Copenhagen Open

Best european brewing club 2008

Competition guidelines

Who can enter ?
European brewclubs with at least 4 active members in which membership is open to the general public.

How to enter:
To sign up for the competition please complete and return the registration form. The recipes for the entered beer will be published after the competition and it is a requirement that participants register the beer using the BeerCalc software.
The BeerCalc platform is used by the majority of Danish homebrewers for developing beer recipes, and is the source of over 8000 recipes. Go to http://www.haandbryg.dk/cgi-bin/beercalc.cgi and follow the instructions. You will need to register your club as a "New Brewer". The log-in name should be the name of your brewclub. Further information on how to enter your beer data can be found on http://haandbryg.dk/calc_competitions_en.html
The deadline for entering your beer recipes in BeerCalc is Sunday, July 27th 2008. Your registration for the competition is not valid until we have received a completed registration form and payment of the registration fee. Tickets will be sent to the club representative by the end of August.
The steps in signing up are:
1 – Register as a BeerCalc user – enter your beer recipes and enter them for EBF – now you beers have Ref. #'s.
2 – Fill in the registration form and making sure we receive it no later than 15th of August.
3 – Transfer the registration fee by 15th of August.
4 – Deliver or send your beers so that we have them no later than 22nd of August.

Payment
The registration fee for the competition is 300,- DKKr. The deadline line for paying the registration fee is Friday August 15th 2008. Payment is done by transferring the money to the organizers bankaccount:
Nordea Bank Danmark A/S, Registration# 1905 Account# 7559-147-693
IBAN: DK0220007559147693 BIC(SWIFT): NDEADKKK
REMEMBER to write your login name from BeerCalc in the text field for the recipient so we may know who paid the fee!

Delivering the beer
In Denmark the beer can be handed in during the normal opening hours of Brygladen and Maltbazaren.
Beer can also be sent to: Claus Barholm-Hansen, Munkevej 25A, DK-3500 Vaerloese, Denmark. The beer may be sent from July 25th and onwards. Beers must be received no later than August 22nd 2008 or it will not be included in the competition.

Bottling and marking
Beer for the competition should be bottled in either 33cL or 50 cL bottles and be sealed with crown caps. As an experiment it is also allowed to use 50 cL PET plastic bottles intended for carbonated drinks sealed with screwtops.
From each of the categories A, B and C there must be supplied 3 bottles. Each bottle should have a white label stating the entry number from BeerCalc. The number should also be written on the cap. This greatly helps during handling of bottles.

Finding the winner
The beer will be judged according to the style guide from the association of Danish beer judges 2008. There will be a preliminary round held ahead of the beerfestival and a final round on September 13th 2008.
In the preliminary round the beers will be given points according to style and base on the average points of the three beers from each club the participants going to the final will be found.
The final is decided in a similar manner. If a similar score is obtained by two p articipants the lowest placement score will win. In case there still is a draw the winner will be found by drawing lots.

Judging
We invite certified beer judges who are attending the European beer festival to join the evaluation panel of the competition. For further information please write to claus.barholm.hansen@oeldommer.dk.

Prizes
A trophy will be presented to the winning club and a diploma will be awarded to the highest scoring beer in each style.

Further rules – the small print
The brewclub may not receive external help in the brewing of beer for the competition, neither in the form of equipment nor ingredients. The brewclub may not be involved in commercial brewing.
Judges evaluating beer in the competition may not be involved in the brewing of beer for this competition, and if they are members of a participating brewclub they must inform the organizers of this.
The beer and bottles supplied for the competition will not be returned and is at the disposal of the organizers. The registration fee is not refunded upon failure to supply the beer or if the beer has been damaged during shipping.
The contact person from the participating brewclub verifies by his signature that participating members of the club are 18 years or older and that they accept the decisions made by the organizers in the event that situations arise that are not described in these rules. We retain the right to make changes to the competition.