

2015 NSW AMATEUR BREWING  
CHAMPIONSHIP  
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## AWARDS:

### **Champion Beer of Show**

A Champion Beer of Show round was held at the conclusion of the competition judged by Liam Ahearn, Andrew Freeman, Keith Grice, Joe Valente and Les Wever. The judges determined the Champion Beer of Show to be entry number 36, a **Vienna Lager** entered by **Barry Cranston**. The runner-up beer was entry number 181, a Strong Scotch Ale entered by Lee Wilton.

Barry will have the opportunity to brew this beer with Shawn Sherlock at the Foghorn Brewhouse.

### **Champion Brewer**

The tally of points to determine the Champion Brewer resulted in a tie between Barry Cranston and Brett McKenna, both on 14 points. As per the competition rules the average score of each brewers placing entries was used to determine the winner with Barry Cranston having an average score of 76.3 and Brett McKenna having an average score of 73.8, resulting in **Barry Cranston** being the Champion Brewer for the 2015 NSW Competition.

Barry will have his name added to the Mel Robson perpetual trophy, kept on display at The Brew Shop. In addition to this Barry will receive a \$200 gift certificate and an engraved stainless steel beer mug, both generously donated by The Brew Shop.

### **Category Results**

The results for each category are listed throughout the remainder of this document. Placing 1<sup>st</sup>, 2<sup>nd</sup> or 3<sup>rd</sup> in a category results in the entrant qualifying to submit an entry in the same category for this year's national championship.

<b>CATEGORY 1 - LOW ALCOHOL</b>				
<b>Entry</b>	<b>Style</b>	<b>Total Score</b>	<b>Place</b>	<b>Brewer</b>
132	Mild Ale	77.5	1st	Chris Lewis
172	English Bitter	72.5	2nd	Brett McKenna and Andrew Hammond
63	Mild Ale	66	3rd	Andrew Freeman
62	Southern English Brown Ale	64		
196	Mild Ale	61.5		
265	Light Australian Lager	55.5		
131	Leichtes Weizen	53.5		
29	Scottish Light	53		
197	English Bitter	52		
220	English Bitter	41		
328	Mild Ale	38		
30	Southern English Brown Ale	29		
<b>Judges</b>	Les Wever, Charlie Pfeiffer			

<b>CATEGORY 2 - PALE LAGER</b>				
<b>Entry</b>	<b>Style</b>	<b>Total Score</b>	<b>Place</b>	<b>Brewer</b>
319	Munich Helles	69	1st	Daniel Thaine
44	Australian Lager	68	2nd	John Peters
134	Pale Continental Lager	66	3rd	Chris Lewis
64	Munich Helles	65		
91	Australian Lager	64.5		
133	Australian Premium Lager	64		
32	Dortmunder	62		
268	Australian Lager	61		
65	Dortmunder	61		
31	Munich Helles	58.5		
279	Munich helles	54.5		
45	Pale Continental Lager	54		
114	Dortmunder	50		
<b>Judges</b>	Keith Grice, Ben Freeburn			

<b>CATEGORY 3 - PILSNER</b>				
<b>Entry</b>	<b>Style</b>	<b>Total Score</b>	<b>Place</b>	<b>Brewer</b>
33	German Pilsner	72	1	Barry Cranston
88	Bohemian Pilsner	71.5	2	Andrew Freeman
115	German Pilsener	71	3	Brett McKenna
225	Bohemian Pilsner	70		
22	German Pilsner	69.5		
34	Bohemian Pilsner	62.5		
219	German Pilsner	62		
227	German Pilsner	58.5		
205	Bohemian Pilsner	58.5		
89	German Pilsner	52.5		
<b>Judges</b>	Shawn Sherlock, Joe Valente			

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**CATEGORY 4 - AMBER AND DARK LAGER**

