

## **USBTC Announces 25<sup>th</sup> Annual Winter Competition Winners**

**Acton, MA** - The United States Beer Tasting Championship™ (USBTC) recently completed its 25<sup>th</sup> annual Winter Competition. A total of 376 beers from 123 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, Pumpkin Beer and Whiskey Aged Porter/Stout were selected as USBTC pull-out categories.

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### **The USBTC Winter Grand Champions are:**

<b><u>Category</u></b>	<b><u>Grand Champion</u></b>	<b><u>Company</u></b>	<b><u>Location</u></b>	<b><u>Total Beer Judged</u></b>
<i>Whiskey Aged Beer</i>	Angel Share	The Lost Abbey	San Marcos, CA	18
<i>Whiskey Aged Porter/Stout</i>	Life is Like	Cigar City Brewing Company	Tampa, FL	25
<i>Non-whiskey Aged Beer</i>	Cyclopaedia	Cigar City Brewing Company	Tampa, FL	22
<i>Barleywine</i>	Samuel Adams Utopias	Boston Beer Company	Boston, MA	24
<i>Strong Ale</i>	Stegmaier Winter Warmer	The Lion Brewery	Wilkes-Barre, PA	15
<i>American Black Ale</i>	Midnight Snow	True North Ale Company	Ipswich, MA	14
<i>Imperial Stout</i>	Expedition Stout	Bell's Brewery	Comstock, MI	34
<i>Stout</i>	Milk Stout Nitro	Left Hand Brewing Company	Longmont, CO	16
<i>Porter</i>	Porter	Founders Brewing Co.	Grand Rapids, MI	19
<i>Brown Ale</i>	American Brown	Reuben's Brews	Seattle, WA	26
<i>Scottish-Style Ale</i>	Highland Hugh	Franklins Brewery	Hyattsville, MD	17
<i>Belgian-Style Ale</i>	Angry Elf	Big Bear Brewing Company	Coral Springs, FL	21
<i>Dark Lager/Dunkel</i>	Ramstein Ink	High Point Brewing Company	Butler, NJ	17
<i>Vienna/Marzen Lager</i>	Samuel Adams Octoberfest	Boston Beer Company	Boston, MA	26
<i>Spice Beer</i>	Gingerbread Spiced Imperial Stout	Monday Night Brewing	Atlanta, GA	20
<i>Pumpkin Beer</i>	Rumpkin	Avery Brewing Company	Boulder, CO	16
<i>Bean Beer</i>	Chocolate Box: Hazelnut Praline	Reuben's Brews	Seattle, WA	46

