

Midwinter Homebrew Competition

Thanks to all who participated in the Midwinter Homebrew Competition.


There were **485** entries judged and **294** registered participants, judges, and stewards.

Best of Show Winners


Best of Show – Beer

Place ▲	Brewer	Entry Name	Style	Club
 1st	Drew Templeton	Blond Bellies Up	25A: Belgian Blond Ale	Iowa Brewers Union

Best of Show – Cider

Place ▲	Brewer	Entry Name	Style	Club
 1st	Daniel Acheson	Bill Boyer's Super Secret Cider	C1A: New World Cider	Urban Knaves of Grain

Best of Show – Mead

Place ▲	Brewer	Entry Name	Style	Club
 1st	Garrett Freeman	Hopped Lemon Mead	M4C: Experimental Mead	

Winning Entries

Table 1: Pale Lagers (16 entries)

Place ▲	Brewer	Name	Style	Club
 1st	Gerad Miller	Flat Out Like A Lizard Drinkin'	LSX5: New Zealand Pilsner	Dayton Regional Amateur Fermentation Technologists
 2nd	Scott Steenburg	El Dorado American Lager	1B: American Lager	Foam Blowers of Indiana (FBI)
 3rd	Steve Ristau	1889 New Hope Lager	27A6: Pre-Prohibition Lager	

Table 2: Pale/Amber Euro Lager (28 entries)

Place ▲	Brewer	Name	Style	Club
 1st	James Teslow	Czech Premium	3B: Czech Premium Pale Lager	Madison Homebrewers & Tasters
 2nd	Scott Steenburg	Munich Helles #2	4A: Munich Helles	Foam Blowers of Indiana (FBI)
 3rd	Nicholas Benoit	Munich Helles	4A: Munich Helles	

Table 3: Dark Euro Lager (29 entries)

Place ▲	Brewer	Name	Style	Club
 1st	James Teslow	Czech Dark	3D: Czech Dark Lager	Madison Homebrewers & Tasters
 2nd	Lincoln Souzek	Plaid Flannel	8A: Munich Dunkel	
 3rd	Steve Masar	Rodina	3D: Czech Dark Lager	

Table 4: Bitter Euro Beer (23 entries)

Place ▲	Brewer	Name	Style	Club
 1st	Garrett Shaw	Dexter	5D: German Pils	McFarland Hopslingers
 2nd	Josh Strupp	J.D. & Renee's Recipe- Slow Pour Pils	5D: German Pils	Beer Barons of Milwaukee
 3rd	Roy Ventullo Co-Brewer: Bill Gavin	Dortmunder The Great	5C: German Helles Exportbier	

Table 5: Strong European Beer (27 entries)

Place ▲	Brewer	Name	Style	Club
 1st	Ryan Bertolas	Greatest Of All Time	9A: Doppelbock	
 2nd	Steve Roth	Drunken Monk	9A: Doppelbock	Green Bay Rackers
 3rd	Josh Strupp	Scapa Flow Ole Ale	17B: Old Ale	Beer Barons of Milwaukee

Table 6: Wheat / Rye Beers (19 entries)




Place ▲	Brewer	Name	Style	Club
 1st	Dominick Dufner	Your Weisse Is A Locked Room And Only I Have The Key	23A: Berliner Weisse	St. Louis Brews
 2nd	Ken Celski	Kennybrew Weizenbock	10C: Weizenbock	Glass City Mashers
 3rd	Andrew Willadsen	Belgian Witbier	24A: Witbier	Sheboygan Sudzzers Homebrew Club

Table 7: UK Beer (31 entries)

Place ▲	Brewer	Name	Style	Club
 1st	Colby Reineke	New Year Gold	12B: Australian Sparkling Ale	Minnesota Home Brewers Association
 2nd	Stephen Schmitt	Old Trafford	13A: Dark Mild	Evanston Homebrew Club
 3rd	Edward O'Neill	Mild One	13A: Dark Mild	St. Louis Brews

Table 8: Porter / Stout (34 entries)

