

USBTC Announces 26th Annual Winter Competition Winners

Boston, MA - The United States Beer Tasting Championship™ (USBTC) recently completed its 26th annual Winter Competition. A total of 465 beers from 154 breweries were examined across 17 different beer categories. Within each category, the USBTC determined both a 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, Experimental Beer was selected as the USBTC pull-out category.

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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>	2019 Three Ryes Men	Reuben’s Brews	Seattle, WA	24
<i>Whiskey Aged Porter/Stout</i>	Black Friday Imperial Stout	Lakefront Brewery	Milwaukee, WI	29
<i>Non-whiskey Aged Beer</i>	Black Friday Fruit Cake	Lakefront Brewery	Milwaukee, WI	27
<i>Barleywine</i>	Decline	Icicle Brewing Company	Leavenworth, WA	25
<i>Strong Ale</i>	Darker Persuasion	Icicle Brewing Company	Leavenworth, WA	26
<i>American Black Ale</i>	Arrow of Time	Cosmic Eye Brewing	Lincoln, NE	11
<i>Imperial Stout</i>	The Temptress	Lakewood Brewing	Garland, TX	32
<i>Stout</i>	Hooligan Stout	Old Schoolhouse Brewery	Winthrop, WA	27
<i>Porter</i>	Fivepine Chocolate Porter	Three Creeks Brewing Company	Sisters, OR	20
<i>Brown Ale</i>	Bitch Creek Brown Ale	Grand Teton Brewing Company	Victor, ID	26
<i>Scottish-Style Ale</i>	Wee Heavy	Motorworks Brewing	Bradenton, FL	21
<i>Belgian-Style Ale</i>	Night’s Watch	Franklins Brewery	Hyattsville, MD	35
<i>Dark Lager/Dunkel</i>	Black Hat	Akronym Brewing	Akron, OH	28
<i>Vienna/Marzen Lager</i>	Red Tape	Jack’s Abby Brewing	Framingham, MA	47
<i>Spice Beer</i>	Hunahpu’s Imperial Stout	Cigar City Brewing Company	Tampa, FL	19
<i>Bean Beer</i>	Java Cask	Victory Brewing Company	Downingtown, PA	49
<i>Experimental Beer</i>	Peach Afternoon	The Lost Abby Brewing	San Marcos, CA	19

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>
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Northeast

Whiskey Aged Beer	Curieux	Allagash Brewing	Portland, ME
Whiskey Aged Porter/Stout	Clown Shoes Pecan Pie Porter	Mass Bay Brewing Company	Boston, MA
Non-Whiskey Aged Beer	Springdale Maple Brigadeiro	Jack’s Abby Brewing	Framingham, MA
Barleywine	Barleywine	Stoneface Brewing Co.	Newington, NH
Strong Ale	Double Maple Brown Ale	Foley Brothers Brewing	Brandon, VT

Honorable Mention
 American Black Ale
 Imperial Stout
 Honorable Mention
 Stout
 Porter
 Honorable Mention
 Brown Ale
 Scottish-Style Ale
 Honorable Mention
 Belgian-Style Ale
 Honorable Mention
 Dark Lager/Dunkel
 Honorable Mention
 Vienna/Marzen Lager
 Honorable Mention
 Spice Beer
 Bean Beer
 Experimental Beer

Rushmore
 Midnight Snow
 Framinghamer Baltic Porter
 Baltic Porter
 Oatmeal Stout
 Robust Porter
 Porter
 Granola Brown Ale
 Scotch Ale
 Bo's Scotch Ale
 Monks' Reserve Ale
 Cherry Bomb
 Smoke & Dagger
 Dunkel
 Red Tape
 Oktoberfest
 Samuel Adams Old Fezziwig
 Stuffed
 Samuel Adams Utopias

Lamplighter Brewing Co.
 True North Ale Company
 Jack's Abby Brewing
 Beerworks Brewing Company
 Ipswich Ale Brewery
 Smuttynose Brewing Company
 Mayflower Brewing Company
 Black Hog Brewing Co.
 The People's Pint
 Stark Brewing Company
 Spencer Brewery
 Beerworks Brewing Company
 Jack's Abby Brewing
 Von Trapp Brewery
 Jack's Abby Brewing
 Von Trapp Brewery
 Boston Beer Company
 Definitive Brewing Company
 Boston Beer Company

