

2015 Midwinter Homebrew Competition Results

Thanks To All Who Participated in the 2016 Midwinter Homebrew Competition

There were **800** entries judged and **369** registered participants, judges, and stewards.

Best of Show Winners



Best of Show – Beer

Place	Brewer(s)	Entry Name	Style	Club
🥇 1st	Joe Nielsen	Dubbel	18B: Belgian Dubbel	Grain Bang
🥈 2nd	Kevin Robertson Co-Brewer: Tom Bohn	Nutty Englishman (Nut Brown Ale)	11C: Northern English Brown Ale	

Best of Show – Cider

Place	Brewer(s)	Entry Name	Style	Club
🥇 1st	Stephen Mayo	Plain Ol' Cider	27A: Common Cider	Seacoast Homebrew Club

Best of Show – Mead

Place	Brewer(s)	Entry Name	Style	Club
🥇 1st	Ted Giske Co-Brewer: Frieda Synnestvedt	Aronia Cyser	25C: Other Fruit Melomel	Madison Homebrewers and Tasters Guild

Best of Show – Milwaukee Brewing Company ESB Ramp Up

One Extra Special / Strong Bitter entry (BJCP Category 8C) will be chosen to be ramped up and brewed by the Milwaukee Brewing Company for serving at the Milwaukee Ale House*.

Place	Brewer(s)	Entry Name	Style	Club
🥇 1st	Josh Strupp	I Entered Three Bottles This Year	8C: Extra Special/Strong Bitter (English Pale Ale)	Milwaukee Beer Barons

Best of Show – Moonlight Meadery Pro Am Qualifier

One Mead entry (BJCP categories 24, 25, & 26, excluding Braggot) will qualify for Moonlight Meadery's 2015 Pro Am Competition**.

Place	Brewer(s)	Entry Name	Style	Club
🥇 1st	Scot Schaar	Angels In The Wilderness	26C: Open Category Mead	River's Edge Fermentation Society

Best of Show – Water Street Brewery Cider Ramp Up

One Cider entry (BJCP Categories 27 & 28) will be chosen & made with Water Street Brewery***.

Place	Brewer(s)	Entry Name	Style	Club
🥇 1st	David Hopper	2014 Cherry Cider	28B: Fruit Cider	Chicago Home Brewers Group

Winning Entries

Table 1: Standard American Beer (21 entries)

Place	Brewer(s)	Entry Name	Style	Club
🥇 1st	Brandon Zeddies	Old No. 27	1C: Premium American Lager	Oshkosh Cool Kids Club
🥈 2nd	Wayne Doucette	Standard Lager	1B: Standard American Lager	River City Brewers
🥉 3rd	Brandon Zeddies	Cali Dreamin'	6A: Cream Ale	Oshkosh Cool Kids Club

Table 2: Pale Malty European Lager (26 entries)

Place	Brewer(s)	Entry Name	Style	Club
 1st	Keith Bradley Co-Brewer: Pam Bradley	Hell Yes	1D: Munich Helles	Austin Zealots
 2nd	Richard Cardenas	My, My, My	5A: Maibock/Helles Bock	Central Wisconsin Vintners & Brewers
 3rd	Kyle Sisco	Helles	1D: Munich Helles	Primary Fermenters

Table 3: Pale Bitter European Beer (29 entries)

Place	Brewer(s)	Entry Name	Style	Club
 1st	Wayne Doucette	Train Wreck	1E: Dortmund Export	River City Brewers
 2nd	Joe Edidin	German Pils	2A: German Pilsner (Pils)	Tennessee Valley Homebrewers
 3rd	Paul Nanian	Drzet Palce	2B: Bohemian Pilsener	Baker River Homebrew Club

Table 4: Amber Malty European Lager (30 entries)




Place	Brewer(s)	Entry Name	Style	Club
 1st	Charles Fort	Chuck's Bock	5B: Traditional Bock	Urban Knaves of Grain
 2nd	Charles Fort	Chuck's Oktoberfest	3B: Oktoberfest/Marzen	Urban Knaves of Grain
 3rd	Bob Manke	Uncle Buddy's Bock	5B: Traditional Bock	Beer Barons of Milwaukee
 HM	Stacy Myers	Smoked Goodness	22A: Classic Rauchbier	Horsemen of the Hopocalypse

Table 5: Amber Bitter European Beer (19 entries)



Place	Brewer(s)	Entry Name	Style	Club
 1st	Rob Yeo	Last Waltz Lager	3A: Vienna Lager	Brewligans
 2nd	Paul Nanian	Sundenesser	7C: Dusseldorf Altbier	Baker River Homebrew Club
 3rd	Cam Hanson	Bernstein	3A: Vienna Lager	

Table 6: Dark European Lager (17 entries)




Place	Brewer(s)	Entry Name	Style	Club
 1st	Petr Bachan	Dunkl	4B: Munich Dunkel	Saint Paul HBC
 2nd	David Worth	Back In Black	4C: Schwarzbier	Madison Homebrewers & Tasters Guild
 3rd	Tim Thomssen	Drunkel Tim	4B: Munich Dunkel	Lincoln Lagers!

