

**2012 DuClaw Brewing Company
Home Brew Contest**

ENTRY FEE: \$0.00

MUST SUBMIT THREE (3) BOTTLES PER ENTRY

Section A: Brewer Information

1. Name _____

2. Additional Brewer(s) _____

3. Address _____

4. City _____ State _____ Zip/Postal Code _____

5. Phone (H) (_____) _____ (W) (_____) _____

6. Email _____

7. Location (address) where beer was brewed (i.e. kitchen, garage) _____

Section B: Entry Information

8. Name of Brew (Optional) _____

9. Category and Subcategory (Print full names) _____

10. Recipe is: Malt Extract Only Malt Extract and Grain All Grain

11. Special Ingredients

If you are entering a beer that does not fit a particular style/category or if you feel a further explanation is needed, please do so here.

Closest Style (Required)

Special Ingredients/Processes (Required)



By signing below entrant acknowledges that:

1. They personally brewed the enclosed entry to the rules and guidelines provided by DuClaw Brewing Company.
2. The recipe is their own and the beer is their own.
3. If there were co-brewers they have been listed.
4. It is understood that DuClaw Brewing Company reserves the right to change these rules without notice at any time and may make necessary changes to the winning recipes.
5. DuClaw Brewing Company reserves the right to choose not to bring the H.E.R.O. product to market.
6. They will fully disclose their recipe to DuClaw Brewing Company and hereby grant to DuClaw Brewing Company a non-exclusive irrevocable license to use the recipe, name of the recipe in the production of a product for the account of DuClaw Brewing Company.
7. They and all co-brewers agree to assign any intellectual property rights to DuClaw Brewing Company (if co-brewers do not agree to assign any intellectual property rights to DuClaw Brewing Company, recipe will be disqualified from the contest).
8. They agree that DuClaw Brewing Company or its agencies may, whether or not entrant is a winner, use their name, likeness, picture, signature, voice, audio and video recordings and biographical information in any manner or media whatsoever (whether now known or hereafter devised) anywhere in the world in perpetuity for the purpose of advertising and trade, without further compensation, unless prohibited by law.

I hereby release DuClaw Brewing Company from any obligation or liability to me whatsoever for any such use of my name and likeness.

Brewer: _____

Signature: _____

Co-Brewer: _____

Signature: _____

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Signature: _____

**Attach the original of this form by rubber band to one of your sample bottles.*





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RULES & REGULATIONS

PART I – How to Enter This Competition

1. How do I enter?

- (a) Log on to <http://www.duclawbeer.com> and print and fill out the entry form (the last page of the Rules and Regulations, or download from www.duclawbeer.com). For complete instructions on filling out the entry form, see Part II.
- (b) Fold and rubber band the entry form around one sample bottle and rubber band a bottle identification form to each of the other three bottles. Your entry will be disqualified if you use glue or tape to secure the forms to the bottles.
- (c) Pack your bottles carefully. (See Part III, Section G for packaging and shipping hints)
- (d) Drop off your entries to the Homebrew club addresses, or ship your entries directly to the DuClaw Brewery (addresses provided in the Rules and Regulations). **Entries sent to the wrong site will be DISQUALIFIED.** Upon receipt of submissions, judging sites will email entrants an acknowledgement of receipt. Packages with postage due or C.O.D. charges will be returned to sender.

DO NOT SHIP YOUR ENTRIES VIA THE U.S. POSTAL SERVICE.

2. What kind of bottles are required?

Every bottle must be 12 ounces in volume, brown or green glass, and 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 Grolsch-type swing tops are not allowed. Corked bottles meeting the above restrictions are acceptable; however, you must crimp a crown cap over the cork. Bottles with a stopper and wire cage are acceptable. Bottles with embossed logos are acceptable. **Bottles not meeting these requirements will be disqualified.**

3. How many bottles do I need?

Send three (3) bottles for your entry, and **KEEP THREE BOTTLES OF THE SAME BATCH OF BEER YOU ARE SENDNG US.**

4. What is the entry fee?

There is no entry fee for this competition.