Entry	Style	Total Score	Place	Brewer
36	Vienna Lager	83	1	Barry Cranston
184	Munich Dunkel	76	2	Maximilian Plank
24	Munich Dunkel	74	3	Glenn Kelly
301	Schwarzbier	71		
93	Schwarzbier	64		
248	California Common	62		
92	North German Altbier	61		
116	Vienna Lager	58		
206	Oktoberfest	56		
35	Oktoberfest	55		
136	North German Altbier	51		
295	Schwarzbier	46.5		
135	California Common	42		
<b>Judges</b>	Keith Grice, Liam Ahearn			

**CATEGORY 5 - STRONG LAGER**

Entry	Style	Total Score	Place	Brewer
117	Doppelbock	78	1	Brett McKenna
23	Doppelbock	76.5	2	Dick Sharpe
38	Doppelbock	76	3	Barry Cranston
95	Maibock	74		
96	Doppelbock	73		
55	Strong Pale Lager	70.5		
37	Maibock	63.5		
<b>Judges</b>	Shawn Sherlock, Joe Valente			

<b>CATEGORY 6 - PALE ALE</b>				
<b>Entry</b>	<b>Style</b>	<b>Total Score</b>	<b>Place</b>	<b>Brewer</b>
118	Kolsch	71.5	1st	Brett McKenna
153	Australian Pale Ale	64	2nd	Peter Davis
28	English Pale Ale	62	3rd *	David Jenkins
137	Cream Ale	62	HC	Chris Lewis
46	Australian Pale Ale	57.5	HC	John Peters
193	Kolsch	57		
3	Blonde Ale	56.5		
223	Kolsch	56		
50	English Pale Ale	56		
21	Belgian Pale Ale	55		
228	Belgian Pale Ale	53.5		
39	Kolsch	53		
2	Australian Pale Ale	53		
1	Belgian Pale Ale	52		
138	Belgian Pale Ale	52		
318	Belgian Pale Ale	45		
218	Blonde Ale	40.5		
40	Belgian Pale Ale	40		
299	Belgian Pale Ale	40		
* 3rd Place awarded on countback				
<b>Judges</b>	David Lamotte, Max Plank			

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<b>CATEGORY 7 - AMERICAN PALE ALE</b>				
<b>Entry</b>	<b>Style</b>	<b>Total Score</b>	<b>Place</b>	<b>Brewer</b>
108	American Pale Ale	64.5	1st	Matthew Murphy
208	American Pale Ale	61	2nd	Tim Forge
7	American Pale Ale	60	3rd	Dan Pratt
229	American Pale Ale	59.5		
315	American Pale Ale	59.5		
94	American Pale Ale	59		
226	American Pale Ale	59		
212	American Pale Ale	58		
221	American Pale Ale	56		
230	American Pale Ale	55		
244	American Pale Ale	55		
41	American Pale Ale	54.5		
119	American Pale Ale	54		
322	American Pale Ale	51.5		
47	American Pale Ale	51		
290	American Pale Ale	51		
51	American Pale Ale	48.5		
270	American Pale Ale	47		
82	American Pale Ale	44		
139	American Pale Ale	42		
156	American Pale Ale	42		
87	American Pale Ale	41.5		
<b>Judges</b>	Geoff White, Max Plank, Scott Simpson			



<b>CATEGORY 8 - BITTER ALE</b>				
<b>Entry</b>	<b>Style</b>	<b>Total Score</b>	<b>Place</b>	<b>Brewer</b>
173	Extra Special Bitter	74.5	1st	Brett McKenna and Andrew Hammond
10	American Amber Ale	73.5	2nd	Chris Price
141	Dusseldorf Altbier	68.5	3rd	Chris Lewis
179	Best Bitter	65	HC	Lee Wilton
43	American Amber Ale	62.5	HC	Barry Cranston
120	American Amber Ale	62		
17	Best Bitter	59.5		
42	Extra Special Bitter	59		
6	American Amber Ale	59		
19	Extra Special Bitter	57		
288	Extra Special Bitter	55.5		
53	American Amber Ale	54.5		
190	Dusseldorf Altbier	54		
231	Best Bitter	53		
331	American Amber Ale	52.5		
86	Extra Special Bitter	51		
239	Extra Special Bitter	49.5		
233	American Amber Ale	49		
140	Best Bitter	48.5		
232	Extra Special Bitter	48		
222	Extra Special Bitter	47		
157	Best Bitter	45		
52	Extra Special Bitter	45		
<b>Judges</b>	David Lamotte, Charlie Pfeiffer			

