

2011 Celestial Meads Equinox Mead Competition Results

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Thanks to everyone who entered and judged the Fourth Annual Equinox Mead Competition. We had the largest turn-out yet with 41 entries from twelve different mead makers. Yours truly took Best of Show with an Alaskan Spruce Tip Metheglin.

Thanks to Mike Kiker of Celestial Meads for sponsoring the competition. I want to thank the judges and stewards who assisted in making this a fun and smooth running event. Next year we will expand the event to include Ciders for full Fall Equinox impact!!!

Here are the results:

Traditional Meads: Cat. 24

- 1st. Andrew Janco and Melanie Smith, GNBC, Orange Blossom/Wildflower, Traditional Semi-Sweet Mead
- 2nd. Steve Schmitt, GNBC, "Blunt Force Trauma" Gallberry Blossom, Traditional Sweet Mead
- 3rd. Steven Baxter, GNBC, Orange blossom, Traditional Sweet Mead

Melomel Fruit Meads; Cat. 25

- 1st. John Trapp, GNBC, "The Hawaiian Tickler," Pineapple Melomel, Other Fruit Melomel. Winner of the Other Fruit Melomel Slam Down.
- 2nd. Steven Baxter, GNBC, Riesling Pymment
- 3rd. Bradley Cruz, GNBC, "North Shore Gold," Viogner-Lilikoi Pymment

Open Category Meads: Cat. 26

- 1st. Breck Tostevin, GNBC, "Spruce Tip III," Spruce Tip Metheglin, Best of Show
- 2nd. Steven Baxter, GNBC, Star Anise, Blueberry, Raspberry and Rhubarb. Other Mead
- 3rd. Steve Jayich, GNBC, "Cranberry Ginger Cyser." Other Mead.