

# 2018 ALAMEDA COUNTY FAIR

## HOMEBREW COMPETITION

*Presented by: Draught Board Home Brew Club*



Entry Deadline: Noon, Saturday April 21

Enter Online at: [alamedbabo.fairmanager.com](http://alamedbabo.fairmanager.com)

<http://annual.alamedacountyfair.com>

# BAY AREA BREW OFF HOMEBREW COMPETITION

Alameda County Fair Homebrew Competition Coordinator [BABO@DraughtBoard.org](mailto:BABO@DraughtBoard.org)

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**ALL STATE and LOCAL RULES APPLY**  
**BJCP Sanctioned Competition**  
**SEE CONTENTS FOR JUDGING STANDARDS**

## ENTRY FEE:

- \$10.00 per online entry at [alamedbabo.fairmanager.com](http://alamedbabo.fairmanager.com)
  - On-line registration and fees must be completed no later than noon Saturday, April 21, 2018.
- \$10.50 per paper entry
  - Paper entries and fees must be post marked or delivered to the Alameda County Fair Exhibit office by Monday April 16, 2018. (No late paper entries will be accepted).
- Make checks payable to '*Alameda County Fair Association*'.  
The \$.50 premium covers manual handling of the paper entries.

## ENTRY DROP OFF LOCATIONS

Monday April 9 to  
**Thursday April 19**

MORE BEER San Leandro Showroom  
[www.morebeer.com](http://www.morebeer.com)  
2315 Verna Court  
San Leandro, CA 94577  
510-351-3517

Mon - Fri 10:00am to 6:00pm  
Sat & Sun 10:00am to 5:00pm

Monday April 9 to  
**Thursday April 19**

OAK BARREL WINECRAFT  
[www.oakbarrel.com](http://www.oakbarrel.com)  
1443 San Pablo Avenue  
Berkeley, CA 94702  
510-849-0400

Mon - Fri 10:00am to 6:00pm  
Sat 10:00am to 5:00pm  
**Sun Closed**

Monday April 9 to  
**Thursday April 19**

HopTech  
[www.hoptech.com](http://www.hoptech.com)  
6398 Dougherty Rd #7 & 8  
Dublin, CA 94568  
925-875-0246

Mon - Tues 9:30am to 6:00pm  
Wed Closed  
Thurs- Fri 9:30am to 4:00pm  
Sat 10:00am to 4:00pm  
Sun 10:00am to 2:00pm

Monday April 9 to  
**Thursday April 19**

Lodi Wine Labs  
[www.lodiwinelabs.com](http://www.lodiwinelabs.com)  
710 S Beckman Rd  
Lodi, CA 95240  
209-339-1990

Mon - Wed 9:00am to 5:00pm  
Thurs 9:00am to 6:00pm  
Fri 9:00am to 5:00pm  
Sat 10:00am to 2:00pm  
Sun Closed

Monday April 9 to  
**Thursday April 19**

MORE BEER Los Altos Showroom  
[www.morebeer.com](http://www.morebeer.com)  
991 N. San Antonio Road  
Los Altos, CA 94022  
650-949-2739

Mon - Fri 10:00am to 6:00pm  
Sat & Sun 10:00am to 5:00pm

Monday April 9 to  
**Thursday April 19**

BEER and WINE MAKERS of AMERICA  
[www.beerandwinemakers.com](http://www.beerandwinemakers.com)  
755 E. Brokaw Road  
San Jose, CA 95112  
408-441-0880

Closed Monday  
Tues - Fri 11:00am to 6:00pm  
Sat & Sun 11:00am to 3:00pm

Monday April 9 to  
**Thursday April 19**

MORE BEER Concord  
955 Detroit Ave, Unit G  
Concord, CA 94518  
925-771-7107

Mon - Fri 9:00am to 6:00pm  
Sat & Sun 10:00am to 5:00pm

**Saturday April 21**

Alameda County Fairgrounds  
4501 Pleasanton Avenue  
Pleasanton, CA 94566

**10:00am to noon**

## DEPARTMENT RULES

### 1. ENTRY REGISTRATION:

- a. All homebrew entries must be pre-registered with fees paid via either:  
**Online Entry** by noon Saturday April 21 at [www.alamedbabo.fairmanager.com](http://www.alamedbabo.fairmanager.com) or **Paper entries** must be received by Monday April 16 at the Alameda County Fair Exhibits Office.

