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NATIONAL BREWERS COMPETITION AWARD WINNERS ANNOUNCED

Regina's Barry Bremner was awarded the prestigious gold medal in the Home Brewer of the Year event at the 2007 ALES Open Home Brewing Competition, held in Regina April 10 to 14.

The award, sponsored by The Grapevine in Regina, is based on a point system for winning entries in individual style categories of home brewed beer, cider and mead.

The silver medal in the Home Brewer of the Year event went to Regina's Kelly Deis, and the bronze to John Gray, also of Regina.

Bremner was also awarded the gold medal in the Mead Maker of the Year event. Silver and bronze medals went to Vegreville, Alberta's Ryan Rybchuk and Regina's Kevin Bedel, respectively.

The gold medal in the Cider Maker of the Year award went to Grasswood, Saskatchewan's Cedric Gillott, the silver to Regina's Jamie Singer and the bronze to Regina's John Gray.

The gold medal in the Best of Show event, sponsored by the Bushwakker Brewpub, for the best single home brew entry in the competition was won by Winnipeg's Chris Hillman. The silver medal went to Edmonton's Greg Wondga and the bronze to Regina's Gary Falkenstein.

Gold, silver and bronze medals were also awarded in thirty specific styles of beer, cider and mead. Medal winners in the Regina competition qualify to enter the second-round North American competition scheduled for Denver in June.

Medal winners were announced April 14 at an Awards Ceremony following a five-course Brewers' Dinner at the host location, the Bushwakker.

Medal winners in individual style categories were as follows:

<u>CATEGORY</u>	<u>GOLD MEDAL</u>	<u>SILVER MEDAL</u>	<u>BRONZE MEDAL</u>
1. LIGHT LAGER	Chris Hillman	Ryan Rybchuk	Gord Neale
2. PILSNER	Scott Tackaberry	Greg Wondga	John Gray
3. EUROPEAN AMBER LAGER	Ryan Rybchuk	Jason Foster	Jamie Singer
4. DARK LAGER	Kurt Stenberg	Ryan Rybchuk	Ryan Rybchuk
5. BOCK	Greg Wondga	Jamie Singer	Jamie Singer
6. LIGHT HYBRID BEER	Joel Rathgaber	Cal Soloway	Kevin Zaychuk
7. AMBER HYBRID BEER	Ryan Rybchuk	Paul Chicoine	Ryan Rybchuk
8. ENGLISH PALE ALE	Matthew Smolak	Barry Hunt	Rick August
9. SCOTTISH & IRISH ALE	Barry Bremner	Matthew Smolak	Russ Temple
10. AMERICAN ALE	Roxy Hastings	David Gummer	Harry Wagner
11. ENGLISH BROWN ALE	“Les Brasseurs”	Barry Hunt	Chris Hillman
12. PORTER	Greg Wondga	Mark Heise	Niel Pentz
13. STOUT	Jason Foster	Barry Bremner	Rob Nelson
14. INDIA PALE ALE	Roxy Hastings	Mike Broza	Jamie Singer
15. GERMAN WHEAT & RYE BEER	Harry Wagner	Jason Foster	Ryan Rybchuk
16. BELGIAN & FRENCH ALE	Gary Falkenstein	Gary Falkenstein	Glen Hannah
17. SOUR ALE	Jamie Singer	Barry Bremner	Bob Boufford
18. BELGIAN STRONG ALE	Greg Wondga	Russ Temple	Kurt Stenberg
19. STRONG ALE	Gary Falkenstein	Roxy Hastings	Niel Pentz
20. FRUIT BEER	Randal Gillett	Greg Wondga	Own Kirkaldy
21. SPICE/HERB/VEGETABLE BEER	Suzanne Klein Ikkink	Todd Robbins	Roxy Hastings
22. SMOKE-FLAVOURED & WOOD- AGED BEER	Matthew Smolak	Barry Bremner	Kurt Stenberg
23. SPECIALTY BEER	Matthew Smolak	Cal Soloway	Mark Nesdoly
24. TRADITIONAL MEAD	Barry Bremner	Ryan Rybchuk	Barry Bremner
25. MELOMEL (FRUIT MEAD)	Kevin Bedel	Kevin Bedel	Jamie Singer
26. OTHER MEAD	Walter Martin	Walter Martin	Jamie Singer
27. STANDARD CIDER & PERRY	Cedric Gillott	Jamie Singer	Barry Bremner
28. SPECIALTY CIDER & PERRY	John Gray	Russ Temple	—
29. NEW ENTRANTS	Mark Heise	Joel Rathgaber	Kevin Bedel
99. EXTREME BEER	Gary Falkenstein	Rick August	Barry Bremner
HOME BREWER OF THE YEAR	Barry Bremner	Kelly Deis	Russ Temple
MEAD MAKER OF THE YEAR	Barry Brenmer	Ryan Rybchuk	Kevin Bedel
CIDER MAKER OF THE YEAR	Cedric Gillott	Jamie Singer	John Gray
BEST OF SHOW	Chris Hillman	Greg Wondga	Gary Falkenstein