



HOMEBREWING

Amateur Competition

Coordinators: Jim Files & Damien Perry, Leaders of
Marin Society of Homebrewers (MaSH)

Judging: Coordinated by MaSH

Timeline & Rules

To Enter: either **Register Online** by Thursday, May 21 at marinfair.org
or deliver your **Entry Form** by Friday, May 15, 5 pm, Fair Office
2020 Registration Fee: \$1 per person online, \$2 per person via paper form

Entry Limit → One entry per sub-class

Entry Fee → \$10 per Entry - \$3 per Entry for Labels

Entry Delivery → After Entry Forms have been submitted exhibits
must be dropped off before 12 pm (noon) on **Saturday, May 23**. Entries
delivered after 12 pm (noon) may not be received.

Drop-off during business hours at:

- **J & M Brewing Supplies** ----- 101 Roblar Drive, Suite C, Novato, CA
415.883.7300
- **Oak Barrel Winecraft** -----1443 San Pablo Ave., Berkeley, CA
510.849.0400
- **The Beverage People** ----1845 Piner Road, Suite D, Santa Rosa, CA
707.544.2520

Judging Completed → Sunday, June 7

Announcement of Awards → Friday, June 19 at marinmashers.com

Entries become the property of MaSH.

Entries will not be returned.

1. Local and State Rules govern this Competition.
2. Competition is open to all amateur homebrewers who are U.S. residents and over 21 years of age.
3. Entries may not be brewed wholly or in part using the facilities or equipment of a commercial brewery or brew on premises of said establishment.
4. To assure the anonymity of entrants, entries must meet the following standardization requirements:
 - Each entry consists of three 12 oz. plain brown (or green) bottles.
 - There may be no identifying marks, including raised lettering, embossing, or labels on the bottle.
 - The bottles must have crown caps, which must be plain or blacked out with a marking pen.
5. Each bottle submitted must have a label with the entrant's name, class number, and style name identified. (E.g.: John Doe, 17 D, English Barleywine.) **Labels are to be affixed by rubber band, no tape or adhesive may be used.** See http://www.bjcp.org/docs/BJCP_BottleID.pdf for label template.

- 6. Entry categories marked with an asterisk (*) must include BJCP required details in the description field on the entry form** (e.g. strength, special ingredients, color, etc.) as detailed for that style in the BJCP 2015 guidelines, https://www.bjcp.org/docs/2015_Guidelines_Consolidated.pdf.
- 7.** This competition is sanctioned by the American Homebrew Association (AHA) and the Beer Judge Certification Program (BJCP). The competition is using the BJCP scoring system and 2015 Style Guidelines. (Refer to the BJCP website for more information: <http://www.bjcp.org/stylecenter.php>)
- 8.** The Marin County Fair or its representatives retains the right to refuse or disqualify any entries that do not meet specifications of the rules of competition.
- 9. The competition committee reserves the right to combine Judging Groups based on number of entries.** All possible effort will be made to combine similar styles. All brews in combined Judging Groups will be judged according to the style they were originally entered.
- 10.** Ribbons will be awarded at the discretion of the judges.
- 11.** Winners & ribbons awarded will be on display in the Exhibit Hall at the Marin County Fair, July 1-5, 2020.
- 12.** Score sheets will be mailed to entrants after the close of the fair along with any earned ribbons and prizes.
- 13.** For further information contact Coordinators Damien Perry or Jim Files at marinmashers@gmail.com OR visit the Marin County Fair competition information page at marinmashers.com/mcf-homebrew-competition.
- 14.** The Marin Society of Homebrewers (MaSH), whose members coordinate the judging, reserve the right to make all final decisions regarding entry eligibility and contest procedures. All scores awarded by judges are final.
- 15.** All entries become the property of MaSH and will not be returned.

Note: Enter Meads & Ciders in the Amateur Winemaking Department.

Division 9 Homebrewing

Entry Fee – \$10 per entry

Class – Classes are organized by Judging Group

Pale American Beer

- 1A. American Light Lager
- 1B. American Lager
- 1C. Cream Ale
- 1D. American Wheat Beer
- 18A. Blonde Ale

Pale European Beer

- 2A. International Pale Lager
- 4A. Munich Helles
- 4B. Festbier
- 5A. German Leichtbier
- 5B. Kölsch
- 5C. German Helles Exportbier

Pilsner

- 3A. Czech Pale Lager
- 3B. Czech Premium Pale Lager
- 5D. German Pils
- 27F. Pre-Prohibition Lager

Amber European Beer

- 2B. International Amber Lager
- 3C. Czech Amber Lager
- 6A. Märzen
- 7A. Vienna Lager
- 7B. Altbier
- 7C. Kellerbier*

Dark European Lager

- 2C. International Dark Lager
- 3D. Czech Dark Lager
- 8A. Munich Dunkel
- 8B. Schwarzbier

Strong European Lager

- 4C. Helles Bock
- 6C. Dunkles Bock
- 9A. Doppelbock*
- 9B. Eisbock
- 9C. Baltic Porter

* Requires additional info, see rule 6

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German Wheat Beer

- 10A. Weissbier
- 10B. Dunkles Weissbier
- 10C. Weizenbock*
- 27H. Roggenbier
- 27I. Sahti

