

Thanks to all who participated in the 26th Spirit of Free Beer Homebrew Competition.

There were **343** entries judged and **190** registered participants, judges, and stewards.

Best of Show Winners

Best of Show – Beer

Place	Brewer	Entry Name	Style	Club
1st	Metts Potter	Cuz Big Dan Said So	5D: German Pils	Battleground Brewers Guild
2nd	Andy Anderson Co-Brewer: Kathy Koch	Procrastinator	9A: Doppelbock	Brewers United for Real Potables (BURP)
3rd	Greg Leifer	Vienna Schnitzel	7A: Vienna Lager	Brewers United for Real Potables (BURP)

Bill Moe Award

The Bill Moe Award is given to the participant who achieves the highest scoring beer at the competition with a malt extract-based beer.

Place	Brewer	Entry Name	Style	Club
1st	David White	Berry White	23F: Fruit Lambic	Brewers United for Real Potables (BURP)

Winning Entries

Table 1: Light American Beer (9 entries)

Place	Brewer	Entry Name	Style	Club
1st	Dennis Petersen	House Beer	18A: Blonde Ale	Brewers United for Real Potables (BURP)
2nd	James Halabuk	Wobbly Cobbler American Wheat Beer	1D: American Wheat Beer	50 West
3rd	Trey Lovelace	Cream Ale	1C: Cream Ale	Carolina Brewmasters

Table 2: Pale Malty European Lager (14 entries)

Place	Brewer	Entry Name	Style	Club
1st	Metts Potter	Lemonade	3B: Czech Premium Pale Lager	Battleground Brewers Guild
2nd	Andy Anderson Co-Brewer: Kathy Koch	The Seduction of Decoction	4A: Munich Helles	Brewers United for Real Potables (BURP)
3rd	Joe Dauria	Come Helles Or High Water	4A: Munich Helles	Metro South Homebrew League (MASH HOLES) [South Weymouth, MA]

Table 3: Pale Bitter European Lager (13 entries)

Place	Brewer	Entry Name	Style	Club
1st	Metts Potter	Cuz Big Dan Said So	5D: German Pils	Battleground Brewers Guild
2nd	Edward Bielaus Co-Brewer: Boris Barrere	Dance of Death Dortmund	5C: German Exportbier	Brewers United for Real Potables (BURP)
3rd	Matthew Border	Rolling the Dice #3	5D: German Pils	Boston Wort Processors

Table 4: Amber Malty European Lager (12 entries)

Place	Brewer	Entry Name	Style	Club
1st	Mel Thompson	Goes With Pretzels	6A: Marzen	Brewers United for Real Potables (BURP)
2nd	Glenn Hagmann	All the Smoke Puns Are Taken	6B: Rauchbier	GRIST [VA]
3rd	Mike Lastort	Bring Da Rauchus	6B: Rauchbier	Yeast Side DC

Table 5: Amber Bitter European Lager (11 entries)

Place	Brewer	Entry Name	Style	Club
1st	Greg Leifer	Vienna Schnitzel	7A: Vienna Lager	Brewers United for Real Potables (BURP)
2nd	Clint Rock	Antietam Alt	7B: Altbier	
3rd	Matthew Border	Don't Mess With Snickers	7A: Vienna Lager	Boston Wort Processors

Table 6: Dark & Strong European Beer (15 entries)

Place	Brewer	Entry Name	Style	Club
1st	Andy Anderson Co-Brewer: Kathy Koch	Procrastinator	9A: Doppelbock	Brewers United for Real Potables (BURP)
2nd	Tim Gerbracht	All Dark	8A: Munich Dunkel	GRIST [VA]
3rd	Andy Anderson Co-Brewer: Kathy Koch	Winter Is For Lagering	8B: Schwarzbier	Brewers United for Real Potables (BURP)
HM	Webster Anderson	Andymator	9A: Doppelbock	NOVA Homebrew

Table 7: Pale British Beer (19 entries)