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**CATEGORY 9 - BROWN ALE**

<b>Entry</b>	<b>Style</b>	<b>Total Score</b>	<b>Place</b>	<b>Brewer</b>
329	Australian Dark Ale	76.5	1st	Darrin Brooks
54	American Brown Ale	76	2nd	Andrew Freeman
67	American Brown Ale	71	3rd	Barry Cranston
121	American Brown Ale	68.5		
264	American Brown Ale	66.5		
284	Northern English Brown Ale	66		
113	Northern English Brown Ale	65		
247	Australian Dark Ale	65		
97	Northern English Brown Ale	61		
66	Scottish Ale	60		
201	American Brown Ale	59.5		
143	American Brown Ale	58		
278	American Brown Ale	56		
12	Irish Red Ale	53.5		
142	Scottish Ale	52		
237	Scottish Ale	51		
297	Northern English Brown Ale	45		
<b>Judges</b>	Liam Ahearn, Max Plank			

<b>CATEGORY 10 - PORTER</b>				
<b>Entry</b>	<b>Style</b>	<b>Total Score</b>	<b>Place</b>	<b>Brewer</b>
8	Robust Porter	83	1st	Dan Pratt
175	Brown Porter	82.5	2nd	Graham McDonald
122	Baltic Porter	74	3rd	Brett McKenna
18	Robust Porter	73		
99	Robust Porter	73		
330	Robust Porter	72.5		
145	Baltic Porter	72.5		
189	Robust Porter	71.5		
320	Baltic Porter	71.5		
69	Baltic Porter	71		
68	Robust Porter	70		
158	Brown Porter	68		
144	Robust Porter	68		
262	Baltic Porter	68		
20	Brown Porter	67.5		
98	Brown Porter	67		
283	Robust Porter	65.5		
48	Robust Porter	65		
4	Robust Porter	64		
15	Brown Porter	63		
180	Robust Porter	60.5		
234	Brown Porter	55		
271	Baltic Porter	54		
<b>Judges</b>	Shawn Sherlock, Liam Ahearn			

<b>CATEGORY 11 - STOUT</b>				
<b>Entry</b>	<b>Style</b>	<b>Total Score</b>	<b>Place</b>	<b>Brewer</b>
292	Sweet Stout	80	1st	Ian Triggs
209	Oatmeal Stout	78	2nd *	Tim Forge
49	Dry Stout	78	3rd *	Pete Ptolemy
294	Sweet Stout	76		
246	Dry Stout	72		
146	Sweet Stout	72		
256	Sweet Stout	71		
188	Oatmeal Stout	70		
101	Dry Stout	69		
176	Dry Stout	69		
240	Sweet Stout	69		
291	Sweet Stout	69		
215	Dry Stout	68		
102	Oatmeal Stout	68		
5	Oatmeal Stout	67		
123	Sweet Stout	66		
241	Oatmeal Stout	63		
124	Oatmeal Stout	61		
298	Sweet Stout	58		
147	Oatmeal Stout	53		
70	Oatmeal Stout	44		
* 2nd Place awarded on countback				
<b>Judges</b>	Dan Moloney, Joe Valente			