Place ▲	Brewer	Name	Style	Club
 1st	Wayne Doucette Co-Brewer: Jim Lang	Porter	13C: English Porter	River City Brewers [MN]
 2nd	Steve Masar	Park Street Porter	20A: American Porter	
 3rd	Mike Vondran	Sibling Rivalry	16A: Sweet Stout	Beer Barons of Milwaukee

Table 9: Pale American Ales (15 entries)

Place ▲	Brewer	Name	Style	Club
 1st	Alex Williams Co-Brewer: Patrick Williams	Victory Blonde	18A: Blonde Ale	Big Easy Homebrewers
 2nd	Caleb Meinke	Elska	18A: Blonde Ale	Madison Homebrewers & Tasters
 3rd	Jason Rohloff	A Little Something For Everyone	18B: American Pale Ale	Beer Barons of Milwaukee

Table 10: American Amber/Brown Beer (16 entries)

Place ▲	Brewer	Name	Style	Club
 1st	Jeff Case Co-Brewer: Allan Polk	Full Steam Ahead	19B: California Common	QUAFF (Quality Ale and Fermentation Fraternity)
 2nd	Michael Sande Co-Brewer: Milwaukee Tool Bros	Strong Ale	22B: American Strong Ale	Beer Barons of Milwaukee
 3rd	Mike & Stephanie Butler	Amber Alert	19A: American Amber Ale	Kansas City Bier Meisters

Table 11: IPA (32 entries)




Place ▲	Brewer	Name	Style	Club
 1st	Jason Rohloff	West Coast Isn't Dead	22A: Double IPA	Beer Barons of Milwaukee
 2nd	Doug Bulthuis	You're Leaving The House Wearing That?	21B: Specialty IPA	Kuhnhehn Guild of Brewers (KGB)
 3rd	Adam Joyce	Nor'easter	21C: Hazy IPA	Sun Prairie Worthogs

Table 12: Belgian Ales (17 entries)

Place ▲	Brewer	Name	Style	Club
 1st	Drew Templeton	Blond Bellies Up	25A: Belgian Blond Ale	Iowa Brewers Union
 2nd	Mike Neville	Does This Taste Right?	25B: Saison	Motor City Mashers
 3rd	Daniel Sullivan	Blonde	25A: Belgian Blond Ale	North Shore Brewing Club

Table 13: Monastic Ale (22 entries)

Place ▲	Brewer	Name	Style	Club
 1st	Matt Torjusen	Bière De Lunsj	26A: Belgian Single	
 2nd	Jeremiah Baer	Baer Trapp	26A: Belgian Single	East Side Brewers [IL]
 3rd	Josh Strupp	Quad City Belgian	26D: Belgian Dark Strong Ale	Beer Barons of Milwaukee

Table 14: Wild / Sour Beer (22 entries)

Place ▲	Brewer	Name	Style	Club
 1st	James Werner	Dark Secret	28A: Brett Beer	Beer Barons of Milwaukee
 2nd	Jamye & Cody Naramore	Busy Doing Something Close To Nothing	LSX4: Catharina Sour	Kansas City Bier Meisters
 3rd	Caleb Meinke	Emma Grant's	28C: Wild Specialty Beer	Madison Homebrewers & Tasters

Table 15: Wood Aged / Smoked Beer (24 entries)

Place ▲	Brewer	Name	Style	Club
 1st	Renee Weinberger Co-Brewer: J.D. Blythin	Not A Sahti!!	27A5: Piwo Grodziskie	Beer Barons of Milwaukee
 2nd	Ben Pitsch Co-Brewer: Colin Hansen	North X Northwest Bourbon Barrel Aged Barleywine	33B: Specialty Wood-Aged Beer	
 3rd	Braden Hocking	Chocolate Bourbon Barrel Aged Imperial Stout	33B: Specialty Wood-Aged Beer	Northern Brewer Fermentation Brigade

Table 16: Fruit Beer (19 entries)




