

2020 California State Fair Homebrew Competition Results

Total Judged Entries: 647

Best of Show - Beer

1st	Brian Rower Co-Brewer: Amber Rower	This Beer is Bananas!	Weissbier	
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Best of Show - Mead

1st	Michael Riddle Co-Brewer: Alex Riddle	Blueberry Blossom Mead	Semi-Sweet Mead	HOME
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Best Club of Show

1st	Diablo Order of Zymiracle Enthusiasts (DOZE)			
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Winners - 2020 California State Fair Homebrew Competition

Table 1: Standard American Beer (13 entries)

Place	Brewer	Entry Name	Style	Club
1st	Jim Riffe	Cagey	American Lager	
2nd	Jim Riffe	Lost In Taste	American Light Lager	
3rd	Oscar Lemus	Drink Now, Smile Later	American Lager	831Locos

Table 2: International Lager (16 entries)

Place	Brewer	Entry Name	Style	Club
1st	Nick Wilson	Lager	International Pale Lager	QUAFF (Quality Ale and Fermentation Fraternity)
2nd	Paul Brown	Darkness Imprisoning Me	International Dark Lager	Diablo Order of Zymiracle Enthusiasts (DOZE) [CA]
3rd	Jim Riffe	Black Blade	International Dark Lager	

Table 3: Czech Lager (8 entries)

Place	Brewer	Entry Name	Style	Club
1st	Josh Baas	It's A Pilsner	Czech Premium Pale Lager	
2nd	Jonathan Hernandez	Boogie's Pils	Czech Pale Lager	Bakerfield FOAM
3rd	Trevor McGuire	Tmavy Lezak	Czech Dark Lager	Diablo Order of Zymiracle Enthusiasts (DOZE) [CA]

Table 4: Pale Malty European Lager (12 entries)

Place	Brewer	Entry Name	Style	Club
1st	Thomas Atkinson	Skyler	Munich Helles	
2nd	Virgil Redman	Batch 301	Festbier	
3rd	George Schuster	Helles	Munich Helles	

Table 5: Pale Bitter European Beer (18 entries)

Place	Brewer	Entry Name	Style	Club
1st	Andrew Simsak	Inner Sunshine	German Exportbier	San Francisco Homebrewer's Guild
2nd	Tj Shively	Swingshift	Kolsch	
3rd	Andrew Simsak	Atmospheric River	German Pils	San Francisco Homebrewer's Guild

Table 6: European Amber (17 entries)

Place	Brewer	Entry Name	Style	Club
1st	Jim Riffe	Bierbauch	Marzen	
2nd	Michael Riddle	Here's Looking At You, Kid	Dunkels Bock	HOME
3rd	Chester Simocko	Marzen	Marzen	Silicon Valley Sudzers

Table 8: Dark European Lager (6 entries)

Place	Brewer	Entry Name	Style	Club
1st	Terrell Hillard	Munchausen's Moustache	Munich Dunkel	Diablo Order of Zymiracle Enthusiasts (DOZE) [CA]
2nd	Virgil Redman	Batch 309	Schwarzbier	
3rd	Bryce Hunter	Schwarzbier	Schwarzbier	QUAFF (Quality Ale and Fermentation Fraternity)

Table 9: Strong European Beer (10 entries)

Place	Brewer	Entry Name	Style	Club
1st	Tj Shively	Piper's Got Pipes!	Doppelbock	
2nd	Brett Higham	Hirendu's Previous Doppelbock Was Better	Doppelbock	Diablo Order of Zymiracle Enthusiasts (DOZE) [CA]
3rd	Gordon Mauger	For Tim O.	Doppelbock	Diablo Order of Zymiracle Enthusiasts (DOZE) [CA]

Table 10: German Wheat Beer (11 entries)

Place	Brewer	Entry Name	Style	Club
1st	Brian Rower	This Beer Is Bananas!	Weissbier	
2nd	Christopher Weiss	Rabenweizen	Dunkels Weissbier	Greenbelt Brewers Association
3rd	David Avila	Hammer Down Dunkel	Dunkels Weissbier	

Table 11: British Bitter (10 entries)

Place	Brewer	Entry Name	Style	Club
1st	Nick Wilson	Esb	Strong Bitter	QUAFF (Quality Ale and Fermentation Fraternity)
2nd	Chris Papazian	Bb8.2	Best Bitter	
3rd	Ben Sookying	Big Ben Strong	Strong Bitter	Brew Knights [CA]