### 2. DELIVERY:

- a. Bottle entries may be shipped or hand-delivered to the **More Beer San Leandro Showroom** by the end of business Thursday April 19.
- b. Bottle entries **MUST BE hand-delivered** to all other locations (therefore not shipped) by an hour before their end of business Thursday April 19.
- c. Bottle entries may be dropped off to the fairgrounds from 10AM until noon on Saturday April 21.  
**No entries will be accepted after noon Saturday April 21.**

### 3. LIMITATIONS:

- a. Competition is open to all homebrewers over 21 years of age on April 21, 2018. Each exhibitor is limited to one entry per BJCP Subcategory,
- b. Fair Management and/or competition organizer may consolidate classes into suitable flights, if warranted, due to low number of entries in a class (ie. BJCP category).

### 4. BOTTLING:

- a. Each exhibitor must submit a minimum of THREE, clean, unmarked bottles, which are free of any identifying markings, in 12 oz bottles only. Due to the inconvenience of handling, no other bottles will be accepted. NIP bottles (6oz- 8oz) will be accepted in the strong ale, mead and barley wine categories.
- b. Each bottle must have a label attached including entrant name, division, class (spelled out), and fair assigned entry number.  
Printing the computer generated label online: [This label](#) is preferred.
- c. PLEASE review the **2015** BJCP style guidelines at [www.BJCP.org](http://www.BJCP.org).
- d. Special attention should be given to any **Entry Instructions** noted in the category and subcategory so your brew will be entered and judged according to the proper style.
- e. Each entry qualifies for the homebrew label design competition.  
See DIVISION 415 for details to enter the homebrew label design competition.
- f. The competition organizer reserves the right to disqualify entries not meeting the documented rules.
- g. Entries become the property of the Alameda County Fair and will not be returned.

*It is not against any Bureau of Alcohol, Tobacco and Firearms regulations or federal laws to ship your entries via privately owned shipping company for analytical purposes. It is illegal, however, to ship alcoholic beverages via the U.S. Postal Service.*

### 5. JUDGING:

- a. This homebrew competition uses the American system of judging.
- b. Beers will be ranked against one another to identify one 1<sup>st</sup>, 2<sup>nd</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup> place entry in each flight.
- c. Judges will evaluate entries against the 2015 BJCP Guideline at [www.BJCP.org](http://www.BJCP.org).
- d. Judges will be experienced and BJCP ranked. Judges' decision is final.
- e. Judging will be closed to exhibitors. Results will not be given by phone.

### 6. DISPLAY:

- a. Homebrew will be displayed in the Agriculture Building for the duration of the Fair.

## **AWARDS**

- a** Special rosettes awarded for 1<sup>st</sup>, 2<sup>nd</sup>, and 3<sup>rd</sup> in each class.
- b Best of Show** \$100 gift certificate from MORE BEER San Leandro.
- c** \$25 gift certificates will be awarded to 1<sup>st</sup> place entries with highest average scores from our sponsors:
  - \* **MORE BEER – Los Altos, CA**
  - \* **OakBarrel – Berkeley, CA**
  - \* **BEER AND WINE MAKERS – San Jose, CA**
  - \* **HOPTECH – Dublin, CA**
  - \* **MORE BEER - Concord, CA**
- d** Results will not be given over the phone, or before opening day of the Fair.
- e** Awards and score sheets will be mailed after the Fair is over.

## **SPECIAL AWARDS**

### **ALAMEDA COUNTY FAIR ASSOCIATION**

**Rosettes: Beer** – Best of Show,  
along with 1<sup>st</sup>, 2<sup>nd</sup> & 3<sup>rd</sup> place per Class

#### **Cash Awards Per Division**

<b>1st</b>	<b>2nd</b>	<b>3rd</b>
<b>\$5</b>	<b>\$4</b>	<b>\$3</b>

## HOME BREW DIVISION 405

### BJCP Beer Styles Categories correspond to Fair Class Number

For detailed beer descriptions, see <http://www.bjcp.org>

#### Class 1. STANDARD AMERICAN BEER

- 1A. American Light Lager
- 1B. American Lager
- 1C. Cream Ale
- 1D. American Wheat Beer

#### Class 2. INTERNATIONAL LAGER

- 2A. International Pale Lager
- 2B. International Amber Lager
- 2C. International Dark Lager

