

Competitions update January 2020



2019 review

2019 was a good year for MCB in BJCP competitions.

Sadly the last comp of the year at Brewcon in November resulted in no MCB placings.

The following table is a summary of club results in non-MCB competitions for 2019.

Category placings				
	1st	2nd	3rd	4 th / HM
BJCP Comps	2	6	4	2
Other	2	-	-	-
Best of show placings				
	1st	2nd	3rd	
BJCP Comps	-	-	-	
Other	-	-	1	

Detailed results are shown on the following pages. As always, if you think any results or placings are missing, please contact Sean who will update the roll of honour.

2020

The first 2020 BJCP comp of the year was last weekend with the inaugural Midlands Invitational organised by Worcestershire Homebrew Club

Limited to a max of 80 entries for this first year and limited categories of 11 (Bitters), 12 (Pale Commonwealth Beers), & 13 (Brown British Beer), the competition resulted in one MCB placing, one WHBC placing and FIVE placings to London clubs!

WHBC would like to discuss with us about how a larger Midlands based competition is run in the future. Once they have had a chance to review how things went, they will contact me with a view to arranging a meeting with us to discuss. This will probably be a separate meeting outside of our usual meets.

Upcoming competitions are shown in the attached pages.

Remember that it is not about getting placed at competitions.....although that is nice if it happens. The main reason to enter BJCP competitions is to get detailed feedback in a standard format on your beers often with pointers on how to improve.

The standard at competitions has improved massively with some really excellent beers that score in excess of 40 often not being placed.

If you have any questions on these competitions, please give Sean a shout.

Sean
20/01/20



Recent MCB Placings and Upcoming Competitions.

If you know of any further upcoming competitions please let Sean know (midscraftbrewerswebmaster@gmail.com)
Please also let me know if you have placed in any competition



MCB PLACINGS IN RECENT COMPETITIONS (LAST 12 months)

Date	Competition Name	www 	Status	Notes	Table / Category	Place	Brewer	Beer Name	Category
19/01/2020	Worcestershire Homebrew Club Midlands Invitational 2020	https://www.worcestershirehomebrewclub.co.uk/midlands-invitational/#	Complete	Innaugural Midlands based BJCP Comp	Dark Ales (25 entries)	3rd	Sean O'T	Real Mild Child	13A Dark Mild
23 - 24/11/2019	Brewcon World Series III	https://www.brewcon-worldseries.com/	Complete	Held as part of Brewcon London. 500 entries	No MCB Placings :-{				
15/09/2019	Leamington Beer & Music Fest Homebrew Comp	http://leamingtonbeerfestival.org/homebrew	Complete	Annual Camra beer fest now with Homebrew comp.	Best of Show	3rd	Matt H	??	25B Saison
					Table # ??	1st	Matt H	??	25B Saison
					Table # ??	1st	Matt H	??	??
14/09/2019	Welsh National Homebrew Competition	https://homebrewcompetition.wales/@WelshBrewComp	Complete	This has been held for the past few years at Tiny Rebel in Newport. Typically around 300 entries.	French and Belgian (15 entries)	2nd	Sean O'T	Into The White	24A: Witbier
					Mild and Porter (13 entries)	3rd	Brian T	Craftwork	10A Weissbier
15/06/2019	ACB Homebrew Competition	https://competition.angliancraftbrewers.org.uk/	Complete	Inaugural ACB Homebrew Competition - 80 entries	French and Belgian (15 entries)	3rd	Matt H	White Walker	24B: Belgian Pale Ale
					Mild and Porter (13 entries)	2nd	Matt H	Saves Your Thanks's	13A: Dark Mild
18- 19/05/2019	LAB Open 2019	https://competitions.londonamateurbrewers.co.uk/labopen/ @labcomps	Complete	Formerly the London & SE Comp. c. 400 entries. This year's event will be held at Four Pure Brewery.	English Ales (22 entries)	2nd	Sean O'T	The Golden Path	12A English Golden Ale
						4th	Brian T	Augmented Reality	12A English Golden Ale
23/03/2019	National Homebrew club of Ireland Competition	https://competitions.nationalhomebrewclub.ie	Complete	Annual event. 230 entries	Spice, Herb & Vegetable (15 entries)	3rd	Sean O'T	Build Me Up Peanut Buttercup	30A: Peanut Butter Sweet Stout
09/03/2019	Lager Than Life	https://competitions.londonamateurbrewers.co.uk/lagerthanlife/ @labcomps	Complete	Organised by London Amateur Brewers in association with Pillars Brewery. 110 entries. Open to all lagers styles made using lager yeasts. UK's first lager only homebrew comp.	German pale malty lagers (14 entries)	2nd	Sean O'T	Rake at The Gates of Helles Tonight	4A: Munich Helles
						HM	Matt H	Helles Belles	4A: Munich Helles
					Vienna Lager (11 entries)	3rd	Matt H	Pure Vienna	7A Vienna Lager
16/02/2019	UK National Homebrew Competition	www.nationalhomebrewcompetition.org.uk @UKNHCB	Complete	Held at Bristol Brewery School / New Bristol Brewery. c.400 entries.	Pale Lager & Pilsners (20 entries)	1st	Sean O'T	Rake at The Gates of Helles Tonight	4A: Munich Helles
					Spice, Herb & Vegetable (15 entries)	1st	Matt H	Sweet Like Chocolate	30A: Sweet Stout with Cacao Nibs in secondary
					IPAs (15 entries)	2nd	Matt H	Hazy Days	21A: American IPA
					Stout (18 entries)	2nd	Allen B	Bege Stout	20B: American Stout


