


America's Finest City Homebrew Competition (AFC)

Thanks to all who participated in the America's Finest City Homebrew Competition (AFC).


There were **325** entries judged and **141** registered participants, judges, and stewards.

Best of Show Winners

Best of Show – Beer

Place ▲	Brewer	Entry Name	Style	Club
 1st	Mike Garza	Wee Heron Dark Mild	13A: Dark Mild	Border Brewers
 2nd	Scott Steenburg	Helles #2	4A: Munich Helles	Foam Blowers of Indiana (FBI)
 3rd	Alan Turken	Yabba Dabba Weissbier	10A: Weissbier	QUAFF (Quality Ale and Fermentation Fraternity)
 HM	Todd Higginson	Hair Metal	25A: Belgian Blond Ale	QUAFF (Quality Ale and Fermentation Fraternity)

Best of Show – Cider

Place ▲	Brewer	Entry Name	Style	Club
 2nd	Karl Kahleck	Pardon My French	C1C: French Cider	QUAFF (Quality Ale and Fermentation Fraternity)

Best of Show – Mead

Place ▲	Brewer	Entry Name	Style	Club
🏆 1st	Bill Boyer	Grusieczniak	M4B: Historical Mead	North Georgia Malt Monkeys
🏆 3rd	Bill Boyer	Castle Anthrax	M2B: Pymment	North Georgia Malt Monkeys

Winning Entries

Table 1: Cat 1 - Standard American Beer (12 entries)

Place ▲	Brewer	Name	Style	Club
🏆 1st	Scott Steenburg	El Dorado American Lager	1B: American Lager	Foam Blowers of Indiana (FBI)
🏆 2nd	Alan Turken	All American Wheat	1D: American Wheat Beer	QUAFF (Quality Ale and Fermentation Fraternity)
🏆 3rd	Radames Serrano Co-Brewer: Del Campo Brewing Co.	Sol Del Caribe	1D: American Wheat Beer	

Table 2: Cat 2 - International Lager (5 entries)

Place ▲	Brewer	Name	Style	Club
🏆 1st	Jeff Case	Coro-Yeah!	2A: International Pale Lager	QUAFF (Quality Ale and Fermentation Fraternity)
🏆 2nd	Fritz Schanz	Stearman's International Pale Lager	2A: International Pale Lager	Denton County Homebrewers Guild
🏆 3rd	Pat Leon	Lucky Penny	2B: International Amber Lager	QUAFF (Quality Ale and Fermentation Fraternity)

Table 3: Cat 3 - Czech Lager (5 entries)

Place ▲	Brewer	Name	Style	Club
 1st	John Bell	No Pressure	3C: Czech Amber Lager	QUAFF (Quality Ale and Fermentation Fraternity)
 2nd	Tom Atkinson	Archer	3B: Czech Premium Pale Lager	
 3rd	Scott Rauvola	Tmave Rauvola	3D: Czech Dark Lager	QUAFF (Quality Ale and Fermentation Fraternity)

Table 4: Cat 4 - Pale Malty European Lager (9 entries)

Place ▲	Brewer	Name	Style	Club
 1st	Scott Steenburg	Helles #2	4A: Munich Helles	Foam Blowers of Indiana (FBI)
 2nd	Tom Atkinson	Skyler	4A: Munich Helles	
 3rd	Jeff Mathiowetz	To Helles And Bock	4C: Helles Bock	Maltose Falcons

Table 5: Cat 5 - Pale Bitter European Beer (7 entries)

Place ▲	Brewer	Name	Style	Club
 1st	Ben Sookying	Kings Gold	5B: Kolsch	Crown of the Valley Brewing Society
 2nd	Deborah And Marc Prichard	Miller Family Water	5A: German Leichtbier	Kansas City Bier Meisters
 3rd	Chris Hunter	Kolsch	5B: Kolsch	Artesian Homebrewers

Table 6: Cat 6 - Amber Malty European Lager (7 entries)