**The regional winners (along with beers receiving honorable mention) from each category are:**

<b><u>Region/ Category</u></b>	<b><u>Regional Champion/ Honorable Mention</u></b>	<b><u>Company</u></b>	<b><u>Location</u></b>
<b><u>Northeast</u></b>			
Whiskey Aged Beer	Curieux	Allagash Brewing	Portland, ME
Whiskey Aged Porter/Stout	Belladonna Stout	Abandoned Building Brewery	Easthampton, MA
Non-Whiskey Aged Beer	Samuel Adams Griffin's Bow	Boston Beer Company	Boston, MA
Barleywine	Samuel Adams Utopias	Boston Beer Company	Boston, MA
Strong Ale	Mountain Ale	The Shed Brewery	Middlebury, VT
American Black Ale	Midnight Snow	True North Ale Company	Ipswich, MA
Imperial Stout	Kong!	Flying Goose Brew Pub	New London, NH
Stout	Joppa Grande Stout	Newburyport Brewing Company	Newburyport, MA
Porter	Samuel Adams Holiday Porter	Boston Beer Company	Boston, MA
Brown Ale	Blizzard of 78	Wormtown Brewery	Worcester, MA
Scottish-Style Ale	Samuel Adams Scotch Ale	Boston Beer Company	Boston, MA
Belgian-Style Ale	Tripel	Allagash Brewing	Portland, ME
Dark Lager/Dunkel	Dunkel	Von Trapp Brewery	Stowe, VT
Vienna/Marzen Lager	Samuel Adams Octoberfest	Boston Beer Company	Boston, MA
Spice Beer	Samuel Adams Old Fezziwig	Boston Beer Company	Boston, MA
Pumpkin Beer	Samuel Adams Pumpkin Ale	Boston Beer Company	Boston, MA
Bean Beer	The Roast	Henniker Brewing Co.	Henniker, NH
<b><u>Mid-Atlantic</u></b>			
Whiskey Aged Beer	Schnee Boot	Heavy Seas Beer	Baltimore, MD
Honorable Mention	Whisker Assassins	3 Stars Brewing Company	Washington, DC
Whiskey Aged Porter/Stout	Death from Above	Revelation Craft Brewing Company	Rehoboth Beach, DE
Honorable Mention	Saranac Varick St. Breakfast Stout	F.X. Matt Brewing Company	Utica, NY
Non-whiskey Aged Beer	Mortal Cherry	Troegs Brewing Company	Harrisburg, PA
Barleywine	Flying Mouflan	Troegs Brewing Company	Harrisburg, PA
Honorable Mention	Jack the Giant Killer	Franklins Brewery	Hyattsville, MD
Strong Ale	Stegmaier Winter Warmer	The Lion Brewery	Wilkes-Barre, PA
American Black Ale	ubu Ale	Lake Placid Pub & Brewery	Lake Placid, NY
Imperial Stout	Matryoshka	Franklins Brewery	Hyattsville, MD
Honorable Mention	Bluetooth's Treasure	Revelation Craft Brewing Company	Rehoboth Beach, DE
Stout	Saranac Oatmeal Stout	F.X. Matt Brewing Company	Utica, NY
Porter	Honey Porter	Upstate Brewing Company	Elmira, NY
Brown Ale	Old Miser	Franklins Brewery	Hyattsville, MD
Scottish-Style Ale	Highland Hugh	Franklins Brewery	Hyattsville, MD
Belgian-Style Ale	Mad Elf	Troegs Brewing Company	Harrisburg, PA
Dark Lager/Dunkel	Ramstein Ink	High Point Brewing Company	Butler, NJ
Honorable Mention	Dunkel	Revelation Craft Brewing Company	Rehoboth Beach, DE
Vienna/Marzen Lager	Never Say Never	3 Stars Brewing Company	Washington, DC
Spice Beer	2XMAS	Southern Tier Brewing Company	Lakewood, NY
Honorable Mention	Christmas Ale	Sly Fox Brewing Company	Pottstown, PA
Pumpkin Beer	The Greater Pumpkin	Heavy Seas Beer	Baltimore, MD
Bean Beer	Cocoa-Nut Joe	Revelation Craft Brewing Company	Rehoboth Beach, DE
<b><u>Southeast</u></b>			
Whiskey Aged Beer	Midnight Marsh	River Dog Brewing Company	Ridgeland, SC
Honorable Mention	Sympathy Weight	Monday Night Brewing	Atlanta, GA
Whiskey Aged Porter/Stout	Life is Like	Cigar City Brewing Company	Tampa, FL
Honorable Mention	Bettie	River Dog Brewing Company	Ridgeland, SC
Non-whiskey Aged Beer	Cyclopaedia	Cigar City Brewing Company	Tampa, FL
Honorable Mention	Rum BA Datil Pepper Imperial Porter	Motorworks Brewing	Bradenton, FL
Barleywine	Thresher	Motorworks Brewing	Bradenton, FL
Honorable Mention	Entente Cordiale	Monday Night Brewing	Atlanta, GA
Strong Ale	Festive Ale	SweetWater Brewing Company	Atlanta, GA
American Black Ale	Black Perle	RJ Rockers Brewing Company	Spartanburg, SC

Honorable Mention	Matte Black
Imperial Stout	Frostfang
Stout	American Stout
Honorable Mention	Rocko's Milk Stout
Porter	Porter
Brown Ale	Maduro
Honorable Mention	Duck-Rabbit Brown Ale
Scottish-Style Ale	Duck-Rabbit Wee Heavy
Belgian-Style Ale	Angry Elf
Honorable Mention	Anchorite
Dark Lager/Dunkel	Ojo Del Tigre
Vienna/Marzen Lager	Oktoberfest
Honorable Mention	V Twin
Spice Beer	Gingerbread Spiced Imperial Stout
Honorable Mention	Hunahpu's Imperial Stout
Pumpkin Beer	Lowe Down Brown
Honorable Mention	Good Gourd
Bean Beer	Ante Meridiem-Maple Rum
Honorable Mention	W-n-B

