Mention	The Red Eclipse	Autumn Arch Beer Project	Newark, DE
Non-whiskey Aged Beer	Once Around The Sun	Heavy Seas Beer	Baltimore, MD
Honorable Mention	27 Anniversary Ale	Thompson Island Brewing Company	Rehoboth Beach, DE
Wine Enhanced Beer	<i>No winner declared</i>	Heavy Seas Beer	Baltimore, MD
Barleywine	Jack the Giant Killer	Franklins Brewery	Hyattsville, MD
Strong Ale	Winter Storm	Heavy Seas Beer	Baltimore, MD
Honorable Mention	ubu Ale	Lake Placid Pub & Brewery	Lake Placid, NY
Imperial Stout	Impending Descent	Troegs Brewing Company	Hershey, PA
Honorable Mention	Matryoshka	Franklins Brewery	Hyattsville, MD
Stout	Softly Falling Darkness	Sly Fox Brewing Company	Pottstown, PA
Honorable Mention	Cosmic Cow	Thompson Island Brewing Company	Rehoboth Beach, DE
Porter	Dark Anchor	Heavy Seas Beer	Baltimore, MD
Honorable Mention	Honey Porter	Cape May Brewing Company	Cape May, NJ
Brown Ale	Antler Brown Ale	Barley Creek Brewing Company	Tannersville, PA
Scottish-Style Ale	Highland Hugh	Franklins Brewery	Hyattsville, MD
Belgian-Style Ale	Mad Elf	Troegs Brewing Company	Hershey, PA
Honorable Mention	Sweater Weather	Thompson Island Brewing Company	Rehoboth Beach, DE
Dark Lager/Dunkel	Angler	Barley Creek Brewing Company	Tannersville, PA
Honorable Mention	Black Forest	F.X. Matt Brewing Company	Utica, NY
Vienna/Marzen Lager	Habsburg Vienna	Trauger Brewing Company	Philadelphia, PA
Spice Beer	Pumking	Southern Tier Brewing Company	Lakewood, NY
Holiday Spice Beer	Magnetic North	Ocean View Brewing Company	Ocean View, DE
Honorable Mention	Christmas Ale	Sly Fox Brewing Company	Pottstown, PA
Bean Beer	Blackbeard's Breakfast	Heavy Seas Beer	Baltimore, MD
Honorable Mention	S'morter Porter	Revelation Craft Brewing Company	Rehoboth Beach, DE

Experimental Beer
Smoke Beer

Coconut Drip
20th Anniversary Lager

Finback Brewery
Franklins Brewery

New York, NY
Hyattsville, MD

Southeast

Whiskey Aged Beer
Whiskey Aged Porter/Stout
Honorable Mention
Non-whiskey Aged Beer
Honorable Mention
Wine Enhanced Beer
Barleywine
Strong Ale
Imperial Stout
Honorable Mention
Stout
Porter
Honorable Mention
Brown Ale
Honorable Mention
Scottish-Style Ale
Honorable Mention
Belgian-Style Ale
Honorable Mention
Dark Lager/Dunkel
Honorable Mention
Vienna/Marzen Lager
Spice Beer
Holiday Spice Beer
Honorable Mention
Bean Beer
Experimental Beer
Smoke Beer

Ask Again
Sexual Chocolate (BBA)
Group Therapy Session #1
Cosmos Redshift 7
Sommeil de la Mort
Centaurus A
Moosekiller
Festive Ale
Sexual Chocolate
Marshal Zhukov's
Lincoln's Gift Oyster Stout
People's Porter
Raven's Roost
Brown Bear
Georgia Brown
Billy Boys
License to Kilt
Cosmic Crown
Kodiac Belgian Dubbel
Gest
Schwarzbier
Teufel Hunden
Good Gourd
Horchata Brown Ale
The First Snow Ale
Hunahpu's Imperial Stout
Ginger Snap
Ale Smoke

Service Brewing Company
Foothills Brewing
Service Brewing Company
Cigar City Brewing Company
Cigar City Brewing Company
Cigar City Brewing Company
Tampa Bay Brewing Company
SweetWater Brewing Company
Foothills Brewing
Cigar City Brewing Company
Service Brewing Company
Foothills Brewing
Parkway Brewing Company
Big Bear Brewing Company
SweetWater Brewing Company
Parkway Brewing Company
Service Brewing Company
Cigar City Brewing Company
Big Bear Brewing Company
Elsewhere Brewing
SweetWater Brewing Company
Service Brewing Company
Cigar City Brewing Company
Big Bear Brewing Company
RJ Rockers Brewing Company
Cigar City Brewing Company
Service Brewing Company
Big Boss Brewing

