

USBTC Announces 27th Annual Winter Competition Winners

Boston, MA/Chicago, IL - The United States Beer Tasting Championship™ (USBTC) recently completed its 27th annual Winter Competition. A total of 544 beers from 151 breweries were examined across 19 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, Coffee Beer, Holiday Spice 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 mmxix	Reuben's Brews	Seattle, WA	24
<i>Whiskey Aged Porter/Stout</i>	Primordial Unity	Cigar City Brewing Company	Tampa, FL	25
<i>Non-whiskey Aged Beer</i>	Lions Share	Lakewood Brewing Company	Garland, TX	28
<i>Barleywine</i>	Fathead Barleywine	Nebraska Brewing Company	La Vista, NE	26
<i>Strong Ale</i>	Hoppy Holidays	Akronym Brewing	Akron, OH	26
<i>American Black Ale</i>	Black Perle	RJ Rockers Brewing Company	Spartanburg, SC	17
<i>Imperial Stout</i>	Imperial Stout	Old Schoolhouse Brewery	Winthrop, WA	37
<i>Stout</i>	Hooligan Stout	Old Schoolhouse Brewery	Winthrop, WA	26
<i>Porter</i>	Maria Robust Porter	Alaro Craft Brewery	Sacramento, CA	27
<i>Brown Ale</i>	Billet Brown	12 West Brewing Company	Mesa, AZ	27
<i>Scottish-Style Ale</i>	Iron Thistle	Rahr and Sons Brewing Company	Ft Worth, TX	9
<i>Belgian-Style Ale</i>	Night's Watch	Franklins Brewery	Hyattsville, MD	38
<i>Dark Lager/Dunkel</i>	Winter Nacht	Ipswich Ale Brewery	Ipswich, MA	25
<i>Vienna/Marzen Lager</i>	Itasciafest	Church Street Brewing	Itasca, IL	66
<i>Spice Beer</i>	Hunahpu's Imperial Stout	Cigar City Brewing Company	Tampa, FL	33
<i>Holiday Spice Beer</i>	Comfy Pants	Thompson Island Brewing Company	Rehoboth Beach, DE	24
<i>Bean Beer</i>	Alpine Delight	Ike & Oak Brewing	Woodridge, IL	25
<i>Coffee Beer</i>	Saranac Varick St. Breakfast Stout	F.X. Matt Brewing Company	Utica, NY	35
<i>Experimental Beer</i>	Harbor Country Delight	Ike & Oak Brewing	Woodridge, IL	26