Table 7: Strong European Lager (20 entries)

Place	Brewer(s)	Entry Name	Style	Club
 1st	Bill Nesseth	Doppelbock	5C: Doppelbock	
 2nd	Justin Minikel	Taddy's Revenge	12C: Baltic Porter	
 3rd	David Merz	Winter Warmer	5D: Eisbock	Marquette Homebrewers

Table 8: German Wheat Beer (26 entries)

Place	Brewer(s)	Entry Name	Style	Club
 1st	Keith Bradley Co-Brewer: Pam Bradley	On The Sly	15C: Weizenbock	Austin Zealots
 2nd	Patrick Kealiher	Kealaner Weisse	15A: Weizen/Weissbier	Iowa/Minnesota Society of Brewers
 3rd	Matthew Naikelis	Pigskin Weizenbock	15C: Weizenbock	

Table 9: English Bitter (44 entries)

Place	Brewer(s)	Entry Name	Style	Club
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 1st	Nicholas Damoth	Manhattans Best	8C: Extra Special/Strong Bitter (English Pale Ale)	San Francisco homebrewers guild
 2nd	Paul Nanian	Ecdysiast	8C: Extra Special/Strong Bitter (English Pale Ale)	Baker River Homebrew Club
 3rd	Sig Copple	Waitangi ESB	8C: Extra Special/Strong Bitter (English Pale Ale)	Beer Barons

Table 10: Brown English Beer (21 entries)




Place	Brewer(s)	Entry Name	Style	Club
 1st	Kevin Robertson Co-Brewer: Tom Bohn	Nutty Englishman (Nut Brown Ale)	11C: Northern English Brown Ale	
 2nd	Kevin Kearney	Barwench	11A: Mild	
 3rd	Kyle Sisco	The Brown Note	12A: Brown Porter	Primary Fermenters

Table 11: Scottish Ale (15 entries)

Place	Brewer(s)	Entry Name	Style	Club
 1st	Christopher Schaeffer	60 Shilling	9A: Scottish Light 60/-	
 2nd	Erik Dorfner Co-Brewer: Michael Vergolina	Out Come The Stallions	9C: Scottish Export 80/-	WeStallions
 3rd	Kyle Sisco	Scottish Export	9C: Scottish Export 80/-	Primary Fermenters

Table 12: Irish Beer (12 entries)

Place	Brewer(s)	Entry Name	Style	Club
 1st	Ben Schreiner	Riona Red	9D: Irish Red Ale	Bull Falls Homebrew Club
 2nd	Shannon Speight	Black Irish Kiss	13A: Dry Stout	Glass City Mashers
 3rd	Dennis Mitchell	WTF! This Isn't Guinness!	13A: Dry Stout	Arizona Society of Homebrewers

Table 13: Dark British Beer (29 entries)


Place	Brewer(s)	Entry Name	Style	Club
 1st	Thomas Frazier	TransAtlantic Stout	13D: Foreign Extra Stout	
 2nd	Brad Pausha	Sweet And Stout V2	13B: Sweet Stout	Square Kegs
 3rd	Patrick Clancy	1875 Milk Stout (13)	13B: Sweet Stout	mohonk

Table 14: Strong Brittish Ale (28 entries)




Place	Brewer(s)	Entry Name	Style	Club
 1st	John Blythin Co-Brewer: Renee Weinberger	Wee Heavy	9E: Strong Scotch Ale	Beer Barons of Milwaukee
 2nd	Scot Schaar	Jaberwocky	19B: English Barleywine	River's Edge Fermentation Society
 3rd	Joe Nielsen	Sheep In A Kilt	9E: Strong Scotch Ale	Grain Bang

Table 15: Pale American Beer (28 entries)

Place	Brewer(s)	Entry Name	Style	Club
 1st	John Mulligan	Once Blonded Twice Shy	6B: Blonde Ale	Glass City Mashers
 2nd	Gary Lockwood	In The Mood	10A: American Pale Ale	MHTG
 3rd	Brian Eichhorn	Patchwork Guarantee	10A: American Pale Ale	HOPS! Homebrewers' Pride of the Southside
 HM	Chris Burger Co-Brewer: Shane	Chi-MoCitra Pale Ale	10A: American Pale Ale	Red Arrow Homebrew Club

