

**2023 BUFFALO COUNTY FAIR  
DIVISION 55  
OPEN CLASS: BEER, MEAD & WINE  
Doug Kramer–Superintendent**

BEER, MEAD & WINE AWARD SYSTEM – Award Percent of possible points

First – (38-50 Points-Blue Ribbon)

Second – (30-37 Points-Red Ribbon)

Third – (25-29 Points-White Ribbon)

(USING THE 2008 BJCP STYLE GUIDELINES for Beer & Mead)

**GENERAL RULES FOR ALL ENTRIES**

Entry Fees: \$2.00 per entry. Payment can be made via Debit or Credit Card or Check when entering your exhibit(s) online OR Check/Money Order included with your entries when you ship or deliver them. Payable to: **Buffalo County Fair-P.O. Box 74, Kearney, NE 68848**

Ship or deliver all entries to:

**Buffalo County Agricultural Association  
3807 Avenue N  
Kearney, NE 68847**

**ONLINE REGISTRATION OPENS: MAY 15**

Entries accepted between **Saturday, July 1 and Friday, July 21, 2023 ALL ENTRIES MUST BE IN THE HANDS OF THE SUPERINTENDENTS BY JULY 21st.** No entries will be accepted after this time. **Judging will be at 2:00 PM, Sunday July 23 at The Buffalo County Fairgrounds in the Exhibit Building Harvest Room.**

\*\*\*\*PLEASE EMAIL KEARNEY AREA BREWERS AT [kabrewers@gmail.com](mailto:kabrewers@gmail.com) WITH ADDITIONAL QUESTIONS.

**SPECIAL AWARDS**

Prizes will be awarded for the following:

Best of Show in Beer  
Best of Show in Beer Runner-UP  
Best of Show in Mead  
Best of Show in Mead Runner-UP  
Best of Show in Wine Division  
Best of Show in Wine Runner-Up  
Person with the Most Entries  
Best Brewer (Most 1st Place Winners/Most Points)

Additional Awards:

Premiums for classes 760 – 875 **\*New for 2023, All premiums have been increased**  
Blue \$4; Red \$3; White \$2

**RULES FOR BEER & MEAD ENTRIES**

1. BEER entries must be in (2) bottles per entry that hold a minimum of 10 ounces in volume, and that will fit in a standard case box slot. The measurements of a standard case box slot are 2.75 inches long x 2.75 inches wide x 9 inches high (7 cm x 7 cm x 22.9 cm). Bottles may be of any color and must be free of ink, paint, or paper labeling other than competition entry labels. Obliterate any lettering or graphics on the cap with a permanent black marker. Bottles with Grölsch-type swing tops and 22 oz Bomber bottles are not allowed. Corked bottles and odd-shaped bottles are acceptable as long as they can fit in a standard case box slot (2.75 inches L x 2.75 in W x 9 in H; 7 cm x 7 cm x 22.9 cm). Bottles with raised lettering are acceptable if they fit in a standard case box slot. Mead and Cider must be submitted in two (2) bottles as defined for the Beer entries or one 750 ml wine bottle. Bottles not meeting the above requirements will be disqualified. There is no limit to the number of entries per exhibitor. **\*\*\* (THERE MUST BE TWO BOTTLES PER ENTRY FOR JUDGING ONE FOR THE INITIAL JUDGING AND THE SECOND FOR THE BEST OF SHOW JUDGING) \*\*\***
2. No bottles, caps or corks will be accepted that have markings on them, other than the OFFICIAL ENTRY LABEL. Entries bearing such will be refused.
3. Only the Superintendents, Judges, Stewards, and Scorekeepers will be allowed in the judging area.
4. Exhibitors and spectators are not allowed to converse with the judges during the competition. Violators will be disqualified or asked to leave the building.
5. Judges may enter the competition, but will not be allowed to judge in a class in which they have entered.
6. Decisions of the judges are final.
7. All entries must be homemade, according to Fair Rules by amateur home brewers. Commercial beers and brew makers may not enter.
8. All bottles will be disposed of after the fair.
9. Please list the type of beer you are entering, e.g. Cherry Wheat, Dry Stout, Trappiest Ale, etc. Do not list the name of beer, e.g.; Terminator Stout.