5. When is the entry deadline?

The three bottles of your brew along with the entry form must be **received** at the appropriate site between **Sunday, April 1, 2012 and 5:00 p.m. on Wednesday, April 18, 2012.**

6. Are there entry limitations?

- (a) **YOU MAY NOT SUBMIT MORE THAN THREE ENTRIES.** An entrant may not be a Co-Brewer if they have already submitted three (3) entries as the main brewer. All entrants may have a combined total (Brewer & Co-Brewer) of three (3) submissions. (e.g. John Doe enters two beers as the main brewer, and is also the Co-Brewer on an entry submitted by Jane Smith).
- (b) Homebrew means home. Your homebrew must not be brewed at a place that brews beverages for commercial purposes, whether for commercial research, production or any other purpose, including brewpubs and other brew-on-premise establishments or is brewed for commercial sale.
- (c) You must give the name of any and all individuals who helped in the development of the recipe or brewing process under “Co-brewer” on your

entry form. BEING LISTED AS A “CO-BREWER” DOES NOT EXCLUDE SOMEONE FROM SENDING IN THEIR OWN ENTRY, EXCEPT AS LIMITED IN 6(a).

- (d) Should your homebrew be selected as the H.E.R.O., you and your Co-Brewer must assign any and all patent and intellectual property rights in your brew to DuClaw Brewing Co if requested.

PART II – Instructions for Completing the Entry Form

Entry Form Section A: Brewers Information

Please print clearly or type.

Item 1: fill in the name of the brewer who is responsible for receiving mailings and results (for entrants with the same last name, you can enter multiple first names in Item 1).

Item 2: fill in the full names of all other brewers who participated in brewing the entry.

Items 3 through 7: fill in the contact information where mailings and results should be sent.

Entry Form Section B: Entry Information

Item 8: enter the name you've given your entry if your entry has a name (this is an option step).

Item 9: write out the full name of the category beer is most similar. Please be sure to use the Style Guide included in the Rules.

Item 10: check the form of ingredients used in your recipe; i.e. malt extract only, malt extract and grain or all-grain.

Important information for Item 11

Please provide the closest style and/or unique ingredients or process in accordance with the 2008 BJCP Style Guidelines category descriptions for Item 11. A downloadable version of the complete style descriptions is available at <http://www.bjcp.org/stylecenter.php>. The information in Item 11 is necessary for accurate judging of entries. **Failure to include the required information in Item 11 if your brew does not fall in a standard style may result in disqualification.**

Please include brand names for the ingredients you use. Do not use geographical names that might indicate the origin or identity of the brewer. For example, if you used Idaho clover honey, only enter clover honey.

PART III – The Fine Print

A. General

This competition is open to non-professional homebrewers (See Part I, Section 6(b) for definition of homebrew) who are residents of the United States. You must be 21 years of age or older to enter the contest.

Each contestant will be considered an individual entrant even if several names appear on the registration form. Employees of DuClaw Brewing Company, affiliates, agencies, consultants, or vendors and their immediate family members may not enter.

It is the sole responsibility of the entrant to complete all registration forms including information on the special ingredients/processes.

DuClaw Brewing Company reserves the right to change these rules in order to, in its sole discretion, secure the proper administration of the Contest.

B. Awards and Prizes

1. The H.E.R.O. will have the beer brewed and bottled by DuClaw Brewing Company. DuClaw Brewing Company will attempt to reproduce the recipe, on a professional scale with the assistance of the homebrewer. If chosen as the H.E.R.O., you must agree to disclose their recipe DuClaw Brewing Company and grant DuClaw an irrevocable, worldwide, royalty-free license to all commercial and intellectual property rights to the winning beer.
2. By entering the contest, the entrant gives permission to DuClaw Brewing Company and its agencies, the right to use entrants recipe, your name, likeness, picture, signature, voice, audio and video recordings and biographical information in any manner or media whatsoever (whether now known or hereafter devised) anywhere in the world in perpetuity for the purpose of manufacturing, promoting, advertising and trade, of any product by DuClaw Brewing Company without further compensation, unless prohibited by law. DuClaw Brewing Company reserves the right to disqualify any entrant, and revoke any awards given to winner, if it determines, by its sole judgment, that the entrant has behaved in a

manner that is substantial and damaging to the contest, homebrewing or DuClaw Brewing Company and its related entities or agents.

C. Judging

The entries will be judged between April 18, 2012 and May 1, 2012. Entries will be judged by the DuClaw Brewing Company brewers and other staff. All decisions by judges are final. The H.E.R.O. will be notified via mail, email or telephone (so make sure you write clearly).

