

UNYHA Best of Show and Category Winners

'UNYHA XXXIII' – April 28-30, 2011

Congratulations to our **Best of Show winners** in the *Beer* and *Mead/Cider/Perry* categories:

Best of Show Beers

First Place	Andrew Jones (UNYHA)	Mild (BJCP category 11a)
Second Place	Kyler Serfass (Brooklyn Brewsers)	American Wheat Beer (BJCP category 6d)
Third Place	Damon Praefke (no club affiliation)	Dortmunder Export (BJCP category 1e)
Honorable Mention	Jeremy Belair (UNYHA)	Russian Imperial Stout (BJCP category 13f)

Best of Show Meads/Ciders/Perries

First Place	Christopher Kaufman (UNYHA)	Common Cider (BJCP category 27a)
Second Place	Turk Thomas (UNYHA)	Other Fruit Melomel (BJCP category 25c)
Third Place	Walter Strassburg (UNYHA)	New England Cider (BJCP category 28a)
Honorable Mention	Dana Edgell (UNYHA)	Braggot (BJCP category 26b)

On the following pages you'll find the category winners. But first, some thoughts about this year's competition.

We are, of course, pleased to see that so many UNYHA members made a great showing again this year (Ben Maeso took eight awards; Alan Mack took six...). But check out Rob Sells and Aaron TeCroney, our talented brewing brethren from the North Chautauqua club: they swept the Belgian & French category, and nearly ran away with the Belgian Strong. This will make the NYS Homebrewer of the Year Invitational Challenge very interesting indeed, so check out www.nyshoty.org for the statewide standings)!

This year we invited brewers to submit multiple entries in the same category/sub-category, with the end result we'd hoped for: to allow brewers and brewsters to show us where they really shine. We've learned, for example, that Eric Crombach (of the Lincoln Road Homebrewers) is a master brewer of doppelbocks, Mary Lee (Sultans of Swig) and Dana Edgell (UNYHA) are fantastic meadmakers, and Alan Mack's ciders are always fresh and delectable ... plus, he makes some mighty mean strong ales.

Like good homebrew competitions everywhere, this was very much a group effort, and naming every key player would fill a book. So, we'll be brief: many thanks to registrar Kira Barnes, judge director Scott Ofslager, foodies Stacie & Jeremy Belair, venue coordinator Deron Weet, prize patrolman Steve Zoller, steward coordinator Debbie Ofslager, and cellarmeister Alan Mack. Special thanks to all of our judges and stewards, especially those of you came from out of town. And a hearty toast to our hosts, Jon Mervine and Chris Spinelli of Roc Brewing – guys, you are going to have one beautiful brewery!

Once again, we have been proud to be so generously supported by our many sponsors, the best beer folks on the planet! See our home page for a list of our sponsors, and please support the businesses who support us!

Entrants, thank you for allowing us to share your 324 special creations. Scoresheets will be sent shortly to our out-of-town entrants, along with awards for out-of-town winners. UNYHA members can pick up scoresheets and claim their loot in the form of 'beer bucks' at the next UNYHA meeting, held on May 11th at Merchants Grill.

Good brewing to all,

Tina Weymann, UNYHA XXXIII Competition Organizer

UNYHA Telescoped Category/ BJCP Category(ies)	Place in Category	Winner Name and Club Affiliation
Light Lagers, Pilsners, Amber & Dark Lagers (BJCP categories 1, 2, 3, 4)	First place	Damon E. Praefke (no club affiliation)
	Second place	Ben Maeso (UNYHA)
	Third place	Andrew Jones (UNYHA)
Bocks (BJCP category 5)	First place	Eric Crombach (Lincoln Rd. Brewers)
	Second place	Eric Crombach (Lincoln Rd. Brewers)
	Third place	Ben Maeso (UNYHA)
Light and Amber Hybrid Beers (BJCP categories 6 & 7)	First place	John Zelazny (UNYHA)
	Second place	Ben Maeso (UNYHA)
	Third place	Rob Sells (North Chautauqua Homebrewers)
English & American Ales (BJCP categories 8 & 10b)	First place	Kyler Serfass (Brooklyn Brewsers)
	Second place	Anthony Parcerro (UNYHA)
	Third place	Scott Krebbeks (no club affiliation)
Scottish and Irish Ales (BJCP category 9)	First place	Matthew Slattery (no club affiliation)
	Second place	Brett Swartz (no club affiliation)
	Third place	Fred Warner (no club affiliation)
	Hon. Ment.	Daniel Thayer (no club affiliation)
American Pale Ale (BJCP category 10a)	First place	Walter Strassburg (UNYHA)
	Second place	Alex Placito (Niagara Assoc of Homebrewers)
	Third place	Kyle Costello (Junkshow)
	Hon. Ment.	Dennis Baker (no club affiliation)
English & American Brown Ales (BJCP categories 10c & 11)	First place	Andrew Jones (UNYHA)
	Second place	Paul Guarracini (UNYHA)
	Third place	Ben Maeso (UNYHA)
Porters (BJCP category 12)	First place	Ben Maeso (UNYHA)
	Second place	Terry Felton (Sultans of Swig)
	Third place	Adam Odegard (UNYHA)
	Hon. Ment.	Scott Grenier (Utica Amalgamated Brewers)

