



**GREAT INTERNATIONAL BEER, CIDER, MEAD & SAKE COMPETITION**  
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The 25th Annual Great International Beer, Cider, Mead & Sake Competition took place November 4, 2023, in Norwalk, Connecticut.

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**THE JUDGING**

Three hundred and fifty-nine (359) beers, ciders, meads, hard kombuchas, hard seltzers, non-alcohol beers and RTDs from across the U.S. and around the world entered the competition.

Seventy (70) 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 thirty-six (36) categories. The judges knew only the style, subcategory, ABV and any special notes (such as special ingredients) for each entry.

The winners receive medals and certificates, and the results are sent to traditional and social media outlets around the world.

Since the competition began in 1997, over 11,000 entries have been judged.

**2024 GREAT INTERNATIONAL BEER, CIDER, MEAD & SAKE COMPETITION**

The 26th Annual Great International Beer, Cider, Mead & Sake Competition takes place November 2024, again in Norwalk, Connecticut. The deadline for entry forms is October 15, 2024.

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

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## THE 2023 WINNERS

### WHEAT ALE: AMERICAN & GERMAN

- 1 — Zenobia, Caius Farm Brewery, Branford, CT
- 2 — Hyona, Caius Farm Brewery, Branford, CT
- 3 — Schnickelfitz, Urban Chestnut Brewing, St. Louis, MO

### LIGHT ALE

- 1 — Piw Paw, Dirigible Brewing, Littleton, MA
- 2 — Sealed With A Smile, Wormtown Brewery, Worcester, MA
- 3 — Debut Single, Moniker Brewery, Providence, RI

### KÖLSCH

- 1 — Babilla, Caius Farm Brewery, Branford, CT
- 2 — Gold Hill, Ike & Oak Brewing, Woodridge, IL
- 3 — High Noon Kölsch, Stone Corral Brewing, Richmond, VA

### BRITISH/IRISH/SCOTTISH ALE

- 1 — Daniel Shays Best Bitter, Northampton Brewery, Northampton, MA
- 2 — Secret Knock, Canned Heat Craft Beer, Fall River, MA
- 3 — Red Ale, Airline Brewing, Amherst, ME

### AMERICAN PALE ALE

- 1 — Neptune's Dagger Pale Ale, Armada Brewing, New Haven, CT
- 2 — Schoolhouse Pale Ale, Slack Tide Brewing, Cape May Court House, NJ
- 3 — Therapy Session Pale Ale, NewSylum Brewing, Newtown, CT

### AMERICAN AMBER ALE

- 1 — Ol' Trigger, Ike & Oak Brewing, Woodridge, IL
- 2 — Littleton Common, Dirigible Brewing, Littleton, MA
- 3 — Sunset Over Misty Hills, Dirigible Brewing, Littleton, MA

### IPA

- 1 — Musik Expres IPA, Narragansett Brewing, Providence, RI
- 2 — Blinded By Nostalgia, Moniker Brewery, Providence, RI
- 3 — Drift, Broken Symmetry Brewing, Bethel, CT

### NEW ENGLAND IPA

- 1 — Rakautra, Back East Brewing, Bloomfield, CT
- 2 — Heritage Waters IPA, Northwoods Brewing, Northwood, NH
- 3 — Where's The Frickin Clickah, Canned Heat Craft Beer, Fall River, MA

### BROWN/COPPER ALE

- 1 — Publican Ale, Willimantic Brewing, Willimantic, CT
- 2 — Old Brown Dog, Northampton Brewery, Northampton, MA
- 3 — Off Trail Brown Ale, Geary Brewing, Portland, ME

## **PORTER**

- 1 — Porter, Narragansett Brewing, Providence, RI
- 2 — Briefcase Porter, Exhibit “A” Brewing, Framingham, MA
- 3 — Brown Porter, Airline Brewing, Amherst, ME

## **STOUT**

- 1 — Peanut Butter Stout, Airline Brewing, Amherst, ME
- 2 — Oatmeal Stout, Airline Brewing, Amherst, ME
- 3 — Chocolate Factory, Clocktown Brewing, Thomaston, CT

