



The New York City Homebrewers Guild presents
Homebrew Alley 4
Sunday, January 31st, 2010
At Chelsea Brewing Company
Pier 59, Chelsea Piers, New York City

Prizes include:

Maltose Express gift certificates
(Best of Show 1st, 2nd and 3rd Places)
Brewmaster's Choice Award

The New York City Homebrewers Guild will hold its fourth annual homebrew competition in Manhattan's largest brewery, Chelsea Brewing Company. This is an AHA / BJCP sanctioned event. All entrants will receive score sheets and commentary prepared by judges recognized by the BJCP. Winners will be announced upon completion of the competition.

Eligibility: This competition is open to everyone. Entries must have been made at home. Those made in commercial establishments, including brew-on-premise establishments, are not eligible.

Categories: All beer, cider and mead will be judged as per the 2008 BJCP style guidelines. For full guidelines, go to:

<http://www.bjcp.org/stylecenter.php>

Judges and competition organizers will not reclassify entries so please choose styles carefully. Styles may be collapsed and combined at the discretion of the competition organizers.

Entry fee: \$7 per entry.

Online Registration only: <http://www.hbd.org/homebrewalley/>

All payments should be made to Vladimir Kowalyk via check or money order and included with your entries. **NO CASH!**



Entries: For each entry, the brewer must submit the following:

- A completed competition entry form, available online when you register;
- Two twelve- to twenty-two-ounce brown or green glass bottles. Bottles must be free of labels, and any other identifying marks must be blacked out with a magic marker. Carbonator caps will not be returned. Bottles with engraved lettering are acceptable.
- Bottle labels, attached securely to each bottle with a rubber band. Labels secured by tape, glue, or other means will result in a non-refundable disqualification.
- The appropriate fee, based on the total number of entries. Check or money order only, please. If you send cash, we cannot be responsible for anything that happens to it while the bottles are not in our possession. Attach one envelope with the entry fees to one of your bottles.
- If your beer is chosen as the Brewmaster's Choice, you must be able to provide a detailed recipe (does not have to be all-grain). If not, the prize will go to a second choice.

Entries should be submitted no earlier than January 8th, 2010 and no later than 2:00 PM on January 22nd, 2010. Register entries online, at <http://www.homebrewalley.org/>

For a full list of entry drop-off points, and our mail in location, go here: <http://www.homebrewalley.org/dropoffs.html>

PLEASE NOTE: CHESLEA BREWING COMPANY IS NOT A DROP-OFF OR MAIL-IN LOCATION!

Judging: Each entry will be judged by a panel of at least two experienced judges, at least one of whom has achieved a minimum rank of *Recognized* by the BJCP. The first round of judging will determine the top three entries in each award category. The first-place entry in each award category will then compete for Best of Show. The first-place entry in each category will also compete for the Brewmaster's Choice Award.

Prizes: Gift certificates to Maltose Express homebrew store will be awarded in the amounts of:

Grand Prize - Best of Show: \$100 gift certificate
2nd Place Best of Show: \$75 gift certificate
3rd Place Best of Show: \$50 gift certificate

In addition, the Best of Show winner will receive a coupon for one free entry to the 2009 National Homebrew Competition.

One of the finalist beers will be chosen to be brewed and served at Chelsea Brewing Company by CBC brewmaster Chris Sheehan. *The B.O.S. winner will not automatically be this beer.* The winner will be given the opportunity to help brew his/her winning beer at CBC. You do not have to provide your recipe at the time of entry, but if your beer is picked, you must be able to provide it. If you cannot provide a recipe, the prize will go to a 2nd choice.

New York State residents will also receive points toward the New York State Homebrewer of the Year award. For more information, visit <http://www.nyshoty.org>.

BJCP Experience: Judges and stewards will receive experience points toward advancement in the BJCP. All judges and stewards will be required to fill out registration and waiver forms.

Judges and stewards travelling from outside of town can bring entries on the day of the competition provided that:

- You have registered your entries and your entry fees are received by January 22nd.
- You arrive with your entires no later than 8:45 am. on the morning of the event.

Judging score sheets and prizes (where applicable) will be sent out within one week of the competition. Competition organizers reserve the right to disqualify any entries, without refund. Questions or disputes will be settled by competition coordinators; their decisions will be final.

The judging floor will be closed to all except judges, stewards and organizers. The awards ceremony and raffle will be open to the public, starting at around 4 p.m.

The judging will begin at 9:15 a.m. Coffee and bagels will be served to all judges and stewards attending, starting at 8:30 a.m.

For more information contact:

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Thank you for your participation!