



2020 Midwinter Homebrew Competition Results

Thanks To All Who Participated in the 2020 Midwinter Homebrew Competition


There were **820** entries judged and **310** registered participants, judges, and stewards.

Best of Show Winners


Best of Show – Beer

Place	Brewer	Entry Name	Style	Club
1st 	Ryan Tompkins	Gemini	Saison	
2nd 	Wayne Doucette	German Pilsner	German Pils	River City Brewers [MN]

Best of Show – Cider


Place	Brewer	Entry Name	Style	Club
1st 	Tom Hayosh	Thank You, Joe!	English Cider	Urban Knaves of Grain

Best of Show – Mead

Place	Brewer	Entry Name	Style	Club
1st 	Steve Fletty	All The Passions	Melomel	Saint Paul Homebrewers Club


Brewmaster's Choice Award

Milwaukee Brewing Company - Will choose one Kellerbier entry (BJCP category 7C) to be brewed up at the Milwaukee Ale House.

Place	Brewer	Entry Name	Style	Club
1 	Colby Reineke	Cultivate	Kellerbier	Minnesota Home Brewers Association


Mead Maker's Choice Award

Moonlight Meadery - Will choose one Mead (BJCP categories M1, M2, M3, M4B & M4C) to qualify for their 2019 Pro Am Competition.

Place	Brewer	Entry Name	Style	Club
1 	Mark Kanczuzewski	Cherry Mead	Stone Fruit Mead	

Cider Maker's Choice Award

White Winter Winery - Will choose one cider entry (BJCP categories C1 & C2) to be made at the White Winter Winery.

Place	Brewer	Entry Name	Style	Club
1 	Tom Hayosh	Thank You, Joe!	English Cider	Urban Knaves of Grain

Winning Entries

Table 1: Pale Lagers (32 entries)




Place	Brewer	Entry Name	Style	Club
1st 	Wayne Doucette	German Pilsner	German Pils	River City Brewers [MN]
2nd 	Thomas Robinson	Dort	German Exportbier	
3rd 	Jeff Landers	Champagne Of Footbiers	American Light Lager	Urban Knaves of Grain

Table 2: Pale American Ales (34 entries)






Place	Brewer	Entry Name	Style	Club
1st 	Nathan Hintz	Imagine	American Pale Ale	
2nd 	Nathan Peterson	God Don't Make No Junct	Cream Ale	Urban Knaves of Grain
3rd 	Dan Schlosser	Zappa Pale	American Pale Ale	Beer Barons of Milwaukee
HM	Jim Silverstein	Drop Bear Pale Ale	American Pale Ale	North Urban Brewing Society (NUBS)

Table 3: Kolsch & Wheat Beers (23 entries)

Place	Brewer	Entry Name	Style	Club
1st 	Fritz Schanz	Stearman's Kolsch	Kolsch	North Texas Homebrewers Association
2nd 	Stacy Myers	Jeffrey Epstein Did Not Commit Suicide....	Dunkels Weissbier	Horsemen of the Hopocalypse

3rd 	Kevin Bencz	Pi	Weissbier	
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Table 4: Malty Amber Lagers (15 entries)

Place	Brewer	Entry Name	Style	Club
1st 	Jeremy Metras	3rd Time Lucky	Marzen	Madison Homebrewers & Tasters
2nd 	Alex Dropkin	Keep On Rauchin' In the Free World	Rauchbier	C.H.A.O.S. Brew Club
3rd 	Adam Joyce	Euro Amber Lager	International Amber Lager	Sun Prairie Worthogs

Table 5: Dark Lagers (33 entries)




Place	Brewer	Entry Name	Style	Club
1st 	Eric Hammel	Aus der Dunkelheit	Munich Dunkel	
2nd 	Samuel Brewster	Second Chance Dunkel	Munich Dunkel	ZZHops Homebrewing Club
3rd 	Kevin Olson	Temny	Czech Dark Lager	ZZHops Homebrewing Club

Table 6: Amber Bitter Euro Lagers (28 entries)