**CATEGORY 12 - STRONG STOUT**

<b>Entry</b>	<b>Style</b>	<b>Total Score</b>	<b>Place</b>	<b>Brewer</b>
203	Russian Imperial Stout	78.5	1st	David Tetley
72	Russian Imperial Stout	78	2nd	Barry Cranston
26	Russian Imperial Stout	77	3rd	Nick Moad
148	Foreign Extra Stout	76	HC	Chris Lewis
202	American Stout	76	HC	David Tetley
267	Russian Imperial Stout	72		
56	American Stout	71		
126	Russian Imperial Stout	70		
198	Russian Imperial Stout	69.5		
236	Russian Imperial Stout	69.5		
185	Russian Imperial Stout	69		
321	Russian Imperial Stout	68.5		
125	American Stout	67.5		
71	Foreign Extra Stout	66		
263	American Stout	65.5		
110	American Stout	64		
249	Russian imperial Stout	62		
280	Russian Imperial Stout	61.5		
178	Russian Imperial Stout	60		
293	Russian Imperial Stout	59.5		
149	Russian Imperial Stout	50.5		
<b>Judges</b>	Dan Moloney, Barry Cranston			

**CATEGORY 13 - INDIA PALE ALE**

Entry	Style	Total Score	Place	Brewer
83	American IPA	78.5	1st *	Ben Crockett
9	American IPA	78	2nd *	Dan Pratt
57	Imperial IPA	79	3rd *	Andrew Freeman
259	American IPA	76	HC *	Brian Metcalfe
127	Imperial IPA	69.5	HC *	Brett McKenna
111	American IPA	74		
242	American IPA	73.5		
59	American IPA	72.5		
60	American IPA	72		
266	American IPA	70.5		
296	American IPA	69.5		
73	American IPA	69		
211	American IPA	69		
235	American IPA	68		
16	American IPA	67.5		
85	American IPA	66		
302	American IPA	66		
303	American IPA	64		
109	American IPA	61		
195	American IPA	60		
224	English IPA	59		
251	Imperial IPA	58		
151	American IPA	54		
258	Imperial IPA	53		
317	English IPA	51		
326	English IPA	51		
327	English IPA	50		
74	Imperial IPA	49.5		
58	English IPA	49		
150	English IPA	45.5		
200	Imperial IPA	45		

\* All placings and HC determined by a taste off involving all four judges

**Judges** Liam Ahearn, Max Plank, Barry Cranston, Andrew Freeman

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<b>CATEGORY 14 - STRONG ALE</b>				
<b>Entry</b>	<b>Style</b>	<b>Total Score</b>	<b>Place</b>	<b>Brewer</b>
181	Strong Scotch Ale	83	1st	Lee Wilton
75	Old Ale	76	2nd	Barry Cranston
182	American Barley Wine	72	3rd	Lee Wilton
76	English Barley Wine	71		
199	Old Ale	69		
238	English Barley Wine	66		
186	Strong Scotch Ale	58		
128	Strong Scotch Ale	57		
187	English Barley Wine	55		
90	English Barley Wine	49		
152	Old Ale	45		
105	American Barley wine	43		
159	English Barley Wine	40		
<b>Judges</b>	Dan Moloney, Brendan Clarke			

\$50 prize to 1<sup>st</sup> place courtesy of Muntons



<b>CATEGORY 15 - BELGIAN STRONG</b>				
<b>Entry</b>	<b>Style</b>	<b>Total Score</b>	<b>Place</b>	<b>Brewer</b>
13	Dubbel	80	1st	Steve Cowell
77	Tripel	78	2nd	Barry Cranston
177	Beligan Strong Golden Ale	77	3rd	Adrian Wills
254	Belgian Strong Dark Ale	74		
129	Dubbel	72		
261	Dubbel	69		
78	Belgian Strong Dark Ale	69		
286	Belgian Strong Dark Ale	68		
103	Belgian Strong Dark Ale	67		
323	Dubbel	66		
289	Belgian Strong Dark Ale	66		
27	Tripel	65		
216	Tripel	65		
287	Tripel	65		
192	Beligan Strong Golden Ale	64		
324	Tripel	64		
272	Belgian Strong Dark Ale	58		
106	Tripel	55		
161	Belgian Strong Dark Ale	53		
160	Tripel	51		
<b>Judges</b>	Joe Valente, Andrew Freeman			