Stouts (BJCP category 13)	First place	Jeremy Belair (UNYHA)
	Second place	Ben Maeso (UNYHA)
	Third place	Anthony Parco (UNYHA)
	Hon. Ment.	Alan Hettrick (no club affiliation)
India Pale Ales (BJCP category 14)	First place	Tim Collins (Niagara Assoc of Homebrewers)
	Second place	Jonathan Winans (no club affiliation)
	Third Place	Scott Denhart (UNYHA)
	Hon. Ment.	Eric Crombach (Lincoln Rd. Brewers)
German Wheat/Rye & American Wheat Beers (BJCP categories 15 & 6d)	First place	Kyler Serfass (Brooklyn Brewsers)
	Second place	Fred Warner (no club affiliation)
	Third place	Ben Maeso (UNYHA)
Belgian & French Ales (BJCP category 16)	First place	Aaron TeCroney (No. Chautauqua HB'ers)
	Second place	Aaron TeCroney (No. Chautauqua HB'ers)
	Third Place	Rob Sells (No. Chautauqua HB'ers)
	Hon. Ment.	Aaron TeCroney (No. Chautauqua HB'ers)
Sour Ales (BJCP category 17)	First place	Kyle Costello (Junkshow)
	Second place	Rob Sells (No. Chautauqua HB'ers)
	Third Place	Gerald Berdysiak (no club affiliation)
Belgian Strong Ales (BJCP category 18)	First place	Aaron TeCroney (No. Chautauqua HB'ers)
	Second place	Aaron TeCroney (No. Chautauqua HB'ers)
	Third Place	Ben Maeso (UNYHA)
Strong Ales (BJCP category 19)	First place	Tim Collins (Niagara Assoc of Homebrewers)
	Second place	Alan Mack (UNYHA)
	Third Place	Alan Mack (UNYHA)
Fruit Beers (BJCP category 20)	First place	Rob Sells (North Chautauqua Homebrewers)
	Second place	Dave Nazzaro (no club affiliation)
	Third Place	Alan Mack (UNYHA)
S/H/V & Smoke-Flavored/Wood-Aged (BJCP categories 21 & 22)	First place	Kevin Bedard (UNYHA)
	Second place	Andrew Jones (UNYHA)
	Third Place	John Zelazny (UNYHA)
	Hon. Ment.	Andrew Jones (UNYHA)

Specialty Beers (BJCP category 23)	First place	William Fitzsimmons (UNYHA)
	Second place	Al Schichler (UNYHA)
	Third Place	Ken Hughes (no club affiliation)
	Hon. Ment.	Jeremy Belair (UNYHA)
Traditional Meads & Melomels (BJCP Categories 24 & 25)	First place	Turk Thomas (UNYHA)
	Second place	Mary Lee (Sultans of Swig)
	Third Place	Mary Lee (Sultans of Swig)
Other Meads (BJCP category 26)	First place	Dana Edgell (UNYHA)
	Second place	Dana Edgell (UNYHA)
	Third Place	John Sullivan (UNYHA)
	Hon. Ment.	Jeremy Belair (UNYHA)
Standard Cider & Perry (BJCP category 27)	First place	Christopher Kaufman (UNYHA)
	Second place	Alan Mack (UNYHA)
	Third Place	Alan Mack (UNYHA)
	Hon. Mention	Alan Mack (UNYHA)
Specialty Cider & Perry (BJCP category 28)	First place	Walter Strassburg (UNYHA)
	Second place	Andrew Loecke (UNYHA)
	Third Place	Joe Lenhardt (UNYHA)
	Hon. Ment.	William Gardiner (UNYHA)