American Homebrewers Association’s 2008 National Homebrew Competition
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Winners List

Category 1: Light Lager – 170 Entries
Sponsored by Five Star Products & Services, LLC
Gold – Graham Cox, Meridian, MS, Lite American Lager, Chicken City Ale Raisers
Silver – Michael Habrat, San Diego, CA, Dortmunder Export
Bronze – Ted Haussetter, Baker City, OR, Dortmunder Export, Strange Brew Homebrew Club

Category 2: Pilsner – 155 Entries
Sponsored by Beer & Wine Makers Warehouse
Gold – John Watson, Southbury, CT, Bohemian Pilsner, Underground Brewers Club of Connecticut
Silver – Joseph Formanek, Bolingbrook, IL, Classic American Pilsner, Urban Knaves of Grain
Bronze – Curt and Kathy Stock, St. Paul, MN, Classic American Pilsner, Saint Paul Homebrewers Club

Category 3: European Amber Lager – 105 Entries
Sponsored by How To Brew by John Palmer
Gold – Jim Maurer, Aurora, CO, Vienna Lager
Silver – Darryl Kochaniec, Goldenrod, FL, Oktoberfest/Märzen, Tampa Bay BEERS
Bronze – Lee Theuriet, Lodi, CA, Oktoberfest/Märzen

Category 4: Dark Lager – 158 Entries
Sponsored by Briess Malt & Ingredients Company
Silver – Steve Pierce, Juneau, AK, Schwarzbier (Black Beer)
Bronze – Randy Scoby, Baker City, OR, Schwarzbier (Black Beer), Good Libations

Category 5: Bock – 177 Entries
Sponsored by Washington Hop Commission
Gold – Dave Corbett, Tom Mikkinevich, Milford, CT, Mailbox/Helles Bock, Underground Brewers Club of Connecticut
Silver – Tom Whitehead, Chicago, IL, Traditional Bock
Bronze – Jeffrey Swarengin, Tulsa, OK, Doppelbock, Fellowship of Oklahoma Ale Makers (FOAM)

Category 6: Light Hybrid Beer – 248 Entries
Sponsored by Cargill World Select c/o Cargill Malt
Gold – David Anderson, Northglenn, CO, Cream Ale, Hop barley & the Aler
Silver – Curt and Kathy Stock, St. Paul, MN, Cream Ale, Saint Paul Homebrewers Club
Bronze – Virg Redman, Vacaville, CA, Blonde Ale, Diablo Order of Zymiracle Enthusiasts (DOZE)

Category 7: Amber Hybrid Beer – 150 Entries
Sponsored by Grape & Granary
Gold – Thomas Wallbank, Indianapolis, IN, Düsseldorf Altbier, Foam Blowers of Indiana
Silver – Jim Smith, Summerfield, NC, California Common Beer, Battleground Brewers Guild
Bronze – Keith Muyeck, Scottsdale, AZ, Düsseldorf Altbier, The Brewing Network

Category 8: English Pale Ale – 222 Entries
Sponsored by St. Louis Wine & Beer Making
Gold – Kevin Kroll, Lincoln, NE, Standard/Ordinary Bitter
Silver – Von Bair, Bethany, CT, Extra Special/Strong Bitter (English Pale Ale), Underground Brewers Club of Connecticut
Bronze – Steven Daniel, John Steils, Santa Fe, TX, Extra Special/Strong Bitter (English Pale Ale), Foam Rangers Homebrew Club

Category 9: Scottish and Irish Ale – 234 Entries
Sponsored by Homebrew Depot
Gold – Phil Farrell, Cumming, GA, Strong Scotch Ale, Chicken City Ale Raisers
Silver – Joseph Formanek, Bolingbrook, IL, Strong Scotch Ale, Urban Knaves of Grain
Bronze – Jeffrey Oberlin, Friendswood, TX, Scottish Export 80/-, Bay Area Mashmaster

Category 10: American Ale – 430 Entries
Sponsored by BJ’s Restaurant & Brewery
Gold – Richard McLain, Highlands Ranch, CO, American Pale Ale
Silver – Mike Johnson, Salt Lake City, UT, American Amber Ale, Zion Zymirgist Homebrew Operation (ZZ HOPS)
Bronze – Greg Wondga, Edmonton, AB, Canada, American Brown Ale, Edmonton Homebrewers Guild

