

The Underground Brewers of Connecticut Present the 20th Annual  
**Southern New England Regional Homebrew Competition**  
**Sunday, October 25, 2009**  
Sponsored by My Place Restaurant and Maltose Express

### The Competition at a Glance

The 20th Annual Southern New England Regional Homebrew Competition (SNERHC) will be held on Sunday, October 25, 2009, at Edmund Town Hall, Newtown, Connecticut. The SNERHC 2009 is sanctioned by the Beer Judge Certification Program (BJCP). Further details may be found on the SNERHC website, [www.undergroundbrewers.org](http://www.undergroundbrewers.org). Points earned at SNERHC will count toward the New England Home Brewer of the Year (NEHBOTY) awards for 2009.

The competition organizers promise a professionally run competition with feedback for all entries. Brewers will receive comments on their beers on official scoresheets filled out by judges recognized by the BJCP. In addition to first, second and third prizes in each category, awards will be given for the Best-of-Show beer and two runner-ups. An award will also be given for the best beer entered by a brewer who has never entered a competition. A Best Batting Average award will also be awarded to the brewer submitting three or more entries who comes closest to his or her maximum potential number of ribbons.

Enter online and/or register to help as a judge or steward at the competition at [www.undergroundbrewers.org](http://www.undergroundbrewers.org). Copies of this notice may be obtained at most home brew supply shops, or may be downloaded from the website.

### Competition Rules and Entry Information

Online bottle registration/entry is required.

1. **THERE ARE NO LIMITS TO THE NUMBER OF BEERS ENTERED BY EACH BREWER.** There will be no limit to the numbers of mead and cider entries.
2. Beers will be grouped for judging by the 23 categories specified in the BJCP 2008 Beer Style Guidelines. Entries for mead and cider will also be judged. Detailed BJCP Guidelines may be obtained at [www.bjcp.org](http://www.bjcp.org).
3. Anyone may enter. All entries must be brewed at home, not in a commercial operation. There is no limit on entries per category.
4. The fee is \$6.00 per entry. **Payment must be by check payable to Von Bair.** Include payment with the entries.
5. Brewers must submit two or three 10-ounce or larger green or brown bottles for each beer entry. **Bottles with raised lettering will be accepted.** 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 panel. Caps must be blank or blacked out. PET bottles with carbonator caps are permitted.
6. Ciders and meads will not advance to the Best-of-Show panel, so brewers may submit two 10-ounce or larger bottles or one 22-ounce or larger bottle.
7. The deadline for entries is **noon on Saturday, October 17, 2009.** Printed entry forms must accompany entries.
8. Entry descriptions on Competition Entry Forms are final. Changes in entry categories, subcategories and ingredients cannot be accommodated after October 17th. Entrants may remove entries from competition at any time.
9. Bottle labels must be attached to each bottle with a rubber band — no tape. **Please print the online labels ONLY, as others complicate registration.** Bottle labels must include additional ingredients, carbonation, base beer, etc., where it is required by the BJCP guidelines.
10. **Please do not include self-addressed envelopes with the entries; this only complicates things.** However, postage stamps — about three per entry — would be appreciated.
11. Bottles — filled or unfilled — will not be returned to brewers.
12. Prizes 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 prizes and a novice prize will also be awarded. A Best Batting Average award will also be awarded to the brewer submitting three or more entries who comes closest to his or her maximum potential number of ribbons.

### Judges and Stewards

Judges and especially stewards are needed for the SNERHC. Persons interested should apply online at [www.undergroundbrewers.org](http://www.undergroundbrewers.org). Applications from judges and stewards should be made as early as possible for planning purposes.

Judges and Stewards must report to the judging site no later than 8:30 AM. Judging will start promptly at 9:00 AM. Morning coffee, doughnuts and bagels and a lunch will be provided.

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

### Drop Off Points

Entries may be shipped via UPS or dropped off, addressed to SNERHC:

c/o **Homemade Libations**  
25 Ely Avenue  
South Norwalk, CT 06854  
203-855-7911

c/o **Maltose Express**  
246 Main Street (Route 25)  
Monroe, CT 06468  
203-452-7332

c/o **Brew and Wine Hobby**  
98 Pitkin Street #C  
East Hartford, CT 06108  
860-528-0592

c/o **Zok's Homebrewing**  
24 North Street  
Willimantic, CT 06226  
860-456-7704

Entries must be well packed. Bubble-wrapped bottles and double boxing is recommended for UPS shipping. 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 bottles.

For additional information, contact:

**Von Bair**  
203-393-7257  
[vonbair@aol.com](mailto:vonbair@aol.com)

**Mark Tambascio**  
203-948-7449 (Cell Phone)  
[mark@myplacepizza.com](mailto:mark@myplacepizza.com)

### Directions to Edmund Town Hall

From the East — Take I-84 East to exit 10. Turn right onto Church Hill Road. Travel about 1.1 miles (to flag pole). Turn right onto Main Street. Edmund Town hall will be on your left.

From the West — Take I-84 West to exit 10. Turn left onto Church Hill Road. Travel about 1.0 mile (to flag pole). Turn right onto Main Street. Edmund Town hall will be on your left.

From the I-95 — Take I-95 to exit 27A. Follow signs to CT-25 North (Trumbull/Waterbury). Travel about 19.8 miles. Edmund Town hall will be on your left, about 1/10 mile past the flag pole.

From the Merritt — Take CT-15 (Merritt Parkway) to exit 48 (CT-25). Travel North on CT-25 for about 14.5 miles. Edmund Town hall will be on your left, about 1/10 mile past the flag pole.

### Edmund Town Hall

45 Main Street  
Newtown, CT  
203-948-7449 (Emergency Phone Number)

Judge and Steward Registration Form

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Please register by mail or by e-mail to *vonbair@aol.com* by October 23, 2009. If registering by e-mail, include all of the information requested in this form.

Please consider this registration as a commitment of your time and effort. We depend on everyone to serve at the competition. **Please contact us as soon as possible if circumstances prevent your attending as promised.**

**Preference:**  Judge  Steward (check one)

Full Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_

City: \_\_\_\_\_ State: \_\_\_\_\_ Zip: \_\_\_\_\_

Preferred Phone Number: \_\_\_\_\_  Day  Evening

E-Mail Address: \_\_\_\_\_

**Are you a BJCP Judge?**  Yes  No **Level:**  Recognized  Certified  National  Master  Grand Master **BJCP#** \_\_\_\_\_

Name in order of preference the styles you wish to judge (no guarantees, as we must have a proper balance of judge abilities throughout all styles – **preference given to early registrants**).

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Name the categories you would prefer **not** to judge:

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In what categories have you entered brews?

Judge and Steward Waiver Form

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My participation in this event is entirely voluntary. I know that participation in this judging involves consumption of alcoholic beverages and that this consumption may affect my perceptions and reactions. I accept responsibility for my conduct, behavior and actions and completely absolve the competition organizer, Von Bair, the Underground Brewers of Connecticut, Edmund Town Hall, Maltose Express and the BJCP of responsibility for my conduct, behavior and actions.

Signature: \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_

Please return this form to **Von Bair, 241 Carrington Road, Bethany, CT 06524**