Place	Brewer	Entry Name	Style	Club
1st	Andy Anderson Co-Brewer: Kathy Koch	Meet Me At the Pulteney Arms	11B: Best Bitter	Brewers United for Real Potables (BURP)
2nd	Wendy Aaronson Co-Brewer: Bill Ridgely	Laughing Landlord	11B: Best Bitter	Brewers United for Real Potables (BURP)
3rd	Andy Anderson Co-Brewer: Kathy Koch	Can You Say Hopback?	12A: English Golden Ale	Brewers United for Real Potables (BURP)
HM	Jeff Muse	Reuben	11C: Strong Bitter	St. Louis Brews

Table 8: Scottish Ale & Irish Beer (13 entries)

Place	Brewer	Entry Name	Style	Club
1st	Wendy Aaronson Co-Brewer: Bill Ridgely	Light Brigade	14A: Scottish Light	Brewers United for Real Potables (BURP)
2nd	Mark Keck	I'm Wondering If This Should Have Gone To NHC	14C: Scottish Export	Boston Wort Processors
3rd	Tracy Pratt	Ragin' Red II	15A: Irish Red Ale	Battleground Brewers Guild

Table 9: Stout (25 entries)

Place	Brewer	Entry Name	Style	Club
1st	Mac Butcher	Spring Back, Fall Over	20C: Imperial Stout	
2nd	Mel Thompson Co-Brewer: Dave White	Nerve Agent	20C: Imperial Stout	Brewers United for Real Potables (BURP)
3rd	Joe Smith	Total Blackout	20C: Imperial Stout	Wootown Brewers

Table 10: American Pale & Amber Ale (18 entries)

Place	Brewer	Entry Name	Style	Club
1st	Tony Erdman	California Common	19B: California Common	
2nd	Metts Potter	Big Bad Wolf	18B: American Pale Ale	Battleground Brewers Guild
3rd	Ryun Wauls	T's Amber Ale	19A: American Amber Ale	

Table 11: Brown Ale (11 entries)

Place	Brewer	Entry Name	Style	Club
1st	Bob Rouse	The Nutty Englishman	13B: English Brown Ale	Brewers United for Real Potables (BURP)
2nd	Alan Hamm	Double Bogey Brown Ale	19C: American Brown Ale	Annapolis Homebrew Club

Place	Brewer	Entry Name	Style	Club
3rd	Omar Al-Nidawi	Mild Concussion	13A: Dark Mild	

Table 12: Porter (11 entries)

Place	Brewer	Entry Name	Style	Club
1st	Clint Rock Michael Valentin	Pushin' 40 Porter	20A: American Porter	
2nd	Co-Brewer: Glen Hayman	Muddy Waters 2	20A: American Porter	
3rd	Frank Hood	Frank's Porter	13C: English Porter	DC Homebrewers

Table 13: IPA (30 entries)

Place	Brewer	Entry Name	Style	Club
1st	Matt Buckham Co-Brewer: Josh Hunter	Donal	22A: Double IPA	
2nd	Bjørn Erik Enki Gjesdal	Highbjørn (#114)	21A: American IPA	
3rd	Bjørn Erik Enki Gjesdal	The Bjørn Identity: 4 Hops (#112)	21A: American IPA	
HM	Bjørn Erik Enki Gjesdal	The Bjørn Identity: Citra (#109)	21A: American IPA	

Table 14: Strong Ale (9 entries)

Place	Brewer	Entry Name	Style	Club
1st	Mark Keck	Greg Noonan's Recipe	17C: Wee Heavy	Boston Wort Processors
2nd	Mark Menkis	PBW American Strong Ale	22B: American Strong Ale	Brewers United for Real Potables (BURP)
3rd	John McAdams	Highland Ale	17C: Wee Heavy	Brewers United for Real Potables (BURP)

Table 15: Sour & Wild Ale (17 entries)

Place	Brewer	Entry Name	Style	Club
1st	David White	Berry White	23F: Fruit Lambic	Brewers United for Real Potables (BURP)
2nd	Ed Janiak Co-Brewer: Joe Drecchio	6:59 Sour	28B: Mixed Fermentation Sour Beer	Vortex Brewing
3rd	David White	Mango Like Lambic	23F: Fruit Lambic	Brewers United for Real Potables (BURP)

Table 16: Belgian Ale & German Wheat (11 entries)

