

GREAT INTERNATIONAL BEER, CIDER, MEAD & SAKE COMPETITION
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The 26th Annual Great International Beer, Cider, Mead & Sake Competition took place
November 9, 2024, in Norwalk, Connecticut

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THE JUDGING

Three hundred (303) beers, ciders, meads, hard kombuchas, hard seltzers, non-alcohol beers and RTDs from across the U.S. and around the world entered the competition. Fifty-five (55) 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-four (34) 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. The winners receive medals and certificates, and the results are sent to traditional and social media outlets around the world.

2025 GREAT INTERNATIONAL BEER, CIDER, MEAD & SAKE COMPETITION

The 27th Annual Great International Beer, Cider, Mead & Sake Competition takes place
November 8, 2025, again in Norwalk, Connecticut.

The deadline for entry forms is October 15, 2025.

All information — categories, entry forms, etc. — is available from:
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2024 WINNERS

WHEAT ALE: AMERICAN & German

- 1 — Harvest Moon, Dead Language Beer Project, Hartford, CT
- 2 — Hefeweizen, Kansas City Bier Co., Kansas City, MO
- 3 — Schoodic Sunrise, Airline Brewing, Amherst, ME

LIGHT ALE

- 1 — Keating Farms Kölsch, NewSylum Brewing, Newtown, CT
- 2 — Easy Rider Kölsch, Charter Oak Brewing, Danbury, CT
- 3 — Northwoods Life, Northwoods Brewing, Northwood, NH

BRITISH/IRISH/SCOTTISH ALE

- 1 — Wee Heavy, Airline Brewing, Amherst, ME
- 2 — Bombardier Premium British Ale, Carlsberg Marston's Brewing, Wolverhampton, UK
- 3 — Special Old Bitter, Airline Brewing, Amherst, ME

AMERICAN PALE & AMBER ALE

- 1 — Littleton Common, Dirigible Brewing, Littleton, MA
- 2 — Ol' Trigger, Ike & Oak Brewing, Woodridge, IL
- 3 — Elektron, Antimony Brewing, Lenox, MA

IPA

- 1 — Going Back To Cali, Spider Bite Beer Co., Holbrook, NY
- 2 — Patriot IPA, Readington Brewery, Neshanic Station, NJ
- 3 — Hopper Dropper, Ike & Oak Brewing, Woodridge, IL

NEW ENGLAND IPA

- 1 — Heritage Waters IPA, Northwoods Brewing, Northwood, NH
- 2 — Finder NEIPA, Shipyard Brewing, Portland, ME
- 3 — Thesaurus Rex, NewSylum Brewing, Newtown, CT

BROWN/COPPER ALE

- 1 — Juno, Dead Language Beer Project, Hartford, CT
- 2 — 1687 Brown Ale, Charter Oak Brewing, Danbury, CT
- 3 — Squirrel Stew, Ledgeview Brewing, Warsaw, IN

PORTER

- 1 — Brown Porter, Airline Brewing, Amherst, ME
- 2 — 24 Porter, Dirigible Brewing, Littleton, MA
- 3 — Porter, Back East Brewing, Bloomfield, CT

STOUT

- 1 — Coffee Porter, Northwoods Brewing, Northwood, NH
- 2 — Coldhead, Antimony Brewing, Lenox, MA
- 3 — Espresso Coffee Stout, Two Roads Brewing, Stratford, CT

LAGER — BOHEMIAN PILSNER

- 1 — The Fandango Bohemian Pilsner, Czar's Brewing, Freemont, NH
- 2 — The Automaton, Dirigible Brewing, Littleton, MA
- 3 — Laged Hedonism 2 Czech Pils, Moniker Brewery, Providence, RI

HELLES LAGER

- 1 — Pirate's Cove Helles, McFleshman's Brewing, Appleton, WI
- 2 — Helles, Von Trapp Brewing, Stowe, VT
- 3 — Flocc 'n Lager, Willimantic Brewing, Willimantic, CT

LAGER — CONTINENTAL/DORTMUNDER

- 1 — Walkin' The Dog, NewSylum Brewing, Newtown, CT
- 2 — Trudy, Miles, The Prince, White Plains, NY
- 3 — Hortensia, Caius Farm Brewery, Branford, CT

PREMIUM LAGER

- 1 — Estrella Damm, S.A. Damm, Barcelona, Spain
- 2 — Doki Doki, Dead Language Beer Project, Hartford, CT
- 3 — El Rhodeo, Moniker Brewery, Providence, RI

AMBER/DARK LAGER — AMBER/BOCK/DUNKEL/VIENNA

- 1 — Vienna, Von Trapp Brewing, Stowe, VT
- 2 — Dunkel, Von Trapp Brewing, Stowe, VT
- 3 — Dunkel-Stiltskin, Ledgeview Brewing, Warsaw, IN

AMBER/DARK LAGER — OTHER

- 1 — Trosten, Von Trapp Brewing, Stowe, VT
- 2 — Red Band, Dead Language Beer Project, Hartford, CT
- 3 — Festbier, Moniker Brewery, Providence, RI

AMBER/DARK LAGER — OTHER

SCHWARZBIER

- 1 — Midnight, Broken Symmetry Brewing, Bethel, CT
- 2 — Schwarzbier, Kansas City Bier Co., Kansas City, MO
- 3 — Penumbra, Readington Brewery, Neshanic Station, NJ

