

2013 THIRSTY Classic Homebrew Competition

Sponsored by **THIRSTY Homebrew Club** and **Millstream Brewing**

Sanctioned by the **BJCP/AHA** Competition Program

Entries Accepted November 14 – December 7

Judging Saturday, December 14

A. Eligibility

1. This competition is open to all homebrewers 21 years and older.
2. Anyone may enter a beer, mead, or cider in any of the BJCP categories.
3. Commercial and/or Brew-on-Premises (BOP) beers are not eligible.
4. This is a BJCP/AHA sanctioned competition and all standard rules apply.

B. Entry Requirements and Information

1. You must submit a complete Entry Form and two (2) Bottle Identification Forms for every entry.
Only two entries per category are allowed.
2. Download entry forms at <http://www.thirstyhomebrew.org>.
3. Entry forms generated by Brewing Software are also acceptable.
4. Refer to categories by number, and to subcategories by letter.
5. Use the 2008 BJCP Style Guidelines. Available on line at <http://www.bjcp.org/style-index.html>
6. Submit **two** bottles per entry. Complete a bottle identification form for every bottle (i.e., 2 per entry).
7. Attach one Bottle ID Form to each bottle with a rubber band. **Do not use glue or tape.**
8. All bottles must be crown-capped, 10 to 14 ounces in size, brown or green glass.
9. Bottles must be clean, and free of inked or paper labels and other identifying marks.
10. Obliterate any lettering or graphics on the cap with a permanent black marker.
11. We will disqualify all bottles not meeting these requirements. We will judge disqualified entries, but they will not be eligible for awards or prizes.
12. THIRSTY will not refund or return any entry fees.
13. Entries remain the property of THIRSTY and will not be returned.

C. Entry Fees and Deadlines

1. The fee for all entries is \$6.00 per entry.
2. Make checks payable to THIRSTY.
3. The entry deadline is 5:00 p.m. Saturday, December 7, 2013.

D. Delivery and Shipment

1. Deliver or ship your entries to:
Millstream Brewing Company
THIRSTY Classic Entries
c/o Teresa Albert
835 48th Avenue
Amana, IA 52203

E. Questions and Additional Information

1. Visit the THIRSTY web site at <http://www.thirstyhomebrew.org/> for updated information.
E-mail THIRSTY Classic Organizer with any questions.
Susan Walsh membership@thirstyhomebrew.org

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Rules and Policies

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1. Judging

Judging at the THIRSTY Classic is something we take very seriously, but enjoy and have fun doing. Our competition staff does the very best to draw BJCP-qualified judges and professional brewers to evaluate entries. At least two qualified judges will judge every entry. We will store entries upon receipt in a large walk-in refrigerator to minimize character changes. We will try to minimize handling to avoid disturbing bottle-conditioned beers with natural sedimentation. Occasionally this is unavoidable and scores for appearance may reflect this. Judging will take place Saturday, December 14, 2013, at the Millstream Brewery located at 835 48th Avenue, Amana, IA.

THIRSTY is soliciting qualified judges and stewards. You will receive points for the Beer Judge Certification Program (BJCP). The THIRSTY Classic is a BJCP/AHA-sanctioned event. If you would like to participate as a judge or steward, please contact:

Judging Director via e-mail at membership@thirstyhomebrew.org.

2. Score Sheet Return Policy

THIRSTY will process all score sheets promptly and return them in person, or via U.S. Mail. We will return score sheets to the address listed on the entry form. We will strive to post the results on the THIRSTY website (<http://www.thirstyhomebrew.org>) as soon as possible.

3. THIRSTY Classic Category and BOS Awards

Winners will receive ribbons for first, second, and third place in each style category. Judges are solely responsible for determining whether an entry is deserving of a ribbon. The THIRSTY Classic Committee will combine categories and/or subcategories as necessary to maintain competition integrity. In general, we will require that there be at least six entries in a category before we award a full set of ribbons.

The THIRSTY Classic Committee will also award a distinctive Best of Show prize, the Michael Hansen memorial trophy. The BOS round will consist of the entries taking 1st place in each category. All decisions of the judges, competition staff, and organizer will be final, without exception.

4. THIRSTY Classic Schedule of Events

Date Time Event Location

December 7, 2013 5:00 p.m. Entry deadline Millstream Brewery

December 14, 2013 Judging

9:00-9:45 Judges Check in & Registration

10:00-12:00 Morning Session

12:00-12:45 Lunch Break

1:30- 3:30 Afternoon Session

3:30- 4:00 Best of Show

4:00- 5:00 Awards Reception