Savannah, GA
Winston-Salem, NC
Savannah, GA
Tampa, FL
Tampa, FL
Tampa, FL
Atlanta, GA
Winston-Salem, NC
Tampa, FL
Savannah, GA
Winston-Salem, NC
Salem, VA
Coral Springs, FL
Atlanta, GA
Salem, VA
Savannah, GA
Tampa, FL
Coral Springs, FL
Atlanta, GA
Atlanta, GA
Savannah, GA
Tampa, FL
Coral Springs, FL
Spartanburg, SC
Tampa, FL
Savannah, GA
Raleigh, NC

Midwest

Whiskey Aged Beer
Whiskey Aged Porter/Stout
Non-whiskey Aged Beer
Wine Enhanced Beer
Barleywine
Strong Ale
Imperial Stout
Stout
Porter
Brown Ale
Scottish-Style Ale
Belgian-Style Ale
Dark Lager / Dunkel
Vienna/Marzen Lager
Spice Beer
Holiday Spice Beer
Bean Beer
Experimental Beer
Smoke Beer

Pervasive
Deth's Tar
Brandy Barrel-Aged Pumpkin Imperial
Corbet's Couloir
Barrel Aged Samson
Spicer Street
Russian Rhapsody
Bessie the Sugar Mama
Eugene Porter
Smile
Paint It Plaid
Tetralogy
Gaze of the Basilisk
Ol' Trigger
Drastically Unrealistic
War on XMAS 2022
Cafe Deth
War on XMAS 2021
Smoky Poofs

Akronym Brewing
Revolution Brewing
Lakefront Brewery
Ike & Oak Brewing
Brother Chimp Brewing
Akronym Brewing
Church Street Brewing
Nebraska Brewing Company
Revolution Brewing
Brother Chimp Brewing
Church Street Brewing
Akronym Brewing
Cosmic Eye Brewing
Ike & Oak Brewing
Bubblehouse Brewing Company
Illuminated Brew Works
Revolution Brewing
Illuminated Brew Works
Bubblehouse Brewing Company

Akron, OH
Chicago, IL
Milwaukee, WI
Woodridge, IL
North Aurora, IL
Akron, OH
Itasca, IL
La Vista, NE
Chicago, IL
North Aurora, IL
Itasca, IL
Akron, OH
Lincoln, NE
Woodridge, IL
Lisle, IL
Chicago, IL
Chicago, IL
Chicago, IL
Lisle, IL

Rockies/Southwest

Whiskey Aged Beer
Whiskey Aged Porter/Stout
Non-whiskey Aged Beer
Wine Enhanced Beer
Barleywine
Strong Ale
Imperial Stout
Stout

Bourbon Barrel Freshman 15
Barrel Aged Red Sea Rift
Batch 1000
Barrel Aged VII XXV XVII
XII XI XIII
Eternal Pursuit
Inky Short Horn
Ski-In Ski-Stout

Oak Highlands Brewing
Level Crossing Brewing Company
Telluride Brewing
Level Crossing Brewing Company
Level Crossing Brewing Company
Level Crossing Brewing Company
12 West Brewing
Telluride Brewing

Dallas, TX
Salt Lake City, UT
Telluride, CO
Salt Lake City, UT
Salt Lake City, UT
Salt Lake City, UT
Salt Lake City, UT
Gilbert, AZ
Telluride, CO

Porter	Devil's Snare	Oak Highlands Brewing	Dallas, TX
Brown Ale	Face Down Brown	Telluride Brewing	Telluride, CO
Scottish-Style Ale	<i>No winner declared</i>		
Belgian-Style Ale	Freaky Deaky	Oak Highlands Brewing	Dallas, TX
Dark Lager / Dunkel	<i>No winner declared</i>		
Vienna/Marzen Lager	El Mirage Marzen	MotoSonora Brewing Company	Tucson, AZ
Spice Beer	<i>No winner declared</i>		
Holiday Spice Beer	<i>No winner declared</i>		
Bean Beer	Vanilla Porter	Oak Highlands Brewery	Dallas, TX
Experimental Beer	Phantasaurus	12 West Brewing	Gilbert, AZ
Smoke Beer	<i>No winner declared</i>		

