



THE SCORECARD

Please use the scorecard below to rank your favorite beers in each category from 1 - 5 and **return to the MIHC Service Desk by 8:30 PM**. The winners will be announced around 9:00 PM. Please take into account all the qualities when tasting the beers.



BEST STOUT RANK FROM 1-5

- _____ Allagash Brewing, *North Sky ABV 7.5%*
- _____ Bateau Brewing, *Colburn ABV 5.2%*
- _____ Footbridge Brewery, *Danny Boy ABV 4.5%*
- _____ Gritty's, *Black Fly Stout ABV 4.8%*
- _____ Mason's Brewing Company, *Mason's Stout ABV 6.8%*



BEST IRISH RED RANK FROM 1-5

- _____ Footbridge Brewery, *Dobhar-Chú ABV 5% IBU 26*
- _____ Bateau Brewing, *CrowHawk Irish Red ABV 6.3% IBU 11*
- _____ Nonesuch River Brewing, *Irish Style Red ABV 4.8%*
- _____ Tumbledown Brewing, *Tumbledown Red ABV 5.4%*
- _____ Definitive Brewing, *Gaze ABV 5.8%*



THE STOUTS

Allagash Brewing

Portland

North Sky ABV 7.5%

Like a clear night lit by stars, this silky stout balances light notes of fruit and sweetness with roasty malt. Inspired by late evenings spent around a crackling campfire, North Sky is brewed to merge lightness and darkness into a super sippable stout.

Bateau Brewing

Gardiner

Colburn ABV 5.2%

Strong coffee and hints of chocolate.

Footbridge Brewery

Boothbay Harbor

Danny Boy ABV 4.5%

A nitro charged dry Irish stout. With a smooth creamy body and malt complexity normally reserved for bigger beers this is a beer you can drink all day!

Gritty's

Portland

Black Fly Stout ABV 4.8%

Brewed with pride for over 30 years in the Old Port, Gritty's believes that Black Fly is the finest Stout West of Galway Bay.

Mason's Brewing Company

Brewer

Mason's Stout ABV 6.8%

With a mild bitterness brewed with dark chocolate malts for a smooth delicious beer.



THE REDS

Bateau Brewing

Gardiner

CrowHawk Irish Red ABV 6.3% IBU 11

A traditional Irish Red but with a little more sweetness.

Definitive Brewing

Portland

Gaze ABV 5.8%

This 5.8% ABV medium-bodied red ale pours a deep copper color, with aromas and flavors reminiscent of caramel, toffee, and light molasses. It's the perfect beer to sip while sitting by a fire, deep in the Maine woods.

Footbridge Brewery

Boothbay Harbor

Dobhar-Chú ABV 5% IBU 26

A gentle balance between caramel, bitter and roasted flavors.

Nonesuch River Brewing

Scarborough

Irish Style Red ABV 4.8% IBU 24

An American take on the Emerald Isle classic. We hopped our Irish Red Ale with Fuggle hops for an earthy start and to cut through the sweetness of the malts. The Irish Pale and Crystal Malt gives this beer a toasty malt backbone and its roasted finish.

This beer is well balanced and pairs exquisitely with stews, shepherds pies and a second pint.

Tumbledown Brewing

Farmington

Tumbledown Red ABV 5.4% IBU 22

With a mild bitterness brewed with dark chocolate malts for a smooth delicious beer.

Drink Responsibly

THE "BEST" SHOW

We are proud to present an amazing lineup of talent for the Best of All Things Irish in Maine 2022. Sit back and enjoy the show!

Chris Gray

Uilleann Pipes Ensemble

A set of tunes performed on uilleann pipes, low whistle, and bodhrán.

Fiona Howell

Sweetwater Waltz

An original tune for Fiona's Irish ancestors who settled in Missouri.

The Keenans

Celtic folk rock duo

Tim Hill

Jigs: Jim Conroy's/Miners of Wicklow/Billy McCormack's

Irish music on uilleann (Irish) pipes

Crow's Nest Celtic Band

Music taken from a broad range of Celtic culture and tradition.

Joe Markley

Angels Lullaby

Original songs for and about the Irish of Maine

James McClay

Variety of Irish ballads and other songs.

A small selection of Irish songs that will take you from heartbreak to hearty laughter.

Paddy Mills

Portland Girl

Maine Folk Singer/songwriter

Rebecca Hartwell

A Single Voice

Three traditional Irish songs performed unaccompanied

Mike Quinlan

Irish singer/songwriter now living in Maine.

Madelyn Morrell

Fiddler, violinist, and teacher Madelyn Morrell is passionate about traditional music and its ability to build community.

Jim Sharkey

County Roscommon singer-songwriter, Jim Sharkey.

The Napper Tannies

The Napper Tannies will have your feet tapping and your heart singing as they bring their particular brand of Irish folk music to the MIHC stage.

Bitter Brew

Bitter Brew warms your heart with Irish Ballads, old Irish American Classics, and these ladies will raise the roof with pub tunes that you can't help but sing along to.

Lynne Cullen and Kurt Kish

Seamus Burke: Enterologist Storyteller, with musical accompaniment on concertina and ukulele.

MAINE IRISH HERITAGE CENTER

SATURDAY
19
NOV



BEST OF ALL THINGS IRISH IN MAINE

LIVE SHOW & IRISH CRAFT BEER FEST



FEATURING 2022 WINNERS

CHRIS GRAY • FIONA HOWELL • THE KEENANS

TIM HILL • CROW'S NEST CELTIC BAND

JOE MARKLEY • JAMES MCCLAY • PADDY MILLS

REBECCA HARTWELL • MIKE QUINLAN

MADELYN MORRELL • JIM SHARKEY

THE NAPPER TANNIES • BITTER BREW

LYNNE CULLEN AND KURT KISH



WELCOME!

