


Midwinter Homebrew Competition

Thanks to all who participated in the Midwinter Homebrew Competition.


There were **465** entries judged and **187** registered participants, judges, and stewards.

Best of Show Winners


Best of Show – Beer

Place [▲]	Brewer	Entry Name	Style	Club
 1st	Randy Daniels KC McKinney	Kolsch	5B: Kölsch	Iowa Brewers Union

Best of Show – Cider

Place [▲]	Brewer	Entry Name	Style	Club
 1st	Dan Acheson	Cidurana	C2F: Specialty Cider/Perry	Urban Knaves of Grain

Best of Show – Mead

Place [▲]	Brewer	Entry Name	Style	Club
 1st	Josh Holbrook	Homegrown 2021	M1B: Semi-Sweet Mead	Minnesota Home Brewers Association

Winning Entries

Table 1: Non-Czech/German Lagers (21 entries)



Place [▲]	Brewer	Name	Style	Club
 1st	Randy Daniels KC McKinney	Pre-Pro Lager	27A6: Pre-Prohibition Lager	Iowa Brewers Union
 2nd	Wayne Doucette	Lynn's Lager	1B: American Lager	River City Brewers [MN]
 3rd	Guy Grady	S-Town Light	1A: American Light Lager	Central Arkansas Fermenters

Table 2: Czech Lagers (25 entries)

Place [▲]	Brewer	Name	Style	Club
 1st	Brett Vodicka Co-Brewer: Chad Gibson	Czech Yo Self	3B: Czech Premium Pale Lager	Illiana Beer Rackers Union (IBRU)
 2nd	Steve Ristau MHP	D A R K	3D: Czech Dark Lager	Ale Riders Homebrew Club
 3rd	Lincoln Souzek	Dark Days, Bright Nights	3D: Czech Dark Lager	

Table 3: Pale German Lagers (17 entries)

Place [▲]	Brewer	Name	Style	Club
 1st	Brian Stephens MHP	I Like Turtles	4A: Munich Helles	Keepers of Craft
 2nd	Bill Gavin Roy Ventullo	Dortmunder The Great 3	5C: German Helles Exportbier	CRAZE

Place [▲]	Brewer	Name	Style	Club
 3rd	Chad Medford MHP	Sawtooth Pils	5D: German Pils	Red Earth Brewers

Table 4: Dark German Lagers (25 entries)

Place [▲]	Brewer	Name	Style	Club
 1st	Holland Andrew	Cloud Forest Dunkel	8A: Munich Dunkel	
 2nd	Mike Neville MHP	I'm Told Schwarz Means Black In German	8B: Schwarzbier	Motor City Mashers
 3rd	Jerry Barthel	Dunkellicious	8A: Munich Dunkel	Big Sioux Brewing Society

Table 5: German Ales (13 entries)




Place [▲]	Brewer	Name	Style	Club
 1st	Randy Daniels KC McKinney	Kolsch	5B: Kölsch	Iowa Brewers Union
 2nd	Kevin Wojdak MHP	You Don't Know Jack	7B: Altbier	Urban Knaves of Grain
 3rd	Brandon Wills	Huck Weiss	10A: Weissbier	

Table 6: American IPA (17 entries)

Place [▲]	Brewer	Name	Style	Club
 1st	Mark Niemczewski	Super Ultra Premium	21A: American IPA	Urban Knaves of Grain



Place [▲]	Brewer	Name	Style	Club
 2nd	Ross Stuart Co-Brewer: Trevor Tyner	Double IPA	22A: Double IPA	Arizona Society of Homebrewers
 3rd	Jack Cattle MHP	Double Harted	22A: Double IPA	North Urban Brewing Society (NUBS)

Table 7: Pale American Ales (27 entries)

Place [▲]	Brewer	Name	Style	Club
 1st	Wayne Doucette	Wayner's Pale Ale	18B: American Pale Ale	River City Brewers [MN]
 2nd	Deborah And Marc Prichard MHP	Dreamy	1C: Cream Ale	Red Earth Brewers
 3rd	Tyler Hulsebus	CitrAm Fuse Pale Ale	18B: American Pale Ale	

Table 8: Bocks (15 entries)