## **LAGER — CONTINENTAL/DORTMUNDER**

- 1 — Festbier, Wormtown Brewery, Worcester, MA
- 2 — Lager, Sycamore Brewing, Charlotte, NC
- 3 — Ice Cold, Bad Sons Beer, Derby, CT

## **PREMIUM LAGER**

- 1 — Framingham Lager, Jack’s Abby Craft Lagers, Framingham, MA
- 2 — Memphis Style Lager, Meddlesome Brewing, Cordova, TN
- 3 — Test Depth, Back East Brewing, Bloomfield, CT

## **LAGER — BOHEMIAN PILSNER**

- 1 — Post Shift Pilsner, Jack’s Abby Craft Lagers, Framingham, MA
- 2 — Jagr Lager, Readington Brewery, Neshanic Station, NJ
- 3 — Route 11 Lager, 1812 Brewing, Watertown, NY

## **HELLES LAGER**

- 1 — House Lager, Jack’s Abby Craft Lagers, Framingham, MA
- 2 — Evening Rise Lager, Northwoods Brewing, Northwood, NH
- 3 — Gerauchert, Moniker Brewery, Providence, RI

## **AMBER/DARK LAGER — AMBER/BOCK/DUNKEL/SCHWARZBIER/VIENNA**

- 1 — Smoke & Dagger, Jack’s Abby Craft Lagers, Framingham, MA
- 2 — Saranac Adirondack Lager, Saranac/FX Matt Brewing, Utica, NY
- 3 — Czech Mates Dark Lager, Armada Brewing, New Haven, CT

## **AMBER/DARK LAGER — OTHER**

- 1 — Midnight Bryter Dark Lager, Pivotal Brewing, Bristol, RI
- 2 — Secret Solstice, Broken Symmetry Brewing, Bethel, CT
- 3 — Hotter’N Helles, Meddlesome Brewing, Cordova, TN

## **OKTOBERFEST**

- 1 — Oktobieter, Moniker Brewery, Providence, RI
- 2 — Oktober With A K, Sunken Silo Brew Works, Lebanon, NJ
- 3 — Oktoberfest, Thomas Hooker Brewing, Bloomfield, CT

## **STRONG BEER — COMBINED SUBCATEGORIES**

- 1 — Artaois, Ike & Oak Brewing, Woodridge, IL
- 2 — Stone Daddy Barleywine, Northwoods Brewing, Northwood, NH
- 3 — Old Faithful, Ike & Oak Brewing, Woodridge, IL

**STRONG BEER — BELGIAN DUBBEL & TRIPEL/BELGIAN DARK**

- 1 — Tripel Decker, Clocktown Brewing, Thomaston, CT
- 2 — Crystal Airship, Dirigible Brewing, Littleton, MA
- 3 — Rare Visitor Barrel Aged Belgian Tripel, Northwoods Brewing, Northwood, NH

**STRONG BEER — OTHER**

- 1 — Golden Delicious, Captain Lawrence Brewing, Elmsford, NY
- 2 — Sunday Paper Stout, Exhibit “A” Brewing, Framingham, MA
- 3 — Wunderschon, Broken Symmetry Brewing, Bethel, CT

**STRONG BEER — IMPERIAL IPA & IMPERIAL NEW ENGLAND IPA**

- 1 — Infinity Gems, 7th Wave Brewing, Medfield, MA
- 2 — Forever Locked DIPA, Northwoods Brewing, Northwood, NH
- 3 — Hello My Name Is Pivotal DDH IPA, Pivotal Brewing, Bristol, RI

**STRONG BEER — RUSSIAN IMPERIAL STOUT**

- 1 — Kodiak’s Revenge Bourbon Barrel Aged Coconut Macaroon, Ike & Oak Brewing, Woodridge, IL
- 2 — Conquering Lion, Watson Farmhouse Brewing, Southbury, CT
- 3 — Kodiak’s Revenge Bourbon Barrel Aged Black Walnut Brownie, Ike & Oak Brewing, Woodridge, IL

