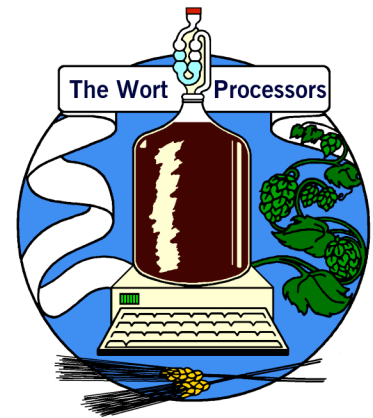


The Boston Wort Processors

Proudly present the 14th Annual
Boston Homebrew Competition

Sponsored by the
Allagash Brewing Company

Saturday February 28th, 2009



Welcome back for another year! It is with great pleasure that The Boston Wort Processors announce the **14th Annual Boston Homebrew Competition**. This year's competition follows in the fine tradition of brewing and judging that has been proven at our last twelve competitions. This competition attracts entries from many of the best brewers not only in New England but also across the country and is judged by many of the founding members of the Beer Judge Certification Program. We look forward to your participation this year!

This is a BJCP Registered/Sanctioned event and we will be judging all 28 BJCP 2008 Styles for this competition. Also, as has been the case since its founding, this year's contest again will be part of the New England Homebrewer of the Year series (<http://www.wort.org/nehboty>) and, as usual, will serve as the Northeast Region Qualifying Event for the Masters Championship of Amateur Brewing! Winners in the following categories will qualify to enter in the MCAB national championship round:

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| 1. Light Lager | 11. English Brown Ale |
| 2. Pilsner | 12. Porter |
| 3. European Amber Lager | 13. Stout |
| 4. Dark Lager | 14. India Pale Ale (IPA) |
| 5. Bock | 15. German Wheat and Rye Beer |
| 6. Light Hybrid Beer | 16. Belgian and French Ale |
| 7. Amber Hybrid Beer | 17. Sour Ale |
| 8. English Pale Ale | 18. Belgian Strong Ale |
| 9. Scottish and Irish Ale | 19. Strong Ale |
| 10. American Ale | 22. Smoke-Flavoured and Wood Aged Beer |

All subcategories in the above styles will be included in MCAB XII. Check out the MCAB website (<http://www.hbd.org/mcab>) for more details. New information on MCAB, and information on the finals for previous MCAB's are also available at this site.

We are using the 2008 BJCP style guidelines. Please refer to <http://www.bjcp.org> to check the latest style descriptions and numbers. A link to the BJCP Styles can be accessed from our web site (<http://bhc.wort.org>) for reference.

We are accepting entries in all Beer categories as well as Ciders and Meads. Ciders and Meads will not be included in the Best of Show flight, but they will count toward the New England Cider Maker of the Year and New England Mead Maker of the Year competition series.

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COMPETITION RULES

1. Anyone (who can legally make homebrew) may enter. Please indicate any co-brewers.
2. All entries must have been brewed at home not using a commercial operation. Entries made at Brew on Premises are allowed if the entrant(s) performed **ALL** the work required to make the entry.
3. More than one entry per sub-category per entrant is allowed. But please make sure the entries are uniquely identified on the entry form and the bottle labels. Example: Name one English IPA#1 and the other English IPA#2
4. Categories with fewer than six entries may be collapsed at the discretion of the Organizers.
5. Entry fee is \$6.00 per entry.
6. Make checks payable to: The Boston Wort Processors.
7. Please submit 3 bottles per entry, 10 to 16 ounces, any style (only 2 bottles are required for ciders and meads). No labels or silk-screening is allowed. Raised lettering on bottles is strongly discouraged, but bottles with *generic* raised lettering (eg. Sam Adams) will be accepted. Caps must be plain or blacked out. You may enter only 2 bottles, but if your beer wins the category, you risk not having a bottle left for Best of Show. Your choice! One larger bottle (22oz/750ml) is acceptable for ciders and meads.
8. Entry deadline is Saturday, Feb 14th, 2009. Late entries will neither be judged nor returned.
9. Recipes are not required for entries. However, upon request of the organizers, winning entrants may be required to submit detailed recipes at a later time.
10. BJCP judges under BJCP competition standards, rules, and regulations will judge all entries.
11. Medals will be awarded for 1st, 2nd and 3rd place winners in each category, 1st, 2nd and 3rd Novice brewer, Brew-master's Choice, and 2nd and 3rd Best of Show.
12. A trophy will be awarded for Best of Show.
13. Entries scoring under 25 points out of 50 may not be eligible for an award.
14. All judge score sheets will be returned to entrants. No SASE or postage is requested or required.
15. To register your entries, complete the on-line registration forms at <http://bhc.wort.org>. Be sure to double check the style name and number as they are the new 2008 BJCP categories. The competition organizers will not be reclassifying beers; we will use the style numbers you specify.
16. Bottle labels, which are generated as part of the registration procedure, must be attached to each bottle with a rubber band. No tape or glue!
17. Entries will only be accepted at the Ship-To address and Drop-Off points listed. **Do Not** mail or deliver entries to the competition site!
18. MCAB qualifiers will be determined in accordance with the guidelines set by the MCAB oversight boards. See the MCAB website (<http://hbd.org/mcab>) for more details.
19. Direct any and all inquiries to the individuals on the Contact List.
20. These rules may be changed without notice at any time by the Competition Organizers. See the competition website (<http://bhc.wort.org>) for any updates and drop-off site additions.