Table 16: Dark American Beer (27 entries)

Place	Brewer(s)	Entry Name	Style	Club
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Place	Brewer(s)	Entry Name	Style	Club
 1st	Dan Schlosser	Red Ale II	10B: American Amber Ale	Beer Barons of Milwaukee
 2nd	Brandon Zeddies	Ontario St. Common	7B: California Common Beer	Oshkosh Cool Kids Club
 3rd	Austin Jones Co-Brewer: Dan Cox	Uncle John's Brown Ale	10C: American Brown Ale	Iowa Brewers Union

Table 17: American Porter and Stout (28 entries)

Place	Brewer(s)	Entry Name	Style	Club
 1st	Steve Schember	PortUR	12B: Robust Porter	
 2nd	Austin Jones Co-Brewer: Dan Cox	Hungry Cow Stout	13E: American Stout	Iowa Brewers Union
 3rd	Alex Andreev	Siberian Porter	12B: Robust Porter	MHTG

Table 18: Russian Imperial Stout (19 entries)




Place	Brewer(s)	Entry Name	Style	Club
 1st	Dan Boody Co-Brewer: Phil Romine	4th St Reserve	13F: Imperial Stout	Minnesota Homebrewers Association
 2nd	Victor Williams Co-Brewer: David Hardeman	NYD 2014 RIS	13F: Imperial Stout	Beer Barons of Milwaukee
 3rd	Tyler Fitzgerald	Spear Ruler Stout	13F: Imperial Stout	Beer Barons of Milwaukee

Table 19: American IPA (30 entries)

Place	Brewer(s)	Entry Name	Style	Club
 1st	Patrick Clancy	1829 IPA (12)	14B: American IPA	mohonk
 2nd	Paul Fowler	Off The Top	14B: American IPA	Chop & Brew
 3rd	Mark Westmeyer	Ticked-Off Terrier	14B: American IPA	Brewers of South Suburbia (BOSS)

Table 20: Strong American Ale (22 entries)




Place	Brewer(s)	Entry Name	Style	Club
 1st	Jared Gilbert	This Petty Pace	19C: American Barleywine	
 2nd	Keith Bradley Co-Brewer: Pam Bradley	Hop Fusion	14C: Imperial IPA	Austin Zealots
 3rd	Mike Sorenson	Why Is A Raven Like A Writing Desk?	14C: Imperial IPA	

Table 21: European Sour Ale (11 entries)

Place	Brewer(s)	Entry Name	Style	Club
 1st	Kevin Wojdak Co-Brewer: Bob Kay	Kilted Hop - Bug Juice	17A: Berliner Weisse	Urban Knaves of Grain (UKG)
 2nd	Dan Schlosser	Flanders Red 3.50	17B: Flanders Red Ale	Beer Barons of Milwaukee
 3rd	Robert Roehre Co-Brewer: B.O.M.B.	Freaks And Krieks	17F: Fruit Lambic	Belle City Homebrewers and Vintners

Table 22: Belgian Ale (20 entries)




Place	Brewer(s)	Entry Name	Style	Club
 1st	Joe Rezendes	Blond Trappist Table Beer (Patersbier)	16E: Belgian Specialty Ale	N/A
 2nd	Patrick Clancy	1758 Witbier (8)	16A: Witbier	mohonk
 3rd	Paul Slaght	Chamomile Wheat	16E: Belgian Specialty Ale	

Table 23: Strong Belgian Ale (27 entries)

Place	Brewer(s)	Entry Name	Style	Club
 1st	Joe Rezendes	Golden Trappist Table Beer (Patersbier)	16E: Belgian Specialty Ale	N/A

 1st	James Werner	Saison Lamont	16C: Saison	
 2nd	Nicholas Damoth	Road To Nowhere	16C: Saison	San Francisco homebrewers guild
 3rd	Matthew Nycz	Belgian Golden Strong	18D: Belgian Golden Strong Ale	The HomeBros

Table 24: Trappist Ale (28 entries)

Place	Brewer(s)	Entry Name	Style	Club
 1st	Joe Nielsen	Dubbel	18B: Belgian Dubbel	Grain Bang
 2nd	James Werner	3four2 Quad	18E: Belgian Dark Strong Ale	
 3rd	Zacc Hutchings	The Doubler	18B: Belgian Dubbel	

Table 25: Specialty Sour and Brett Beers (25 entries)

Place	Brewer(s)	Entry Name	Style	Club
 1st	Barrett Tillman	BlackManBrew.Com	34A: Specialty Sour and Brett Beers	North Texas Homebrewers Association
 2nd	Tim Thomssen	Raspberry Tart	34A: Specialty Sour and Brett Beers	Lincoln Lagers!
 3rd	Jason Chang	Goseface Killah	34A: Specialty Sour and Brett Beers	