**SOUR & WILD ALE**

- 1 — Raspberry Lime Ku’dam, Urban Chestnut Brewing, St. Louis, MO
- 2 — Penelope, Northampton Brewery, Northampton, MA
- 3 — Boom Bang Berliner Weisse, NewSylum Brewing, Newtown, CT

**BELGIAN & FRENCH ALE**

- 1 — Mill Saw, Canned Heat Craft Beer, Fall River, MA
- 2 — Caesarion, Caius Farm Brewery, Branford, CT
- 3 — Coast Of Gold, 7th Wave Brewing, Medfield, MA

**GLUTEN-FREE & -REDUCED BEER**

- 1 — Daura Damm, S.A. Damm, Barcelona, Spain
- 2 — Insensitive, Northampton Brewery, Northampton, MA
- 3 — Crazy X, Sunken Silo Brew Works, Lebanon, NJ

**FRUIT & SPICE ALE — BELGIAN/LAGER/RADLER**

- 1 — Barrel Aged Corbet’s Couloir, Ike & Oak Brewing, Woodridge, IL
- 2 — Symbiosis Saison, Aspetuck Brew Lab, Bridgeport, CT
- 3 — Artaois Di Saronno, Ike & Oak Brewing, Woodridge, IL

**FRUIT & SPICE ALE — ALES WITH FRUIT, SPICES, HERBS, OTHER INGREDIENTS**

- 1 — Mount Fansipan In The Wild, Ike & Oak Brewing, Woodridge, IL
- 2 — Gose Over The Falls Mango, Twin Creeks Brewing, Vinton, VA
- 3 — Lincoln Meadows, Ike & Oak Brewing, Woodridge, IL

**FRUIT & SPICE ALE — PUMPKIN BEERS**

- 1 — Bourbon Barrel Aged Smashed Pumpkin, Shipyard Brewing, Portland, ME
- 2 — Pumpkinhead, Shipyard Brewing, Portland, ME
- 3 — Witch Doctah, Canned Heat Craft Beer, Fall River, MA

### **NON-ALCOHOL BEER**

- 1 — Here We Go, Kit NA Brewing, Portland, ME
- 2 — Free Damm, S.A. Damm, Barcelona, Spain
- 3 — Free Damm Tostada, S.A. Damm, Barcelona, Spain

### **CIDER — FRUIT**

- 1 — Raspberry Cider, Vermont Cider Co., Middlebury, VT
- 2 — Blueberry Cider, Coastline Brewing, Westbrook, CT
- 3 — Prickly Pineapple Cider, Vermont Cider Co., Middlebury, VT

### **CIDER — NON-FRUITED**

- 1 — McKenzie's Pumpkin Jack Hard Cider, Saranac/FX Matt Brewing, Utica, NY
- 2 — Turncoat Madeira Cask Cider, Spoke & Spy Ciderworks, Middletown, CT
- 3 — Pear Cider, Vermont Cider Co., Middlebury, VT

### **HARD SELTZER — MALT- & SPIRITS-BASED**

- 1 — Liquid Exotics Rum Punch, Captain Lawrence Brewing, Elmsford, NY
- 2 — Sprawl Pink Lemonade, Moniker Brewery, Providence, RI
- 3 — Peach Iced Tea, Jiant, Culver City, CA

### **RTDs — SPIRITS-BASED**

- 1 — Daybreaker Tropical Punch, Two Roads Brewing, Stratford, CT
- 2 — Owl's Brew Tea Cocktail - Skinny Hibiscus, Owl's Brew, New York, NY
- 3 — Nightshaker Espresso Martini, Two Roads Brewing, Stratford, CT

### **MEAD**

- 1 — Phoenix, Hopping Eagle Brewing, Hawley, PA
- 2 — Traditional Mead, Ms. Beer Haven, North Stonington, CT
- 3 — None Awarded

### **HARD KOMBUCHA**

- 1 — The Original Passion Fruit & Elderflower Kombucha, Jiant, Culver City, CA
- 2 — Gohdi Hard Kombucha, Readington Brewery, Neshanic Station, NJ
- 3 — Taco Tuesday Kombucha, Jiant, Culver City, CA

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