

***Three Rivers Alliance of Serious Homebrewers
of Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania proudly presents our
19th Annual Homebrew, Cider, and Mead Competition***
Saturday, July 18, 2009

Dear Fellow Homebrewer:

The Three Rivers Alliance of Serious Homebrewers (TRASH) invites you to have your homebrew evaluated at our 19th Annual Homebrew, Cider, and Mead competition at Rivertowne Pour House in Monroeville, PA. This competition is sanctioned by both the American Homebrewers Association (AHA) and the Beer Judge Certification Program (BJCP). Over the years, many have enjoyed an event that provides high-quality feedback to all entrants, ribbons and great prizes to those who win, and an entertaining day for those who participate as judges or stewards. Attached you will find a complete entry package.

Rivertowne Award – This year, TRASH is excited to announce the Rivertowne Pour House Award. The winner of this award will have their beer commercially brewed by Rivertowne Pour House in Monroeville, PA! As the winner, you will be invited to assist one of the brewers at Rivertowne with scaling up the recipe and brewing the winning beer.

Quality and experienced judging is the hallmark of our competition! TRASH has grown the number of BJCP judges within the club and also has a strong tradition of welcoming out-of-town judges from the Midwest, New England, and Mid-Atlantic regions. Our goal is to let judges know which style(s) they will be evaluating in advance so that they can be prepared and can research the styles in detail. If you are an experienced or beginning judge, we invite you to help us judge TRASH XIX. To judge, you can complete and mail the attached form, or contact Judge Director Mike Ameel at trashcompetition@yahoo.com. Pittsburgh/Monroeville is just a short drive from Ohio, West Virginia, Northern Virginia, Maryland, New York, and east coast cities. If you plan to stay the night in Pittsburgh and need a place to stay, let Mike know, because we may have beds available for out-of-town judges. BJCP points will promptly be awarded to all judges and stewards.

Prizes! Prizes! Prizes! – In the past, TRASH has acquired great prizes from local establishments, breweries, suppliers and other sponsors. This year we expect even more prizes! In addition to prizes, the first, second and third place winners in each flight will receive a medal.

Entry fee is reasonably priced. Each entry is \$6.00. Please make checks payable to our Treasurer, Armand Houle (NOT TRASH!).

Feedback and Results – Judges' score sheets and prizes will be promptly prepared and returned to your drop-off location or for mailing (non-local entries) so that all entrants will receive feedback in a timely manner. The results from TRASH XIX will also be posted at Trash Talk, our on-line forum, at <http://trashhomebrewers.org> after completion of the competition.

Turtle Creek Homebrewers Award – This is a TRASH tradition to honor our roots as the Turtle Creek Homebrew Club. This year, points will be awarded in each flight as follows: 3 points for 1st, 2 points for 2nd, and 1 point for 3rd place. The Turtle Creek Award will be presented to the homebrewer with the highest number of accumulated points.

Location – If the judging and camaraderie are not enough to get you to participate in TRASH XIX, Rivertowne Pour House is also hosting our competition. In addition to a great brewery, Rivertowne has a great menu that includes a full bar, soups, salads, subs, sandwiches, pizza, pasta, wraps, and a minnow (kids) menu. Rivertowne is just a few minutes drive from the intersection of I376 and the PA Turnpike in Monroeville, PA.

If you have any questions, contact me at 412.952.9474 or at peter_kozlowski@fastmail.fm.

Cheers and Best of Luck!

Peter Kozlowski
Competition Organizer



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TRASH XIX Rules and Regulations

- 1. Eligibility:** TRASH XIX is open to all homebrewers, regardless of location and/or TRASH affiliation. For beer, mead, or cider brewed by more than one individual must list the names of all brewers. All entries must be homebrewed; that is, brewed "in the home." Entries brewed at any brewpub, microbrewery, or other commercial facility, including "Brew-on-Premises" or "U-Brew" type establishments, are not eligible.
- 2. Categories:** TRASH XIX will use the style numbers and sub-style letters on the attached category chart, which are from the 2008 BJCP Style Guidelines. **Each sub-style can only be entered once: categories 20 and 23 can only be entered once each.** The entrant is responsible for placing their entry in the proper style/sub-style. No entries will be reclassified. Visit the BJCP webpage at <http://www.bjcp.org/stylecenter.php> for more information on style guidelines.
- 3. Entry:** For EACH entry, submit two (2) 10 to 16-ounce brown or green glass bottles that are **free of any labels, raised lettering, or other distinguishing markings.** If a printed cap is used, all printing must be blacked out with a permanent black marker. Swing top bottles are not permitted. Entries not meeting these requirements will not be judged; no exceptions. Each bottle must have a completed bottle label attached with a rubber band.
- 4. Entry Period:** The entry deadline is Friday, July 3, 2009. Entries will be accepted starting Saturday, June 16. Entries can be shipped or dropped-off. If you ship your entries, make sure that they are received by July 3. Out-of-town judges can bring their entries with them to the competition; your paper entry forms must be submitted to the Competition Organizer by July 3.
- 5. Flights:** Based on the number of entries received in each BJCP style/sub-style, some style categories will be collapsed/combined into flights of similar style. Collapsing of styles is at the discretion of the Competition Organizer.
- 6. Other:** Judging is not opened to the public. TRASH and/or Rivertowne Pour House reserve the right to disqualify any entry. The announcement of the Best of Show Winner, Rivertowne Winner, Turtle Creek Homebrewer Award Winner, and category winners will be announced immediately following the competition.