River Dog Brewing Company  
 Motorworks Brewing  
 Wild Wolf Brewing Company  
 Spencer Devon Brewing  
 The St. George Brewing Company  
 Cigar City Brewing Company  
 The Duck-Rabbit Craft Brewery  
 The Duck-Rabbit Craft Brewery  
 Big Bear Brewing Company  
 Spencer Devon Brewing  
 Commonwealth Brewing Company  
 Cigar City Brewing Company  
 Motorworks Brewing  
 Monday Night Brewing  
 Cigar City Brewing Company  
 Southern Barrel Brewing Co.  
 Cigar City Brewing Company  
 Monday Night Brewing  
 Terrapin Beer Company

Ridgeland, SC  
 Bradenton, FL  
 Nellysford, VA  
 Fredericksburg, VA  
 Hampton, VA  
 Tampa, FL  
 Farmville, NC  
 Farmville, NC  
 Coral Springs, FL  
 Fredericksburg, VA  
 Virginia Beach, VA  
 Tampa, FL  
 Bradenton, FL  
 Atlanta, GA  
 Tampa, FL  
 Bluffton, SC  
 Tampa, FL  
 Atlanta, GA  
 Athens, GA

## Midwest

Whiskey Aged Beer	DKML
Whiskey Aged Porter/Stout	Whiskey Barrel Stout
Non-whiskey Aged Beer	Off the Beaten Path III
Barleywine	Pilgrims Dole
Strong Ale	Fistmas
American Black Ale	Black Tuna
Imperial Stout	Expedition Stout
Stout	Kalamazoo Stout
Porter	Porter
Brown Ale	Puffing Billy
Honorable Mention	Cast Iron
Scottish-Style Ale	Dirty Bastard
Belgian-Style Ale	Sixth Glass
Dark Lager / Dunkel	Magnetron
Vienna/Marzen Lager	Fruhauf
Honorable Mention	Eliot Ness
Spice Beer	Wildflower Pale Ale
Pumpkin Beer	Crypt Keeper
Bean Beer	Arabicadabra

Founders Brewing Co.  
 Boulevard Brewing Company  
 Jackie O's Brewery  
 New Holland Brewing Co.  
 Revolution Brewing  
 Pipeworks Brewing Co.  
 With 4 Hands Brewing Co  
 Bell's Brewery  
 Bell's Brewery  
 Founders Brewing Co.  
 Around the Bend Beer Company  
 4 Hands Brewing Co  
 Founders Brewing Co.  
 Boulevard Brewing Company  
 Metropolitan Brewing  
 Pollyanna Brewing Company  
 Great Lakes Brewing Company  
 Forbidden Root Restaurant & Brewery  
 Scorched Earth Brewing Company  
 Bell's Brewery

Grand Rapids, MI  
 Kansas City, MO  
 Athens, OH  
 Holland, MI  
 Chicago, IL  
 Chicago, IL  
 St. Louis, MO  
 Comstock, MI  
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 Grand Rapids, MI  
 Chicago, IL  
 St. Louis, MO  
 Grand Rapids, MI  
 Kansas City, MO  
 Chicago, IL  
 Lemont, IL  
 Cleveland, OH  
 Chicago, IL  
 Algonquin, IL  
 Comstock, MI

## Rockies/Southwest

Whiskey Aged Beer	Oakspire
Whiskey Aged Porter/Stout	Barrel Aged Yeti
Non-whiskey Aged Beer	Vanilla Oak Aged Yeti
Barleywine	Killer Penguin
Strong Ale	Hibernation Ale
American Black Ale	Rise & Pine
Imperial Stout	Yeti
Stout	Milk Stout Nitro
Porter	Shake Chocolate Porter
Brown Ale	Ellie's Brown Ale
Scottish-Style Ale	Claymore
Belgian-Style Ale	The Reverend
Dark Lager / Dunkel	Baba Black Lager
Vienna/Marzen Lager	<i>No winner declared</i>
Spice Beer	<i>No winner declared</i>
Pumpkin Beer	Rumpkin
Bean Beer	Vanilla Porter

New Belgium Brewing Company  
 Great Divide Brewing Company  
 Great Divide Brewing Company  
 Boulder Beer Company  
 Great Divide Brewing Company  
 Unita Brewing Company  
 Great Divide Brewing Company  
 Left Hand Brewing Company  
 Boulder Beer Company  
 Avery Brewing Company  
 Great Divide Brewing Company  
 Avery Brewing Company  
 Unita Brewing Company  
 Avery Brewing Company  
 Breckinridge Brewing Company