Place	Brewer	Entry Name	Style	Club
1st 	Ben Sookying	Red Happiness	Vienna Lager	Brew Knights [CA]
2nd 	Colby Reineke	Cultivate	Kellerbier	Minnesota Home Brewers Association
3rd 	Aaron Cahn	VI1	Vienna Lager	

Table 7: British/Commonwealth Beer (14 entries)




Place	Brewer	Entry Name	Style	Club
1st 	Kevin Bencz	Staffie	Best Bitter	
2nd 	Dave Bance	Pride of Woodbury	Australian Sparkling Ale	Saint Paul Homebrewers Club
3rd 	Kyle Degrave	Esb	Strong Bitter	

Table 8: Dark British Beer (36 entries)




Place	Brewer	Entry Name	Style	Club
1st 	Wes Lemons	Chaka-Chocolate Milk Stout	Sweet Stout	
2nd 	Jeff Landers	Dark Mild	Dark Mild	Urban Knaves of Grain
3rd 	Ben Sookying	Big Ben Brown	English Brown Ale	Brew Knights [CA]

Table 9: Scottish/Irish Beer (20 entries)

Place	Brewer	Entry Name	Style	Club
1st 	Ed Schmitt	Luminous Gloom	Irish Stout	Plainfield Ale and Lager Enthusiasts (PALE)
2nd 	David Byer	Transitions To Persona From Object	Irish Extra Stout	Mountain Ale and Lager Tasters (MALT) [NC]
3rd 	Mark Kanczuzewski	Irish Red Ale	Irish Red Ale	

Table 10: Strong British Ale (19 entries)

Place	Brewer	Entry Name	Style	Club
1st 	Ben Sookying	Sir Bentley Brown	British Strong Ale	Brew Knights [CA]
2nd 	Ryan Stack	English Barleywine	English Barleywine	Cloudy Town Brewers
3rd 	Derek Gilbertson	My Tribe My Ale	Wee Heavy	

Table 11: Dark American Ales (31 entries)





Place	Brewer	Entry Name	Style	Club
1st 	Caleb Meinke	Hyperion	American Amber Ale	Madison Homebrewers & Tasters
2nd 	Roy Navik	Onkel Rojus Black Forest Stout	American Stout	
3rd 	Doug Neufeldt	Muddy Pitch	American Brown Ale	

Table 12: Imperial Stout (21 entries)

Place	Brewer	Entry Name	Style	Club
1st 	Nathan Peterson	Olga	Imperial Stout	Urban Knaves of Grain

2nd 	Ryan Stack	Imperial Stout	Imperial Stout	Cloudy Town Brewers
3rd 	Scott Casko	Sleeper Agent	Imperial Stout	Boston Wort Processors

Table 13: American IPA (17 entries)




Place	Brewer	Entry Name	Style	Club
1st 	Karie Bencz	69-Ish	American IPA	
2nd 	Bryan Hufford	Treble Clef: Crunk Muzik	American IPA	
3rd 	Neil Froelich	Hop Harbinger	American IPA	Green Bay Brewers Guild [De Pere, WI]

Table 14: Specialty IPAs (36 entries)




Place	Brewer	Entry Name	Style	Club
1st 	Ryan Stack	Hazed Hippy Juice	New England IPA	Cloudy Town Brewers
2nd 	Scott Casko	Short Cut	New England IPA	Boston Wort Processors
3rd 	Dmitri Tymos	Citron IPA	New England IPA	Club Wort

Table 15: Strong American Ales (18 entries)




Place	Brewer	Entry Name	Style	Club
1st 	Neil Froelich	Grognaak the Hopbarian II	Double IPA	Green Bay Brewers Guild [De Pere, WI]
2nd 	Dan Chisholm	Bomber 2020	American Barleywine	Glass City Mashers
3rd 	Ryan Stack	American Barleywine	American Barleywine	Cloudy Town Brewers

Table 16: Sour/Wild Beers (21 entries)




