



GREAT INTERNATIONAL BEER, CIDER, MEAD & SAKE COMPETITION
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The 24th Annual Great International Beer, Cider, Mead & Sake Competition took place November 12, 2022, in Norwalk, Connecticut

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THE JUDGING

Four hundred and eighty (480) beers, ciders, meads, sakes, hard kombuchas, hard seltzers, non-alcohol beers and RTDs from across the U.S. and around the world entered the competition.

Seventy-five (75) professionals who work in all three tiers of the drinks business, plus food and drinks journalists, acted as judges in a blind tasting format.

First, second and third place awards were presented in forty-eight (48) categories. The judges knew only the style, subcategory, ABV and any special notes (such as special ingredients) for each entry.

Since the competition began in 1997, over 11,000 entries have been judged. All those who enter receive judge comment sheets. The winners receive medals and certificates.

NEXT YEAR'S GREAT INTERNATIONAL BEER, CIDER, MEAD & SAKE COMPETITION

The 25th Annual Great International Beer, Cider, Mead & Sake Competition takes place October 2023, again in Norwalk, Connecticut. The deadline for entry forms is October 15, 2023.

All information — categories, entry forms, etc. — is available from:

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THE 2022 WINNERS

WHEAT ALE

- 1 — Stratford Hall Hefeweizen, NewSylum Brewing, Newtown, CT
- 2 — Schnickelfritz, Urban Chestnut Brewing, St. Louis, MO
- 3 — Dunkelweizen, Franklins Brewery, Hyattsville, MD

LIGHT ALE

- 1 — Cremo Ale, Alvarium Brewing, New Britain, CT
- 2 — Coffee & Cream Damiani, Hopping Eagle Brewing, Hawley, PA
- 3 — After Dark, Brewport, Bridgeport, CT

KÖLSCH

- 1 — Kölsch, Franklins Brewery, Hyattsville, MD
- 2 — Keating Farms Kölsch, NewSylum Brewing, Newtown, CT
- 3 — Kapitol Kölsch, Concord Craft Brewing, Concord, NH

BRITISH/IRISH ALE — ENGLISH BITTER/ESB

- 1 — 48 Flags, Henniker Brewing, Henniker, NH
- 2 — Train's Best Bitters ESB, Firefly Hollow Brewing, Bristol, CT
- 3 — Shoemaker's Best Bitter, Lost Shoe Brewing, Marlborough, MA

BRITISH/IRISH ALE — IRISH/SCOTISH

- 1 — Smiling Eyes, Czar's Brewing, Exeter, NH
- 2 — Irish Red Ale, Airline Brewing, Amherst, ME
- 3 — Scottish Export, Airline Brewing, Amherst, ME

AMERICAN PALE ALE

- 1 — Before Noon, Barnstable Brewing, Hyannis, MA
- 2 — 8 Days A Week, Beer'd Brewing, Stonington, CT
- 3 — Kittens & Canoes, Beer'd Brewing, Stonington, CT

AMERICAN AMBER ALE

- 1 — War of 1812 Amber Ale, 1812 Brewing, Watertown, NY
- 2 — Ol' Trigger, Ike & Oak Brewing, Woodridge, IL
- 3 — American Amber Ale, Real McCoy Spirits, Stonington, CT

IPA

- 1 — Hopper Dropper, Ike & Oak Brewing, Woodridge, IL
- 2 — Supernaut, New England Brewing, Woodbridge, CT
- 3 — Triumvirate IPA, Reuben's Brews, Seattle, WA

NEW ENGLAND IPA

- 1 — Save The Robots, Radiant Pig Craft Beers, Newport, RI
- 2 — F-Bomb NEIPA, Taproot Brewing, Middletown, RI
- 3 — Rhode Trip, Newport Craft Brewing, Newport, RI

BROWN/COPPER ALE

- 1 — Barrett Brothers Brown, Brewport, Bridgeport, CT
- 2 — 1687 Brown Ale, Charter Oak Brewing, Danbury, CT
- 3 — Altbier, Nod Hill Brewery, Ridgefield, CT