Place ▲	Brewer	Name	Style	Club
🏆 1st	Scott Rauvola	Bog Body	6B: Rauchbier	QUAFF (Quality Ale and Fermentation Fraternity)
🏆 2nd	Benjamin Frymark	Krustanator	6C: Dunkels Bock	QUAFF (Quality Ale and Fermentation Fraternity)
🏆 3rd	Fritz Schanz	Stearman's Marzen	6A: Marzen	Denton County Homebrewers Guild

Table 7: Cat 7 - Amber Bitter European Beer (7 entries)

Place ▲	Brewer	Name	Style	Club
🏆 1st	Brian Trout	Alt Rock	7B: Altbier	QUAFF (Quality Ale and Fermentation Fraternity)
🏆 2nd	Lucas Orr	Old Schumacher	7B: Altbier	QUAFF (Quality Ale and Fermentation Fraternity)
🏆 3rd	Jeremiah Baer	Altbaer	7B: Altbier	East Side Brewers [IL]

Table 8: Cat 8 - Dark European Lager (7 entries)

Place ▲	Brewer	Name	Style	Club
🏆 1st	Eli Palma	Night Harvest	8A: Munich Dunkel	QUAFF (Quality Ale and Fermentation Fraternity)
🏆 2nd	Dan Acheson	Keines Deutes Porter	8B: Schwarzbier	Urban Knaves of Grain
🏆 3rd	Thomas Carpenter	Silent Night	8B: Schwarzbier	Carolina Brewmasters

Table 9: Cat 9 - Strong European Beer (9 entries)

Place ▲	Brewer	Name	Style	Club
 1st	Scott Rauvola	Doofenshmirtz Doppelbockinator	9A: Doppelbock	QUAFF (Quality Ale and Fermentation Fraternity)
 2nd	Benjamin Frymark	Krustanator	9A: Doppelbock	QUAFF (Quality Ale and Fermentation Fraternity)
 3rd	Scott Rauvola	Baltik Porter	9C: Baltic Porter	QUAFF (Quality Ale and Fermentation Fraternity)

Table 10: Cat 10 - German Wheat Beer (6 entries)


Place ▲	Brewer	Name	Style	Club
 1st	Alan Turken	Yabba Dabba Weissbier	10A: Weissbier	QUAFF (Quality Ale and Fermentation Fraternity)
 2nd	Dan Acheson	What Happens When Rams Eat Wheat	10C: Weizenbock	Urban Knaves of Grain
 3rd	Jeff Case	Head In A Weiss	10A: Weissbier	QUAFF (Quality Ale and Fermentation Fraternity)

Table 11: Cat 11 - British Bitter (7 entries)

Place ▲	Brewer	Name	Style	Club
 1st	Pat Leon	Resting Bitter Face	11C: Strong Bitter	QUAFF (Quality Ale and Fermentation Fraternity)
 2nd	Dan Acheson	Not Your Bitter Mother In-Law	11B: Best Bitter	Urban Knaves of Grain
 3rd	Scott Steenburg	Version #5	11C: Strong Bitter	Foam Blowers of Indiana (FBI)

Table 12: Cat 12 - Pale Commonwealth Beer (4 entries)

Place ▲	Brewer	Name	Style	Club
🏆 1st	Jared Rowley Co-Brewer: Dana Taylor And Barley	Nugget Beach Day	12A: British Golden Ale	QUAFF (Quality Ale and Fermentation Fraternity)
🏆 2nd	Benjamin Frymark	Ello Governor	12C: English IPA	QUAFF (Quality Ale and Fermentation Fraternity)

Table 13: Cat 13 - Brown British Beer (10 entries)

Place ▲	Brewer	Name	Style	Club
🏆 1st	Mike Garza	Wee Heron Dark Mild	13A: Dark Mild	Border Brewers
🏆 2nd	Brian Trout	Taddy Bear	13C: English Porter	QUAFF (Quality Ale and Fermentation Fraternity)
🏆 3rd	Tricia Gallant Co-Brewer: Jamie Gallant	English Brown	13B: English Brown Ale	QUAFF (Quality Ale and Fermentation Fraternity)