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>Northeast</u>			
Whiskey Aged Beer	Lagerness Monster	Jack's Abby Brewing	Framingham, MA
Whiskey Aged Porter/Stout	BBA Evana	Greater Good Imperial Brewing Company	Worcester, MA
Non-Whiskey Aged Beer	Springdale Maple Brigadeiro	Jack's Abby Brewing	Framingham, MA
Barleywine	Holidale	Berkshire Brewing Company	Deerfield, MA
Strong Ale	Prelude	Shipyard Brewing Company	Portland, ME
American Black Ale	X-Ray Night Vision	Aeronaut Brewing Company	Somerville, MA
Honorable Mention	Night Crawler	Flying Dreams Brewing Company	Marlborough, MA
Imperial Stout	Good Night Moon	Greater Good Imperial Brewing Company	Worcester, MA
Honorable Mention	Bonspiel	Wachusett Brewing Company	Westminster, MA
Stout	Dark & Sunny	Redemption Rock Brewing Co.	Worcester, MA
Porter	Park Ave Porter	Flying Dreams Brewing Company	Marlborough, MA
Brown Ale	Thunder Hole	Atlantic Brewing Company	Bar Harbor, ME
Scottish-Style Ale	Ghost Ship	Mayflower Brewing Company	Plymouth, MA
Belgian-Style Ale	Citra	Greater Good Imperial Brewing Company	Worcester, MA
Honorable Mention	Belgian Dubbel	Fat Orange Cat Brew Co.	East Hampton, CT
Dark Lager/Dunkel	Winter Nacht	Ipswich Ale Brewery	Ipswich, MA
Honorable Mention	Red Tape	Jack's Abby Brewing	Framingham, MA
Vienna/Marzen Lager	Oktoberfest	Shovel Town Brewery	North Easton, MA
Honorable Mention	Shipping Out of Boston	Jack's Abby Brewing	Framingham, MA
Spice Beer	Samuel Adams Pumpkin Spice	Boston Beer Company	Boston, MA
	Café Au Lait		
Holiday Spice Beer	Winter Ale	Wachusett Brewing Company	Westminster, MA
Bean Beer	All Cats Are Gray in the Dark	Fat Orange Cat Brew Co.	East Hampton, CT
Honorable Mention	Cocoasutra	Aeronaut Brewing Company	Somerville, MA
Coffee Beer	Crunch	Shovel Town Brewery	North Easton, MA
Honorable Mention	Samuel Adams Lithuanian Latte	Boston Beer Company	Boston, MA
Experimental Beer	Pumpkin and Spice Milkshake IPA	Soul Purpose Brewing	Worcester, MA
<u>Mid-Atlantic</u>			
Whiskey Aged Beer	Earl's Revelation	Revelation Craft Brewing Company	Rehoboth Beach, DE
Honorable Mention	25	Blue Earl Brewing Company	Smyrna, DE
Whiskey Aged Porter/Stout	Path of the Sun	Heavy Seas Beer	Baltimore, MD
Honorable Mention	Impending Descent	Revelation Craft Brewing Company	Rehoboth Beach, DE
Non-whiskey Aged Beer	Terra	Autumn Arch Beer Project	Newark, DE
Barleywine	Jack the Giant Killer	Troegs Brewing Company	Hershey, PA
Honorable Mention	The "Herc"	Brown's Brewing Company	Troy, NY
Strong Ale	ubu Ale	Franklins Brewery	Hyattsville, MD
American Black Ale	Hop Zen	Flying Bison Brewing Company	Buffalo, NY
Imperial Stout	Peg Leg	Lake Placid Pub & Brewery	Lake Placid, NY
Honorable Mention	Matryoshka	Franklins Brewery	Hyattsville, MD
Stout	JavaHead Stout	Heavy Seas Beer	Baltimore, MD
Honorable Mention	Softly Falling Darkness	Franklins Brewery	Hyattsville, MD
Porter	<i>No winner declared</i>	Troegs Brewing Company	Hershey, PA
Brown Ale	Old Miser	Sly Fox Brewing Company	Pottstown, PA
Scottish-Style Ale	Highland Hugh	Franklins Brewery	Hyattsville, MD
Belgian-Style Ale	Night's Watch	Franklins Brewery	Hyattsville, MD
Honorable Mention	Mad Elf	Troegs Brewing Company	Hershey, PA
Dark Lager/Dunkel	Winter Lager	Brooklyn Brewery	Brooklyn, NY
Vienna/Marzen Lager	Cutlass	Heavy Seas Beer	Baltimore, MD
Spice Beer	Black is Beautiful	Heavy Seas Beer	Baltimore, MD
		Patuxent Brewing Company	Waldorf, MD
Holiday Spice Beer	Comfy Pants	Thompson Island Brewing Company	Rehoboth Beach, DE
Honorable Mention	Christmas Ale	Sly Fox Brewing Company	Pottstown, PA
Bean Beer	Siren Noire	Heavy Seas Beer	Baltimore, MD

Coffee Beer
Honorable Mention
Experimental Beer

Saranac Varick St. Breakfast Stout
Spot Coffee Stout
Paula's Red Velvet Ale

F.X. Matt Brewing Company
Flying Bison Brewing Company
Flying Bison Brewing Company

Utica, NY
Buffalo, NY
Buffalo, NY

Southeast

Whiskey Aged Beer Disphotic III
Whiskey Aged Porter/Stout Primordial Unity
Honorable Mention Geek-out Stout
Non-whiskey Aged Beer Cosmic Collision
Honorable Mention Frostbane
Barleywine Thresher
Strong Ale Solid Stock
American Black Ale Black Perle
Imperial Stout Marshal Zhukov's
Honorable Mention 9 Grain Stout
Stout Lincoln's Gift Oyster Stout
Porter London Style Porter
Honorable Mention Stay Safe, Y'all
Brown Ale Rappahannock River Water
Honorable Mention Maduro
Scottish-Style Ale Slumbering Dragon
Belgian-Style Ale London Golden Winter
Dark Lager/Dunkel Gest
Honorable Mention Schwarzbier
Vienna/Marzen Lager Oktoberfest
Honorable Mention Zicke Zacke
Spice Beer Hunahpu's Imperial Stout
Honorable Mention Gourds Gone Wild
Holiday Spice Beer Holiday Spice Cake
Honorable Mention Kindred Spice
Bean Beer Imperial Peanut Butter Perkolatte
Coffee Beer BBA Coffee Infused Sexual Chocolate
Honorable Mention Midnight Espresso
Experimental Beer Honey Meade Lager
Honorable Mention Full Melt