Cambridge, MA
 Ipswich, MA
 Framingham, MA
 Lowell, MA
 Ipswich, MA
 Hampton, NH
 Plymouth, MA
 Oxford, CT
 Greenfield, MA
 Manchester, NH
 Spencer, MA
 Lowell, MA
 Framingham, MA
 Stowe, VT
 Framingham, MA
 Stowe, VT
 Boston, MA
 Portland, MA
 Boston, MA

Mid-Atlantic

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

Bourbon Barrel-Aged Troegenator
 Friendly Fire
 Impending Descent
 Casual War Stories
 Jack the Giant Killer
 Flying Mouflan
 Stegmaier Winter Warmer
 ubu Ale
 Night Swell
 Hop Project: No. 013 Black IPA
 Matryoshka
 Softly Falling Darkness
 Chocolate Rye Porter
 Kiwi Curse
 Antler Brown Ale
 Royal Kilt Inspector
 Night's Watch
 Mad Elf
 Blizzard Bock Dark Lager
 Festbier
 Master of Pumpkins
 Christmas Ale
 Java Cask
 Saranac Varick St. Breakfast Stout
 Buckberry Sour

Troegs Brewing Company
 Brown's Brewing Company
 Troegs Brewing Company
 Brown's Brewing Company
 Franklins Brewery
 Troegs Brewing Company
 The Lion Brewery
 Lake Placid Pub & Brewery
 Heavy Seas Beer
 Sly Fox Brewing Company
 Franklins Brewery
 Sly Fox Brewing Company
 Franklins Brewery
 Franklins Brewery
 Barley Creek Brewing Company
 War Horse Brewing Company
 Franklins Brewery
 Troegs Brewing Company
 Flying Bison Brewing Company
 Victory Brewing Company
 Troegs Brewing Company
 Sly Fox Brewing Company
 Victory Brewing Company
 F.X. Matt Brewing Company
 Revelation Craft Brewing Company

Harrisburg, PA
 Troy, NY
 Harrisburg, PA
 Troy, NY
 Hyattsville, MD
 Harrisburg, PA
 Wilkes-Barre, PA
 Lake Placid, NY
 Baltimore, MD
 Pottstown, PA
 Hyattsville, MD
 Pottstown, PA
 Hyattsville, MD
 Hyattsville, MD
 Tannersville, PA
 Geneva, NY
 Hyattsville, MD
 Harrisburg, PA
 Buffalo, NY
 Downingtown, PA
 Harrisburg, PA
 Pottstown, PA
 Downingtown, PA
 Utica, NY
 Rehoboth Beach, DE

Southeast

Whiskey Aged Beer
 Honorable Mention
 Whiskey Aged Porter/Stout
 Honorable Mention
 Non-whiskey Aged Beer
 Honorable Mention
 Barleywine
 Strong Ale
 American Black Ale
 Honorable Mention
 Imperial Stout
 Stout
 Porter
 Brown Ale

Stakhanov's Barleywine
 Bourbon on Swann
 Ahaltocob
 Sexual Chocolate Imperial Stout (BBA)
 Four Paws
 4 Barrel Circus
 Thresher
 Festive Ale
 Very Gary Black IPA
 Frostbite Black IPA
 Frostfang
 American Stout
 London Style Porter
 Maduro

Cigar City Brewing Company
 Motorworks Brewing
 Cigar City Brewing Company
 Foothills Brewing
 Wild Wolf Brewing Company
 River Dog Brewing Company
 Motorworks Brewing
 SweetWater Brewing Company
 River Dog Brewing Company
 Foothills Brewing
 Motorworks Brewing
 Wild Wolf Brewing Company
 The St. George Brewing Company
 Cigar City Brewing Company

Tampa, FL
 Bradenton, FL
 Tampa, FL
 Winston-Salem, NC
 Nellysford, VA
 Ridgeland, SC
 Bradenton, FL
 Atlanta, GA
 Ridgeland, SC
 Winston-Salem, NC
 Bradenton, FL
 Nellysford, VA
 Hampton, VA
 Tampa, FL