Table 14: Cat 14 - Scottish Ale (3 entries)

Place ▲	Brewer	Name	Style	Club
🏆 1st	Sean Gardinier Co-Brewer: Paul Rubens	Ballshaven Scottish Ale	14C: Scottish Export	QUAFF (Quality Ale and Fermentation Fraternity)
🏆 2nd	Jeff Case	Craig Family Export Ale	14C: Scottish Export	QUAFF (Quality Ale and Fermentation Fraternity)
🏆 3rd	Benjamin Frymark	Fat Bastard	14C: Scottish Export	QUAFF (Quality Ale and Fermentation Fraternity)



Table 15: Cat 15 - Irish Beer (9 entries)

Place ▲	Brewer	Name	Style	Club
 1st	Pat Leon	Rowdy Dow Dow	15A: Irish Red Ale	QUAFF (Quality Ale and Fermentation Fraternity)
 2nd	John Bell	Luck of the Irish	15B: Irish Stout	QUAFF (Quality Ale and Fermentation Fraternity)
 3rd	Fritz Schanz	Stearma's Irish Red	15A: Irish Red Ale	Denton County Homebrewers Guild

Table 16: Cat 16 - Dark British Beer (7 entries)

Place ▲	Brewer	Name	Style	Club
 1st	Allan Polk	Experimental Stout	16D: Foreign Extra Stout	QUAFF (Quality Ale and Fermentation Fraternity)
 2nd	Tom Atkinson	Jack	16A: Sweet Stout	
 3rd	John Bell	Black Magic	16B: Oatmeal Stout	QUAFF (Quality Ale and Fermentation Fraternity)

Table 17: Cat 17 - Strong British Ale (9 entries)

Place ▲	Brewer	Name	Style	Club
 1st	Jeff Case Co-Brewer: Tad Garabedian	Moving Concrete Goalposts	17C: Wee Heavy	QUAFF (Quality Ale and Fermentation Fraternity)
 2nd	Guillermo Velasco Co-Brewer: Isaac De Canela	Barleywine	17D: English Barleywine	Tijuana Homebrew Club

Place ▲	Brewer	Name	Style	Club
 3rd	Steven Severn	Warmth	17D: English Barleywine	Orange County Mash Ups

Table 18: Cat 18 - Pale American Ale (12 entries)



Place ▲	Brewer	Name	Style	Club
 1st	Joe St. John	No Burn Day	18B: American Pale Ale	Brewing Borrachos
 2nd	Chris Erdos	Old Man Moses B2	18B: American Pale Ale	

Table 19: Cat 19 - Amber and Brown American Beer (10 entries)




Place ▲	Brewer	Name	Style	Club
 1st	Benjamin Frymark	Uncommon In Cali	19B: California Common	QUAFF (Quality Ale and Fermentation Fraternity)
 2nd	Brian Trout	Chuuby Wheels	19A: American Amber Ale	QUAFF (Quality Ale and Fermentation Fraternity)
 3rd	Connor Foster Co-Brewer: Joe Citelli	Back 9 Brown	19C: American Brown Ale	

Table 20: Cat 20 - American Porter and Stout (13 entries)

Place ▲	Brewer	Name	Style	Club
 1st	Joe St. John	Biggly	20C: Imperial Stout	Brewing Borrachos
 2nd	Fritz Schanz	Stearman's Imperial Stout	20C: Imperial Stout	Denton County Homebrewers Guild


Place ▲	Brewer	Name	Style	Club
 3rd	Brent Krohn	Dangerous But Worth the Risk	20C: Imperial Stout	QUAFF (Quality Ale and Fermentation Fraternity)

Table 21: Cat 21 - IPA (19 entries)

