

2004



Homebrew Competition Entry Materials

Competition Sponsored by The Kalamazoo Brewing Company

Welcome to the 2004 Michigan State Fair Homebrew Competition!

Several things have changed since last year, so please read CAREFULLY...

Rules

1. Any Michigan made, non-commercial, home produced beer is eligible for entry. Mead and cider may not be entered.
2. Enter as many beers as you like, but you are limited to one entry per BJCP style subcategory (e.g., BJCP Style 4A, Ordinary Bitter).
3. Entries may not be submitted in the name of another person. An entrant is defined as the one or more people submitting an entry who must have actively contributed to the brewing of an entry. An entrant may not be an entire brew club.
4. No member of an entrant may submit another entry of the same subcategory, whether as an individual entrant, a member of the same entrant, or a member of another entrant.
5. Each entry must consist of two bottles from a single batch of beer of at least ten ounces, which have no labels or identifying marks. Caps with any markings **must be blackened with a marker**. Commercially available bottles from widely distributed beers are acceptable. Unique bottles will be allowed only at the discretion of the Competition Organizer.
6. The official style guidelines for this competition are the current Beer Judge Certification Program (BJCP) Beer Style Guidelines. These guidelines can be found on the BJCP website at <http://www.bjcp.org/>.
7. Every entry must be declared a particular category and subcategory according to these guidelines and must also be assigned the corresponding Michigan State Fair Class Number.
8. Every entry must be submitted with a completed entry form and a bottle identification label attached to each bottle with a rubber band. Do not use glue or tape to secure the labels to the bottles. ProMash Competition Entry Forms are allowed but be certain to include any additional information necessary to accurately register your beers. Please note: neither the Community Arts entry form nor the W-9 form is required to enter the Homebrew Competition.
9. The entry form must list additional information for entries in the following classes:
 - a. For **MSF Class 8633** Fruit Beer - The entrant must specify the underlying beer style as well as the type of fruits or flavoring used.
 - b. For **MSF Class 8634** Spice/Herb/Vegetable/Smoked Beer (BJCP Categories 22 and 23) - The entrant must specify the underlying beer style as well as the special ingredients used.
10. A recipe must be submitted for each entry. ProMash recipes are encouraged. Hand written recipes should follow the recipe format included with these entry materials. A recipe template will be available from the competition website or organizers.
11. The entry fee is \$13.00 for the first three entries and \$3 for each additional entry. For example, the total cost for 5 entries is \$19.00. Make checks payable to **James Suchy, Competition Director**.
12. A panel of at least two judges will judge each entry according to the category in which it was entered. No judge will be assigned to a category for which they are entrants. First, second, and third prizes may be awarded in each category at the judge's discretion. Classes with multiple BJCP Categories (i.e. MSF Class 8626 – German Ale/Wheat Beer) may be expanded for judging purposes at the discretion of the Competition Director. Expansion of classes will be performed in order to provide the best possible competition in which beers are judged solely against others in the same BJCP Category.
13. All contestants will receive the score sheets with judges' comments for their entries.
14. Recipes for first place winners in each MSF Class will be published in the Winners Circle Book, available after the Best of Show judging.
15. All entries become the property of the Michigan State Fair Homebrew Competition and will not be returned.
16. Failure to observe the competition guidelines may result in disqualification of the entry.
17. The Competition Director will settle any questions or disputes and all decisions are final.

Sponsors

Support from our sponsors makes this competition possible. Our sponsors offset the expenses incurred with the competition and enable prizes to be awarded. Please patronize the sponsors of the competition. A list of the 2004 sponsors will be included in the Winners Circle Booklet. 2003 sponsors include: Kalamazoo Brewing Co., Arbor Brewing Co., pico-Brewing Systems, Briess Malting Co., Michigan Brewing Company, Attorneys Hemming, Polaczyk, Cronin, Smith & Witthoff, P.C., Hopunion USA, The Ann Arbor Brewer's Guild, and the FORD Homebrew Club.