Table 12: Pale Commonwealth Beer (9 entries)

Place	Brewer	Entry Name	Style	Club
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1st	Brent Hull	Ariel 1	English Golden Ale	Fairfield Fermentors Brew Club
2nd	Justin Clayden	Gondwana Sparkling	Australian Sparkling Ale	
3rd	Michael Stanish	Golden Bitter	English Golden Ale	

Table 13: Brown British Beer (13 entries)

Place	Brewer	Entry Name	Style	Club
1st	Mike Silva	Mild Mannered	Dark Mild	Diablo Order of Zymiracle Enthusiasts (DOZE) [CA]
2nd	David Jacoby	Aiming Fluid	Dark Mild	Diablo Order of Zymiracle Enthusiasts (DOZE) [CA]
3rd	Fred Brophy	Naughty Boy	English Brown Ale	Mash Heads

Table 14: Scottish and Irish (17 entries)

Place	Brewer	Entry Name	Style	Club
1st	Ben Sookying	Happy St. Pappy	Irish Red Ale	Brew Knights [CA]
2nd	Jared Rowley	Dublin Dry Irish Stout	Irish Stout	QUAFF (Quality Ale and Fermentation Fraternity)
3rd	John Orcutt	Red Alert	Irish Red Ale	Brewins

Table 16: Dark British Beer (17 entries)

Place	Brewer	Entry Name	Style	Club
1st	Jason Justeson	Sweeeeeet!	Sweet Stout	Brewing Borrachos
2nd	Roland Montgomery	Hotz Oats	Oatmeal Stout	The Brū Club
3rd	Eli Palma	Why Are You Hitting Yourself	Foreign Extra Stout	QUAFF (Quality Ale and Fermentation Fraternity)

Table 17: Strong British Ale (15 entries)

Place	Brewer	Entry Name	Style	Club
1st	Kenneth Berry	The Older I Get	Old Ale	Humboldt Homebrewers
2nd	Jim Riffe	Barry Bez	Wee Heavy	
3rd	Robbie Proctor	Granny's Tipple	English Barleywine	Diablo Order of Zymiracle Enthusiasts (DOZE) [CA]

Table 18: Pale American Ale (22 entries)

Place	Brewer	Entry Name	Style	Club
1st	Matt Miller	The Beer Dreams From the Tap	American Pale Ale	Greenbelt Brewers

				Association
2nd	Brent Hull	Hopthology	American Pale Ale	Fairfield Fermentors Brew Club
3rd	Mike Neice	Mike's Pale Ale	American Pale Ale	Phantom Homebrew

Table 19: Amber and Brown American Beer (18 entries)

Place	Brewer	Entry Name	Style	Club
1st	Gordon Mauger	Time To Rake Leaves	American Brown Ale	Diablo Order of Zymiracle Enthusiasts (DOZE) [CA]
2nd	Mike Durrant	Brown Otter Ale	American Brown Ale	MASH831
3rd	Ben Sookying	Happy In Common	California Common	Brew Knights [CA]

Table 20: American Porter and Stout (41 entries)

Place	Brewer	Entry Name	Style	Club
1st	Michael Riddle	Tricentennial Stout	Imperial Stout	HOME
2nd	Jared Rowley	Star Destroyer Stout	American Stout	QUAFF (Quality Ale and Fermentation Fraternity)
3rd	Kenneth Berry	Robust Rye Porter	American Porter	Humboldt Homebrewers

Table 21: American IPA (34 entries)

Place	Brewer	Entry Name	Style	Club
1st	Craig Nolan	Shut Out IPA	American IPA	
2nd	Mike Neice	Piggy Can't See	American IPA	Phantom Homebrew
3rd	Sean Bush	Just Clowning IPA	American IPA	Society of Barley Engineers

Table 22: Strong American Ale (17 entries)

Place	Brewer	Entry Name	Style	Club
1st	Robert Rimar	Double Duchesses	Double IPA	
2nd	Michael Riddle	Wheatwine	Wheatwine	HOME
3rd	Steven Padfield	Liability Waiver	Double IPA	

Table 23: European Sour Ale (17 entries)