Place ▲	Brewer	Name	Style	Club
 1st	Jeremy Stacy Co-Brewer: Cori Stacy	Vixen	21B2: Black IPA	Thousand Oaked Homebrewers
 2nd	Anthony Incrocci	Anthony Incrocci	21B7: New England IPA	QUAFF (Quality Ale and Fermentation Fraternity)
 3rd	Gabe Padilla Co-Brewer: Ralph Jason Dennis Erick	F-K-I	21A: American IPA	Brewing Borrachos

Table 22: Cat 22 - Strong American Ale (9 entries)

Place ▲	Brewer	Name	Style	Club
 1st	Guillermo Velasco Co-Brewer: Isaac De Canela	Barleywine	22C: American Barleywine	Tijuana Homebrew Club
 2nd	Gabe Padilla Co-Brewer: Ralph Jason Dennis Erick	Double Borracho	22A: Double IPA	Brewing Borrachos
 3rd	Jason Justeson	Bwine	22C: American Barleywine	Brewing Borrachos

Table 23: Cat 23 - European Sour Ale (6 entries)

Place ▲	Brewer	Name	Style	Club
🏆 1st	Fritz Schanz	Stearman's Berliner Weisse	23A: Berliner Weisse	Denton County Homebrewers Guild
🏆 2nd	Brian Trout	American Gueuze 2016	23E: Gueuze	QUAFF (Quality Ale and Fermentation Fraternity)
🏆 3rd	Karl Kahleck	Flanders Red	23B: Flanders Red Ale	QUAFF (Quality Ale and Fermentation Fraternity)

Table 24: Cat 24 - Belgian Ale (5 entries)

Place ▲	Brewer	Name	Style	Club
🏆 1st	Benjamin Frymark	Wits The Deal	24A: Witbier	QUAFF (Quality Ale and Fermentation Fraternity)

Table 25: Cat 25 - Strong Belgian Ale (13 entries)

Place ▲	Brewer	Name	Style	Club
🏆 1st	Todd Higginson	Hair Metal	25A: Belgian Blond Ale	QUAFF (Quality Ale and Fermentation Fraternity)
🏆 2nd	John Bell	Halo Adjuster	25C: Belgian Golden Strong Ale	QUAFF (Quality Ale and Fermentation Fraternity)
🏆 3rd	Fritz Schanz	Saison	25B: Saison	Denton County Homebrewers Guild

Table 26: Cat 26 - Trappist Ale (22 entries)

Place ▲	Brewer	Name	Style	Club
🏆 1st	Brent Krohn	Bombed Cyclone	26D: Belgian Dark Strong Ale	QUAFF (Quality Ale and Fermentation Fraternity)

Place ▲	Brewer	Name	Style	Club
 2nd	Howard Clearfield	Drunken Monk	26C: Belgian Tripel	Grain Trust
 3rd	Fritz Schanz	Stearman's Trappist Single	26A: Trappist Single	Denton County Homebrewers Guild

Table 27: Cat 27 - Historical Beer (3 entries)


Place ▲	Brewer	Name	Style	Club
 1st	Deborah And Marc Prichard	Professor Pickles The Destroyer	27A3: Lichtenhainer	Kansas City Bier Meisters
 2nd	Jeremy Stacy	Galacticus	27A1: Gose	Thousand Oaked Homebrewers

Table 28: Cat 28 - American Wild Ale (10 entries)

Place ▲	Brewer	Name	Style	Club
 1st	Fritz Schanz	Stearman's Wild Specialty Beer	28C: Wild Specialty Beer	Denton County Homebrewers Guild
 2nd	Dan Acheson	Barrel Projects Are Fun	28B: Mixed Fermentation Sour Beer	Urban Knaves of Grain
 3rd	Masahiro Kitano	Funky Sh*t!!	28B: Mixed Fermentation Sour Beer	SoCal Cerveceros (SCC)

Table 29: Cat 29 - Fruit Beer (9 entries)

Place ▲	Brewer	Name	Style	Club
 1st	Masahiro Kitano	Pom!	29C: Specialty Fruit Beer	SoCal Cerveceros (SCC)