Category 11: English Brown Ale – 163 Entries
Sponsored by Alternative Beverage
Gold – Von Bair, Bethany, CT, Northern English Brown Ale, Underground Brewers Club of Connecticut
Silver – Dan George, Westerville, OH, Mild Ale, Scioto, Otentangy & Darby Zymirgists (SODZ)
Bronze – Rodney Kibzey, Lombard, IL, Mild Ale, Urban Knaves of Grain

Category 12: Porter – 270 Entries
Sponsored by Deschutes Brewery
Gold – Paul Gagnon, San Diego, CA, Robust Porter, QAFF
Silver – Michael Adams, Bill Adams, Visalia, CA, Brown Porter, TCHOPS (Tulare County Homebrewers for Perfect Suds)
Bronze – Paul Zocco, Andover, CT, Baltic Porter, District 8 Brewing Company

Category 13: Stout – 418 Entries
Sponsored by Brew & Grow
Gold – Mike Feiertag, Jim Foster, Cincinnati, OH, American Stout, Boulevard Brewing League
Silver – Joseph Formanek, Bolingbrook, IL, Russian Imperial Stout, Urban Knaves of Grain
Bronze – Chris Bible, Knoxville, TN, Foreign Extra Stout

Category 14: India Pale Ale (IPA) – 332 Entries
Sponsored by Anderson Valley Brewing Company
Gold – Jay Schrade, Crossville, TN, Imperial IPA, Tennessee Valley Homebrewers/Hillibilly Hoppers
Silver – Robert Heinlein, Crown Point, IN, English IPA, Brewers of South Suburb BOSS
Bronze – Mike McDole, Clayton, CA, American IPA, Diablo Order of Zymiracle Enthusiasts (DOZE)

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Category 15: German Wheat and Rye Beer – 179 Entries
Sponsored by Widmer Brothers Brewing Company
Gold – Todd Murley, Orono, MN, Weizen/Weissbier, Saint Paul Homebrewers Club
Silver – Fred Kline, Coatesville, PA, Weizen/Weissbier
Bronze – Dan Sherman, Lafayette, CA, Roggenbier (German Rye Beer), Diablo Order of Zymiracle Enthusiasts (DOZE)

Category 16: Belgian and French Ale – 317 Entries
Sponsored by S.A. Bieres de Chimay c/o Manneken-Brussel Imports
Gold – Kevin Cosentino, Raleigh, NC, Belgian Specialty Ale
Silver – Julian Shrago, Garden Grove, CA, Belgian Specialty Ale, Long Beach Homebrewers Club
Bronze – John Allin, Bethlehem, NH, Belgian Specialty Ale, Brew Free or Die

Category 17: Sour Ale – 141 Entries
Sponsored by Captain Lawrence Brewing Company
Gold – Kristen and Orsolya England, St Paul, MN, Berliner Weisse, Saint Paul Homebrewers Club
Silver – Jason Roeper, Amelia, OH, Straight (Unblended) Lambic, Bloctarian Brewing League
Bronze – Bob Kunz, Burbank, CA, Flanders Red Ale, Maltose Falcons

Category 18: Belgian Strong Ale – 345 Entries
Sponsored by Dingemans c/o Cargill Malt
Gold – Robert Ginn, Poulsbo, WA, Belgian Tripel, West Sound Brewers Club
Silver – Scott Lothamer, Moraga, CA, Belgian Strong Dark Ale, Diablo Order of Zymiracle Enthusiasts (DOZE)
Bronze – Bob Thompson, Marietta, GA, Belgian Dubbel, Temecula Valley Homebrewers Association

Category 19: Strong Ale – 232 Entries
Sponsored by Northern Brewer
Gold – Alex Buerckholtz, Asheville, NC, American Barleywine, Mountain Ale and Lager Tasters
Silver – Tom Gardner, Denver, CO, Old Ale, Foam On The Range
Bronze – John Donaldson, Mark Gerding, Houston, TX, English Barleywine, The Houston United Group of Zymurgists (THUGZ)

