

# 2008 Brew Masters Competition

## Sponsored by the Tri-County Fermenters

### **RULES AND ENTRY INFORMATION:**

#### **I. Eligibility**

This competition is open to anyone at least 21 years of age. Commercially brewed beers, meads, ciders, and wines are ineligible.

#### **II. Categories**

##### **A. Scottish 80-/ Export**

We will all use the same recipe with the same ingredients to take out some of the variables in producing this beer. Your brewing technique will ultimately decide how well your beer compares to the others. As a special bonus, the contest organizer will be participating in this event. This should be a fun and interesting category; so I hope you will all try to enter it. Other notes: We may enter this category more than once if you so choose to see the effect of having different ages of the style. May the best brewer win!

##### **B. All Other Beers of England, Ireland, and Scotland**

This would include 8A- Ordinary/Standard Bitter, 8B- Special/Best/Premium Bitter, 8C- Extra Special/Strong Bitter (ESB), 9A- Scottish 60/- Light, 9B- Scottish 70/- Heavy, 9D- Irish Red Ale, 9E- Strong Scotch Ale (Wee Heavy), 11A- Mild, 11B- Southern English Brown Ale, 11C- Northern English Brown Ale, 12A- Brown Porter, 12C- Baltic Porter, 13A- Dry Stout, 13B- Sweet Stout, 13C- Oatmeal Stout, 13-D Foreign Extra Stout, 13-F Russian Imperial Stout, 14A- English IPA, 19A- Old Ale, 19B- English Barleywine, 20A- Fruit Beer/21A Spice, Herb, Vegetable Beer/23A Specialty Beer with any of the above styles as the "Classic Style".

##### **C. Open Category Beer**

All other styles of beer that do not fit into category B.

##### **D. Wine, Mead, and Cider ALL NEW THIS YEAR!!!!**

This year we will be accepting wine, mead, and cider entries. See entry form for categories.

#### **III. How and What to Enter**

1. Registration will be accepted anytime until August 16th. Just submit the registration form via email or US mail to the contest organizer.

2. Entry Fees: \$5 for each of the first four entries. Any additional entries will be free. Make your check payable to the Tri-County Fermenters. TCF Members will get the second entry for free!

3. Entry requirements: Provide FOUR BOTTLES for each entry of beer, and ONE 750 mL bottle or TWO 375 mL bottles for each entry of wine/mead/cider. Beer bottles should be 10- to 14- ounce green or brown glass and clean and free of labels (inked, paper, etc.) Bottles with permanent, painted on labels are discouraged, but not prohibited. Entrants are encouraged to use brown longneck returnable bottles for extra protection from light. Grolsch-type bottles and those with raised lettering are also prohibited. Soft drink or other printed crown caps are acceptable if they are blacked out with a black marking pen to assure anonymity in judging. Wine/Mead/Cider should be packaged in non-distinctive bottles of any color that are either corked or capped with no PVC shrink capsules.

Use a rubber band to attach bottle label provided on this site. Please do not glue or tape on label.

4. Brewers may submit multiple entries for each category, but they must come from a separate batch.

5. Recipes do not have to be submitted, however if your entry has a special ingredient, has a classic style of herb, spice, fruit, vegetable, or was brewed using an experimental method, you must describe the classic style, special ingredient, experimental technique, etc. on the entry form. Category D entries need to be identified as still or sparkling, and dry, semi-sweet, or sweet.

Category D may be split based on number of entries.

#### IV. Where and When to Enter

1. Please drop off entries at the contest organizer's house with your registration form and entry fee.

I would like to have all entries prior to the Fair date, so that they can be numbered by persons other than the contest organizer in order to keep entries, especially in category A, anonymous. We will accept entries on the day of the competition, but registration needs to be completed by August 16th.

Send your entries to: Edward Mathis, N16564 Vinger Lane, Beecher, WI 54156.

2. Contest will take place on Saturday, August 23rd at 12:00 pm.

3. Parking fee good for the entire weekend is not included.

#### V. Judging

1. Judging will be performed by a blind evaluation of each beer by a panel of expert beer tasters.
2. Scoring will be based on the Beer Judge Certification Program (BJCP) for beer, mead, and cider as compared to the guidelines for each style. Category A will also be scored against a classic style at the judge's disposal during the competition. Wine scoring will be based on Appearance, Aroma & Bouquet, Acid, Body, Astringency, Flavor, Finish, and General Quality.
3. Categories may be combined based on the number of entries received.

## VI. Awards and Prizes

1. Awards will be given for 1st, 2nd, and 3rd place for each category; and Best of Show if there are more than 15 entries. A Best of Show MAY also be awarded based on number of category D entries.
2. A People's Choice certificate will also be given to the best beer as chosen by the general public.
3. NEW THIS YEAR! An award certificate will also be given to the most creative entry name.