Place ▲	Brewer	Name	Style	Club
 2nd	Jeremy Stacy Co-Brewer: Cori Stacy	Guavaliner	29A: Fruit Beer	Thousand Oaked Homebrewers
 3rd	Jeremiah Baer	Tangy Sour Salty Baer	29A: Fruit Beer	East Side Brewers [IL]
 HM	Bill Boyer	Sweethearts Revenge	29C: Specialty Fruit Beer	North Georgia Malt Monkeys

Table 30: Cat 30 - Spiced Beer (14 entries)

Place ▲	Brewer	Name	Style	Club
 1st	Robert Walden	Farkus's Black Eye	30A: Spice, Herb, or Vegetable Beer	Chicken City Ale Raisers
 2nd	Todd Higginson	Tiki Todd	30A: Spice, Herb, or Vegetable Beer	QUAFF (Quality Ale and Fermentation Fraternity)
 3rd	George Kolcun	Sage Saison	30A: Spice, Herb, or Vegetable Beer	

Table 31: Cat 31 - Alternative Fermentables Beer (3 entries)

Place ▲	Brewer	Name	Style	Club
 1st	Fritz Schanz	Stearman's Amber Rye	31A: Alternative Grain Beer	Denton County Homebrewers Guild
 2nd	Benjamin Frymark	Thor's Hammer	31B: Alternative Sugar Beer	QUAFF (Quality Ale and Fermentation Fraternity)
 3rd	Jared Rowley Co-Brewer: Dana Taylor And Barley	P90 Rye	31A: Alternative Grain Beer	QUAFF (Quality Ale and Fermentation Fraternity)

Table 32: Cat 32 - Smoked Beer (3 entries)

Place ▲	Brewer	Name	Style	Club
 1st	Jeff Case Co-Brewer: Ben Frymark	Smokey the Beer	32A: Classic Style Smoked Beer	QUAFF (Quality Ale and Fermentation Fraternity)
 2nd	Fritz Schanz	Stearman's Smoked German Dark	32A: Classic Style Smoked Beer	Denton County Homebrewers Guild
 3rd	John Stumph Co-Brewer: Christos Renner	Apricot Forest Wildfire	32B: Specialty Smoked Beer	QUAFF (Quality Ale and Fermentation Fraternity)

Table 33: Cat 33 - Wood Beer (4 entries)

Place ▲	Brewer	Name	Style	Club
 1st	Eli Palma	Finachi	33B: Specialty Wood- Aged Beer	QUAFF (Quality Ale and Fermentation Fraternity)
 2nd	Steven Severn	Warmth: Martinique	33B: Specialty Wood- Aged Beer	Orange County Mash Ups
 3rd	Scott Rauvola	Curio	33B: Specialty Wood- Aged Beer	QUAFF (Quality Ale and Fermentation Fraternity)

Table 34: Cat 34 - Specialty Beer (8 entries)

Place ▲	Brewer	Name	Style	Club
 1st	Jeff Case	Pucker Up Guava Cup	34C: Experimental Beer	QUAFF (Quality Ale and Fermentation Fraternity)
 2nd	Matt Richard	Ice Distilled Porter Aged In Port Barrel	34C: Experimental Beer	Big Grainy Triumphant Bastards
 3rd	Scott Rauvola	Cherry Oak Rauchbock	34C: Experimental Beer	QUAFF (Quality Ale and Fermentation Fraternity)

Table 35: Cat C1 - Standard Cider and Perry (9 entries)

Place ▲	Brewer	Name	Style	Club
 1st	Karl Kahleck	Pardon My French	C1C: French Cider	QUAFF (Quality Ale and Fermentation Fraternity)
 2nd	Tricia Gallant Co-Brewer: Jamie Gallant	Dickson's Cider	C1A: New World Cider	QUAFF (Quality Ale and Fermentation Fraternity)
 3rd	Jonathan Stevens Co-Brewer: Maria Stevens	English Cider	C1B: English Cider	QUAFF (Quality Ale and Fermentation Fraternity)