Pale British Ale

- 11A. Ordinary Bitter
- 11B. Best Bitter
- 11C. Strong Bitter
- 12A. British Golden Ale
- 12B. Australian Sparkling Ale
- 12C. English IPA

Scottish & Irish Ale

- 14A. Scottish Light
- 14B. Scottish Heavy
- 14C. Scottish Export
- 15A. Irish Red Ale

American Pale Ale

- 18B. American Pale Ale

Amber & Brown American Ale

- 19A. American Amber Ale
- 19B. California Common
- 19C. American Brown Ale
- 27B. Kentucky Common

Brown British Beer

- 13A. Dark Mild
- 13B. British Brown Ale
- 13C. English Porter
- 27D. London Brown Ale

British & Irish Stout

- 15B. Irish Stout
- 15C. Irish Extra Stout
- 16A. Sweet Stout
- 16B. Oatmeal Stout
- 16C. Tropical Stout
- 16D. Foreign Extra Stout

American Porter & Stout

- 20A. American Porter
- 20B. American Stout
- 27G. Pre-Prohibition Porter

Imperial Stout

- 20C. Imperial Stout

American IPA

- 21A. American IPA

Specialty IPA

- 21B. Specialty IPA (all)*

Strong American Ale

- 22A. Double IPA
- 22B. American Strong Ale
- 22C. American Barleywine
- 22D. Wheatwine

Strong UK Ale

- 17A. English Strong Ale
- 17B. Old Ale
- 17C. Wee Heavy
- 17D. English Barleywine

Saison

- 25B. Saison*

Belgian Ale

- 24A. Witbier
- 24B. Belgian Pale Ale
- 24C. Biere de Garde*
- 25A. Belgian Blond Ale
- 26A. Trappist Single
- 34A. Clone Beer (Belgian Styles)

Strong Belgian Ale

- 25C. Belgian Golden Strong Ale
- 26B. Belgian Dubbel
- 26C. Belgian Tripel
- 26D. Belgian Dark Strong Ale

European Sour Ale

- 23A. Berliner Weisse
- 23B. Flanders Red Ale
- 23C. Oud Bruin
- 23D. Lambic
- 23E. Gueuze
- 23F. Fruit Lambic*
- 27A. Historical: Gose

Fruit and Spiced Beer

- 29A. Fruit Beer*
- 29B. Fruit and Spice Beer*
- 29C. Specialty Fruit Beer*
- 30A. Spice, Herb, or Vegetable Beer*
- 30B. Autumn Seasonal Beer*
- 30C. Winter Seasonal Beer*

Smoke-Flavored & Wood-Aged

Beer

- 6B. Rauchbier
- 27C. Lichtenhainer
- 27E. Piwo Grodziskie
- 32A. Classic Style Smoked Beer*
- 32B. Specialty Smoked Beer*
- 33A. Wood-Aged Beer*
- 33B. Specialty Wood-Aged*

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American Wild Ale

- 28A. Brett Beer*
- 28B. Mixed Ferm. Sour Beer*
- 28C. Soured Fruit Beer*

Specialty Beer

- 31A. Alternative Grain Beer*
- 31B. Alternative Sugar Beer*
- 34D. Clone Beer (non-Belgian)*
- 34B. Mixed-Style Beer*
- 34C. Experimental Beer*
- 27J. Other Historical Beer*

* Requires additional info, see rule 6

Homebrewing Best of Judging Group Awards

1st Place (Best in Group) \$10 & Rosette Ribbon

2nd Place in Group – Rosette Ribbon

3rd Place in Group – Rosette Ribbon

All awarded at the discretion of the Judges

Three Best in Group Cash Prizes

Courtesy of ~ **Heather Graves, Petaluma**

Homebrewing Best in Show Awards

Overall Best in Show Award – \$50* & Rosette Ribbon

Second Best in Show – Rosette Ribbon

Third Best in Show – Rosette Ribbon

* Courtesy of ~ **Christopher & Shannon Owen, San Rafael**

Division 10 Homebrew Label Competition

Entry Fee – \$3 per entry

- Create your own original Homebrew Label.
- Submit your label by Friday, May 29 at 5 pm in one of two ways:
 1. Affix to stiff paper (e.g. card stock) & deliver either with your Homebrew entries (see above) or to Fair Office directly if after May 23.
 2. Email to marinmashers@gmail.com (.jpg, .png, & .pdf files only).
- Labels will be judged on originality, creativity, readability, etc.
- Labels MUST be TTB compliant to qualify. See details at: <https://www.ttb.gov/pdf/brochures/p51903.pdf>

Class

35 Original Homebrew Label (TTB compliant)

American System of Judging – Awards Offered for Labels

Best of Show (1st Place) – \$30 • 2nd Place – \$20 • 3rd Place – \$10

Honorable Mention – Ribbon (up to 5 may be awarded)

- The Marin Society of Homebrewers (MaSH) is actively welcoming new members to our homebrewing club. Visit the MaSH website marinmashers.com for additional information as well as updates regarding the Marin County Fair homebrew competition.
- Please also join our Facebook Group at - <https://www.facebook.com/groups/marinsocietyofhomebrewers>