BROWN PORTER

- 1 — Lake Placid Ubu Ale, Saranac/FX Matt Brewing, Utica, NY
- 2 — Briefcase Porter, Exhibit 'A' Brewing, Framingham, MA
- 3 — Porter, Narragansett Brewing, Newport, RI

ROBUST PORTER

- 1 — Some More Porter, Northampton Brewery, Northampton, MA
- 2 — Robust Porter, Reuben's Brews, Seattle, WA
- 3 — Ghost Pigeon Porter, New England Brewing, Woodbridge, CT

STOUT

- 1 — Milk & Cookies, Northampton Brewery, Northampton, MA
- 2 — Lights Out Stout, Charter Oak Brewing, Danbury, CT
- 3 — Hazelnut Stout, Whalers Brewing, Wakefield, RI

LAGER — BOHEMIAN PILSNER

- 1 — Walking the Dog, NewSylum Brewing, Newtown, CT
- 2 — Pilsner, von Trapp Brewing, Stowe, VT
- 3 — Samuel Adams Boston Lager, Boston Beer Company, Boston, MA

LAGER — CONTINENTAL/DORTMUNDER

- 1 — Duffer Lager, Housatonic River Brewing, New Milford, CT
- 2 — Thomaston Lager, Clocktown Brewing, Thomaston, CT
- 3 — Czech Mix Pilsner, Back East Brewing, Bloomfield, CT

LAGER — HELLES

- 1 — Zwickel, Urban Chestnut Brewing, St. Louis, MO
- 2 — Cruise Control Lager, Two Roads Brewing, Stratford, CT
- 3 — Gerauchert, Moniker Brewery, Providence, RI

LAGER — PREMIUM/OTHER

- 1 — Estrella Damm, S.A. Damm, Barcelona, Spain
- 2 — NEBCO Lager, New England Brewing, Woodbridge, CT
- 3 — Urban Underdog American Lager, Urban Chestnut Brewing, St. Louis, MO

AMBER & DARK LAGER — VIENNA/OTHER

- 1 — Madison Junction, Ike & Oak Brewing, Woodridge, IL
- 2 — Trosten, von Trapp Brewing, Stowe, VT
- 3 — Vector, Broken Symmetry Brewing, Bethel, CT

AMBER & DARK LAGER — DUNKEL

- 1 — Dunkel, Moniker Brewery, Providence, RI
- 2 — Dorfbier, Urban Chestnut Brewing, St. Louis, MO
- 3 — Dunkel My Vibe, NewSylum Brewing, Newtown, CT

AMBER & DARK LAGER — SCHWARZBIER

- 1 — Wonktoberfest, New England Brewing, Woodbridge, CT
- 2 — Burn the Witch, Meddlesome Brewing, Cordova, TN
- 3 — Ramstein Ink Black Lager, High Point Brewing, Butler, NJ

OKTOBERFEST

- 1 — Fest Lager, Remnant Brewing, Somerville, MA
- 2 — Clocktoberfest, Clocktown Brewing, Thomaston, CT
- 3 — Wobbly Stein, Barnstable Brewing, Hyannis, MA

STRONG BEER — COMBINED SUBCATEGORIES

- 1 — Ropenia, Spider Bite Beer, Holbrook, NY
- 2 — Ivar, Aspetuck Brew Lab, Bridgeport, CT
- 3 — Triple Debacle Doppelbock, McFleshman's Brewing, Appleton, WI

STRONG BEER — BARLEYWINE

- 1 — Gnarleyovich, Czar's Brewing, Exeter, NH
- 2 — Atomic Mass, Aspetuck Brew Lab, Bridgeport, CT
- 3 — Rum Barrel-Aged Old Faithful, Ike & Oak Brewing, Woodridge, IL