Table 26: Spice and Fruit Beer (62 entries)

Place	Brewer(s)	Entry Name	Style	Club
 1st	Chad Bevers	Coffee Fauxbraxas	21A: Spice, Herb, or Vegetable Beer	Association of Bloomington Normal Brewers
 2nd	Tim Thomssen	Koo Koo For Coconuts!	21A: Spice, Herb, or Vegetable Beer	Lincoln Lagers!
 3rd	Bill Nesseth	Cranberry Wit	20A: Fruit Beer	

Table 27: Smoke and Wood-Aged Beer (30 entries)

Place	Brewer(s)	Entry Name	Style	Club
 1st	Dan Boody Co-Brewer: Phil Romine	BB 4th St Reserve	22C: Wood-Aged Beer	Minnesota Homebrewers Association
 2nd	Bryan Bieszk	Dark Matter	22C: Wood-Aged Beer	Brewligans
 3rd	Robert Roehre Co-Brewer: John Skantz	Imperial Pirate Porter	22C: Wood-Aged Beer	Belle City Homebrewers and Vintners

Table 28: Specialty Beer (34 entries)

Place	Brewer(s)	Entry Name	Style	Club
 1st	Steve Swanson	Honey Nut Brown	23A: Specialty Beer	
 2nd	Tim Thomssen	You Got Peanut Butter In My Chocolate!	23A: Specialty Beer	Lincoln Lagers!
 3rd	David Worth	Fiesta Porter	23A: Specialty Beer	Madison Homebrewers & Tasters Guild

Table 29: Traditional Mead (8 entries)


Place	Brewer(s)	Entry Name	Style	Club
 1st	Robert Eltringham	Old Babylon	24C: Sweet Mead	
 2nd	Scot Schaar	Cause Cheap Is How I Feel	24B: Semi-Sweet Mead	River's Edge Fermentation Society
 3rd	Tom Hayosh	Clover Honey Mead	24A: Dry Mead	
 HM	Jonathan Luers	Wild Gravity	24B: Semi-Sweet Mead	austin zealots

Table 30: Fruit Mead (6 entries)

Place	Brewer(s)	Entry Name	Style	Club
 1st	Ted Giske Co-Brewer: Frieda Synnestvedt	Aronia Cyser	25C: Other Fruit Melomel	Madison Homebrewers and Tasters Guild
 2nd	Brian Eichhorn Co-Brewer: Jennifer Meade	Rock And Roll Suicide	25C: Other Fruit Melomel	HOPS! Homebrewers' Pride of the Southside

	Co-Brewer: Jennifer Mende			Souinside
3rd	Jerry Payton	Blackberry Melomel	25C: Other Fruit Melomel	Glass City Mashers

Table 31: Other Mead (11 entries)

Place	Brewer(s)	Entry Name	Style	Club
1st	Robert Eltringham	Long House	26C: Open Category Mead	
2nd	Scot Schaar	Angels In The Wilderness	26C: Open Category Mead	River's Edge Fermentation Society
3rd	Scot Schaar	Guilty By Association	26C: Open Category Mead	River's Edge Fermentation Society

Table 32: Standard Cider and Perry (14 entries)

Place	Brewer(s)	Entry Name	Style	Club
1st	Stephen Mayo	Plain Ol' Cider	27A: Common Cider	Seacoast Homebrew Club
2nd	Scot Schaar	Pale Sun	27A: Common Cider	River's Edge Fermentation Society
3rd	Adam Bogac	Red Bottom Shoes 2014	27A: Common Cider	BABBLE

Table 33: Specialty Cider and Perry (17 entries)

Place	Brewer(s)	Entry Name	Style	Club
1st	Scot Schaar	Lonely Sinking Feeling	28B: Fruit Cider	River's Edge Fermentation Society
2nd	David Hopper	2014 Cherry Cider	28B: Fruit Cider	Chicago Home Brewers Group
3rd	Jason Cambora	Bourbon Wood Aged Cider	28D: Other Specialty Cider or Perry	The Brewing Network

Table 34: Specialty IPA (16 entries)

Place	Brewer(s)	Entry Name	Style	Club
1st	Paul Nanian	Rye For An Eye	32A: Specialty IPA	Baker River Homebrew Club
2nd	Andrew Roth	Belgian Fruity IPA	32A: Specialty IPA	Central Wisconsin Vinters & Brewers
3rd	James Wischer	Black IPA	32A: Specialty IPA	Beer Barons of Milwaukee