Place [▲]	Brewer	Name	Style	Club
 1st	Chad Medford MHP	Vindicator	9A: Doppelbock	Red Earth Brewers
 2nd	Brandon Pflipsen	If I Could Turn Bock Time	9A: Doppelbock	Minnesota Home Brewers Association
 3rd	Derek Gilbertson	Terminator	9A: Doppelbock	

Table 9: English Ales (14 entries)



Place ▲	Brewer	Name	Style	Club
 1st	Jack Cantle MHP	Ruddles Mild	13A: Dark Mild	North Urban Brewing Society (NUBS)
 2nd	Craig Matney MHP Co-Brewer: Steve Matney	Eddie's Brew	11C: Strong Bitter	Motor City Mashers
 3rd	Fritz Schanz MHP	Stearman's British Brown Ale	13B: British Brown Ale	Denton County Homebrewers Guild

Table 10: Irish/Scottish (12 entries)

Place ▲	Brewer	Name	Style	Club
 1st	Mark Kanczuzewski MHP	Stout	15B: Irish Stout	Royal Oak Area Homebrew Club
 2nd	Brian Stephens MHP	Why Do All Dwarves Have Scottish Accents?	14B: Scottish Heavy	Keepers of Craft
 3rd	Mark Kunzelmann	Irish Stout	15B: Irish Stout	St. Louis Brews

Table 11: Dark American Ales (18 entries)

Place ▲	Brewer	Name	Style	Club
 1st	Luke Osborne	Fairly Common	19B: California Common	Central Arkansas Fermenters
 2nd	Jeremy Jones MHP	Hera	19C: American Brown Ale	Snake River Brewers


Place [▲]	Brewer	Name	Style	Club
 3rd	Fritz Schanz MHP	Stearman's American Brown Ale	19C: American Brown Ale	Denton County Homebrewers Guild

Table 12: Porters (12 entries)

Place [▲]	Brewer	Name	Style	Club
 1st	Ross Stuart	Pre Pro Porter	27A7: Pre-Prohibition Porter	Arizona Society of Homebrewers
 2nd	Rob Baysden	Pre-Prohibition Porter V1	27A7: Pre-Prohibition Porter	
 3rd	Haven Schultz MHP	Deadfall	20A: American Porter	The Brü Club

Table 13: Stouts (17 entries)




Place [▲]	Brewer	Name	Style	Club
 1st	Scot Ahlers MHP	Sweet Stout	16A: Sweet Stout	Brauer Unterstützungs Verein
 2nd	Jeremy Anderson	Cowcatcher	16A: Sweet Stout	
 3rd	Kevin Wagner MHP	Are You Suggesting That Coconuts Migrate?	16C: Tropical Stout	Kansas City Bier Meisters

Table 14: Specialty IPA (17 entries)

Place [▲]	Brewer	Name	Style	Club
 1st	Ross Stuart	Hazy IPA	21C: Hazy IPA	Arizona Society of Homebrewers




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 2nd	Mark Albers	A Rush Of Hops To The Head	21C: Hazy IPA	
 3rd	Jason Rohloff MHP	Unintended Consequence	21B: Specialty IPA	Beer Barons of Milwaukee

Table 15: Strong Ales (13 entries)

Place 	Brewer	Name	Style	Club
 1st	Josh Strupp	OI Crosspatch	17B: Old Ale	Beer Barons of Milwaukee
 2nd	Fritz Schanz MHP	Stearman's American Barleywine	22C: American Barleywine	Denton County Homebrewers Guild
 3rd	Ben Rank	Witch Of November	17C: Wee Heavy	Green Bay Brewers Guild

Table 16: Belgian (26 entries)

Place 	Brewer	Name	Style	Club
 1st	Josh Strupp	Diable Noir De L Hiver	25B: Saison	Beer Barons of Milwaukee
 2nd	Mark Kunzelmann	Belgian Pale Ale	24B: Belgian Pale Ale	St. Louis Brews
 3rd	Mark Pennick MHP	Golden Standard	25C: Belgian Golden Strong Ale	Brew Crew [CO]

Table 17: Monastic (25 entries)

Place 	Brewer	Name	Style	Club
 1st	Drew Templeton MHP	Tripel Corgi Trouble	26C: Belgian Tripel	Iowa Brewers Union