10. All beer will be judged according to their relative merits within the class. First, Second and Third places within each class will be awarded on point totals and will not be restricted to the top three beers only (for example, a number of beers may earn enough points to win First). The Best of Show and runner up awards are given to the top two overall beers and meads in the entire competition.

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## **BEER**

### **LIGHT LAGER**

#### Classes

- 760. Lite American Lager (1A)
- 761. Standard American Lager (1B)
- 762. Premium American Lager (1C)
- 763. Munich Hells (1D)
- 764. Dortmunder Export (1E)

### **PILSNER**

#### Classes

- 765. German Pilsner (Pils) (2A)
- 766. Bohemian Pilsener (2B)
- 767. Classic American Pilsner (2C)

### **EUROPEAN AMBER LAGER**

#### Classes

- 768 Vienna Lager (3A)
- 769. Oktobertest/Marzen (3B)

### **DARK LAGER**

#### Classes

- 770. Dark American Lager (4A)
- 771. Munich Dunkel (4B)
- 772. Schwarzbier (Black Beer) (4C)

### **BOCK**

#### Classes

- 773. Mailbock/Helles Bock (5A)
- 774. Traditional Bock (5B)
- 775. Doppelbock (5C)
- 776. Eisbock (5D)

### **LIGHT HYBRID BEER**

#### Classes

- 777. Cream Ale (6A)
- 778. Blonde Ale (6B)
- 779. Kolsch (6C)
- 780. American Wheat or Rye Beer (6D)

### **AMBER HYBRID BEER**

#### Classes

- 781. Northern German Altbier (7A)
- 782. California Common Beer (7B)
- 783. Dusseldorf Altbier (7C)

### **ENGLISH PALE ALE**

#### Classes

- 784. Standard/Ordinary Bitter (8A)
- 785. Special/Best/Premium Bitter (8B)
- 786. Extra Special/Strong Bitter (English Pale Ale) (8C)

### **SCOTTISH AND IRISH ALE**

#### Classes

- 787. Scottish Light 60/-(9A)

- 788. Scottish Heave 70/- (9B)
- 789. Scottish Export 80/-(9C)
- 790. Irish Red Ale (9D)
- 791. Strong Scotch Ale (9E)

#### AMERICAN ALE

##### Classes

- 792. American Pale Ale (10A)
- 793. American Amber Ale (10B)
- 794. American Brown Ale (10C)

#### ENGLISH BROWN ALE

##### Classes

- 795. Mild (11A)
- 796. Southern English Brown (11B)
- 797. Northern English Brown Ale (11C)

#### PORTER

##### Classes

- 798. Brown Porter (12A)
- 799. Robust Porter (12B)
- 800. Baltic Porter (12C)

#### STOUT

##### Classes

- 801. Dry Stout (13A)
- 802. Sweet Stout (13B)
- 803. Oatmeal Stout (13C)
- 804. Foreign Extra Stout (13D)
- 805. American Stout (13E)
- 806. Russian Imperial Stout (13F)

#### INDIA PALE ALE (IPA)

##### Classes

- 807. English IPA (14A)
- 808. American IPA (14B)
- 809. Imperial IPA (14C)

#### GERMAN WHEAT AND RYE BEER

##### Classes

- 810. Weizen/Weissbier (15A)
- 811. Dunkelweizen (15B)
- 812. Weizenbock (15C)
- 813. Roggenbier (German Rye Beer) (15D)

#### BELGIAN AND FRENCH ALE

##### Classes

- 814. Witbier (16A)
- 815. Belgian Pale Ale (16B)
- 816. Saison (16C)
- 817. Biere de Garde (16D)
- 818. Belgian Specialty Ale (16E)

#### SOUR ALE

##### Classes

- 819. Berliner Weisse (17A)
- 820. Flanders Red Ale (17B)
- 821. Flanders Brown Ale/oud Bruin (17C)
- 822. Straight (Unblended) Lambic (17D)
- 823. Gueuze (17E)
- 824. Fruit Lambic (17F)

#### BELGIAN STRONG ALE

##### Classes

- 825. Belgian Blonde Ale (18A)
- 826. Belgian Dubbel (18B)
- 827. Belgian Tripel (18C)
- 828. Belgian Golden Strong Ale (18D)
- 829. Belgian Dark Strong Ale (18E)

#### STRONG ALE

##### Classes

- 830. Old Ale (19A)