#### Class 3. CZECH LAGER

- 3A. Czech Pale Lager
- 3B. Czech Premium Pale Lager
- 3C. Czech Amber Lager
- 3D. Czech Dark Lager

#### Class 4. PALE MALTY EUROPEAN LAGER

- 4A. Munich Helles
- 4B. Festbier
- 4C. Helles Bock

#### Class 5. PALE BITTER EUROPEAN BEER

- 5A. German Leichtbier
- 5B. Kölsch
- 5C. German Helles Exportbier
- 5D. German Pils

#### Class 6. AMBER MALTY EUROPEAN LAGER

- 6A. Märzen
- 6B. Rauchbier
- 6C. Dunkles Bock

#### Class 7. AMBER BITTER EUROPEAN BEER

- 7A. Vienna Lager
- 7B. Altbier
- 7C. Kellerbier

#### Class 8. DARK EUROPEAN LAGER

- 8A. Munich Dunkel

#### 8B. Schwarzbier

#### Class 9. STRONG EUROPEAN BEER

- 9A. Doppelbock
- 9B. Eisbock
- 9C. Baltic Porter

#### Class 10. GERMAN WHEAT BEER

- 10A. Weissbier
- 10B. Dunkles Weissbier
- 10C. Weizenbock

#### Class 11. BRITISH BITTER

- 11A. Ordinary Bitter
- 11B. Best Bitter
- 11C. Strong Bitter

#### Class 12. PALE COMMONWEALTH BEER

- 12A. British Golden Ale
- 12B. Australian Sparkling Ale
- 12C. English IPA

#### Class 13. BROWN BRITISH BEER

- 13A. Dark Mild
- 13B. British Brown Ale
- 13C. English Porter

#### Class 14. SCOTTISH ALE

- 14A. Scottish Light
- 14B. Scottish Heavy
- 14C. Scottish Export

#### Class 15. IRISH BEER

- 15A. Irish Red Ale
- 15B. Irish Stout
- 15C. Irish Extra Stout

#### Class 16. DARK BRITISH BEER

- 16A. Sweet Stout
- 16B. Oatmeal Stout
- 16C. Tropical Stout
- 16D. Foreign Extra Stout

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#### Class 17. STRONG BRITISH ALE

- 17A. British Strong Ale
- 17B. Old Ale
- 17C. Wee Heavy
- 17D. English Barleywine

#### Class 18. PALE AMERICAN ALE

- 18A. Blonde Ale
- 18B. American Pale Ale

#### Class 19. AMBER & BROWN AMERICAN

- 19A. American Amber Ale
- 19B. California Common
- 19C. American Brown Ale

#### Class 20. AMERICAN PORTER AND STOUT

- 20A. American Porter
- 20B. American Stout
- 20C. Imperial Stout

#### Class 21. IPA

- 21A. American IPA
- 21B. Specialty IPA

#### Class 22. STRONG AMERICAN ALE

- 22A. Double IPA
- 22B. American Strong Ale
- 22C. American Barleywine
- 22D. Wheatwine

#### Class 23. EUROPEAN SOUR ALE

- 23A. Berliner Weisse
- 23B. Flanders Red Ale
- 23C. Oud Bruin
- 23D. Lambic
- 23E. Gueuze
- 23F. Fruit Lambic

#### Class 24. BELGIAN ALE

- 24A. Witbier
- 24B. Belgian Pale Ale
- 24C. Bière de Garde

#### Class 25. STRONG BELGIAN ALE

- 25A. Belgian Blond Ale
- 25B. Saison
- 25C. Belgian Golden Strong Ale

#### Class 26. TRAPPIST ALE

- 26A. Trappist Single
- 26B. Belgian Dubbel
- 26C. Belgian Tripel
- 26D. Belgian Dark Strong Ale

#### Class 27. HISTORICAL BEER

#### Class 28. AMERICAN WILD ALE

- 28A. Brett Beer
- 28B. Mixed-Fermentation Sour Beer
- 28C. Wild Specialty Beer

#### Class 29. FRUIT BEER

- 29A. Fruit Beer
- 29B. Fruit and Spice Beer
- 29C. Specialty Fruit Beer

#### Class 30. SPICED BEER

- 30A. Spice, Herb, or Vegetable Beer
- 30B. Autumn Seasonal Beer
- 30C. Winter Seasonal Beer