Place	Brewer	Entry Name	Style	Club
1st	Mac Butcher	Hefelicious	10A: Weissbier	

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2nd	Lee Kexel	Wheat Bock	10C: Weizenbock	Brewtherville Labs Brew Club
3rd	Lee Mahony	Domaine Du Bean Wolf	24C: Biere de Garde	

Table 17: Strong Belgian Ale & Trappist Ale (23 entries)

Place	Brewer	Entry Name	Style	Club
1st	Bob Rouse	Four On the Floor	26D: Belgian Dark Strong Ale	Brewers United for Real Potables (BURP)
2nd	Alan Hamm	Dubbel Down	26B: Belgian Dubbel	Annapolis Homebrew Club
3rd	Janet Crowe Co-Brewer: Patrick Crowe, Tom Cannon, Colleen Cannon	Swinging Single	26A: Trappist Single	Brewers United for Real Potables (BURP)
HM	Omar Al-Nidawi	Coalition of the Milling	25A: Belgian Blond Ale	

Table 18: Fruit Beer (9 entries)

Place	Brewer	Entry Name	Style	Club
1st	Shane Duggan	Pennies On The Dollar	29A: Fruit Beer	
2nd	James Halabuk	Raging Monk Boysenberry-Wheat Beer	29A: Fruit Beer	50 West
3rd	Jason Bryant	Peach Blonde	29A: Fruit Beer	Wort Hogs [VA]

Table 19: Spiced Beer (14 entries)

Place	Brewer	Entry Name	Style	Club
1st	Janet Crowe Co-Brewer: Patrick Crowe, Tom Cannon, Colleen Cannon	Jingle Balls Xxvi	30C: Winter Seasonal Beer	Brewers United for Real Potables (BURP)
2nd	Stephen Cheng Co-Brewer: Riccardo Ard	Jose Jalapeno	30A: Spice, Herb, or Vegetable Beer	
3rd	Edward Bielaus Co-Brewer: Boris Barrere	Michalek Memorial Coffee Stout	30A: Spice, Herb, or Vegetable Beer	Brewers United for Real Potables (BURP)

Table 20: Wood-Aged Beer (11 entries)

Place	Brewer	Entry Name	Style	Club
1st	Webster Anderson	Ba Merica Eff Yeah!	33B: Specialty Wood-Aged Beer	NOVA Homebrew

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2nd	Andrew Howell	Ba Big Boi	33B: Specialty Wood-Aged Beer	Clarksville Carboys
3rd	Mike Lastort	John Barleywine Must Live	33B: Specialty Wood-Aged Beer	Yeast Side DC

Table 21: Specialty Beer (11 entries)

Place	Brewer	Entry Name	Style	Club
1st	Bill Ridgely Co-Brewer: Christian Layke	Mann's Alive	27A: Historical Beer	Brewers United for Real Potables (BURP)
2nd	Andy Anderson	Smoke Gets In My Eyes	32A: Classic Style Smoked Beer	Brewers United for Real Potables (BURP)
3rd	Tony Erdman	Rye Saison	31A: Alternative Grain Beer	

Table 22: Cider (12 entries)

Place	Brewer	Entry Name	Style	Club
1st	Chris Lanning	Tart Cherry	C2B: Cider with Other Fruit	
2nd	Chris Lanning	Sidra Natural	C2F: Specialty Cider/Perry	
3rd	Chris Lanning	Lemongrass Dry Hop	C2E: Cider with Herbs/Spices	
HM	Jim Rorick	House Cider	C1A: New World Cider	Brewers United for Real Potables (BURP)

Table 23: Mead (25 entries)

Place	Brewer	Entry Name	Style	Club
1st	Rachel Szczesiul Co-Brewer: Craig Szczesiul	Buckwheat Honey Mead	M1C: Sweet Mead	Chesapeake Real Ale Brewers Society (CRABS)
2nd	Robert Andres	Yellow Toad	M3A: Fruit and Spice Mead	Brewers United for Real Potables (BURP)
3rd	Chris Lanning	Yerba Maté Mead	M3B: Spice, Herb, or Vegetable Mead	