STRONG BEER — BELGIAN DUBBEL & TRIPEL/BELGIAN GOLDEN

- 1 — Freestone, Ike & Oak Brewing, Woodridge, IL
- 2 — She Devil, Meddlesome Brewing, Cordova, TN
- 3 — Size 6, Lost Shoe Brewing, Marlborough, MA

STRONG BEER — IMPERIAL IPA

- 1 — Grizzly Hackle, Ike & Oak Brewing, Woodridge, IL
- 2 — Wanderer, Whalers Brewing, Wakefield, RI
- 3 — Dogs & Boats, Beer'd Brewing, Stonington, CT

STRONG BEER — NEW ENGLAND IMPERIAL IPA

- 1 — Lupified, Bad Sons Beer, Derby, CT
- 2 — Two Jesuits Walk into a Brewery, Barnstable Brewing, Hyannis, MA
- 3 — Reno as F**K, Revision Brewing, Sparks, NV

STRONG BEER — RUSSIAN IMPERIAL STOUT

- 1 — Remedy, Housatonic River Brewing, New Milford, CT
- 2 — Matyroska, Franklins Brewery, Hyattsville, MD
- 3 — Kodiak's Revenge Bourbon Barrel-Aged with Peanut Butter, Ike & Oak Brewing, Woodridge, IL

SOUR & WILD ALE — AMERICAN-STYLE WITH FRUIT <6.5% ABV

- 1 — Pique, New England Brewing, Woodbridge, CT
- 2 — Acrimony, New England Brewing, Woodbridge, CT
- 3 — I Am Frut, Witchdoctor Brewing, Southington, CT

SOUR & WILD ALE — AMERICAN-STYLE WITH & WITHOUT FRUIT

- 1 — Gose, Reuben's Brews, Seattle, WA
- 2 — Ridiculous, Franklins Brewery, Hyattsville, MD
- 3 — Untethered Optimism, Moniker Brewery, Providence, RI

BELGIAN & FRENCH ALE – COMBINED SUBCATEGORIES

- 1 — Bière de Noël, Reuben's Brews, Seattle, WA
- 2 — Lilywhite Wit, Reuben's Brews, Seattle, WA
- 3 — Garden of the Gods, Ike & Oak Brewing, Woodridge, IL

BELGIAN & FRENCH ALE — SAISON

- 1 — Lazy Days Saison, Twin Creeks Brewing, Vinton, VA
- 2 — Every Leaf a Flower, Franklins Brewery, Hyattsville, MD
- 3 — Saison du John, NewSylum Brewing, Newtown, CT

GLUTEN-FREE & -REDUCED BEER

- 1 — Mini Flakes IPA, Firefly Hollow Brewing, Bristol, CT
- 2 — Citrillo, Thomas Hooker Brewing, Bloomfield, CT
- 3 — Olly Olly Gluten Free, Sibling Revelry Brewing, Westlake, OH

FRUIT & SPICE ALE — PUMPKIN & SPICES

- 1 — All Hallows' Eve, Spider Bite Beer, Holbrook, NY
- 2 — Eastwitch, Lost Shoe Brewing, Marlborough, MA
- 3 — Imperial Pumpkin, Taproot Brewing, Middletown, RI

FRUIT & SPICE ALE — BELGIAN WITH FRUIT

- 1 — A Woman After My Own Tart, Franklins Brewery, Hyattsville, MD
- 2 — Augusta Peach Wheat, Sibling Revelry Brewing, Westlake, OH
- 3 — Fresh! Blackberry & Lime, Reuben's Brews, Seattle, WA

FRUIT & SPICE ALE — LAGERS/RADLERS/OTHER

- 1 — Nor'Easter Lager, Thomas Hooker Brewing, Bloomfield, CT
- 2 — Lumpy's Maple & Bacon, Ike & Oak Brewing, Woodridge, IL
- 3 — Bunny Patch, Witchdoctor Brewing, Southington, CT

