

New Jersey State Fair Homebrew Competition 2023

There were **216** entries judged and **162** registered participants, judges, and stewards.

Best of Show

Best of Show – Beer

Place [▲]	Brewer	Entry Name	Style	Club
🏆 1st	Michael Petrick Co-Brewer: Katrina Edwards	Kanpai	30A: Spice, Herb, or Vegetable Beer	Three Rivers Alliance of Serious Homebrewers (TRASH)
🏆 2nd	David Grosch	Captain America	27A6: Pre-Prohibition Lager	Garden State Homebrewers
🏆 3rd	Barry Polhemus	Whammy Wee Heavy	17C: Wee Heavy	Garden State HomeBrewers
🏆 HM	Christopher Akocs	The In-Famous El Guapo	10A: Weissbier	Garden State Homebrewers

Best of Show – Mead/Cider

Place [▲]	Brewer	Entry Name	Style	Club
🏆 1st	Arthur Franke	It's Not Nuts	M1B: Semi-Sweet Mead	Bergen County Brew Crew

Winners

Belgian Ales (14 entries)

Place ^	Brewer	Entry Name	Style	Club
1st	Bob Wargo	Clever Droplets	25B: Saison	Garden State Hombrewers
2nd	Raymond Monahan	Session Saison	25B: Saison	Morris Area Society of Homebrewers
3rd	John Hayes	Belgian Golden Stronk	25C: Belgian Golden Strong Ale	Garden State Homebrewers

Fruit Beers (11 entries)

Place ^	Brewer	Entry Name	Style	Club
1st	Mike Ultee	Blueberry Porter 231b	29A: Fruit Beer	PALE ALES (Princeton and Local Environs Ale and Lager Enthusiast Society)
2nd	Richard Cohen	How do You Like Them Apples?	29A: Fruit Beer	Morris Area Society of Homebrewers
3rd	Victor Sbailo	Mahalo!	29A: Fruit Beer	Ocean County Home Brewers

Pale Bitter European Lagers (11 entries)

Place ^	Brewer	Entry Name	Style	Club
1st	Christopher Mullen	Bay Header Kölsch	5B: Kölsch	
2nd	Bob Smith	Bo Pils	3A: Czech Pale Lager	Sussex County United Brewers & Alchemists (SCUBA)
3rd	Bobby Mierzejwski	Art Vandaley	5C: German Helles Exportbier	Garden State Homebrewers

American Pale Ales (10 entries)

Place ^	Brewer	Entry Name	Style	Club
1st	David Kerr	Captain Quints Pale Ale	18B: American Pale Ale	Ocean County Home Brewers
2nd	Keith Koval	Whistle Pig	18A: Blonde Ale	Jersey City Brew Club
3rd	Victor Sbailo	Goat Rodeo Blonde	18A: Blonde Ale	Ocean County Home Brewers

Monastic Ales (10 entries)

Place ^	Brewer	Entry Name	Style	Club
1st	John Hayes	Kingsberry Tripel	26C: Belgian Tripel	Garden State Homebrewers
2nd	Larry Bentley Co-Brewer: Curt Metrokotsas	Ace of Spades	26D: Belgian Dark Strong Ale	Garden State Homebrewers
3rd	Paul Jones Co-Brewer: Khal Weir	Or Nothing	26B: Belgian Dubbel	Morris Area Society of Homebrewers

Ciders (9 entries)

Place ^	Brewer	Entry Name	Style	Club
1st	Mark Friesen	Apple Cider	C1A: New World Cider	Sussex County United Brewers & Alchemists (SCUBA)
2nd	Edward Walkowski	Mr. T's New England Cider	C2A: New England Cider	Scranton Brewers Guild
3rd	Tom Cassidy	Hoppy Cider	C2F: Specialty Cider/Perry	ALeIens Homebrew Club
HM	Edward Walkowski	Baxter's Perry	C1D: New World Perry	Scranton Brewers Guild

Fruit Meads (9 entries)

Place ^	Brewer	Entry Name	Style	Club
1st	Jon Sobel	Liar Liar Pymment On Fire	M2B: Pymment	Garden State Homebrewers
2nd	Laura McCann	Chibi Blood	M2E: Melomel	
3rd	Laura McCann Co-Brewer: Chuck McCann	Chibi Bloodied Tooty Fruity	M4C: Experimental Mead	
HM	Arthur Franke	Herr Lumzeider von Hohlfudes	M2A: Cyser	Bergen County Brew Crew

Hazy IPAs (9 entries)

Place ^	Brewer	Entry Name	Style	Club
1st	Peter Cooke	Oak Flower	21C: Hazy IPA	Garden State Homebrewers
2nd	Kevin Daly	Join the Adventure Hazy IPA	21C: Hazy IPA	Garden State Homebrewers
3rd	Greg Winterburn	Mark Watney Space Pirate	21C: Hazy IPA	