Place	Brewer	Entry Name	Style	Club
1st	Brett Higham	Inca Gueuze(r)	Gueuze	Diablo Order of Zymiracle Enthusiasts (DOZE) [CA]
2nd	Vito Delucchi	East Heather	Fruit Lambic	Diablo Order of Zymiracle Enthusiasts (DOZE) [CA]

3rd	Brett Higham	Odotelik Flanders 2017	Flanders Red Ale	Diablo Order of Zymiracle Enthusiasts (DOZE) [CA]
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Table 24: Belgian Ale (7 entries)

Place	Brewer	Entry Name	Style	Club
1st	Matthew Carroll	Belgian Wit	Witbier	Placer Ultimate Brewing Society (PUBS)
2nd	Robert Casey	Belgian Pale Ale	Belgian Pale Ale	Marin Society of Homebrewers (MaSH)
3rd	Marcos Santanna	Wit's End	Witbier	

Table 25: Strong Belgian Ale (22 entries)

Place	Brewer	Entry Name	Style	Club
1st	Joshua Adams	Belgian Blonde	Belgian Blond Ale	
2nd	Robert Casey	Belgian Saison	Saison	Marin Society of Homebrewers (MaSH)
3rd	Josh Baas	Golden Strong Boi	Belgian Golden Strong Ale	

Table 26: Trappist Ale (22 entries)

Place	Brewer	Entry Name	Style	Club
1st	Josh Baas	Ultimate Alf	Belgian Dark Strong Ale	
2nd	Josh Baas	Baby Alf	Belgian Dubbel	
3rd	Kenneth Berry	Devil On the Dark Horizon	Belgian Dark Strong Ale	Humboldt Homebrewers

Table 27: Historical (10 entries)

Place	Brewer	Entry Name	Style	Club
1st	Eric Ruff	Rhb Gose	Gose	Diablo Order of Zymiracle Enthusiasts (DOZE) [CA]
2nd	Javier Alderete	What Do You Mean By Light Beer	Pre-Prohibition Lager	Diablo Order of Zymiracle Enthusiasts (DOZE) [CA]
3rd	Michael Lenhares	Long Rifle Ale	Kentucky Common	

Table 28: American Wild Ale (21 entries)

Place	Brewer	Entry Name	Style	Club
1st	Vito Delucchi	Faux'foune	Wild Specialty Beer	Diablo Order of Zymiracle Enthusiasts (DOZE) [CA]
2nd	Edward Demayo	Xlii Forty Two	Mixed Fermentation Sour Beer	Marin Society of Homebrewers (MaSH)

3rd	Edward Demayo	Mostly Harmless	Wild Specialty Beer	Marin Society of Homebrewers (MaSH)
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Table 29: Fruit Beer (22 entries)

Place	Brewer	Entry Name	Style	Club
1st	Brett Winquest	Apricot Saison	Fruit Beer	Levee Road Brewing
2nd	Javier Alderete	You Fruity Imperialist	Speciality Fruit Beer	Diablo Order of Zymiracle Enthusiasts (DOZE) [CA]
3rd	Brandi Flanagan	Pop! Berliner Weisse	Fruit Beer	Undecided Homebrew Club

Table 30: Spiced Beer (31 entries)

Place	Brewer	Entry Name	Style	Club
1st	Vito Delucchi	Thiccc Mint	Winter Seasonal Beer	Diablo Order of Zymiracle Enthusiasts (DOZE) [CA]
2nd	Mark Agan	Paisanos Coffee Stout	Spice, Herb, or Vegetable Beer	
3rd	Paul Brown	Taste Me You Will See	Spice, Herb, or Vegetable Beer	Diablo Order of Zymiracle Enthusiasts (DOZE) [CA]

Table 31: Specialty & Alternative Fermentables (11 entries)

Place	Brewer	Entry Name	Style	Club
1st	Christos Renner	Gypsie In the Woods	Experimental Beer	QUAFF (Quality Ale and Fermentation Fraternity)
2nd	Michael Skelton	Ochre Skelter	Alternative Sugar Beer	
3rd	Carl Townsend	Gluten Reduced Pale Ale	Alternative Grain Beer	Pacific Gravity Home Brewers Club

Table 32: Smoked Beer (8 entries)

Place	Brewer	Entry Name	Style	Club
1st	Jason Satern	O-Smo-Po	Specialty Smoked Beer	Sonoma Beerocrats
2nd	Paul Brown	Your Life Burns Faster	Classic Style Smoked Beer	Diablo Order of Zymiracle Enthusiasts (DOZE) [CA]
3rd	Bill Benson	Big Wood Porter	Specialty Smoked Beer	Fairfield Fermentors Brew Club

