

The Green Mountain Mashers

Are *really* happy to present the

1st Annual Greg Noonan Memorial Homebrew Competition

This is a sanctioned competition for the New England Homebrewer of the Year (NEHBOTY)
Saturday, May 1, 2010 at the Knights of Columbus Hall, South Burlington, Vermont
Sponsored by the Vermont Pub & Brewery

The Competition at a Glance

The 1st annual Greg Noonan Memorial Homebrew competition will be held on Saturday, May 1st at the Knights of Columbus Hall in South Burlington VT. This competition is sanctioned by both the AHA and the BJCP. We are part of the New England Homebrewer of the Year series of competitions. You can find out more at their website <http://mail.symuli.com/NEHBOTY>. You can also get more details about this competition at the Mashers website <http://www.mashers.org>. This event is closed to the public until the Best of Show judging starts later in the afternoon.

We do our best to run a top notch competition. Brewers will receive the judge's scoresheets with scores and comments about their brews. Ribbons will be awarded for 1st, 2nd, and 3rd places for beers scoring above 21 points in their categories. Beer style information can be found at <http://www.bjcp.org>

An award and ribbon will be presented to the Vermont brewer who receives the most points.

A ribbon will be awarded to the Best-of-Show beer. The Vermont Pub & Brewery will choose one beer during the Best of Show judging that will be brewed at the pub. A Brewer's Cup at the Pub will have the brewer's name inscribed on it for all to see.

Competition rules and Entry Information

- Beers will be grouped for judging by the 23 beer and 5 cider and mead categories specified in the BJCP 2008 Style Guidelines. Detailed BJCP guidelines may be obtained at <http://www.bjcp.org>
- Any amateur may enter. All entries must be brewed at home, not in a commercial establishment. There is no limit on entries per category.
- The fee is \$6.00 per entry. Payment must be made by check payable to the Green Mountain Mashers.
- Brewers must submit 2 or 3 10-ounce or larger bottles for each beer entry; but brewers submitting two bottles do so at their own risk, since there might not be a bottle available to advance to the Best-of-Show round. Caps should be blacked out or blank. PET bottles with carbonator caps are allowed.
- Ciders and meads do not advance to the Best-of-Show round so brewers may submit 2 10 ounce or larger bottles or one 22 ounce bottle.
- The deadline for entries is April 16, 2010. Entries will be accepted later only with the prior approval of the organizers and with submission of completed competition entry forms before the deadline.
- Bottle labels must be attached to each bottle with a rubber band-no tape. Bottle labels must include a list of special ingredients in categories that utilize such.
- The organizers reserve the right to ask for recipes after the competition.
- Self-addressed stamped envelopes are not required. However, if you care to enclose some stamps and an address label we would appreciate it. The competition is usually a break even event.
- Bottles, filled or unfilled, will not be returned.
- Ribbons will be awarded to all brews placing first, second, and third in each of the 28 categories in the guidelines, even if some categories are collapsed for judging purposes. Prizes will not be awarded to a brew scoring less than 21 points out of the maximum 50. Best-of-Show will receive a separate ribbon. A beer will be selected for the Brewer's Cup and will be brewed at the Vermont Pub & Brewery.

Judges and Stewards

Judges and stewards are needed for the Green Mountain Homebrew Competition. All judges must be registered with the BJCP. If you are interested in being a judge or steward, please fill out the registration form at:

http://www.mashers.org/comp_2010/reg_form/post_it.php.

Judges and stewards must report to the Knights of Columbus Hall no later than 9:00 am. Judging will start promptly at 9:30 am. There will be a breakfast and lunch buffet.

BJCP experience points will be awarded according to BJCP rules. If necessary, points will be awarded in the order of pre-registration.

Drop off Dates

Entries may be dropped off between April 1, 2010 and April 16, 2010.

Drop off Points

Entries may be dropped off at:

Vermont Homebrew Supply
147 East Allen St/ Route 15
Winooski, VT 04504
802-655-2070
Mon-Fri 10-6 Sat 10-5 Sun 11-5

Please check <http://www.masher.org> for other drop off sites.

Shipping Entries

Entries may be shipped in boxes not calling attention to the contents, via UPS to:

Rich Frog Industries
1 Chase Mill, Burlington, VT 05401
Attn: John Gallagher, GMHC

Please pack entries carefully! Bubble wrap and double boxes are recommended. A trash bag liner will prevent soaking of the box if a bottle breaks in transit. Do not indicate brew contents to UPS personnel, as it might cause rejection of the package. Place all paper work and entry fees in a plastic bag on top of the entries.

For additional information contact Lewis Greitzer at gnmhc2010@gmail.com

All forms and bottle labels can be found at the Masher website, <http://www.mashers.org>. Directions and contact information is there as well.