Table 36: Cat C2 - Specialty Cider and Perry (8 entries)



Place ▲	Brewer	Name	Style	Club
 1st	Bill Boyer	Amburana	C2F: Specialty Cider/Perry	North Georgia Malt Monkeys
 2nd	Karl Kahleck	Fire Cider	C2F: Specialty Cider/Perry	QUAFF (Quality Ale and Fermentation Fraternity)
 3rd	Dan Acheson	Daadee Ma's Apple Chai - Fall Edition	C2E: Cider with Herbs/Spices	Urban Knaves of Grain

Table 37: Cat M1 - Traditional Mead (7 entries)

Place ▲	Brewer	Name	Style	Club
 1st	Ryan Fowler	Tupelo Tradish	M1B: Semi-Sweet Mead	QUAFF (Quality Ale and Fermentation Fraternity)

Place ▲	Brewer	Name	Style	Club
 2nd	Brian Trout	Buckwheat Traditional Mead	M1C: Sweet Mead	QUAFF (Quality Ale and Fermentation Fraternity)
 3rd	Ryan Fowler	Kiawe Tradish	M1B: Semi-Sweet Mead	QUAFF (Quality Ale and Fermentation Fraternity)

Table 38: Cat M2 - Fruit Mead (6 entries)




Place ▲	Brewer	Name	Style	Club
 1st	Bill Boyer	Castle Anthrax	M2B: Pyment	North Georgia Malt Monkeys
 2nd	Karl Kahleck	Num Nums	M2C: Berry Mead	QUAFF (Quality Ale and Fermentation Fraternity)
 3rd	Matt Richard	Cyser	M2A: Cyser	Big Grainy Triumphant Bastards

Table 39: Cat M3 - Spiced Mead (4 entries)




Place ▲	Brewer	Name	Style	Club
 1st	Bill Boyer	Peach Oolong	M3A: Fruit and Spice Mead	North Georgia Malt Monkeys
 2nd	Carol Rutherford	Carol's Cherry Spice Mead	M3A: Fruit and Spice Mead	QUAFF (Quality Ale and Fermentation Fraternity)
 3rd	Karl Kahleck	Ah Squite Squite	M3B: Spice, Herb, or Vegetable Mead	QUAFF (Quality Ale and Fermentation Fraternity)

Table 40: Cat M4 - Specialty Mead (5 entries)

Place ▲	Brewer	Name	Style	Club
 1st	Bill Boyer	Grusieczniak	M4B: Historical Mead	North Georgia Malt Monkeys

Place ▲	Brewer	Name	Style	Club
 2nd	Karl Kahleck	Yum Yums	M4C: Experimental Mead	QUAFF (Quality Ale and Fermentation Fraternity)
 3rd	Bill Boyer	Melter	M4C: Experimental Mead	North Georgia Malt Monkeys

Judging Sessions and Dates

1 - Alesmith Brewing Company

02/24/2023 6:00 PM, PST.

2 - Alesmith Brewing Company

02/25/2023 9:00 AM, PST.

3 - Alesmith Brewing Company

02/25/2023 12:00 PM, PST.

Account Registration Closed

Account registrations accepted 01/12/2023 12:00 AM, PST through 02/24/2023 6:00 PM, PST.

Entry Registration Closed

Entry registrations accepted 01/12/2023 12:00 AM, PST through 02/24/2023 6:00 PM, PST.

Entry Drop-Off Closed

Entry bottles accepted at drop-off locations 02/06/2023 11:00 AM, PST through 02/17/2023 9:00 PM, PST.

Please pay attention to the notes provided for each drop-off location. There could be earlier deadlines for some drop-off locations listed, particular hours when entries are accepted, certain individuals to leave your entries with, etc. **All entrants are responsible for reading the information provided by the organizers for each drop-off location.**

Entry Shipping Closed

Entry bottles accepted at the shipping location 02/06/2023 11:00 AM, PST through 02/17/2023 9:00 PM, PST.