Place	Brewer	Entry Name	Style	Club
1st 	Seth Jaeck	Cerasus	Wild Specialty Beer	
2nd 	Tim Oelke	Lilikoi Ohana	Catharina Sour	Bull Falls Homebrew Club
3rd 	Jared Sutliff	What Pucker	Oud Bruin	Beer Barons of Milwaukee

Table 17: Belgian Ales (21 entries)

Place	Brewer	Entry Name	Style	Club
1st 	Ryan Tompkins	Gemini	Saison	
2nd 	Fritz Schanz	Stearman's Belgian Golden Strong Ale	Belgian Golden Strong Ale	North Texas Homebrewers Association
3rd 	Colby Reineke	A Delicate Touch	Saison	Minnesota Home Brewers Association

Table 18: Trappist Ale (25 entries)




Place	Brewer	Entry Name	Style	Club
1st 	Brian Priddle	Philosophizer (2019)	Belgian Dark Strong Ale	
2nd 	Michael Marino	Kismet X	Trappist Single	
3rd 	Michael Marino	Dark Passanger Xxx	Belgian Dark Strong Ale	

Table 19: Other Beers (23 entries)




Place	Brewer	Entry Name	Style	Club
1st 	Ryan Walker	Smoked Helles	Classic Style Smoked Beer	North Urban Brewing Society (NUBS)
2nd 	Sean Greenwood	Prussian Smoky	Piwo Grodziskie	Johnson County Brewing Society
3rd 	Don Jagoditsh	MacOn Bacon	Experimental Beer	Bull Falls Homebrew Club

Table 20: Fruit Beer (20 entries)




Place	Brewer	Entry Name	Style	Club
1st 	Brandon Kessler	Baby It's Cold Outside	Fruit and Spice Beer	C.H.A.O.S. Brew Club
2nd 	Shannon Olsson	Bang-A-Rang	Fruit Beer	CRAZE [IA]
3rd 	Joel McGormley	Raspberry Tartnado	Fruit Beer	

Table 21: Spiced Beer (30 entries)

Place	Brewer	Entry Name	Style	Club
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1st 	Mark Dufek	The Early Bird	Spice, Herb, or Vegetable Beer	Beer Barons of Milwaukee
2nd 	James Werner	Abbey Christmas	Winter Seasonal Beer	Beer Barons of Milwaukee
3rd 	Jeremy Rott	Peanut Butter Panic	Spice, Herb, or Vegetable Beer	Johnson County Brewing Society

Table 22: Wood Beer (29 entries)




Place	Brewer	Entry Name	Style	Club
1st 	Josh Strupp	Gettin' Figgy With It	Specialty Wood-Aged Beer	Beer Barons of Milwaukee
2nd 	Brian Marsh	Bourbon Barrel Wheatwine	Specialty Wood-Aged Beer	Beer Barons of Milwaukee
3rd 	James Faircloth	Ba Moonless Midnight	Specialty Wood-Aged Beer	C.H.A.O.S. Brew Club

Table 23: Standard Cider & Perry (11 entries)




Place	Brewer	Entry Name	Style	Club
1st 	Tom Hayosh	Thank You, Joe!	English Cider	Urban Knaves of Grain
2nd 	Josh Landy	Batch 245	New World Cider	Primary Fermenters Brewers & Vintners
3rd 	Shawn Brady	Dorsett Drive Cider 2019	New World Cider	Madison Homebrewers & Tasters

Table 24: Specialty Cider & Perry (17 entries)






Place	Brewer	Entry Name	Style	Club
1st 	Josh Landy	Batch 199	Specialty Cider/Perry	Primary Fermenters Brewers & Vintners
2nd 	Tom Hayosh	Blueberry Cider	Cider with Other Fruit	Urban Knaves of Grain
3rd 	Josh Landy	Batch 239	New England Cider	Primary Fermenters Brewers & Vintners

Table 25: Dry Trad (16 entries)

Place	Brewer	Entry Name	Style	Club
1st 	Allen Martin	Fireweed Trad	Dry Mead	Arizona Society of Homebrewers
2nd 	Adam Bystrom	Zambezi Gold	Dry Mead	Minnesota Home Brewers Association