CONTACTS

Competition Organizer

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Entry Organizer

Wade Hicks
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SHIPPING INFORMATION

Ship-To Address (if shipping entries via UPS, FEDEX, etc.):

Wade Hicks
BHC14 Receiving
60 Hastings St
Framingham MA 01701
(617) 281-4958
treasurer@wort.org

- Pack entries well!
- Bubble-wrap bottles, pack with lots of padding and double box.
- Do not indicate the package contains BEER as the delivery service may not ship your entry! Entries must be received by the entry deadline of Saturday Feb 14, 2009

ENTRY DROPOFF LOCATIONS

The drop-off deadline is Saturday February 14, 2009

See our website (<http://bhc.wort.org>) for any updates to drop off points!

Massachusetts

Modern Homebrew Emporium
2304 Mass. Ave.
Cambridge, MA 02140
617 498-0400

Homebrew Emporium
45 Sterling Street, Suite 9
West Boylston, MA 01583
508 835-3374

Beer and Wine Hobby
155 New Boston Street, Unit T
Woburn, MA 01801
781 933 8818
shop@beer-wine.com

The Witches' Brew
12 Maple Ave.
Foxboro, MA 02035
508 543-0433
thewitchesbrew@att.net

Massachusetts (continued)

Strange Brew
41 Boston Post Rd East (Route
20)
Marlboro, MA 01752
(888) 273-9464

Boston Brewin
281 Cabot St
Beverly, MA 01915
(978) 921-1811

Connecticut

Zok's Homebrewing
24 North Street
Willimantic, CT 06226
860 456-7704
zoks@homebrewing.snet.net

New Hampshire

Jasper's Homebrew Supply
4 Temple Street
Nashua, NH 03060
603 881-3052
jaspers@boomchugalug.com

Vermont

Vermont Homebrew Supply
147 E. Allen Street (aka Route 15)
Winooski, VT 05452
802 655-2070
vtbrew@together.net

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JUDGE AND STEWARD INFORMATION

This year's judging will be held at the law offices of Holland and Knight in the Back Bay area of Boston. Judging will begin at 9:00 AM sharp on Saturday, February 28th. In order to allow us to pre-assign judges and stewards to categories and to begin judging on time, we need to know which categories you have entered and which you feel qualified/prefer to judge. Please fill out the online Judge/Steward registration form at <http://bhc.wort.org/judgereg.shtml> providing this information by **Friday, February 20th**. Please also indicate whether you are able to assist in pre-judging flights during the week of February 23rd. Morning coffee, tea, and donuts will be served on competition day and lunch will be provided to all judges and stewards. For those driving to assist at the competition, parking is available in the garage at the site and will be reimbursed for those who register to judge or steward in advance.

Important Note: As the competition will be held in a secure building, pre-registering to judge or steward before the competition is required. We need to give building security a list of people helping in advance of the competition.

Judging Location:

Holland and Knight
10 St. James Ave.
11th floor
Boston MA 02116

Directions:

By train: The judging location is easily accessible by the Green and Orange T Lines as well as the Framingham/Worcester, Needham, Franklin, Providence/Stoughton MBTA Commuter rail lines.

Green Line: The judging site is located one block from the Arlington Green Line Stop. When leaving the station, head south along Arlington for one block. Turn right onto St. James and you're there.

Orange Line & Commuter Rail: The judging site is located a couple of blocks from Back Bay Station. Exit the station onto Clarendon and head north (crossing over the Mass Pike). After about a block and a half, turn right on St. James. Go a block, crossing Berkeley St, and look for 10 St. James.

Driving:

From the west via the Mass Pike (I-90): Head east on I-90. Take exit 22 toward Copley Square/Prudential Center. Keep right at the fork, follow signs for Copley Sq. and merge onto RT-9 E/Stuart St. Turn left at Berkeley St. and then turn right at St James Ave.

From the North via I-93: Head south on I-93. Take exit 26 to merge onto RT-28 S/RT-3 N/Storrow Dr toward RT-28 S/Storrow Dr. Continue to follow RT-28 S. Turn left at Beacon St/RT-28 N. Turn right at Arlington St. Turn right at St James Ave.

From the South via I-93: Head north on I-93. Take exit 20 toward Logan Airport/S Station/I-90/Worcester. Keep left at the fork, follow signs for Frontage Rd/S Station and merge onto Frontage Rd. Turn left at E Berkeley St. and then turn right at St James Ave.

For more information or to register to judge or steward, please contact the Judge Organizer:

Mark Irwin (Judge Coordinator)
irwin@wort.org
(617) 868-7381 (h)

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ENTRY REGISTRATION FORM AND BOTTLE LABELS

Complete one block for each entry; make four copies of the completed sheet(s).

Cut three sets of sheets up to use as bottle labels.

Submit one set of sheets NOT CUT UP as the Competition Entry Form.

Have you ever entered a homebrew competition before? Yes No

Entries: _____

\$ Enclosed: _____

\$6 per entry

Brewer(s) _____
Address _____
Phone (day) _____ (eve) _____ e-mail _____
Club Affiliation _____
Category Number & Subcategory Letter (Number & Letter, e.g., 14B) _____
Category/Subcategory Name: _____
Special Ingredients/Information(for judges) : _____

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