

GREAT INTERNATIONAL BEER COMPETITION

NOVEMBER 7, 2008

PROVIDENCE, RI

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The 12th Annual Great International Beer Competition was held on Friday, November 7, 2007, in Providence, Rhode Island, one day before the 15th Annual Great International Beer Festival. Festivals of America produced both events. New England beer newspaper *Yankee Brew News* was the media sponsor of the competition.

One hundred eighty-seven beers from 39 breweries representing 10 states entered the competition. Forty-five professional brewers and beer industry journalists acted as judges in a blind tasting format. First, second and third place awards were presented in 17 categories of ales and lagers. The judges knew only the style and subcategory of each beer.

Since the competition began in 1997, over 1,800 beers have been judged. The awards were presented during the afternoon session of the beer festival, announced by *Yankee Brew News* editor Gregg Glaser. On the floor of the festival, held at the Rhode Island Convention Center, 7,500 beer lovers were able to sample over 250 beers from approximately 100 breweries.

The 13th Annual Great International Beer Competition and the 16th Annual Great International Beer Festival will take place on November 13-14, 2009, in Providence. In addition, a spring beer festival will take place on May 2, 2009, in Providence. Details are available at www.beerfestamerica.com.

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WINNERS

WHEAT BEER

- 1) Cape Cod Dunkel Weizen, Cape Cod Beer, Hyannis, MA
- 2) Blue Moon Belgian White Ale, Coors Brewing, Golden, CO
- 3) In Heat Wheat, Flying Dog Brewery, Frederick, MD

LIGHT ALE

- 1) Copper Hill Kölsch, Cambridge Brew House, Granby & Torrington, CT
- 2) Haverale, Haverhill Brewery/The TAP, Haverhill, MA
- 3) Certified Gold, Willimantic Brewing/Main Street Café, Willimantic, CT

ENGLISH PALE ALE/BITTER

- 1) Samuel Adams Pale Ale, Boston Beer Co., Boston, MA
- 2) Whistling Pig Red Ale, Jasper Murdock's Alehouse/Norwich Inn, Norwich, VT
- 3) Mayflower Pale Ale, Mayflower Brewing, Plymouth, MA

AMERICAN PALE ALE

- 1) Mojo IPA, Boulder Beer Co., Boulder, CO
- 2) Long Hammer IPA, Redhook Ale Brewery, Woodinville, WA & Portsmouth, NH
- 3) Ipswich Harvest Ale, Mercury Brewing, Ipswich, MA

AMERICAN AMBER ALE

- 1) Cape Cod Red, Cape Cod Beer, Hyannis, MA
- 2) American Amber TinsleyRogue Ales, Newport, OR
- 3) Long Trail Ale, Long Trail Brewing, Bridgewater Corners, VT

IPA

- 1) Seeing Double IPA, Amherst Brewing, Amherst, MA
- 2) Celebration Ale, Sierra Nevada Brewing, Chico, CA
- 3) Offshore IPA, Offshore Ale Co., Oak Bluffs, MA

BROWN ALE

- 1) Lackey's Brown Ale, Martha's Exchange Brewing, Nashua, NH
- 2) Pig's Ear Brown Ale, Woodstock Inn Brewery, Woodstock, NH
- 3) Friar Brown, Union Station Brewery, Providence, RI

PORTER

- 1) JW Dundee's Porter, High Falls Brewing, Rochester, NY
- 2) Mayflower Porter, Mayflower Brewing, Plymouth, MA
- 3) General John Stark Dark Porter, Milly's Tavern, Manchester, NH

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STOUT

- 1) Two Sister's Stout, Amherst Brewing, Amherst, MA
 - 2) Ipswich Oatmeal Stout, Mercury Brewing, Ipswich, MA
 - 3) Shakespeare Stout, Rogue Ales, Newport, OR
- Honorable Mention: Oatmeal Stout, Milly's Tavern, Manchester, NH

LAGER

- 1) Coors Original Banquet Domestic Lager, Coors Brewing, Golden, CO
- 2) Old School Pils, Gardner Ale House, Gardner, MA
- 3) Bohemian Pils, Trinity Brewhouse, Providence, RI

AMBER LAGER

- 1) Feuerwherman Schwarzbier, Pennichuck Brewing, Milford, NH
- 2) Dry Hopped Red, Rogue Ales, Newport, OR
- 3) Vienna Lager, Gardner Ale House, Gardner, MA

BOCK

- 1) Harvest Bock, Buzzards Bay Brewing, Westport, MA
- 2) Dead Guy Ale, Rogues Ales, Newport, OR
- 3) Incinerator Doppelbock, Amherst Brewing, Amherst, MA

OKTOBERFEST

- 1) The Big O, Pennichuck Brewing, Milford, NH
- 2) Lewmeister Oktoberfest, Amherst Brewing, Amherst, MA
- 3) Oktober-Bier, Cambridge Brew House, Granby & Torrington, CT

STRONG BEER: OTHER

- 1) Hop Goddess, Offshore Ale Co., Oak Bluffs, MA
- 2) Samuel Adams Utopias, Boston Beer Co., Boston, MA
- 3) Double Bag Ale, Long Trail Brewing, Bridgewater Corners, VT

STRONG BEER: RUSSIAN IMPERIAL STOUT

- 1) Kinspin Imperial Stout, Watch City Brewing, Waltham, MA
 - 2) Joshua Norton, Haverhill Brewery/The TAP, Haverhill, MA
 - 3) Saranac Imperial Stout, FX Matt Brewing, Utica, NY
- Honorable Mention: Pozharnik Espresso Russian Imperial Stout, Pennichuck Brewing, Milford, NH

STRONG BEER: MIXED STYLES

- 1) Bagpiper Scottish Ale, Pennichuck Brewing, Milford, NH
- 2) Dr. Hoppenstein's Double IPA, Martha's Exchange, Nashua, NH
- 3) Old Crustacean, Rogue Ales, Newport, OR

FRUIT/SPICE: ALE

- 1) Beejesus Hop Crisis BPA, Watch City Brewing, Waltham, MA
- 2) Raspberry UFO Hefeweizen, Harpoon Brewery, Boston, MA
- 3) Wye Winter Wassail Spiced Lager, Pennichuck Brewing, Milford, NH

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