Scottish-Style Ale	Wee Heavy	Motorworks Brewing	Bradenton, FL
Belgian-Style Ale	Quad	Motorworks Brewing	Bradenton, FL
Honorable Mention	Kodiak Belgian Dubbel	Big Bear Brewing Company	Coral Springs, FL
Dark Lager/Dunkel	<i>No winner declared</i>		
Vienna/Marzen Lager	Oktoberfest	Foothills Brewing	Winston-Salem, NC
Honorable Mention	V Twin	Motorworks Brewing	Bradenton, FL
Spice Beer	Hunahpu's Imperial Stout	Cigar City Brewing Company	Tampa, FL
Honorable Mention	Mexican Standoff	Due South Brewing Company	Boynton Beach, FL
Bean Beer	Excessive and Lustful Kissing	Cigar City Brewing Company	Tampa, FL
Honorable Mention	Loco Cocoa Reserve	River Dog Brewing Company	Ridgeland, SC
Experimental Beer	Death By Dessert	O'Connor Brewing Company	Norfolk, VA
Honorable Mention	Honey Meade Lager	The St. George Brewing Company	Hampton, VA

Midwest

Whiskey Aged Beer	Barrel Aged Pecan Brown Ale	Sibling Revelry Brewing	Westlake, OH
Whiskey Aged Porter/Stout	Black Friday Imperial Stout	Lakefront Brewing	Milwaukee, WI
Non-whiskey Aged Beer	Black Friday Fruit Cake	Lakefront Brewing	Milwaukee, WI
Barleywine	Black Friday Barley Wine	Lakefront Brewing	Milwaukee, WI
Strong Ale	<i>No Winner Declared</i>		
American Black Ale	Arrow Of Time	Cosmic Eye Brewing	Lincoln, NE
Imperial Stout	Your Friend Death	Cosmic Eye Brewing	Lincoln, NE
Stout	Irish Stout	Sprecher Brewing	Glendale, WI
Porter	Vanilla Porter	15-24 Brew house	Clay Center, KS
Brown Ale	Brunette Nut Brown Ale	Nebraska Brewing Company	La Vista, NE
Scottish-Style Ale	Nessie	Stonehome Brewing Co.	Watford City, ND
Belgian-Style Ale	Abby Triple	Sprecher Brewing	Glendale, WI
Dark Lager / Dunkel	Black Hat	Akronym Brewing	Akron, OH
Vienna/Marzen Lager	Bent Tuba	Titletown Brewing Company	Greenbay, WI
Spice Beer	Spicer Street	Akronym Brewing	Akron, OH
Bean Beer	Cosmic Coco	Sibling Revelry Brewing	Westlake, OH
Experimental Beer	JP's Casper White Stout	Whole Hog/Stevens Point Brewing	Stevens Point, WI

Rockies/Southwest

Whiskey Aged Beer	Chump Change	Oak Highlands Brewing	Dallas, TX
Whiskey Aged Porter/Stout	Barrel Aged Temptress	Lakewood Brewing	Garland, TX
Non-whiskey Aged Beer	Cuvée De Vélo	Lakewood Brewing	Garland, TX
Barleywine	Killer Penguin	Boulder Beer Company	Boulder CO
Strong Ale	Winter Warmer	Rahr & Sons Brewing	Ft Worth, TX
American Black Ale	<i>No Winner Declared</i>		
Imperial Stout	The Temptress	Lakewood Brewing	Garland, TX
Stout	Worthog Stout	Bootstrap Brewing	Longmont, CO
Porter	Porter	Lakewood Brewing	Garland, TX
Brown Ale	Ellie's Brown Ale	Avery Brewing Company	Boulder, CO
Scottish-Style Ale	Iron Thistle	Rahr & Sons Brewing	Ft Worth, TX
Belgian-Style Ale	Freaky Deaky	Oak Highlands Brewing	Dallas, TX
Dark Lager / Dunkel	Baba Black Lager	Unita Brewing Company	Salt Lake City, UT
Vienna/Marzen Lager	Oktoberfest	Oak Highlands Brewing	Dallas, TX
Spice Beer	<i>No winner declared</i>		
Bean Beer	French Quarter Temptress	Lakewood Brewing	Garland, TX
Experimental Beer	Paleta de Mango	Rahr & Sons Brewing	Ft Worth, TX