Category 20: Fruit Beer – 114 Entries
Sponsored by Paradise Brewing Supplies
Gold – John Watson, Southbury, CT, Fruit Beer, Underground Brewers Club of Connecticut
Silver – Dave Howes, Danville, CA, Fruit Beer
Bronze – Steve Piatz, Eagan, MN, Fruit Beer, Saint Paul Homebrewers Club

Category 21: Spice/Herb/Vegetable Beer – 185 Entries
Sponsored by High Gravity Homebrewing & Winemaking Supplies
Gold – Paul Dienhart, Minnetonka, MN, Spice, Herb, or Vegetable Beer, Saint Paul Homebrewers Club
Silver – Mark Martonchik, Northfield, OH, Spice, Herb, or Vegetable Beer, Society of Akron Area Zymurgists (SAAZ)
Bronze – Dean Malte, Auburn, WA, Spice, Herb, or Vegetable Beer

Category 22: Smoke-Flavored and Wood-Aged Beer – 165 Entries
Sponsored by Alaskan Brewing Company
Gold – Steve Fleyt, Falcon Heights, MN, Other Smoked Beer, Saint Paul Homebrewers Club
Silver – Steve Fleyt, Falcon Heights, MN, Wood-Aged Beer, Saint Paul Homebrewers Club
Bronze – Darryl Kochancie, Goldenrod, FL, Other Smoked Beer, Tampa Bay BEERS

Category 23: Specialty Beer – 186 Entries
Sponsored by The Beverage People
Gold – Gordon Strong, Beaver Creek, OH, Specialty Beer, Saint Paul Homebrewers Club
Silver – Jeffrey Reilly, Houston, TX, Specialty Beer, The Houston United Group of Zymurgists (THUGZ)
Bronze – Jeff Carlson, Grand Rapids, MI, Specialty Beer, Prime Time Brewers

Category 24: Traditional Mead – 124 Entries
Sponsored by Redstone Meadery
Gold – Thomas Ethner, St Paul, MN, Other Fruit Melomel, Saint Paul Homebrewers Club
Silver – Curt and Kathy Stock, St. Paul, MN, Other Fruit Melomel, Saint Paul Homebrewers Club
Bronze – Jason Ditworth, Anchorage, AK, Other Fruit Melomel, Great Northern Brewers Club

Category 25: Melomel (Fruit Mead) – 148 Entries
Sponsored by Bacchus & Barleycorn Ltd.
Gold – Brian Cooper, Pleasanton, CA, Semi-sweet Mead, Mad Zymurgists
Silver – Michael White, League City, TX, Sweet Mead, The Houston United Group of Zymurgists (THUGZ)
Bronze – Phil Farrell, Cumming, GA, Sweet Mead, Chicken City Ale Raisers

Category 26: Other Mead – 107 Entries
Sponsored by Main Squeeze
Gold – Steve Piatz, Eagan, MN, Metheglin, Saint Paul Homebrewers Club
Silver – Jason Ditworth, Anchorage, AK, Open Category Mead, Great Northern Brewers Club
Bronze – Curt and Kathy Stock, St. Paul, MN, Open Category Mead, Saint Paul Homebrewers Club

Category 27: Standard Cider and Perry – 93 Entries
Sponsored by Woodchuck Draft Cider
Gold – Jeff Carlson, Grand Rapids, MI, Common Cider, Prime Time Brewers
Silver – Stephen Northcutt, Vallejo, CA, Common Cider, Diablo Order of Zymiracle Enthusiasts (DOZE)
Bronze – Jamil Zainasheff, Elk Grove, CA, Common Perry, QAFF

Category 28: Specialty Cider and Perry – 76 Entries
Sponsored by Woodchuck Draft Cider
Gold – Jeff Carlson, Grand Rapids, MI, Appelwine, Prime Time Brewers
Silver – Jeff Carlson, Grand Rapids, MI, Appelwine, Prime Time Brewers
Bronze – Richard Tomory, Campbell, OH, Appelwine, Brewers Of Ohio’s Zymurgists Enclave (BOOZE)