



American Homebrewers Association's 2009 National Homebrew Competition

June 20, 2009 • Oakland Marriott City Center

Winners List

Category 1: Light Lager – 155 Entries

Sponsored by Five Star Products & Services, LLC

Gold – Darryl Kochanec, Goldenrod, FL, Lite American Lager, Tampa Bay BEERS

Silver – Kristen and Orsolya England, Saint Paul, MN, Lite American Lager, Saint Paul Homebrewers Club

Bronze – Chadd McNicholas, Carmichael, CA, Dortmund Export, Gold Country Brewers Association

Category 2: Pilsner – 172 Entries

Sponsored by Beer & Wine Makers Warehouse

Gold – Steve Olsen, Martinez, CA, Classic American Pilsner, Diablo Order of Zymiracle Enthusiasts (DOZE)

Silver – John Zeller, Cincinnati, OH, Classic American Pilsner, Bloatarian Brewing League

Bronze – Shawn Scott, McAlester, OK, Bohemian Pilsner, Fellowship of Oklahoma Ale Makers (FOAM)

Category 3: European Amber Lager – 96 Entries

Sponsored by How To Brew by John Palmer

Gold – Stephen Quintana, Sheridan, WY, Oktoberfest/Märzen, The Brewing Network

Silver – Gregory Robles, Livermore, CA, Vienna Lager, Mad Zymurgists

Bronze – Todd Murley, Orono, MN, Vienna Lager, Saint Paul Homebrewers Club

Category 4: Dark Lager – 136 Entries

Sponsored by Briess Malt & Ingredients Company

Gold – John Eikenberry, Center Point, IA, Dark American Lager

Silver – Jason Alarcon, Durham, NC, Schwarzbier (Black Beer), Triangles Unabashed HomeBrewers (TRUB)

Bronze – Gordon Strong, Beavercreek, OH, Schwarzbier (Black Beer), Saint Paul Homebrewers Club

Category 5: Bock – 155 Entries

Sponsored by Washington Hop Commission

Gold – Brian Steuerwald, Brownsburg, IN, Eisbock, Foam Blowers of Indiana (FBI)

Silver – Gordon Strong, Beavercreek, OH, Doppelbock, Saint Paul Homebrewers Club

Bronze – Phil Farrell, Cumming, GA, Eisbock, Chicken City Ale Raisers

Category 6: Light Hybrid Beer – 208 Entries

Sponsored by Cargill World Select c/o Cargill Malt

Gold – Damon Lewis, Orlando Guerra, Carrollton, TX, American Wheat or Rye Beer, North Texas Homebrewers Association

Silver – Bob Barrett, Kim Barrett, Ann Arbor, MI, American Wheat or Rye Beer, Ann Arbor Brewers Guild

Bronze – Tom Litwin, Sherwood, OR, Kölsch, Strange Brew Homebrew Club

Category 7: Amber Hybrid Beer – 100 Entries

Sponsored by Grape & Granary

Gold – Michael Kane, New York, NY, Düsseldorf Altbier

Silver – James Todd, Frankfort, IL, Northern German Altbier

Bronze – Greg Bruen, Troy, VA, Northern German Altbier, Charlottesville Area Masters of Real Ale (CAMRA)

Category 8: English Pale Ale – 196 Entries

Sponsored by St. Louis Wine & Beer Making

Gold – Jimmy VerVaecke, Durham, NC, Extra Special/Strong Bitter (English Pale Ale), Cary-Apex-Raleigh-Brewers-Of-Yore (CARBOY)

Silver – Michael Nedrow, Chardon, OH, Extra Special/Strong Bitter (English Pale Ale), Little Mountain Homebrewers Association

Bronze – Ed Seaman, St. Charles, IL, Extra Special/Strong Bitter (English Pale Ale), Urban Knives of Grain

Category 9: Scottish and Irish Ale – 225 Entries

Gold – Scott Lothamer, Moraga, CA, Scottish Heavy 70/-, Diablo Order of Zymiracle Enthusiasts (DOZE)

Silver – Norm Penn, Asheville, NC, Strong Scotch Ale, Mountain Ale and Lager Tasters

Bronze – Gordon Strong, Beavercreek, OH, Strong Scotch Ale, Saint Paul Homebrewers Club