Table 33: Wood Beer (22 entries)

Place	Brewer	Entry Name	Style	Club
1st	Eli Palma	The Monchichi	Specialty Wood-Aged Beer	QUAFF (Quality Ale and Fermentation)

				Fraternity)
2nd	Michael Riddle	Bourbon Barrel Imperial Stout	Specialty Wood-Aged Beer	HOME
3rd	Thomas Kwasniewski	Motor Oil	Specialty Wood-Aged Beer	

Table 35: Standard Cider and Perry (20 entries)

Place	Brewer	Entry Name	Style	Club
1st	Robbie Proctor	Ruddy Pommés	English Cider	Diablo Order of Zymiracle Enthusiasts (DOZE) [CA]
2nd	Hirendu Vaishnav	Mariposa English	English Cider	Diablo Order of Zymiracle Enthusiasts (DOZE) [CA]
3rd	Brett Winqest	Apple Cider	New World Cider	Levee Road Brewing

Table 36: Specialty Cider and Perry (19 entries)

Place	Brewer	Entry Name	Style	Club
1st	Pavel Anisimov	Specialty Cider Is Very Complicated Category... You Never Know What To Expect.	Specialty Cider/Perry	Diablo Order of Zymiracle Enthusiasts (DOZE) [CA]
2nd	Tim O'Brien	Plumtastic	Specialty Cider/Perry	
3rd	Bruce Wilson	Redrum	Ice Cider	Maltose Falcons

Table 37: Traditional Mead (12 entries)

Place	Brewer	Entry Name	Style	Club
1st	Michael Riddle	Blueberry Blossom Mead	Semi-Sweet Mead	HOME
2nd	Ryan Jones	Blackberry Honey Session Mead	Semi-Sweet Mead	
3rd	Hirendu Vaishnav	Sweet Raspberry Blossom	Sweet Mead	Diablo Order of Zymiracle Enthusiasts (DOZE) [CA]

Table 38: Fruit Mead (20 entries)

Place	Brewer	Entry Name	Style	Club
1st	Pavel Anisimov	Where Do Bugs Go To Watch The Big Game? Apple-Bees.	Cyser	Diablo Order of Zymiracle Enthusiasts (DOZE) [CA]
2nd	Pavel Anisimov	How Many Cherries Can You Fit In One Bottle? 72. I Had To Count That.	Stone Fruit Mead	Diablo Order of Zymiracle Enthusiasts (DOZE) [CA]
3rd	Michael Riddle	Cherry Mead	Stone Fruit Mead	HOME

Table 39: Spiced Mead (5 entries)

Place	Brewer	Entry Name	Style	Club

1st	Jim Price	Coffee Mocha	Spice, Herb, or Vegetable Mead	Hangtown Association of Zymurgy Enthusiasts (HAZE)
2nd	Pavel Anisimov	Chocolate! Yah! More Chocolate! This Is Awesome!!! I Might Have A Sugar Shock, But Who Cares?	Fruit and Spice Mead	Diablo Order of Zymiracle Enthusiasts (DOZE) [CA]
3rd	Roger Taylor	Rogers Apple Pie	Fruit and Spice Mead	Maltose Falcons

Table 40: Specialty Mead (7 entries)

Place	Brewer	Entry Name	Style	Club
1st	Pavel Anisimov	Here's Another One, Brochet!!! I Can't Hear You... Louder!	Experimental Mead	Diablo Order of Zymiracle Enthusiasts (DOZE) [CA]
2nd	Damien Clauson	Briars, Bees and Beer	Braggot	Diablo Order of Zymiracle Enthusiasts (DOZE) [CA]
3rd	Pavel Anisimov	What Is A Dwojniak? I Don't Know But Judges Love It.	Historical Mead	Diablo Order of Zymiracle Enthusiasts (DOZE) [CA]

Table 42: Specialty IPA (47 entries)

Place	Brewer	Entry Name	Style	Club
1st	Scott Grove	Red Rye IPA	Rye IPA	
2nd	Brett Winqest	Hop On the Juice Wagon	Specialty IPA	Levee Road Brewing
3rd	Rhett Bond	Killer Dana White IPA	White IPA	