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**CATEGORY 16 - WHEAT & RYE**

<b>Entry</b>	<b>Style</b>	<b>Total Score</b>	<b>Place</b>	<b>Brewer</b>
61	Weizen/Weibbier (Wheat)	82.5	1st	Geoff Martin
183	Weizen	76	2nd	Maximilian Plank
191	Weizen Wheat	74	3rd	Joe Valente
243	Roggenbier	74	HC	Ben Willing
163	Dunkel Weizen	71.5		
214	Weizen/Weißbier (Wheat)	64.5		
213	Weizen/Weißbier (Wheat)	51		
162	Weizen	47		
<b>Judges</b>	Steve Kirby, Barry Cranston			

<b>CATEGORY 17 - FARMHOUSE ALE &amp; WILD BEER</b>				
<b>Entry</b>	<b>Style</b>	<b>Total Score</b>	<b>Place</b>	<b>Brewer</b>
207	Berliner Weisse	82	1st	Tim Forge
14	Saison	79.5	2nd	Neil Argent
277	Straight lambic	76.5	3rd	Brendan Moss
80	Biere de Garde	76		
260	Flanders Red Ale	76		
155	Fruit Lambic	75.5		
210	Fruit Lambic	74		
281	Fruit lambic	71		
154	Flanders Red Ale	70.5		
285	Saison	70		
25	Berliner Weisse	66.5		
79	Saison	66.5		
164	Witbier	66		
273	Witbier	66		
165	Saison	64		
325	Flanders Red Ale	58.5		
250	Saison	52.5		
<b>Judges</b>	Andrew Freeman, Steven Young			

\$50 prize to 1<sup>st</sup> place courtesy of Castle Malting



<b>CATEGORY 18 - SPECIALTY BEER</b>				
<b>Entry</b>	<b>Style</b>	<b>Total Score</b>	<b>Place</b>	<b>Brewer</b>
245	Spice/Herb/Vegetable Beer	77.5	1st	Ben Willing
194	Specialty Beer	76.5	2nd	Joe Valente
130	Other Specialty	75	3rd	Brett McKenna
84	Fruit Beer	72		
282	Wood Aged Beer	71.5		
100	Spice/Herb/Vegetable Beer	69		
11	Spice/Herb/Vegetable Beer	68		
81	Classic Rauchbier	67		
269	Belgian Specialty Ale	66		
252	Spice/Herb/Vegetable Beer	63		
253	Belgian Specialty Ale	63		
104	Other Specialty	62.5		
107	Other Specialty	62.5		
112	Wood Aged Beer	60		
166	Spice/Herb/Vegetable Beer	58		
167	Belgian Specialty Ale	57.5		
300	Wood Aged Beer	57		
274	Steinbier Porter	56		
204	Other Specialty	54		
316	Belgian Specialty Ale	47.5		
<b>Judges</b>	Les Wever, Steven Young, Brendan Clarke			

\$50 prize to 1<sup>st</sup> place courtesy of The Brew Shop



<b>CATEGORY 19 - MEAD</b>				
<b>Entry</b>	<b>Style</b>	<b>Total Score</b>	<b>Place</b>	<b>Brewer</b>
217	Cherry Melomel	83	1st	Matt Oakes
255	Other Mead	75.5	2nd	Mitchell Wirth
276	Melomel	75	3rd	Josh Button
169	Metheglin	69		
275	Metheglin	67		
168	Sweet Mead	63		
257	Other Mead	48		
<b>Judges</b> Steve Kirby, Barry Cranston				

\$50 prize to 1<sup>st</sup> place courtesy of Kraken Meadery



<b>CATEGORY 20 - CIDER</b>				
<b>Entry</b>	<b>Style</b>	<b>Total Score</b>	<b>Place</b>	<b>Brewer</b>
170	Common Cider	70	1st	Chris Lewis
171	Other Cider/Perry	51	2nd	Chris Lewis
<b>Judges</b> Steve Kirby, Barry Cranston				