Fort Collins, CO  
 Denver, CO  
 Denver, CO  
 Boulder CO  
 Denver, CO  
 Salt Lake City, UT  
 Denver, CO  
 Longmont, CO  
 Boulder CO  
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 Salt Lake City, UT  
 Boulder, CO  
 Breckinridge, CO

## **California**

Whiskey Aged Beer	Angel Share	The Lost Abbey	San Marcos, CA
Whiskey Aged Porter/Stout	Willetized Coffee Stout	Lagunitas Brewing Company	Petaluma, CA
Non-whiskey Aged Beer	Santo Ron Diego	The Lost Abbey	San Marcos, CA
Barleywine	Old Dipsea	Marin Brewing Company	Larkspur, CA
Strong Ale	Arrogant Bastard	Stone Brewing Company	Escondido, CA
American Black Ale	<i>No winner declared</i>		
Imperial Stout	Imperial Stout	Moylan's Brewing Company	Novato, CA
Stout	Nitro Merlin	Firestone Walker Brewing Company	Paso Robles, CA
Porter	Porter	Anchor Brewing Company	San Francisco, CA
Honorable Mention	Point Reyes Porter	Marin Brewing Company	Larkspur, CA
Brown Ale	Davy Brown Ale	Figueroa Mountain Brewing Company	Buellton, CA
Scottish-Style Ale	<i>No winner declared</i>		
Belgian-Style Ale	Triple Dipsea	Marin Brewing Company	Larkspur, CA
Dark Lager/Dunkel	<i>No winner declared</i>		
Vienna/Marzen Lager	Oktoberfest	Sierra Nevada Brewing Company	Chico, CA
Spice Beer	Track #8	The Lost Abbey	San Marcos, CA
Pumpkin Beer	<i>No winner declared</i>		
Bean Beer	Board Meeting	Port Brewing	San Marcos, CA

## **Northwest/Pacific**

Whiskey Aged Beer	Wood Aged Kilt Lifter	Pike Brewing Company	Seattle, WA
Honorable Mention	Biere De Noel	Big Sky Brewing Company	Missoula, MT
Whiskey Aged Porter/Stout	BBIS	Reuben's Brews	Seattle, WA
Honorable Mention	Ivan the Terrible	Big Sky Brewing Company	Missoula, MT
Non-whiskey Aged Beer	Doppelrock	Reuben's Brews	Seattle, WA
Barleywine	Decline	Icicle Brewing Company	Leavenworth, WA
Honorable Mention	Three Ryes Men	Reuben's Brews	Seattle, WA
Strong Ale	Out Cold Winter Ale	Sawtooth Brewery	Ketchum, ID
American Black Ale	Ink	Reuben's Brews	Seattle, WA
Imperial Stout	Imperial Stout	Old Schoolhouse Brewery	Winthrop, WA
Honorable Mention	Pecan Porter	Laughing Dog Brewing	Ponderay, ID
Stout	Hooligan Stout	Old Schoolhouse Brewery	Winthrop, WA
Honorable Mention	Shakespeare Stout	Rogue Brewery	Newport, OR
Porter	Priebe Porter	Icicle Brewing Company	Leavenworth, WA
Honorable Mention	Rendezvous Porter	Old Schoolhouse Brewery	Winthrop, WA
Brown Ale	American Brown	Reuben's Brews	Seattle, WA
Honorable Mention	Hazelnut Brown Nectar	Rogue Brewery	Newport, OR
Scottish-Style Ale	Heavy Horse Scotch Ale	Big Sky Brewing Company	Missoula, MT
Honorable Mention	Kilt Lifter	Pike Brewing Company	Seattle, WA
Belgian-Style Ale	Sipping Into Darkness	Big Sky Brewing Company	Missoula, MT
Honorable Mention	Monk's Uncle	Pike Brewing Company	Seattle, WA
Dark Lager/Dunkel	Session Dark	Full Sail Brewing Company	Hood River, OR
Vienna/Marzen Lager	Dirtyface Amber	Icicle Brewing Company	Leavenworth, WA
Honorable Mention	Year of the Dog #3	Laughing Dog Brewing	Ponderay, ID
Spice Beer	Yellow Snow	Rogue Brewery	Newport, OR
Pumpkin Beer	<i>No winner declared</i>		
Bean Beer	Chocolate Box: Hazelnut Praline	Reuben's Brews	Seattle, WA
Honorable Mention	Double Chocolate Stout	Rogue Brewery	Newport, OR

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