Pilsners (9 entries)

Place ^	Brewer	Entry Name	Style	Club
1st	Curtis Metrokotsas	Mic Czech - Svetle Pivo	3B: Czech Premium Pale Lager	Garden State Homebrewers
2nd	Larry Bentley	Polyphonic Pils	5D: German Pils	Garden State Homebrewers
3rd	Keith Blanchard	Ich Bin Ein Pilsener	5D: German Pils	Morris Area Society of Homebrewers

Spice, Herbs & Veggies (9 entries)

Place ▲	Brewer	Entry Name	Style	Club
1st	Michael Petrick Co-Brewer: Katrina Edwards	Kanpai	30A: Spice, Herb, or Vegetable Beer	Three Rivers Alliance of Serious Homebrewers (TRASH)
2nd	Paul Jones Co-Brewer: Khal Weir	Dark Pools	30A: Spice, Herb, or Vegetable Beer	Morris Area Society of Homebrewers
3rd	Kendall Alvarez Eskew	Szechuan Saison Szechuan Saison Szechuan Saison Szechuan Saison Szechuan Saison	30A: Spice, Herb, or Vegetable Beer	Jersey City Brew Club
HM	Jason Willard Co-Brewer: Nancy Willard	Big Ole Fezzifig Holiday Ale	30C: Winter Seasonal Beer	Jersey City Brew Club

Spiced Meads (9 entries)

Place ▲	Brewer	Entry Name	Style	Club
1st	Gian Sari	All the World At Home, John	M3B: Spice, Herb, or Vegetable Mead	Garden State Homebrewers
2nd	Gian Sari	"Full Sun"	M3B: Spice, Herb, or Vegetable Mead	Garden State Homebrewers
3rd	Gian Sari Co-Brewer: John Hayes	'fair Trade'	M3B: Spice, Herb, or Vegetable Mead	Garden State Homebrewers

Wild & Sour Beers (9 entries)

Place ▲	Brewer	Entry Name	Style	Club
1st	Paul Odell	Ned Flanders	23B: Flanders Red Ale	NJHOPZ
2nd	Curtis Metrokotsas	Love Tap	28C: Wild Specialty Beer	Garden State Homebrewers

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3rd	Gian Sari	Asleep At the Typewriter, No Rules!!!	23A: Berliner Weisse	Garden State Homebrewers

IPAs (8 entries)

Place ^	Brewer	Entry Name	Style	Club
1st	David Kerr	Stratacoaster	21A: American IPA	Ocean County Home Brewers
2nd	Peter Cooke	The McLaughlin	22A: Double IPA	Garden State Homebrewers
3rd	Todd Porter	Strange Cousins From the West Coast	22A: Double IPA	Ocean County Home Brewers

Light American Beers (8 entries)

Place ^	Brewer	Entry Name	Style	Club
1st	David Grosch	Captain America	27A6: Pre-Prohibition Lager	Garden State Homebrewers
2nd	David Grosch	867-5309	1C: Cream Ale	Garden State Homebrewers
3rd	Andres Henao	Citrine	1D: American Wheat Beer	
HM	David Kerr	Wet Hot American Wheat Summer	1D: American Wheat Beer	Ocean County Home Brewers

Smoked Beers (8 entries)

Place ^	Brewer	Entry Name	Style	Club
1st	Dave Taylor	Screendoor Submarine	27A5: Piwo Grodziskie	Keystone Hops
2nd	Mike Walonen	Shore Leave	27A: Historical Beer	WHALES (Woodbridge Homebrewers Ale and Lager Enthusiast Society)
3rd	Johnathan Jessen	Rauch Potato	6B: Rauchbier	Lehigh Valley Home Brewers

Dark European Lagers (7 entries)

Place ^	Brewer	Entry Name	Style	Club
1st	Robert Guthner	The Bock	9B: Eisbock	Ocean County Home Brewers
2nd	David Grosch	Ein Schuss In Die Dunkelheit	8A: Munich Dunkel	Garden State Homebrewers
3rd	Paul Odell	May the Schwarzbier With You	8B: Schwarzbier	NJHOPZ

Amber European Lagers (6 entries)

Place ^	Brewer	Entry Name	Style	Club
1st	Bob Smith	Ofest	6A: Märzen	Sussex County United Brewers & Alchemists (SCUBA)
2nd	Bobby Mierzejwski Co-Brewer: Larry Bentley	Sound Czech	3C: Czech Amber Lager	Garden State Homebrewers
3rd	Bobby Mierzejwski	Vanity of the Present	7B: Altbier	Garden State Homebrewers

American Dark & Amber Ales (6 entries)

Place ^	Brewer	Entry Name	Style	Club
1st	Daniel Perrigan	The Deuce	27A2: Kentucky Common	Morris Area Society of Homebrewers
2nd	Paul D'Amico	Seamus Dog's Snout Stout	20B: American Stout	WHALES (Woodbridge Homebrewers Ale and Lager Enthusiast Society)
3rd	Mark Kaniewski	Not This Time Pericone!	20A: American Porter	Gardenstate Homebrewers