Motorworks Brewing
Cigar City Brewing Company
Service Brewing Company
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RJ Rockers Brewing Company
Cigar City Brewing Company
Lot 9 Brewing Company
Service Brewing Company
The St. George Brewing Company
Spencer Devon Brewing
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Elsewhere Brewing
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Lot 9 Brewing Company
Foothills Brewing
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Bradenton, FL
Tampa, FL
Savannah, GA
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Spartanburg, SC
Tampa, FL
Bluffton, SC
Savannah, GA
Hampton, VA
Fredericksburg, VA
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Tampa, FL
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Bradenton, FL
Atlanta, GA
Bluffton, SC
Winston-Salem, NC
Atlanta, GA
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Bradenton, FL
Hampton, VA
Atlanta, GA

Midwest

Whiskey Aged Beer Devils Playground
Whiskey Aged Porter/Stout Mauled By Kamchatka
Non-whiskey Aged Beer Sallyweiss
Barleywine Fathead
Strong Ale Hoppy Holidays
American Black Ale Arrow Of Time
Imperial Stout Mother Of All Bettys
Stout Bears Lair
Porter Caramelized Chocolate Churro Porter
Brown Ale Backwoods Brown
Scottish-Style Ale Nessie
Belgian-Style Ale Flannel Surfing
Dark Lager / Dunkel Black Hat
Vienna/Marzen Lager Itascafest
Honorable Mention Ludwig Lager
Spice Beer Syble
Holiday Spice Beer Bourbon Barrel Chocolate Barleywine
Bean Beer Alpine Delight
Coffee Beer Coffee Red
Experimental Beer Harbor Country Delight

Church Street Brewing
Ike & Oak Brewing
Nebraska Brewing Company
Nebraska Brewing Company
Akronym Brewing
Cosmic Eye Brewing
Nebraska Brewing Company
Ike & Oak Brewing
Moody Tongue Brewing Company
15-24 Brew House
Stonehome Brewing Co.
Scorched Earth Brewing
Akronym Brewing
Church Street Brewing
Brother Chimp Brewing
Sibling Revelry Brewing
Moody Tongue Brewing Company
Ike & Oak Brewing
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Itasca, IL
Woodridge, IL
La Vista, NE
La Vista, NE
Akron, OH
Lincoln, NE
La Vista, NE
Woodridge, IL
Chicago, IL
Clay center, KS
Watford City, ND
Algonquin, IL
Akron, OH
Itasca, IL
North Aurora, IL
Westlake, OH
Chicago, IL
Woodridge, IL
Westlake, OH
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Rockies/Southwest

Whiskey Aged Beer	Bourbon Barrel Aged Winter Warmer	Rahr & Sons Brewing	Ft Worth, TX
Whiskey Aged Porter/Stout	Bourbon Barrel Temptress	Lakewood Brewing	Garland, TX
Non-whiskey Aged Beer	Lion Share VIII	Lakewood Brewing	Garland, TX
Barleywine	Good Hearted Woman	12 West Brewing	Mesa, AZ
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	<i>No winner declared</i>		
Porter	Mocha Moto Porter	Moto Sonora brewing	Tucson, AZ
Brown Ale	Billet Brown	12 West Brewing	Mesa, AZ
Scottish-Style Ale	Iron thistle	Rahr & Sons brewing	Ft Worth, TX
Belgian-Style Ale	<i>No winner declared</i>		
Dark Lager / Dunkel	Bois D'arc	Oak Highlands Brewing	Dallas, TX
Vienna/Marzen Lager	Lakewood Lager	Lakewood Brewing	Garland, TX
Spice Beer	Punker	Lakewood Brewing	Garland, TX
Holiday Spice Beer	Ho Ho Cocoa Cane	Tommyknocker Brewery	Idaho Springs, CO
Bean Beer	Chocolate Porte	Tommyknocker Brewery	Idaho Springs, CO
Coffee Beer	Dadgum Coffee IPA	Rahr & Sons Brewing	Ft Worth, TX
Experimental Beer	Salted Carmel Temptress	Lakewood Brewing	Garland, TX