#### Class 31. ALTERNATIVE FERMENTABLES

- 31A. Alternative Grain Beer
- 31B. Alternative Sugar Beer

#### Class 32. SMOKED BEER

- 32A. Classic Style Smoked Beer
- 32B. Specialty Smoked Beer

#### Class 33. WOOD BEER

- 33A. Wood-Aged Beer
- 33B. Specialty Wood-Aged Beer

#### Class 34. SPECIALTY BEER

- 34A. Clone Beer
- 34B. Mixed-Style Beer
- 34C. Experimental Beer

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#### Class X. LOCAL STYLES

- X1. Dorada Pampeana
- X2. IPA Argenta
- X3. Italian Grape Ale

#### Class M1. TRADITIONAL MEAD

- M1A. Dry Mead
- M1B. Semi-Sweet Mead
- M1C. Sweet Mead

#### Class M2. FRUIT MEAD

- M2A. Cyser
- M2B. Pymment
- M2C. Berry Mead
- M2D. Stone Fruit Mead
- M2E. Melomel

#### Class M3. SPICED MEAD

- M3A. Fruit and Spice Mead
- M3B. Spice, Herb or Vegetable Mead

#### Class M4. SPECIALTY MEAD

- M4A. Braggot
- M4B. Historical Mead
- M4C. Experimental Mead

#### Class C1. STANDARD CIDER AND PERRY

- C1A. New World Cider
- C1B. English Cider
- C1C. French Cider
- C1D. New World Perry
- C1E. Traditional Perry

#### Class C2. SPECIALTY CIDER AND PERRY

- C2A. New England Cider
- C2B. Cider with Other Fruit
- C2C. Applewine
- C2D. Ice Cider
- C2E. Cider with Herbs/Spices
- C2F. Specialty Cider/Perry



## DIVISION 415 – HOMEBREW LABEL DESIGN

Exhibitors entering **HOMEBREW DIVISION 405** (above), may enter the HOMEBREW LABEL DESIGN **DIVISION 415** for free.

### ENTRY REGISTRATION:

- a Although homebrew artwork entries are free of charge, they must be pre-registered via either:
  - **Online Entry** by noon Saturday April 21 at [www.alamedbabo.fairmanager.com](http://www.alamedbabo.fairmanager.com) or
  - **Paper entries** received by Monday April 16 at the Alameda County Fair Exhibits Office.

**DELIVERY:** Like HOMEBREW above.

- a Prepared Homebrew Label Design entries (described below) maybe shipped or hand-delivered to the **More Beer San Leandro Showroom** by the end of business Thursday April 19.
- b Homebrew Label entries **MUST BE hand-delivered** to all other locations (therefore not shipped) by an hour before their end of business Thursday April 19.
- c Homebrew Label entries may be dropped off to the fairgrounds from 10AM until noon April 21.  
**No entries will be accepted after noon on Saturday April 21.**

### LIMITATIONS:

- a Only 3 HOMEBREW LABEL DESIGNS per class will be accepted.

### PREPARING BOTTLE ENTRIES:

- a For each Homebrew Label Design entry, submit one empty, clean, standard, brown, 12 ounce, long neck bottle with the HOMEBREW LABEL DESIGN neatly glued to the bottle.
- b Due to the inconvenience of handling, no other bottles will be accepted.
- c Attach an identifying label via rubber band, preferably printing the computer generated label online at: [www.beercomps.org/babo](http://www.beercomps.org/babo). Otherwise, this label should uniquely identify the entry including entrant name, assigned fair entry number, division 415, class ('1' or '2' as defined below). Please spell out the class name.  
This label will be used by fair staff to track HOMEBREW LABEL DESIGN entries.
- d Entries become the property of the Alameda County Fair and will not be returned.

### JUDGING:

- a Homebrew label designs must reflect good taste.
- b Judging criteria will be based on an exhibitor's creativity and originality.
- c Judges will be looking for an "*attention grabber*" that elicits further investigation based on use of color, design and composition.
- d Judges will beer aficionados, most likely experienced and BJCP ranked judges.
- e Judges' decision is final. Judging will be closed to exhibitors.
- f Results will not be given by phone.

### DISPLAY:

HOMEBREW LABELS will be displayed in the Agriculture Building for the duration of the Fair.

**AWARDS:** Special rosettes awarded for 1st, 2nd, and 3rd in each class.

**Class 1.** Fair Theme Label,  
"Hello Summer!"

**Class 2.** Best Homebrew Bottle Label