D. Beer Criteria

Entries are open all styles of beer (ales and lagers) with the following exceptions: Wood-aged, Lambics, Sours and beers that utilize bacteria in the brewing process.

E. Information Requirement

Name of primary brewer, address, phone number, email address, names of co-brewers, classic style and special ingredients/processes, must accompany entries when submitted. No entries will be returned whether received late or otherwise. All entries become property of DuClaw Brewing Company upon submission. A recipe is required.

F. Disqualifications

At the discretion of DuClaw Brewing Company, entries will be disqualified for eligibility or entry requirement infractions.

G. Packing and Shipping Hints

Carefully pack your entry in a sturdy box. Line the inside of your carton with a plastic trash bag. Partition and pack each bottle with adequate packaging material. Do not over pack! Your package should weigh less than 25 pounds.

Every reasonable effort will be made to contact entrants whose bottles have been broken to make arrangements for sending replacement bottles. Please refrain from using packing “peanuts” if possible. Use bottle wrap or newspaper instead.

Refer to the article on “How to Pack Your Beer,” in *Zymurgy* Spring 1991 (Vol. 14, No. 1) for excellent advice on how to save time, money and avoid broken bottles. Also, refer to an article about entering competitions in *Zymurgy* Spring 1996 (Vol. 19, No. 1). Copies of these articles are available for free upon request if accompanied with a self-addressed stamped envelope or call the AHA at 888-U-CAN-BREW, (303) 477-0816.

It is not against any federal laws to ship your entries via a privately owned shipping company for analytical purposes. However, IT IS ILLEGAL TO SHIP ALCOHOLIC BEVERAGES VIA THE U.S. POSTAL SERVICE. Private shipping carrier’s rules and regulations concerning the shipment of beer or alcoholic beverages vary. We strongly encourage you to check with your shipping carrier prior to shipping your entry. It is solely the entrant’s responsibility to follow all applicable laws and regulations.

Shipping Location (no drop-offs accepted):

1. DuClaw Brewery
1305 Governors Court # B, Suite F
Abingdon, MD 21009-2345

Drop-off Locations:

1. The Thirsty Brewer
13522 Long Green Pike
Baldwin, MD 21013
Thirsty_brewer@yahoo.com
410-592-2843

2. Maryland Homebrew
6770 Oak Hall Lane
Suite 115
Columbia, MD 21045
www.mdhb.com
(410)290-3768
(888)BREW NOW

3. Flying Barrel
1781 North Market Street
Frederick, MD 21701
(301) 663-4491
www.flyingbarrel.com

4. Annapolis Home Brew
836 Ritchie Highway
Suite 19
Severna Park, MD 21146
(410) 975-0930
www.annapolishomebrew.com

COMMONLY ASKED QUESTIONS

1. *“Why do the bottles have to be 12 ounces?”*

Organizing hundreds of bottles of beer is no easy task. If the bottles are of a wide range of sizes, it makes a tough job even harder. Bottles outside the 12 ounce range will be disqualified.

2. *“Why do the bottles have to be plain and unmarked?”*

So that there is no possibility of undue influence upon the judging panels. Marked or labeled bottles will be disqualified.

3. *“Can we photocopy the entry form for friends?”*

Yes. Just make sure both pages of the form are copied.

4. *“If I am listed as a co-brewer on someone else’s entry, can I still send in my own?”*

Yes. But being listed as a co-brewer on someone else’s entry does count toward the three beer entry limit.

5. *“Can I deliver my beer in person to drop-off sites?”*

Yes, you can deliver your beer to the posted Homebrew locations. No drop-offs will be accepted at the DuClaw brewery location, only packages.

6. *“If I send my entry in a reusable carton will it be returned to me?”*

No

7. *“Where can I find the 2008 Beer Judges Certification Program Style Guidelines?”*

A downloadable version of the complete style descriptions is available at
<http://www.bjcp.org/stylecenter.php>

8. *“How will I know if I won?”*

Besides an intense beam of light gleaming on you from the heavens? We will attempt to notify you by phone, email and snail mail. And if that isn't enough it will be posted on www.duclawbeer.com.

If after reading all of this extremely well-versed prose and you still have questions about the competition, please email HERO@duclaw.com.

If you have a question about homebrewing in general, please contact the American Homebrewer Association:

info@brewersassociation.org

www.beertown.org

888-822-6273