Category 10: American Ale – 364 Entries

Sponsored by BJ's Restaurant & Brewery

Gold – Richard McLain, Highlands Ranch, CO, American Pale Ale

Silver – Douglas Griffin, Virginia Beach, VA, American Brown Ale

Bronze – Michael Habrat, San Diego, CA, American Pale Ale

Category 11: English Brown Ale – 141 Entries

Sponsored by Alternative Beverage

Gold – Jake Ocque, Tom Ocque, Amherst, NY, Mild Ale, Niagara Association of Homebrewers

Silver – Kevin Hovater, Port Orchard, WA, Northern English Brown Ale

Bronze – Michael Mraz, El Dorado Hills, CA, Mild Ale, Diablo Order of Zymiracle Enthusiasts (DOZE)

Category 12: Porter – 226 Entries

Sponsored by Deschutes Brewery

Gold – Geoff Hall, Tampa, FL, Robust Porter, Tampa Bay BEERS

Silver – Jamil Zainasheff, Elk Grove, CA, Baltic Porter, QUAFF

Bronze – James Matt Jr, Indianapolis, IN, Robust Porter, MECA Brewers

Category 13: Stout – 374 Entries

Sponsored by Brew & Grow

Gold – Andrew Waisanen, Irvine, CA, Foreign Extra Stout, Long Beach Homebrewers

Silver – Michael Kane, New York, NY, Dry Stout

Bronze – John Tipton, Madison, AL, Russian Imperial Stout, Rocket City Brewers

Category 14: India Pale Ale (IPA) – 330 Entries

Sponsored by Anderson Valley Brewing Company

Gold – Mark Heise, Regina, SK, English IPA, Ale & Lager Enthusiasts of Saskatchewan

Silver – Nathan Smith, Oakland, CA, Imperial IPA, Diablo Order of Zymiracle Enthusiasts (DOZE)

Bronze – Kelly Collins, Tigard, OR, American IPA, Strange Brew Homebrew Club

2009

National Homebrew Competition Award Winners



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Gordon Strong

Beavercreek, OH

Saint Paul Homebrewers

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Thomas Eibner

Saint Paul, MN

Saint Paul Homebrewers

Club



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Jeff Carlson

Grand Rapids, MI

Prime Time Brewers

Category 15: German Wheat and Rye Beer – 164 Entries*Sponsored by Widmer Brothers Brewing Company*

Gold – Gordon Strong, Beavercreek, OH, Weizen/Weissbier, Saint Paul Homebrewers Club

Silver – Michael Johnson, Salt Lake City, UT, Weizenbock, Zion Zymurgist Homebrew Operative Society (ZZHOPS)

Bronze – Peter Polczynski, Tulsa, OK, Weizen/Weissbier, Fellowship of Oklahoma Ale Makers (FOAM)

Category 16: Belgian and French Ale – 334 Entries

Gold – Jeff Sparrow, Chicago, IL, Belgian Specialty Ale, Chicago Beer Society

Silver – John Morrill, Indianapolis, IN, Belgian Specialty Ale, Foam Blowers of Indiana (FBI)

Bronze – Josh Pfriem, Bellingham, WA, Belgian Specialty Ale

Category 17: Sour Ale – 148 Entries*Sponsored by Captain Lawrence Brewing Company*

Gold – Dick Blankenship, Salem, OR, Peach Lambic, Capitol Brewers

Silver – Scott Boeke, North Augusta, SC, Sour Cherry Lambic

Bronze – John Applegarth, Grand Rapids, MI, Gueuze, Prime Time Brewers

Category 18: Belgian Strong Ale – 322 Entries*Sponsored by Dingemans c/o Cargill Malt*

Gold – Phil Keener, Ashland, OH, Belgian Dubbel

Silver – Bryce Dvorak, La Crosse, WI, Belgian Strong Dark Ale, La Crosse Area Grain Enthusiasts & Related Spec.