FRUIT & SPICE LAGERS WITH SPICES/HERBS/OTHER INGREDIENTS

- 1 — Love at First Bite, Spider Bite Beer, Holbrook, NY
- 2 — Sacred Grounds, Housatonic River Brewing, New Milford, CT
- 3 — Woollysicle, Ike & Oak Brewing, Woodridge, IL

CIDER — COMMON

- 1 — First Bite, Tapped Apple Cidery, Westerly, RI
- 2 — Gravenstein, Tapped Apple Cidery, Westerly, RI
- 3 — Pearseco, Vermont Cider Co, Middlebury, VT

CIDER — ENGLISH/FRENCH/SPANISH/NEW ENGLAND/ICE

- 1 — Farmstead, Champlain Orchards, Shoreham, VT
- 2 — Honeycrisp Ice Cider, Champlain Orchards, Shoreham, VT
- 3 — Dear Brittany, Angry Orchard Hard Cider, Walden, NY

CIDER — FRUIT

- 1 — Pomegranate, Tapped Apple Cidery, Westerly, RI
- 2 — Blueberry Vanilla, Tapped Apple Cidery, Westerly, RI
- 3 — Bellini, Vermont Cider Co, Middlebury, Vt.

CIDER — SPECIALTY

- 1 — Mac & Apple, Champlain Orchards, Shoreham, VT
- 2 — Larrabee, Champlain Orchards, Shoreham, VT
- 3 — Citra, Champlain Orchards, Shoreham, Vt.

MEAD

- 1 — Spiced Sour, Golden Coast Mead, Oceanside, CA
- 2 — Triple Oaked Sweet, Golden Coast Mead, Oceanside, CA
- 3 — Wildflower Sweet, Golden Coast Mead, Oceanside, CA

SAKE

- 1 — Yuki No Bosha Junmai Ginjo, Saiya Shuzoten, Yurihonjo, Akita-ken, Japan
- 2 — Fuku Chitose Yamahai Junmai, Tajima Brewery, Fukui, Japan
- 3 — Chikurin Karoyaka Junmai Ginjo, Marumoto Brewery, Okayama-ken, Japan

HARD KOMBUCHA

- 1 — Moonlight Mojito, Gold Vibe Kombuchary, Grass Valley, CA
- 2 — Boocho Colada, Gold Vibe Kombuchary, Grass Valley, CA
- 3 — Dragon Thorn, Gold Vibe Kombuchary, Grass Valley, CA

HARD SELTZER — MALT & SPIRITS BASED — CITRUS

- 1 — Drift Cucumber Lime, Whalers Brewing, Wakefield, RI
- 2 — Tequila Lime, Day Chaser Cocktails, Middlebury, VT
- 3 — Vodka Lime, Day Chaser Cocktails, Middlebury, VT

HARD SELTZER — MALT & SPIRITS BASED — BERRY

- 1 — Vodka Cranberry, Day Chaser Cocktails, Middlebury, VT
- 2 — Vodka Buda Berry, Day Chaser Cocktails, Middlebury, VT
- 3 — Jasmine & Blueberry Boozy Tea, Owl's Brew, New York, NY

HARD SELTZER — MALT & SPIRITS BASED — OTHER

- 1 — Tequila Spicy Mango, Day Chaser Cocktails, Middlebury, VT
- 2 — Hopfizz Sabro Hops, Reuben's Brews, Seattle, WA
- 3 — Vodka Cucumber, Day Chaser Cocktails, Middlebury, VT

NON-ALCOHOL BEER

- 1 — On Your Mark American Blonde, Kit NA Brewing, Portland, ME
- 2 — Free Damm Tostada, S.A. Damm, Barcelona, Spain
- 3 — NA Juicy IPA, Two Roads Brewing, Stratford, CT

RTDs — SPIRITS BASED

- 1 — Daybreaker Tropical Punch, Two Roads Brewing, Stratford, CT
- 2 — Reyes y Cobardes Agave Mango Habanero Margarita, Compañía Tequilera de Arandas, Aguascalientes, Mexico
- 3 — Peach Hard Lemonade, Monaco Cocktails, Cold Spring, MN

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