831. English Barleywine (19B)  
832. American Barleywine (19C)

833. FRUIT BEER (20)

SPICE/HERB/VEGETABLE BEER

834. Spice, Herb, or Vegetable Beer (21A)  
835. Christmas/Winter Speciality Spiced Beer (21B)

SMOKED-FLAVORED AND WOOD-AGED BEER

Classes

836. Classic Rauchbier (22A)  
837. Other Smoked Beers (22B)  
838. Wood-Aged Beer (22C)  
839. SPECIALITY BEER (23)

**MEAD**

TRADITIONAL MEAD

Classes

840. Dry Mead (24A)  
841. Semi-sweet Mead (24B)  
842. Sweet Mead (24C)

MELOMEL (FRUIT MEAD)

Classes

843. Cyser (Apple Melomel) (25A)  
844. Pymment (Grape Melomel) (25B)  
845. Other Fruit Melomel (25C)

OTHER MEAD

846. Metheglin (26A)  
847. Braggot (26B)  
848. Open Category Mead (26C)

STANDARD CIDER AND PERRY

Classes

849. Common Cider (27A)  
850. English Cider (27B)  
851. French Cider (27C)  
852. Common Perry (27D)  
853. Traditional Perry (27E)

SPECIALITY CIDER AND PERRY

Classes

854. New England Cider (28A)  
855. Fruit Cider (28B)  
856. Applewine (28C)  
857. Other Speciality Cider/Perry (28D)

**RULES FOR WINE EXHIBITS**

1. Open to any amateur wine maker. Wine must be homemade. Commercial wines and wine makers may not enter.
2. Entries must be submitted in a 750 ml wine bottle. Only one bottle per entry is needed in all classes. Still wines should be in cork finished bottles. Sparkling wines should be champagne corks as well as a wire closure for the safety of all involved.
3. Entries shall bear no labels, markings, or bottle decorations, other than Official Entry label. Entries bearing such will be refused.
4. There is no limit to the number of entries per exhibitor. All entries in the same class by an individual exhibitor must be different.
5. The judge's decision will be final.
6. Only the Superintendent, Judges, Stewards, and Scorekeeper will be allowed in the judging area.
7. Exhibitors & spectators are not allowed to converse with judges during the competition. Violators will be disqualified or asked to leave the building.
8. Judges and Superintendents will not be allowed to enter wines for competition in any class which they are judging.
9. All bottles will be disposed of after the Fair.
10. Wine kits and concentrate-based wines will compete side-by-side with fresh fruit and juice-based wines in all listed classes.
11. It is entirely up to the Exhibitor to decide which classes you should enter. You should enter each wine in the class in which you feel it will perform best. Wines must contain a minimum of 75% of designated type if entered as a varietal. Varietals of less than 75% must be entered as blends. To make sure all entries are judged fairly, the Judges may re-classify an entry that is obviously in the wrong class or has over 75% percentage of a specific varietal but is entered as a blend.
12. All wines will be judged according to their relative merits within the class. First, Second and Third places within each class will be awarded on point totals and will not be restricted to the top three wines only (for example, a number of wines may earn enough points to win First). The Best of Show and runner up awards are given to the top two overall wines in the entire competition.

**WINES**  
Classes

- 865. Dry Red - Grape
- 866. Sweet Red - Grape
- 867. Dry White - Grape
- 868. Sweet White - Grape
- 869. Dry Sparkling - Grape and Non Grape
- 870. Sweet Sparkling - Grape and Non Grape
- 871. Stone Fruit - Peach, Cherry, Blends, etc.
- 872. Berry Fruit - Strawberry, Raspberry, Blends etc.
- 873. Other Fruit
- 874. Port/Fortified Wine
- 875. Open (wines that do not fit in any other category)

**Wine Entry Only Label**

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(Attach to the bottle with a rubber band)

**Name:**

**Address:**

**City/State/Zip:**

**Phone/Email:**

**Wine Class:** (from the General Rules above)

**Ingredients:**

(Please enter all information and print legibly)

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**BOTTLE ID FORM . . .**

Name \_\_\_\_\_

Street Address \_\_\_\_\_

City \_\_\_\_\_

State \_\_\_\_\_ Zip \_\_\_\_\_

Phone Number \_\_\_\_\_

Email Address \_\_\_\_\_

Name of Beer \_\_\_\_\_

Category Entered \_\_\_\_\_

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