Entry Drop Off

Ship or deliver entries to arrive between **Saturday July 10, and Saturday July 24, 2004**. **Note that some drop-off points have abbreviated drop-off dates.** The entry deadlines at each dropoff point are FIRM. Beer received after the drop-off date is not eligible for the competition. **Check with your local homebrew shop to see if they are an official drop-off point.**

Dropoff Dates	Location
Monday July 19th through Sunday July 25th at 5 pm	Susan Rankert, Registrar 844 E Liberty St. Milford, MI 48381-2053 (248) 685-2511 SRANKERT@msn.com
Saturday July 10th through Saturday July 24th at 3pm	Adventures in Homebrewing Jason Smith, Judge Director 23439 Ford Road Dearborn, MI 48128 (313) 277-BREW (2739) ADVENBREW@aol.com
Monday July 12th through Saturday July 24th at 3pm	Jim and Wendy Suchy, Competition Directors 38665 Northampton St. Westland, MI 48186 (734) 722-9238 MSFHOMEBREW@hotmail.com
Saturday July 10 th and Saturday July 24 th and other times by arrangement	Ypsilanti Brewing Company Mike O'Brien 4 West Forest Ypsilanti, MI 48197 (734) 637-2532 obrien@ypsilantibrewing.com

Entry Classification

Each beer is entered in a Michigan State Fair (MSF) Class, and must also be assigned a BJCP (Beer Judge Certification Program) style category and subcategory. A condensed BJCP style chart is included. Additional information can be found at <http://www.bjcp.org>. The MSF Classes and associated BJCP style categories are listed below.

MSF Class #	BJCP Style #(s)	MSF Class Name
8620	1,3	American Lager/ Light Ale
8621	2	European Pale Lager
8622	4	Bitter/English Pale Ale
8623	7	IPA
8624	5,10	Scottish Ale/Brown Ale/Mild
8625	6	American Pale Ale/California Common
8626	8,17	German Ale/Wheat Beer
8627	9,13,14	European Amber & Dark Lager/Bock
8628	11	English & Scottish Strong Ale
8629	12	Barleywine/Imperial Stout
8630	15	Porter
8631	16	Stout
8632	18,19,20	Belgian Ale/French Ale/Lambic
8633	21	Fruit Beer

Judging and Awards:

- Beers will be judged according to the current BJCP (Beer Judge Certification Program) style guidelines. These guidelines will be used to determine how closely your beer matches the style. Thus, it is extremely important that you choose the style that your beer most closely matches. The BJCP 50-point rating scale will be used for judging, with 21 points required for award eligibility.
- **The first round of judging** will take place on **July 31st**. Those interested in participating should contact the Judge Director, Jason Smith (Adventures in Homebrewing) at Advenbrew@aol.com or (313) 277-BREW. We welcome people interested in judging or assisting as stewards. Even if you have never judged before, we will pair you with an experienced judge to help you learn. BJCP points will be awarded to those in the Beer Judge Certification Program.
- **The Best of Show Judging and Awards Presentation** will take place during the State Fair on **Saturday, August 14, at 3:00 p.m.** in the Community Arts Exhibit Hall contest area of the Michigan State Fairgrounds. The Best of Show winner will receive an Engraved Glass Carboy, free entry into the AHA National Homebrew Competition, and a prize from pico-Brewing Systems. The homebrewer with the most winning entries (1st, 2nd, or 3rd) will receive the Rex Halfpenny Award with prizes provided by Briess Malting Co. All 1st place winners will have their recipes published in the Winners Circle booklet. First, second and third place winners will receive engraved mugs and ribbons. Additional prizes will be provided from some sponsors and some prizes may be substituted for those of equal value at the discretion of the Director. Honorable Mention winners will receive ribbons. Honorable Mention is awarded to beers scoring 38 points or higher, but not placing in the top three. Judging results will be available for pickup immediately after the Best of Show judging or mailed to all entrants after the judging.
- A list of Winners will be posted on the following Web Site: <http://hbd.org/michigan>
- Winners will be announced and prizes will be distributed during an Awards Presentation immediately following the public Best-of-Show Judging on August 14. If you cannot attend the Awards Presentation but would like to pick-up your prizes, please contact the competition Director, Jim Suchy, to arrange pick-up.

General

- Please direct questions regarding entries, styles, and MSF class to the competition organizers.

Organizers: Members of the Ann Arbor Brewers Guild and F.O.R.D. homebrew clubs have volunteered their time to organize this year's competition.

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This competition is sanctioned by:

The Beer Guide Certification Program <http://www.bjcp.org>

The American Homebrewer's Association <http://www.beertown.org/>