California

Whiskey Aged Beer	Bourbon Barrel John Barleycorn Barleywine	Mad River Brewing Company	Blue Lake, CA
Whiskey Aged Porter/Stout	Bourbon Barrel Redwood Stout	Mad River Brewing Company	Blue Lake, CA
Non-whiskey Aged Beer	<i>No winner declared</i>		
Wine Enhanced Beer	<i>No winner declared</i>		
Barleywine	John Barleycorn 2016	Mad River Brewing Company	Blue Lake, CA
Honorable Mention	Righteous Son	The Lost Abbey	San Marcos, CA
Strong Ale	Spaniard Special Ale	Alaro Craft Brewery	Sacramento, CA
Imperial Stout	Serpent's Stout	The Lost Abbey	San Marcos, CA
Stout	Stout of Jefferson	Port O' Pints Brewing Company	Crescent City, CA
Porter	Maria Robust Porter	Alaro Craft Brewery	Sacramento, CA
Brown Ale	My Honey's Brown Ale	Port O' Pints Brewing Company	Crescent City, CA
Scottish-Style Ale	<i>No winner declared</i>		
Belgian-Style Ale	Sneaker Wave	Port O' Pints	Crescent City, CA
Dark Lager/Dunkel	Midnight Expression	The Lost Abbey	San Marcos, CA
Vienna/Marzen Lager	Red Lager	East Brother Brewing Company	Richmond, CA
Spice Beer	<i>No winner declared</i>		
Holiday Spice Beer	Mr. Krampus – 2022	Port O' Pints	Crescent City, CA
Bean Beer	<i>No winner declared</i>		
Experimental Beer	<i>No winner declared</i>		
Smoke Beer	The Scotsman	Port O' Pints	Crescent City, CA

Northwest/Pacific

Whiskey Aged Beer	Three Ryes Men	Reuben's Brews	Seattle, WA
Honorable Mention	B-Bomb	Fremont Brewing	Seattle, WA
Whiskey Aged Porter/Stout	Barrel Aged Dark Star	Fremont Brewing	Seattle, WA
Honorable Mention	BBIS	Reuben's Brews	Seattle, WA
Non-whiskey Aged Beer	Blazing Barrels	Old Schoolhouse Brewery	Winthrop, WA
Wine Enhanced Beer	Perpetual Motion	Breakside Brewery	Portland, OR
Barleywine	Barnacles	Reuben's Brews	Seattle, WA
Honorable Mention	Old Scrooge	Silvery City Brewery	Bremerton, WA
Strong Ale	Adam's Festive Ale	Reuben's Brews	Seattle, WA
Imperial Stout	Imperial Stout	Old Schoolhouse Brewery	Winthrop, WA
Honorable Mention	5X Stout	Pike Brewing Company	Seattle, WA
Stout	Hooligan Stout	Old Schoolhouse Brewery	Winthrop, WA
Honorable Mention	Flurries in the Forecast	Reuben's Brews	Seattle, WA
Porter	Fivepine Chocolate Porter	Three Creeks Brewing Company	Sisters, OR
Honorable Mention	Panther Lake Porter	Silver City Brewery	Bremerton, WA
Brown Ale	Big Valley Brown	Old Schoolhouse Brewery	Winthrop, WA
Scottish-Style Ale	The Magnificent	Silver City Brewery	Bremerton, WA
Honorable Mention	Kilt Lifter	Pike Brewing Company	Seattle, WA
Belgian-Style Ale	Monk's Uncle	Pike Brewing Company	Seattle, WA
Honorable Mention	Nutcracker	Silvery City Brewery	Bremerton, WA
Dark Lager/Dunkel	Dark Munich Lager	Reuben's Brews	Seattle, WA
Vienna/Marzen Lager	Northsun	Reuben's Brews	Seattle, WA
Spice Beer	The Rusty Nail	Fremont Brewing	Seattle, WA
Holiday Spice Beer	<i>No winner declared</i>		
Bean Beer	Melipona	Old Schoolhouse Brewery	Winthrop, WA
Honorable Mention	Imperial Reuben Claus	Reuben's Brews	Seattle, WA
Experimental Beer	Tropic Chronic	Silver City Brewery	Bremerton, WA
Honorable Mention	Legend Cold IPA	Fremont Brewing	Seattle, WA

Smoke Beer

No winner declared

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