At the **Maine Irish Heritage Center**, we take great pride in the annual "Best of All Things Irish in Maine" show because it allows us to celebrate the rich tradition of Irish music and arts in Maine. After three years, we're excited to finally be gathering together in our iconic home, built brick-by-brick by Irish hands in the 1800s. It's a wonderful chance for members and friends to get together, celebrate and enjoy the impressive performers and judge the wide array of Irish style beers brewed across our beautiful State of Maine.

All ticket sales and sponsorships from this fundraiser go towards programs like this and to protect and preserve the Irish arts and culture in Maine. We're excited to have eight breweries as finalists in the competition to crown the **Best Irish Stout** and the **Best Irish Red Ale**. Help us by voting this evening using the attached scorecard.

Now, take a moment to chat with your favorite brewery and enjoy all the fabulous performances. Ask a question, share a story, or just raise a glass and say "Sláinte!"



IRISH REDS

The Irish-style red ale is a balanced beer that uses a moderate amount of kilned malts and roasted barley in the recipe, which gives the beer the color for which it is named. Featuring an approachable hop bitterness which rests on the palate, this typically amber-colored beer is brewed as a lager or an ale, and can often have a medium, candy-like caramel malt sweetness. This style may contain additions such as corn, rice, and sugar, which help dry out the beer's finish and lessen the body. It also often contains roasted barley, lending low roasted notes, darker color and possible creation of a tan collar of foam on top. With notes of caramel, toffee and sometimes low-level diacetyl (butter), think of the Irish red ale beer style as a cousin to lightly-toasted and buttered bread.



STOUTS

Dry stout is black beer with a dry-roasted character thanks to the use of roasted barley. The emphasis on coffee-like roasted barley and a moderate degree of roasted malt aromas define much of the character. Hop bitterness is medium to medium high. This beer is often dispensed via nitrogen gas taps that lend a smooth, creamy body to the palate.

JUDGING BEERS

AROMA

The aroma is one of the first qualities that beer is judged on. It's based on hops, esters, malt and aromatics. Descriptions ranging from piney to citrusy often describe a beer's aroma.

APPEARANCE

Color, clarity, head retention, head color and head texture all play a role in a beer's appearance. The appearance can vary, though, depending on the lighting and background. It's best to use either a white background or natural light.

FLAVOR

Flavor focuses on the beer's finish and aftertaste as well as characteristics such as balance and bitterness. Consider malt, hops, fermentation characteristics, balance, finish and aftertaste.

TASTE

Taste is probably the most obvious quality that comes to mind when you think of evaluating beer. There are six types of flavors that you can differentiate when you taste beers: Sweet, Sour, Salty, Bitter, Umami and Fatty.

MOUTHFEEL

Mouthfeel, or simply feel, describes the body, carbonation and palate sensations of the beer. Essentially, it means how the beer feels in your mouth. Is it smooth or dry? Does it have a crisp finish or leave you with a bitter taste in your mouth?

OVERALL ENJOYMENT

After you've evaluated everything from the aroma to the feel, consider and rate your overall enjoyment. Did the beer meet or exceed your expectations? Was the experience pleasurable or lacking in any way?

ABV

Alcohol by volume (ABV) is a metric used to determine what percentage of a beverage is pure alcohol.

IBU

The international Bitterness Unit is a scale from 0 - 120 which indicates the balance between sweetness and bitterness; the higher the IBU, the more perceived bitterness.

MAINE IRISH HERITAGE CENTER

The Maine Irish Heritage Center is the hub of all things Irish in Maine. Our mission is to provide a community resource where connections to Maine's Irish history and culture can flourish. If you'd like to support us, please consider membership or a donation. Please fill this out and return to the service desk this evening with your scorecard.

Name: _____

Address: _____

City/State: _____

Phone: _____

Email: _____

I'm interested in:

- Membership
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- Donation
- Volunteering
- Attending Events
- St. Patrick's Day Parade
- Event Space Rental
- Library

Rules & Regulations

- Anyone showing signs of intoxication will not be admitted to the event and/or may be asked to leave. There are no exceptions or refunds.
- All attendees must be 21 years of age and provide valid ID.
- No large bags are allowed inside the venue. All bags and backpacks are subject to search.
- No outside beverages or food
- Beer tastings (5 oz) will only be poured into the official 2022 souvenir glass

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2022 BEST IRISH CRAFT BEER FINALISTS



CHECK OUT THE FOOD TRUCKS!



WINE TASTING



MEDIA PARTNERS



THANKS - GO RAIBH MAITH AGAIBH

As we all know, it takes a sráidbhaile (village)! Profound thanks to our incredible planning team - Bob Kearney, Karen Haney, James McClay, Dan Mahoney, Vinny O'Malley, Hannah Marcel, Fiona O'Grady, Ben Collings, and Mary McAleney. Big thanks also go out to all the volunteers who are here tonight pointing the way, pouring the beer and helping to celebrate the 15 amazing 2022 winners of the 3rd Annual Best of All Things Irish in Maine. We are grateful for our media sponsor, WMPG, for joining in the fun and broadcasting the show live. When we stream the show to the world tomorrow, it's with thanks to the Portland Media Center whose wizardry will turn a live concert into a web-ready video overnight. This fundraiser is key to keeping the lights on and our building warm in 2023. To all the fundraisers, donors and sponsors - thank you! - Jean Haney, volunteer producer