

2019 ALAMEDA COUNTY FAIR

HOMEBREW COMPETITION

Presented by: Draught Board Home Brew Club



Entry Deadline: Monday, April 15 Paper Entry
Midnight, Friday April 19 Online Entry
Enter Online at: alamedbabo.fairmanager.com
[Bottle Labels](#)

BAY AREA BREW OFF HOMEBREW COMPETITION

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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
 - On-line registration and fees must be completed by **midnight, Friday April 19, 2019.**
- **\$12 per paper entry**
 - Paper entries and fees must be post marked or delivered to the Alameda County Fair Exhibit office by Monday April 15, 2019. (No late paper entries will be accepted).
- Make checks payable to '*Alameda County Fair Association*'.
The \$2 premium covers manual handling of the paper entries.

ENTRY DROP OFF LOCATIONS

[BOTTLE LABELS CLICK HERE](#)

Monday April 8 to Thursday April 18	MORE BEER San Leandro Showroom 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 8 to Thursday April 18	OAK BARREL WINECRAFT 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 8 to Thursday April 18	HopTech 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 8 to Thursday April 18	Lodi Wine Labs 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 8 to Thursday April 18	MORE BEER Los Altos Showroom 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 8 to Thursday April 18	BEER and WINE MAKERS of AMERICA 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 8 to Thursday April 18	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 20	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 **midnight Friday April 19** at www.alamedbabo.fairmanager.com or **Paper entries** must be postmarked by Monday April 15 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 18.
- b. Bottle entries **MUST BE hand-delivered** to all other locations (therefore not shipped) by an hour before their end of business Thursday April 18.
- c. Bottle entries may be dropped off to the fairgrounds from 10AM until noon on Saturday April 20.
No entries will be accepted after noon Saturday April 20.

3. LIMITATIONS:

- a. Competition is open to all homebrewers over 21 years of age on April 20, 2019. 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 at: [BABO LABEL LINK](#).
- c. PLEASE review the **2015** BJCP style guidelines at 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 1st, 2nd and 3rd place entry in each flight.
- c. Judges will evaluate entries against the 2015 BJCP Guideline at 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 (Q) for the duration of the Fair.

AWARDS

- a** Special rosettes awarded for 1st, 2nd, and 3rd in each class.
- b** **Best of Show** \$75 gift certificate from HopTech.
- c** Gift certificates will be awarded to 1st 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.

SPECIAL AWARDS

ALAMEDA COUNTY FAIR ASSOCIATION

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

Cash Awards Per CLASS

1st	2nd	3rd
\$5	\$4	\$3

HOMEBREW 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 Midnight, Friday April 19 at www.alamedbabo.fairmanager.com or
 - **Paper entries** postmarked by Monday April 15 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 18.
- 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 18.
- c Homebrew Label entries may be dropped off to the fairgrounds from 10AM until noon April 20.
No entries will be accepted after noon on Saturday April 20.

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 affixed to the bottle.
- b Due to the inconvenience of handling, no other bottles will be accepted.
- c Attach an entry label via rubber band, preferably printing the computer generated label online at: [Beer Labels](#). 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 (Q) for the duration of the Fair.

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

Class 1. Fair Theme Label,
"I Spy Summer!"

Class 2. Best Homebrew Bottle Label