California

Whiskey Aged Beer	Glorious Excess	Gilman Brewing Company	Berkeley, CA
Whiskey Aged Porter/Stout	Half-Past Liquid Midnight	Shadow Puppet Brewing Company	Livermore, CA
Honorable Mention	5W30	Gilman Brewing Company	Berkeley, CA
Non-whiskey Aged Beer	Rum Angel's Share	The Lost Abbey/Port Brewing	San Marcos, CA
Barleywine	Hot Rod Quad	Shadow Puppet Brewing Company	Livermore, CA
Honorable Mention	Don't Drink Barleywine	The Lost Abbey/Port Brewing	San Marcos, CA
Strong Ale	Spaniard Special Ale	Alaro Craft Brewery	Sacramento, CA
American Black Ale	<i>No winner declared</i>		
Imperial Stout	Kokonati	Shadow Puppet Brewing Company	Livermore, CA
Stout	Contortion - Milk Stout	Shadow Puppet Brewing Company	Livermore, CA
Porter	Maria Robust Porter	Alaro Craft Brewery	Sacramento, CA
Brown Ale	<i>No winner declared</i>		
Scottish-Style Ale	<i>No winner declared</i>		
Belgian-Style Ale	Old Rusty	Gilman Brewing Company	Berkeley, CA
Honorable Mention			
Dark Lager/Dunkel	Magnetic Midnight	Seismic Brewing Company	Sebastopol, CA
Vienna/Marzen Lager	Solamente Uno Amber Lager	Gilman Brewing Company	Berkeley, CA
Spice Beer	Say When	Libertine Brewing Company	San Luis Obispo, CA
Holiday Spice Beer	Santa's Little Helper – Hazelnut	The Lost Abbey/Port Brewing	San Marcos, CA
Honorable Mention	Cozimator	Shadow Puppet Brewing Company	Livermore, CA
Bean Beer	<i>No winner declared</i>		
Coffee Beer	Coffee State	Del Cielo Brewing	Martinez, CA
Experimental Beer	Needle Tip	Shadow Puppet Brewing Company	Livermore, CA

Northwest/Pacific

Whiskey Aged Beer	Three Ryes Men mmxix	Reuben's Brews	Seattle, WA
Honorable Mention	Darkest Persuasion	Icicle Brewing Company	Leavenworth, WA
Whiskey Aged Porter/Stout	BBIS	Old Stove Brewing Co.	Seattle, WA
Honorable Mention	BBIS mmxix	Reuben's Brews	Seattle, WA
Non-whiskey Aged Beer	Cognac BBIS mmxix	Reuben's Brews	Seattle, WA
Barleywine	Decline	Icicle Brewing Company	Leavenworth, WA
Honorable Mention	Castaway Barleywine	Old Stove Brewing Co.	Seattle, WA
Strong Ale	Darker Persuasion	Icicle Brewing Company	Leavenworth, WA
American Black Ale	Mustache Ride Black Rye IPA	Sawtooth Brewery	Ketchum, ID
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

Honorable Mention Porter	Black is Beautiful Fivepine Chocolate Porter	Reuben's Brews Three Creeks Brewing Company	Seattle, WA Sisters, OR
Honorable Mention Brown Ale	Rendezvous Porter Big Valley Brown	Old Schoolhouse Brewery Old Schoolhouse Brewery	Winthrop, WA Winthrop, WA
Honorable Mention Scottish-Style Ale	20-Inch Brown <i>No winner declared</i>	Cascade Lakes Brewing Company	Redmond, OR
Belgian-Style Ale	<i>No winner declared</i>		
Dark Lager/Dunkel	Dark Munich Lager	Reuben's Brews	Seattle, WA
Vienna/Marzen Lager	Dirtyface Amber	Icicle Brewing Company	Leavenworth, WA
Honorable Mention	Groomer	Bayern Brewery	Missoula, MT
Spice Beer	Night Owl	Elysian Brewing Company	Seattle, WA
Holiday Spice Beer	<i>No winner declared</i>		
Bean Beer	Dark Persuasion	Icicle Brewing Company	Leavenworth, WA
Coffee Beer	Snow Cause for Alarm	Old Schoolhouse Brewery	Winthrop, WA
Experimental Beer	Reuben's Claus	Reuben's Brews	Seattle, WA

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