3rd 	Adam Bystrom	Aster	Dry Mead	Minnesota Home Brewers Association
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Table 26: Semi-Sweet Trad (20 entries)




Place	Brewer	Entry Name	Style	Club
1st 	Josh Holbrook	Trad H	Semi-Sweet Mead	Blue Ox Brewers Society
2nd 	Adam Bystrom	The Artist Formerly Known As Quince	Semi-Sweet Mead	Minnesota Home Brewers Association
3rd 	Josh Holbrook	Trad S	Semi-Sweet Mead	Blue Ox Brewers Society

Table 27: Sweet Trad (12 entries)


Place	Brewer	Entry Name	Style	Club
1st 	Allen Martin	Basswood Trad	Sweet Mead	Arizona Society of Homebrewers
2nd 	Amy Olsen	Hawaiian Lehua Traditional	Sweet Mead	Kuhnhehn Guild of Brewers (KGB)
3rd 	Matthew Weide	Hairy Vetch	Sweet Mead	Minnesota Home Brewers Association

Table 28: Cyser / Pymment (33 entries)




Place	Brewer	Entry Name	Style	Club
1st 	Allen Martin	Cab Pymment	Pymment	Arizona Society of Homebrewers
2nd 	Nick Ferndino	Cotton Candy Pymment	Pymment	
3rd 	Tom Hayosh	Cyser	Cyser	Urban Knaves of Grain

Table 29: Berry Mead (25 entries)




Place	Brewer	Entry Name	Style	Club
1st 	Kevin Meintsma	Berried Alive!	Berry Mead	Minnesota Home Brewers Association
2nd 	Christopher Skottegard	Busy Berries	Berry Mead	South Side Barley Crushers
3rd 	Josh Mahoney	Blackberry	Berry Mead	Minnesota Home Brewers Association

Table 30: Stone Fruit Mead (15 entries)




Place	Brewer	Entry Name	Style	Club
1st 	Mark Kanczuzewski	Cherry Mead	Stone Fruit Mead	
2nd 	Steve Fletty	Cerise	Stone Fruit Mead	Saint Paul Homebrewers Club
3rd 	Jeremy Goehring	Mr. Anderson's Big Boy Pants	Stone Fruit Mead	Lincoln Lagers

Table 31: Melomel (35 entries)




Place	Brewer	Entry Name	Style	Club
1st 	Steve Fletty	All The Passions	Melomel	Saint Paul Homebrewers Club
2nd 	Jeremy Goehring	Mr. Anderson's El Hefes's El Pog-O	Melomel	Lincoln Lagers
3rd 	Mike Mattson	Bc2	Melomel	

Table 32: Fruit & Spice Mead (33 entries)




Place	Brewer	Entry Name	Style	Club
1st 	Josh Holbrook	Kung Pao Cherry	Fruit and Spice Mead	Blue Ox Brewers Society
2nd 	Adam Bystrom	Stockholm Syndrome (Strawberry & Basil)	Fruit and Spice Mead	Minnesota Home Brewers Association
3rd 	Steve Fletty	Sergio	Fruit and Spice Mead	Saint Paul Homebrewers Club

Table 33: Spice, Herb, or Vegetable Mead (23 entries)






Place	Brewer	Entry Name	Style	Club
1st 	Josh Holbrook	Kung Pao Cousin	Spice, Herb, or Vegetable Mead	Blue Ox Brewers Society
2nd 	Josh Holbrook	Da Caps What Makes It	Spice, Herb, or Vegetable Mead	Blue Ox Brewers Society
3rd 	Adam Bystrom	The Rooster Crows (Peaberry And Cacao)	Spice, Herb, or Vegetable Mead	Minnesota Home Brewers Association

Table 34: Specialty Mead (34 entries)

Place	Brewer	Entry Name	Style	Club
1st 	Matthew Weide	Bochet	Experimental Mead	Minnesota Home Brewers Association

2nd 	Josh Holbrook	Sour Man	Braggot	Blue Ox Brewers Society
3rd 	Stuart Maples	Honey In Paradise	Braggot	