'Best of Show' Award Winner

1. The Best of Show Award winner is open to all BJCP Categories except Categories 24 to 28.
2. The first place entry of each flight will advance to the Best of Show round where the judges will determine the overall Best of Show winner.

'Rivertowne Award' Winner

1. The winner of the Rivertowne Award will have their beer commercially brewed by the brewers at the Rivertowne Pour House.
2. Eligibility for the Rivertowne Award is open to all BJCP Categories except Categories 17, 24 through 28, wood-aged beers (Category 22), and any beer containing wild and/or bacteria-type yeasts.
3. Final selection of the Rivertowne Award winner will be determined by a judging panel selected by Rivertowne Pour House management. Rivertowne Pour House will make the final decision of the winner of the Rivertowne Award. The winner of the Rivertowne Award will be selected from the beers eligible for Best of Show, except for those in those categories identified above.
4. To be eligible for the Rivertowne Award, the entrant agrees to provide their beer recipe after winning the award. The recipe will become the property of Rivertowne Pour House and will be used for a single commercial brewing of the winning beer.
5. Rivertowne will attempt to maintain the integrity of the homebrewer's recipe; however, modifications to recipes, particularly those containing fruit, spices and/or herbs, or beers with an alcohol content greater than 9% ABV, will be subject to modification by Rivertowne for commercial volume brewing.
6. Rivertowne reserves the right to brew the beer at an appropriate seasonal time consistent with the winning beer style.
7. The winner of the Rivertowne Award will be invited to assist the brewer at Rivertowne with scaling up the recipe and brewing the beer.
8. The winner of the Rivertowne Award will be asked to name their beer. Rivertowne has the right for final name selection based on the appropriateness of the named entry.

'Turtle Creek Homebrewer' Award

The Turtle Creek Homebrewer Award is a TRASH tradition that started over ten years ago to honor our roots as the Turtle Creek Homebrew Club.

This year points will be awarded from all flights as follows: 3 points for 1st, 2 points for 2nd, and 1 point for 3rd place. The Turtle Creek Award will be presented to the homebrewer with the highest number of accumulated points.

TRASH XIX ENTRY FORM

Entries are due from June 16 to July 3, 2009. No Exceptions!

To enter TRASH XIX, simply fill out this entry form and the attached bottle identification form.

BREWER'S INFORMATION:

Name(s) _____

Street Address _____

City _____ State _____ Zip _____

Phone _____ Email _____

Homebrew Club(s) you are a member of _____

ENTRY INFORMATION (See attached BJCP Styles List):

Style Number _____ Sub-style letter _____ For Style Numbers 20 through 28, the brewer **must** enter the appropriate information next to the Style Number, below:

20) _____ Fruit Beer, classic style/special ingredients: _____

21) _____ Herb and Spice Beer, classic style/special ingredients: _____

22) _____ Smoke-Flavored Beer, classic style (if applicable): _____

23) _____ Specialty comments/ingredients: _____

24-26) _____ Mead (still or sparkling / dry, semi-sweet, or sweet) special ingredients: _____

27-28) _____ Cider (still or sparkling / dry, semi-sweet, or sweet) special ingredients: _____

Name of Entry: _____ Date Bottled: _____

Specific Gravity: Initial _____ Final _____ Gallons Brewed: _____

All Grain, or All Extract, or Grain and Extract

of Entries _____ x \$6.00/entry = _____. Make checks **payable to Armand Houle, *not* TRASH.**

How did you learn about this competition? Internet, newspaper, supply shop, club, other

If Dropped Off.... WHERE? Country Wines South Hills Brewing Supply
 Triangle Homebrewing Supply Ben's Homebrew
 Porter House Brew Shop

Hint: Complete brewer information section of this entry form, then make copies for each entry; this works for bottle labels also.

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Bottle Identification Forms

Remember:

- Enclose entry fee: checks payable to **Armand Houle**, *not TRASH!*
- For EACH entry, submit **two** 10 to 16-ounce brown or green glass bottles that are free of any labels, raised lettering, or other distinguishing markings.
- Fill out all forms completely.
- If you are judging or would like to serve as a steward, contact Judge Director Mike Ameel via email at trashcompetition@yahoo.com.
- Entry window is June 16 to July 3, 2009.
- Ship Entries To:
 - TRASH XIX**
 - c/o Rivertowne Pour House**
 - 312 Center Road**
 - Monroeville, PA 15146**
 - Phone: 412.372.8119**
- OR Drop them off at one of the following locations:

Triangle Homebrewing Supply

2100 Smallman St.
Pittsburgh, PA 15222
Phone: 412.261.4707

Porter House Brew Shop

1284 Perry Hwy
Portersville, PA 16051
Phone: 724.368.9771

Country Wines

3333 Babcock Blvd.
Pittsburgh, PA 15237
Phone: 412.366.0151

South Hills Brewing Supply

2212 Noblestown Road
Greentree, PA 15205
Phone: 412.937.0773

Rivertowne Pour House

312 Center Road
Monroeville, PA 15146
Phone: 412.372.8119

Ben's Homebrew

327 East 6th Ave.
Tarentum, PA 15084
Phone: 724.409.4101

Bottle labels – attach one label to each bottle using a rubber band.

<p>Name: _____</p> <p>Address: _____</p> <p>City: _____</p> <p>State: ___ ZIP: _____</p> <p>Beer Name: _____</p> <p>BJCP Category: _____</p> <p>Subcategory: _____</p>	<p>Name: _____</p> <p>Address: _____</p> <p>City: _____</p> <p>State: ___ ZIP: _____</p> <p>Beer Name: _____</p> <p>BJCP Category: _____</p> <p>Subcategory: _____</p>
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