



# Brewers of South Suburbia

Dedicated to the art of crafting and quaffing fine beers through the sharing of ideas and experiences, the advocacy of brewing as a hobby, and the responsible consumption of beverages containing alcohol.

## Greetings:

**The Brewers of South Suburbia** invite you to participate in the **18<sup>th</sup> Annual Chicago Cup Challenge Homebrew Contest, March 28, 2009**. This contest, to be held at the Maple Tree Inn, Blue Island, IL, is sanctioned by the American Homebrewers Association and is a part of the Midwest Homebrewer of the Year Competition. It features the Chicago Beer Cup, which is awarded to the Homebrew Club, which accumulates the most points. Ribbons and prizes will be awarded to the winners of each flight, including separate Best of Show Judging for beers and non-beers.

**The entry time frame** is March 9 to March 21, 2009. Additionally, non-BOSS judges and stewards may walk-in entries by 8:30 am on the morning of the competition. All walk-in entries must be preregistered by the deadline. Entries will be accepted at the BOSS meeting on March 6.

**Online registration ONLY:** Register your Chicago Cup Challenge entries online at <http://www.bossbeer.org> and you will receive special instructions for printing your bottle label.

**The entry fees:** Online entries are \$7 for the first entry; \$5 for each additional entry. Make checks payable to **B.O.S.S.**

**Shipping:** Carefully pack and ship entries and entry fees to: Bob Heinlein, 7975 E. 99th Lane, Crown Point, IN 46307

**Drop Off:** Entries may be dropped off in person at the following locations until March 20.  
The Brewers Coop, 30W315 Calumet Ave, Warrenville, IL, 630-393-BEER (2337)  
Chicagoland Winemakers, 689 W. North Ave., Elmhurst, IL

**Entry Requirements:** Bottles must be free of labels or other identifying marks. Two 10 to 14 oz. brown or green crown capped bottles are required for each entry. No swing tops, please. A bottle label form must be attached to each bottle with a rubber band. No tape, please! All entries become the property of BOSS.

**Categories:** The 2008 BJCP Style Guidelines will be followed ([www.bjcp.org](http://www.bjcp.org)). **Only one entry per subcategory per brewer— strictly enforced!** Multiple entries in the same subcategory will be disqualified. The competition committee reserves the right to combine categories based on number of entries. All possible efforts will be made to combine similar styles. All brews in combined categories will be judged according to the style entered.

**Chicago Cup Challenge specifications:** The Homebrew Club with most recognition points wins the Chicago Beer Cup. Recognition points will be awarded as follows: Best of Show Beers and Non-beers: 1st = 5 pts, 2nd = 4 pts, 3rd = 3 pts; Style Category 1st = 3 pts, 2nd = 2 pts, 3rd = 1 pt. Winners will be announced the day of the competition and posted to the website within seven days. The awards ceremony will take place at the B.O.S.S. meeting to be held May 1, 2009 with score sheets, ribbons and prizes to be sent out shortly thereafter.

**The Best of Show Beer winner:** will have the opportunity to brew their award-winning recipe at Flossmoor Station Restaurant and Brewery (<http://www.flossmoorstation.com>) in Flossmoor, IL. Additional winners will be selected to brew their beers at Rock Bottom in Orland Park and Brickstone in Kankakee. (Subject to scheduling and commercial adaptability considerations.)

**Judges & Stewards:** Your assistance is needed to insure the quality of our competition. Please contact the BOSS staff and join us for a great time. Experience points will be awarded through the BJCP Organization based on the number of entries received. Please plan to arrive by 8:30 am as judging begins at 9 am. Breakfast snackage will be available in the morning and Charlie's famous muffalata will be served for lunch.

Organizer: Mike Pelter    Judge Director: Roger Deschner    Head Steward: Bob Heinlein

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