Bronze – Ryan Stansbury, Atlanta, GA, Belgian Strong Dark Ale, Brewmasters of Alpharetta

Category 19: Strong Ale – 192 Entries*Sponsored by Northern Brewer*

Gold – Jeff Rankert, Susan Rankert, Milford, MI, American Barleywine, Ann Arbor Brewers Guild

Silver – Adam Glaser, Englewood, CO, American Barleywine, Rock Hoppers Brew Club

Bronze – Mike Beuning, Avon, MN, American Barleywine, Cloudy Town Brewers

Category 20: Fruit Beer – 117 Entries

Gold – Gordon Strong, Beavercreek, OH, Blackberry Baltic Porter, Saint Paul Homebrewers Club

Silver – Jamil Zainasheff, Elk Grove, CA, Raspberry Robust Porter, QUAFF

Bronze – Randall Wilson, Pleasant Hill, CA, Buddha Hand Citron & Juniper Berry Lager

Category 21: Spice/Herb/Vegetable Beer – 208 Entries*Sponsored by High Gravity Homebrewing & Winemaking Supplies*

Gold – Mark Cherney, Ladera Ranch, CA, Pumpkin Saison, Fear No Beer Brewclub

Silver – Ted Hausotter, Baker City, OR, Jalapeño Helles Bock, Good Libations

Bronze – Jared Mechling, Ken Hittel, Baltimore, MD, Sweet Potato & Spice Old Ale, Society for TRUB

Category 22: Smoke-Flavored and Wood-Aged Beer – 182 Entries*Sponsored by Alaskan Brewing Company*

Gold – Damon Lewis, Orlando Guerra, Carrollton, TX, Classic Rauchbier, North Texas Homebrewers Association

Silver – Carl Meier, Chris Lehman, John Owen, Kyle Nordquist, Zach Harper, Nashville, TN, Wood-Aged Belgian Dark Strong Ale, Antioch Sud Suckers

Bronze – Jamil Zainasheff, Elk Grove, CA, Wood-Aged English Barleywine, QUAFF

Category 23: Specialty Beer – 197 Entries*Sponsored by The Beverage People*

Gold – Mike McDole, Clayton, CA, Imperial American Brown Ale, Diablo Order of Zymiracle Enthusiasts (DOZE)

Silver – Steven Jayich, Anchorage, AK, Rye IPA, Great Northern Brewers Club

Bronze – Mark Schoppe, Austin, TX, Imperial Rauchbier, Austin Zealots

Category 24: Traditional Mead – 75 Entries

Gold – Jeffrey Swearengin, Tulsa, OK, Semi-sweet Mead, Fellowship of Oklahoma Ale Makers (FOAM)

Silver – Jamil Zainasheff, Elk Grove, CA, Semi-sweet Mead, QUAFF

Bronze – Jake Ocque, Tom Ocque, Amherst, NY, Sweet Mead, Niagara Association of Homebrewers

Category 25: Melomel (Fruit Mead) – 118 Entries*Sponsored by Bacchus & Barleycorn Ltd.*

Gold – Thomas Eibner, St. Paul, MN, Cherry Melomel, Saint Paul Homebrewers Club

Silver – Gordon Strong, Beavercreek, OH, Black Currant & Cherry Melomel, Saint Paul Homebrewers Club

Bronze – David Barber, Kempton, PA, Cyser (Apple Melomel), Lehigh Valley Home Brewers

Category 26: Other Mead – 88 Entries

Gold – Eric Anderson, Saint Paul, MN, Wood-Aged Raspberry, Blackberry, Blueberry Mead, Saint Paul Homebrewers Club

Silver – John Jurgensen, Friendswood, TX, Mint Metheglin, Bay Area Mashtrotrons

Bronze – Chris Smith, Minneapolis, MN, Raspberry Chipotle Mead, Saint Paul Homebrewers Club

Category 27: Standard Cider and Perry – 69 Entries*Sponsored by Woodchuck Draft Cider*

Gold – Jeff Carlson, Grand Rapids, MI, Common Cider, Prime Time Brewers

Silver – Jenny & Eric DuRose, Eric DuRose, La Jolla, CA, Common Cider, QUAFF

Bronze – Gary Awdey, Eden, NY, Common Perry

Category 28: Specialty Cider and Perry – 73 Entries*Sponsored by Woodchuck Draft Cider*

Gold – Gary Weston, Whales club project, Bridgewater, NJ, New England Cider, Woodbridge Homebrewers Ale & Lager Enthusiasts Soc

Silver – Gordon Strong, Beavercreek, OH, Cherry Cider, Saint Paul Homebrewers Club

Bronze – Jamil Zainasheff, Elk Grove, CA, Peach Cider, QUAFF