OKTOBERFEST

- 1 — Ok2berfest Marzen Style Lager, Two Roads Brewing, Stratford, CT
- 2 — Octoberfest Festbier, Readington Brewery, Neshanic Station, NJ
- 3 — Octoberfest Marzen, Readington Brewery, Neshanic Station, NJ

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

- 1 — The Dominatrix, Ledgeview Brewing, Warsaw, IN
- 2 — Freestone, Ike & Oak Brewing, Woodridge, IL
- 3 — Tarrytown Dubbel, Duncan's Abbey, Tarrytown, NY

STRONG BEER — BARLEYWINE/DOUBLE BOCK/IMPERIAL IPA/OLD ALE/OTHER

- 1 — Elagabulus, Caius Farm Brewery, Branford, CT
- 2 — Pacific Dawn, Captain Lawrence Brewing, Elmsford, NY
- 3 — Liberator Doppelbock, Thomas Hooker Brewery, Bloomfield, CT

STRONG BEER — NEW ENGLAND IMPERIAL IPA

- 1 — Lupified, Bad Sons Beer Co., Derby, CT
- 2 — Mount Massive, Ike & Oak Brewing, Woodridge, IL
- 3 — Newkleus DIPA, Pivotal Brewing, Bristol, RI

STRONG BEER — RUSSIAN IMPERIAL STOUT

- 1 — Bourbon Barrel Aged Kodiak's Revenge - Black Walnut Brownie, Ike & Oak Brewing, Woodridge, IL
- 2 — Dr. Darkness, Pivotal Brewing, Bristol, RI
- 3 — Bourbon Barrel Aged Kodiak's Revenge - Tiramisu, Ike & Oak Brewing, Woodridge, IL

SOUR & WILD ALE

- 1 — Caligula, Caius Farm Brewery, Branford, CT
- 2 — Salted Watermelon, Moniker Brewery, Providence, RI
- 3 — Abbot's Reserve, Duncan's Abbey, Tarrytown, NY

BELGIAN & FRENCH ALE

- 1 — Oscillation, Broken Symmetry Brewing, Bethel, CT
- 2 — Bo, Miles, The Prince, White Plains, NY
- 3 — Tig, Miles, The Prince, White Plains, NY

GLUTEN-FREE & -REDUCED BEER

- 1 — Insensitive, Northampton Brewery, Northampton, MA
- 2 — Address Unknown IPA, Willimantic Brewing, Willimantic, CT
- 3 — Daura Damm, S.A. Damm, Barcelona, Spain

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

- 1 — Spicy Pickledeon, Foolproof Brewing, Pawtucket, RI
- 2 — Mexican Chocolate Stout, Foolproof Brewing, Pawtucket, RI
- 3 — Blue Mountain, Ike & Oak Brewing, Woodridge, IL

FRUIT & SPICE ALE — PUMPKIN BEERS

- 1 — All Hallows Night, Spider Bite Beer Co., Holbrook, NY
- 2 — Whole Hog Pumpkin Ale, Stevens Point Brewery, Stevens Point, WI
- 3 — Ichabod Pumpkin Ale, Czar's Brewing, Freemont, NH

NON-ALCOHOL BEER

- 1 — Free Damm, S.A. Damm, Barcelona, Spain
- 2 — Kit NA Hazy IPA, Kit NA Brewing, Portland, ME
- 3 — Road 2 Ruin Zero, Two Roads Brewing, Stratford, CT

CIDER — FRUIT

- 1 — Woodchuck Blueberry Cider, Vermont Cider Co., Middlebury, VT
- 2 — Ciderboys Pineapple Hula, Stevens Point Brewery, Stevens Point, WI
- 3 — Mango 1868 Hard Cider, S. Martinelli & Co., Watsonville, CA

CIDER — NON-FRUITED

- 1 — Woodchuck Granny Smith Cider, Vermont Cider Co., Middlebury, VT
- 2 — Woodchuck Amber Cider, Vermont Cider Co., Middlebury, VT
- 3 — Woodchuck Big Crush Cider, Vermont Cider Co., Middlebury, VT

MEAD

- 1 — Wineberry Mead, Sky Acres Brewing, Kinnelon, NJ
- 2 — Neshanic Nectar, Readington Brewery, Neshanic Station, NJ
- 3 — none awarded

SAKE

- 1 — Shikaio Junmai Dai-Ginjyo, Fukui Shuzo Co., Chubu, Aichi, Japan
- 2 — Shikaio Tokubetsu Junmai, Fukui Shuzo Co., Chubu, Aichi, Japan
- 3 — Oylmpus, North American Sake Brewery, Charlottesville, VA

HARD SELTZER — MALT- & SPIRITS-BASED

- 1 — Drift - Pineapple Mango, Whalers Brewing, Wakefield, RI
- 2 — Strawberry Fizz, Northampton Brewery, Northampton, MA
- 3 — Blueberry Fizz, Northampton Brewery, Northampton, MA

RTDs — SPIRITS-BASED

- 1 — Golden Daiq, aka Curry Barbados, Veritable Distillery, Stonington, CT
- 2 — Ardor Punch, Veritable Distillery, Stonington, CT
- 3 — Rum Mojito, Owl's Brew, New York, NY

HARD KOMBUCHA

- 1 — Boochcraft Grapefruit Hibiscus Hard Kombucha, The Boochery, Chula Vista, CA
- 2 — Gohdi Cran Grape, Readington Brewery, Neshanic Station, NJ
- 3 — Boochcraft Pineapple Passion Hard Kombucha, The Boochery, Chula Vista, CA

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