Dark British Ales (6 entries)

Place ▲	Brewer	Entry Name	Style	Club
1st	Bob Smith	Pliers Porter	13C: English Porter	Sussex County United Brewers & Alchemists (SCUBA)
2nd	Richard Cohen Co-Brewer: Brian Scholder	Dark Side of the Mule	16B: Oatmeal Stout	Morris Area Society of Homebrewers
3rd	Tom Cassidy	Bourbon Cherry Chocolate Stout	16A: Sweet Stout	ALEiens Homebrew Club

International Lagers (6 entries)

Place ▲	Brewer	Entry Name	Style	Club
1st	Michael Petrick Co-Brewer: Katrina Edwards	Baja Bound	2A: International Pale Lager	Three Rivers Alliance of Serious Homebrewers (TRASH)
2nd	Curtis Metrokotsas	Onyx	2C: International Dark Lager	Garden State Homebrewers
3rd	Curtis Metrokotsas	Hades	2A: International Pale Lager	Garden State Homebrewers

Irish Ales (6 entries)

Place ▲	Brewer	Entry Name	Style	Club
1st	Paul McDonald	Lucky Fire Truck	15A: Irish Red Ale	Sussex County United Brewers & Alchemists (SCUBA)
2nd	Jordan Margetich	Ted Baton Was Innocent	15A: Irish Red Ale	Morris Area Society of Homebrewers
3rd	Keith Blanchard	Hitched	15A: Irish Red Ale	Morris Area Society of Homebrewers

Specialty Beers (6 entries)

Place ^	Brewer	Entry Name	Style	Club
1st	Mike Ultee	Mike's Honey Kölsch	31B: Alternative Sugar Beer	PALE ALES (Princeton and Local Environs Ale and Lager Enthusiast Society)
2nd	Greg Manderski	Daddy's Lunch	34C: Experimental Beer	Garden State Home Brewers Club
3rd	David Grosch	Dank-O-Lishous	34B: Mixed-Style Beer	Garden State Homebrewers

Strong Ales (6 entries)

Place ^	Brewer	Entry Name	Style	Club
1st	Barry Polhemus	Whammy Wee Heavy	17C: Wee Heavy	Garden State HomeBrewers
2nd	Christopher LaSpada	Wino Wheat	22D: Wheatwine	Morris Area Society of Homebrewers

Wood Aged Beers (6 entries)

Place ^	Brewer	Entry Name	Style	Club
1st	Christopher LaSpada	Wino Stout	33B: Specialty Wood-Aged Beer	Morris Area Society of Homebrewers
2nd	Paul McDonald	Sludge	33B: Specialty Wood-Aged Beer	Sussex County United Brewers & Alchemists (SCUBA)
3rd	Richard Cohen Co-Brewer: Morris Area Society Of Homebrewers	How Many Mash Members Can Fit In A Barrel?	33A: Wood-Aged Beer	Morris Area Society of Homebrewers

British Pale Ales (5 entries)

Place ^	Brewer	Entry Name	Style	Club
1st	Larry Bentley	Valerie	12A: British Golden Ale	Garden State Homebrewers
2nd	Bobby Mierzejewski	English Motha. do You Speak It?	12A: British Golden Ale	Garden State Homebrewers
3rd	Larry Bentley	Doris	11C: Strong Bitter	Garden State Homebrewers

Pale Malty European Lagers (5 entries)

Place ^	Brewer	Entry Name	Style	Club
1st	David Grosch	Gold Dust Lager	4A: Munich Helles	Garden State Homebrewers
2nd	Walter Frimberger	Munich Helles	4A: Munich Helles	Sussex County United Brewers & Alchemists (SCUBA)

German Wheat Beers (4 entries)

Place ^	Brewer	Entry Name	Style	Club
1st	Christopher Akocs	The In-Famous El Guapo	10A: Weissbier	Garden State Homebrewers
2nd	Paul Jones Co-Brewer: Khal Weir	Consumption Smoothing	10A: Weissbier	Morris Area Society of Homebrewers
3rd	John Hayes	Kingsberry Weizenbock	10C: Weizenbock	Garden State Homebrewers

Traditional Meads (4 entries)

Place ^	Brewer	Entry Name	Style	Club
1st	Arthur Franke	It's Not Nuts	M1B: Semi-Sweet Mead	Bergen County Brew Crew
2nd	Arthur Franke	Purple Buds	M1C: Sweet Mead	Bergen County Brew Crew

Place ▲	Brewer	Entry Name	Style	Club
3rd	Victoria Reyelt	Sick Vix Ob	M1A: Dry Mead	Sussex County United Brewers & Alchemists (SCUBA)