Place ▲	Brewer	Name	Style	Club
 1st	Michael Borchert Co-Brewer: Gayle Borchert & Jason Rohloff	Mike's Fruit Spice Beer	29B: Fruit and Spice Beer	Beer Barons of Milwaukee
 2nd	John Jesus	Tropic Thunder	29B: Fruit and Spice Beer	Lauter Day Brewers
 3rd	Joe Doro Co-Brewer: Greg Kuether	Spike The Punch	29B: Fruit and Spice Beer	

Table 17: Spiced Beer (23 entries)

Place ▲	Brewer	Name	Style	Club
 1st	Jared Gerbing	Rosemary Blonde Ale	30A: Spice, Herb, or Vegetable Beer	
 2nd	Eric Martin	Chanterelle	30A: Spice, Herb, or Vegetable Beer	Kansas City Bier Meisters
 3rd	Tyler Sallee	Hallelujah Holy Sh*t	30C: Winter Seasonal Beer	

Table 18: Specialty Beer (16 entries)

Place ▲	Brewer	Name	Style	Club
 1st	Deborah & Marc Prichard	Yamn It Jim	31B: Alternative Sugar Beer	Kansas City Bier Meisters
 2nd	Ken Celski	Kennybrew Rye	31A: Alternative Grain Beer	Glass City Mashers


Place ▲	Brewer	Name	Style	Club
 3rd	Jason Rohloff	Vanilla Is Fundamental	34A: Commercial Specialty Beer	Beer Barons of Milwaukee



Table 19: Standard Cider / Perry (10 entries)

Place ▲	Brewer	Name	Style	Club
 1st	Daniel Acheson	Bill Boyer's Super Secret Cider	C1A: New World Cider	Urban Knaves of Grain
 2nd	James Werner	Perry Who?	C1D: New World Perry	Beer Barons of Milwaukee
 3rd	Jared Sutliff	Trad	C1A: New World Cider	Beer Barons of Milwaukee

Table 20: Specialty Cider / Perry (17 entries)

Place ▲	Brewer	Name	Style	Club
 1st	Daniel Acheson	Daadee Ma's Apple Chai	C2E: Cider with Herbs/Spices	Urban Knaves of Grain
 2nd	Tim Minger	Grandma's Apple Pie	C2E: Cider with Herbs/Spices	Beer Barons of Milwaukee
 3rd	Jed Lengerich	All Hopped Up	C2E: Cider with Herbs/Spices	MASH Fort Wayne

Table 21: Trad Mead (7 entries)

Place ▲	Brewer	Name	Style	Club
 1st	Matthew Mead	Midwest Clover B2 : Semi-Sweet	M1B: Semi-Sweet Mead	Michigan Mead Coalition
 2nd	Bill Boyer	Holy Hand Grenade Of Antioch - Coconut	M1C: Sweet Mead	North Georgia Malt Monkeys


Place ▲	Brewer	Name	Style	Club
 3rd	Bill Boyer	Book Of Armaments - Tropical/lemon	M1B: Semi-Sweet Mead	North Georgia Malt Monkeys

Table 22: Fruit Mead (18 entries)




Place ▲	Brewer	Name	Style	Club
 1st	Matthew Mead	Schaefer Heirloom Cyser Fall 2022	M2A: Cyser	Michigan Mead Coalition
 2nd	Jason Rohloff	Lakeview Triplets	M2C: Berry Mead	Beer Barons of Milwaukee
 3rd	Bill Boyer	Mosquito Hunters - V1.1	M2B: Pyment	North Georgia Malt Monkeys

Table 23: Spice / Specialty Mead (18 entries)

Place ▲	Brewer	Name	Style	Club
 1st	Garrett Freeman	Hopped Lemon Mead	M4C: Experimental Mead	
 2nd	Bill Boyer	Miód Pitny Wiśniowo-Makadamia	M4B: Historical Mead	North Georgia Malt Monkeys
 3rd	Amy Olsen	Adar's Sacrifice	M3A: Fruit and Spice Mead	Kuhnenn Guild of Brewers (KGB)

Past Winners

-  2012
-  2013
-  2014
-  2015
-  2016
-  2017
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