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## Arizona Society of Homebrewers Wins Big at Largest International Homebrew Competition

**Providence, RI • June 29, 2019** — The Arizona Society of Homebrewers was announced as the winner of the National Homebrew Competition (NHC) Homebrew Club Award at the [American Homebrewers Association](#) (AHA) [National Homebrew Competition](#). Held Saturday at the Rhode Island Convention Center, the ceremony for the world's largest beer competition recognized the most outstanding homemade beer, mead, and cider, presenting 102 medals in 34 categories. The NHC Homebrew Club Award is presented to the homebrew club with the most final round points per their number of competition entries

The Arizona Society of Homebrewers received five medals for their Scottish heavy (Category 9: Irish & Scottish ale), witbier (Category 21; Belgian ale), Irish red ale (Category 9: Irish & Scottish ale), sweet mead (Category 30: Traditional mead), and piment mead (mead with grape juice) (Category 31: fruit mead).

“The American Homebrewers Association is pleased to congratulate the Arizona Society of Homebrewers on their exemplary showing at the National Homebrew Competition,” said Gary Glass, director, American Homebrewers Association. “Competing against more than 9,000 entries and taking honors in multiple categories is a testament to the club's mastery of the art of homebrewing and why they are viewed as one of the world's top homebrew clubs. Congratulations.”

Over its 41-year history, 152,429 brews have been evaluated since the inaugural AHA National Homebrew Competition in 1979 in Boulder, Colo. This year's competition judged 9,189 entries from 3,492 homebrewers located in 50 states, Washington, D.C., and 17 countries. First round judging took place at 13 regional sites across the country and the top three entries at each site in each of the brew style categories advanced to the final round of the competition, held annually at the association's annual conference, [Homebrew Con™](#).

Mark Peterson, a member of the Arizona Society of Homebrewers was presented with both the prestigious Samuel Adams Ninkasi Award as well as the Homebrewer of the Year. Mark was quoted by phone to say “It was an accomplishment that I thought was not accomplishable and glad I stuck to German beer styles that are close to my heart and taste buds. Hard work, lot of sweating trial and error and persistence does pay off and very proud to have accomplished not only one award but both major awards.”

Mark was only the second brewer to take Homebrewers of the year and Ninkasi award the same year in the 41 year history.

Paul Vincent, President of the Arizona Society of Homebrewers commented, “I'm continually amazed and humbled by the skillset that our members bring to the table on a national level and am extremely proud of what we've been able to accomplish in the recent years. This is evidence that the efforts to

provide the right opportunities for education, competition and homebrewer comradery can yield huge gains. Way to go ASH, you've shown that brewing is not limited by age, gender or race. At every monthly meeting, we try to reiterate that the in-depth brewing knowledge lies within it's members. This is the proof."

A complete list of winners of the 2019 National Homebrew Competition can be found [here](#).

**Editor's note:** Photos for media use are available upon request.

The 2019 AHA National Homebrew Competition was made possible in part by the generous support of its [sponsors](#).

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The mission of the Arizona Society of Homebrewers is: "To preserve and promote the time-honored tradition of homebrewing, and to recognize it as a true art form through information, education, and dedicated practice."

The Arizona Society of Homebrewers would like to thank it's [sponsors](#) for their contributions to support our ongoing activities and competitions.

For more information, meeting schedules and membership signups, please goto <http://azhomebrewers.org>.