California

Whiskey Aged Beer	O'Brien's 25 th Anniversary Ale	The Lost Abbey Brewing Company	San Marcos, CA
Whiskey Aged Porter/Stout	Impermeable Stout	Seismic Brewing Company	Santa Rosa, CA
Non-whiskey Aged Beer	Hoppy Sour: Citra	Almanac Beer Company	San Jose, CA
Barleywine	Old Blarney	Moylan's Brewing Company	Novato, CA
Strong Ale	<i>No winner declared</i>		
American Black Ale	Double Deft Secret	Deft Brewing Company	San Diego, CA
Imperial Stout	Old Rasputin	North Coast Brewing Company	Fort Bragg, CA
Stout	Day of the Deft	Deft Brewing Company	
Porter	Dawn of the Deft	Deft Brewing Company	San Diego, CA

Brown Ale	Black Rice Ale	Anderson Valley Brewing Company	Boonville, CA
Scottish-Style Ale	<i>No winner declared</i>		
Belgian-Style Ale	Belgian/Golden Strong	Seismic Brewing Company	Santa Rosa, CA
Dark Lager/Dunkel	Magnetic Midnight	Seismic Brewing Company	Santa Rosa, CA
Vienna/Marzen Lager	<i>No winner declared</i>		
Spice Beer	Mexican hot chocolate Stout	Seismic Brewing Company	Santa Rosa, CA
Bean Beer	Grounds for Termination	Seismic Brewing Company	Santa Rosa, CA
Experimental Beer	Peach Afternoon	The Lost Abbey Brewing Company	San Marcos, CA

Northwest/Pacific

Whiskey Aged Beer	2019 Three Ryes Men	Reuben's Brews	Seattle, WA
Honorable Mention	Castaway Barleywine	Old Stove Brewing Co.	Seattle, WA
Whiskey Aged Porter/Stout	2019 BBIS	Reuben's Brews	Seattle, WA
Honorable Mention	Entire 2019	Pike Brewing Company	Seattle, WA
Non-whiskey Aged Beer	2019 Cognac BBIS	Reuben's Brews	Seattle, WA
Barleywine	Decline	Icicle Brewing Company	Leavenworth, WA
Strong Ale	Darker Persuasion	Icicle Brewing Company	Leavenworth, WA
Honorable Mention	Pecan Porter	Laughing Dog Brewing	Ponderay, ID
American Black Ale	Octopus Ink	Pike Brewing Company	Seattle, WA
Imperial Stout	Imperial Stout	Old Schoolhouse Brewery	Winthrop, WA
Honorable Mention	Black Cauldron Imperial Stout	Grand Teton Brewing Company	Victor, ID
Stout	Hooligan Stout	Old Schoolhouse Brewery	Winthrop, WA
Porter	Fivepine Chocolate Porter	Three Creeks Brewing Company	Sisters, OR
Honorable Mention	Rendezvous Porter	Old Schoolhouse Brewery	Winthrop, WA
Brown Ale	Bitch Creek Brown Ale	Grand Teton Brewing Company	Victor, ID
Scottish-Style Ale	Tip Dipper Wee Heavy Scotch Ale	Old Stove Brewing Co.	Seattle, WA
Honorable Mention	McKay's Scottish Ale	Three Creeks Brewing Company	Sisters, OR
Belgian-Style Ale	Monk's Uncle	Pike Brewing Company	Seattle, WA
Dark Lager/Dunkel	Rye Dunkel	Reuben's Brews	Seattle, WA
Vienna/Marzen Lager	Oktoberfest	Laughing Dog Brewing	Ponderay, ID
Honorable Mention	Groomer	Bayern Brewery	Missoula, MT
Spice Beer	<i>No winner declared</i>		
Bean Beer	Chocolate Vanilla 2019 Three Ryes Men	Reuben's Brews	Seattle, WA
Honorable Mention	Dark Persuasion	Icicle Brewing Company	Leavenworth, WA
Experimental Beer	Coconut Hiwa	Maui Brewing Company	Maui, HI

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