



BABBLE and
DiCarlo's Fine Wine &
Spirits Present

BABBLE Brew Off

Saturday, February 27, 2010 9:00 AM

Location

Dicarlo's Fine Wine & Spirits
425 Townline Road (Rt. 60)
Mundelein, IL 60060

Judging will begin promptly at 9 AM on February 27, 2010. If necessary, a special judging session will be held the evening of Friday February 26th.

BABBLE is proud to announce that the 2010 BABBLE Brew Off will again be a stop on the **Midwest Homebrewer of the Year** circuit (<http://www.sphbc.org/mwhboy/>). We are also pleased to bring you our **Entrant Appreciation Drawing**. The name of one participant will be selected at random and this person will win a special gift package. **Each entry qualifies you in the drawing, so the more you submit the better your chances at winning!**

Ribbons will be awarded for 1st, 2nd and 3rd in each flight as well as Best of Show in these categories so dust off some of those bottles and take a chance on winning more ribbons. Again for 2010, there will be a separate best of show judging for Meads and Ciders.

Sanctioning

This event is sanctioned by the AHA and judged using the 2008 BJCP Style Guidelines. Detailed style descriptions may be found on the BJCP web page <http://www.bjcp.org/2008styles/catdex.php>. Entrants may enter as many beers as they like but are restricted to one entry per sub-category. Entrants are responsible for placing their beer in the proper category. No entry will be reclassified.

Some categories may be combined at the organizer's discretion. Entries in combined categories will be judged according to the style originally indicated by the brewer on the entry form.

Eligibility

BABBLE Brew Off is open to all homebrewers 21 years of age and older. Professional brewers 21 and older may enter, however, their entries must have been brewed at home. Beers brewed by two or more individuals must list the names of all involved on the entry form. Entries will be accepted from all BJCP beer, mead and cider categories. No entries brewed in a commercial facility or BOP will be accepted.

Judging/Stewarding

Those wishing to judge should contact Bruce Dir by Saturday February 20, 2010. Judges entering BABBLE Brew Off cannot judge in any category they have entered. Those wishing to steward should contact Steve Pavlovich by Saturday February 20, 2010. Stewards cannot work flights in which they have entries.

Organizer
Dan Morey
(847) 837-1069

Judge Director
Bruce Dir
(847) 566-8012

Head Steward
Steve Pavlovich
(847) 223-5404

Any of the Brew Off staff can be reach by email at: brewoff@babblehomebrewers.com

Experience points will be awarded through the BJCP Organization based on the number of entries received.

How to Enter

Entry fee is \$7 for the first entry and \$5 for each additional entry. Each entry consist of two (2) unlabeled 10 oz or larger glass bottles with bottle forms attached to each bottle using a rubber band. Swing top or corked bottles are permitted but discouraged. Bottles with raised letters or any kind of identifying markings are also discouraged. Bottles with glued-on or taped-on labels will be disqualified. Printed caps are acceptable but any printing must be marked out. Entry fees for disqualified entries will not be returned -- please follow the instructions. *Checks should be made out to **BABBLE**.*

If entering categories 16E, 17F, 20, 21, 22B/C, 23, or 24-28 you must fill in the space for "Special Ingredients/Classic Style". Fill in the following for these styles:

16E Belgian Specialty Ale - specify commercial example or special ingredients

17F Fruit Lambic - type of fruit

20 Fruit Beer - type of fruit and base beer style

21 Spice/Herb/Vegetable Beer - type of spice, herb, and/or vegetable and base beer style

22B/C Smoke Flavor and Wood Aged Beers - base beer style

23 Specialty/Experimental/Historic - for historical style include a reference and written description. For Specialty and Experimental describe special ingredients or techniques

24-26 **For all meads, specify still or sparkling and strength: hydromel, standard, or sack**

25A/B Cyser/Pyment - in addition must specify sweet, semisweet, or dry

25C Other Fruit Melomel - in addition must specify sweet, semisweet, or dry and type of fruit

26A Metheglin - in addition must specify sweet, semisweet, or dry and the herbs or spices used

26B Braggot - in addition must specify sweet, semisweet, or dry

26C Open - in addition must specify sweet, semisweet, or dry. Must specify the unique nature of the mead that differentiates it from other classifications.

27-28 For all ciders and perries, specify carbonation level (still, petillant, sparkling) and sweetness (dry, medium, sweet).

28A New England Cider - in addition must specify if barrel fermented or aged.

28B Fruit Cider - in addition must specify fruit or fruit juice used.

28D Other Specialty Cider/Perry - in addition must list major ingredients and adjuncts.

We will start accepting entries on Monday, February 1. Entry forms must be received before 6 PM on Saturday, February 20. Out of town judges may walk-in their beers but only if they were pre-registered by the deadline. Late entries will not be returned, though the checks will.

Entries can **only be shipped** to the following location:

Dan Morey
1033 N. Midlothian Road
Mundelein, IL 60060

Drop Off at host site:

Dicarolo's Fine Wine & Spirits
425 Townline Road (Rt. 60)
Mundelein, IL 60060
(847) 566-4600

Note: *Dicarolo's will not accept any entries shipped to their store, as it is against the laws for liquor stores to accept alcohol via mail. Please speak to a manager at the store when making your drop off.*

Additional **DROP OFF** sites (no shipments) accepting entries Monday, February 1 through Thursday February 18:

Perfect Brewing Supply
619 E Park Ave
Libertyville, IL 60048
(847) 305-4459
www.perfectbrewingsupply.com

Crystal Lake Health Foods
25 E Crystal Lake Ave
Crystal Lake, IL 60014
(815) 459-7942

Chicagoland Winemakers
689 W. North Ave
Elmhurst, IL 60126
(800) 266-BREW
www.chicagolandwinemakers.com

Two Brothers Tap House
30w315 Calumet Ave.
Warrenville, IL 60555
630-393-BEER
www.twobrotherstaphouse.com

We will continue to arrange additional collection sites. The lastest information can be found on the

Brew Off website <http://www.babblehomebrewers.com/>.

Refer to the Spring 1998 *Zymurgy* for suggestions on packing and shipping hints. BABBLE and BABBLE Brew Off affiliates are not responsible for late, misdirected, or damaged entries.

Forms

Entry form and bottle labels are available in pdf format. For convenience, an Excel version of the entry form will be available on the website that automatically completes the bottle labels.

Prizes

Ribbons will be awarded to 1st, 2nd, and 3rd place in each beer flight as well as 1st, 2nd, and 3rd place best of show. We will also be presenting 1st, 2nd, and 3rd place in each mead/cider flight as well as 1st, 2nd, and 3rd place best of show. Additional prizes will be provided by our sponsors.

Results

We will make every effort to post the results at Brew Off website <http://www.babblehomebrewers.com/> within seven days of the event.

Scoresheets, ribbons and prizes will be sent out once the results are verified and all the prizes are received from the sponsors.

Our Sponsors

We would like to thank our great sponsors for helping make this event special. Please join us in thanking these sponsors by showing your support and patronage. The current list of sponsors will be kept on the Brew Off website.

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If you are interested in helping sponsor this event, please contact any of the Brew Off staff.