Place [▲]	Brewer	Name	Style	Club
 2nd	Colby Reineke MHP	Imposter Syndrome	26A: Belgian Single	Minnesota Home Brewers Association
 3rd	Eli Swanson	Uncle Kurts Quad	26D: Belgian Dark Strong Ale	

Table 18: Specialty Beer (19 entries)




Place [▲]	Brewer	Name	Style	Club
 1st	Marvin Gomez Co-Brewer: Enrique Leveron	Very Berry Ramona	29A: Fruit Beer	SoCal Cerveceros (SCC)
 2nd	Michael Rensing MHP	Careful Man, There's Beverage Here!	31A: Alternative Grain Beer	Cider, Homebrew, And Mead Production Specialists (CHAMPS)
 3rd	Brian Carpenter	The BOG Cranberry Wheat Ale	29A: Fruit Beer	Brewing Innovators and Enthusiasts of Rhinelander (BIER)

Table 19: Sour/Wild (21 entries)




Place [▲]	Brewer	Name	Style	Club
 1st	Fritz Schanz MHP	Stearman's Lambic	23D: Lambic	Denton County Homebrewers Guild
 2nd	Michael Beck MHP	Kaiserring	23G: Gose	Illiana Beer Rackers Union (IBRU)
 3rd	Fritz Schanz MHP	Stearman's Flanders Red	23B: Flanders Red Ale	Denton County Homebrewers Guild

Table 20: Spice Beer (21 entries)

Place [▲]	Brewer	Name	Style	Club
 1st	Mark Pennick MHP	Tearing Down Walls	30A: Spice, Herb, or Vegetable Beer	Brew Crew [CO]
 2nd	Dwight Wilson MHP	Tickle My Pickle	30A: Spice, Herb, or Vegetable Beer	O-Town Hop Heads
 3rd	Luke Hafdahl Co-Brewer: Adam Sawatsky	Forest Plot	30A: Spice, Herb, or Vegetable Beer	Rochester Area Zymurgy Enthusiasts (RAZE)

Table 21: Smoke/Wood (21 entries)

Place [▲]	Brewer	Name	Style	Club
 1st	Zach Fritts	Wreathed In Smoke	27A5: Piwo Grodziskie	Club Wort
 2nd	Daniel Colbourne MHP	Mr. Jim BA	33B: Specialty Wood-Aged Beer	The Colbourne Garage Project
 3rd	Steve Powell	Rauch Scharlach-Eiche Helles	32A: Classic Style Smoked Beer	Big Sioux Brewing Society

Table 22: Standard Cider (21 entries)

Place [▲]	Brewer	Name	Style	Club
 1st	Robert Dugan MHP	Dickens Cider	C1A: New World Cider	The Brū Club
 2nd	Josh Mahoney	I Grew A Pear	C1E: Traditional Perry	Minnesota Home Brewers Association
 3rd	James Werner	French Cider	C1C: French Cider	Beer Barons of Milwaukee



Table 23: Specialty Cider (17 entries)

Place [▲]	Brewer	Name	Style	Club
 1st	Dan Acheson MHP	Cidurana	C2F: Specialty Cider/Perry	Urban Knaves of Grain
 2nd	James Werner	Strawberry Cider	C2B: Cider with Other Fruit	Beer Barons of Milwaukee
 3rd	Todd Rupell MHP	Sweet Tart	C2B: Cider with Other Fruit	The Brü Club

Table 24: Traditional Mead (9 entries)

Place [▲]	Brewer	Name	Style	Club
 1st	Josh Holbrook	Homegrown 2021	M1B: Semi-Sweet Mead	Minnesota Home Brewers Association
 2nd	Garrett Freeman MHP	Sweet Clover Traditional	M1C: Sweet Mead	
 3rd	Garrett Freeman MHP	Lemon Blossom Traditional Mead	M1B: Semi-Sweet Mead	

Table 25: Non-Trad Mead (22 entries)

Place [▲]	Brewer	Name	Style	Club
 1st	Josh Holbrook	Matthew Mead Vs. Everyone Else's Cherry Meads	M2D: Stone Fruit Mead	Minnesota Home Brewers Association
 2nd	Garrett Freeman MHP	Blueberry & Lime	M2E: Melomel	

Place ▲	Brewer	Name	Style	Club
 3rd	Jason Rohloff MHP	Black CherBerry	M2E: Melomel	Beer Barons of Milwaukee