IF YOU HAVE PLACED IN ANY NON-MCB COMPETITIONS IN THE LAST YEAR NOT DETAILED HERE, PLEASE CONTACT SEAN WITH DETAILS FOR INCLUSION ON THE MCB ROLL OF HONOUR.

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UPCOMING COMPETITIONS

Date	Competition Name	www 	Status	Notes
25/01/2020	Scottish Craft Brewers Annual Competition	www.scottishcraftbrewers.org/Competition @ScotCraftBrew	Closed for entries	Annual Comp. Limited categories for 2020 as follows: 2A International Pale Lager 12C English IPA 17C Wee Heavy 18B American Pale Ale 20A American Porter 22A Double IPA
15/02/2020	UK National Homebrew Competition	www.nationalhomebrewcompetition.org.uk @UKNHC	Closed for entries	Held at Bristol Brewery School / New Bristol Brewery. c.400 entries.
22/02/2020	Biela Vrana 2019	http://www.biela-vrana.sk/sutaz/	Open for entries until 07/02/20	Annual BJCP comp organised by Cassovia Homebrew Club in the eastern Slovakia. 2020 limited categories as follows: 9A Doppelbock 15B Irish Stout 16A Sweet Stout 16D Foreign Extra Stout 26D Belgian Dark Strong Ale 27A2 Piwo Grodziskie 28B Mixed Fermentation Sour Beer 28C Wild Specialty Beer 37A Experimental Beer – Slovak Herbal Ale (Summer) (Custom Style)
07-10/05/2019	Wales & West	http://walesandwest.org.uk/the-competition/	See website for details.	An NGWBJ and BJCP competition. 2020 event to be held near Abingdon, Oxfordshire
May 2020 (TBC)	LAB Open 2020	https://competitions.londonamateurbrewers.co.uk/labopen/ @labcomps	Not open for entries yet	Formerly the London & SE Comp. c. 400 entries. Last few years held at Four Pure Brewery in Bermondsey. This year will be at a new venue still to be announced..
16/03/2019	9th Hungarian International Homebrewers Competition	http://competition.elsosor.hu	Open for entries until 01/03/2020	Annual event. 300 entries max
07/03/2020	Lager than Life	https://competitions.londonamateurbrewers.co.uk/lagerthanlife/ @labcomps	Closed for entries	Organised by London Amateur Brewers in association with Pillars Brewery. As of 20/01/20 there were 4 entries left (max 110 spaces). Lager only fermented with bottom fermenting yeasts.
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01/09/2020	Welsh National Homebrew Competition	https://homebrewcompetition.wales/@WelshBrewComp	Not open for entries yet	This has been held for the past few years at Tiny Rebel in Newport. Typically around 300 entries.
01/09/2020 ?	Leamington Beer & Music Fest Homebrew Comp	http://leamingtonbeerfestival.org/homebrew	Not open for entries yet	Annual Camra beer fest now with Homebrew comp.
01/09/2020 ?	Mevashlim - Craft Brewing Competition 2019	http://mevashlim.b7homebrewclub.org/	Not open for entries yet	Israeli competition
Oct 2020 TBC	Prague Homebrewing Competition 2019	http://brewprague.cz https://www.facebook.com/brewprague/	Not open for entries yet. Contact brewprague@gmail.com for details	Limited Categories. Czech Premium Pale Lager (3B), American Pale Ale (18B), Witbier (24A), All Brett IPA (28A), Baltic Porter (9C), Berliner Weisse (23A)
Nov 2020 (TBC)	Brewcon World Series IV	https://www.brewcon-worldseries.com/@BREW_CON	Closed for entries	Held as part of Brewcon London. 500 entries https://www.brew-con.co.uk/

IF YOU KNOW OF ANY OTHER UPCOMING COMPETITIONS THAT MAY BE OF INTEREST TO MEMBERS, PLEASE CONTACT SEAN.