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# COVER SHEET

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## How to Read Your Scoresheet

### Left Column:

Judges must give their names and are encouraged to give contact information so that you can respond with praise or constructive criticism to their comments. Please don't expect the judge to remember your beer. Complaints about your score are unlikely to accomplish anything but enmity, but helpful comments that point out objective errors or poor quality of feedback may help the judge to improve in the future.

If you feel that there is a significant problem with the quality of judging you have received, please contact the organizer of the competition and, if the judge has checked a BJCP rank, the BJCP (at the address at the bottom of this sheet). Include copies of the scoresheet and any other relevant information.

The **Judge Qualification** section is fairly self-explanatory. An Apprentice is a judge who has taken but not passed the BJCP exam. A non-BJCP judge has not taken the exam, but may be skilled. Honorary Master is a rank given out by the BJCP for recognition of exceptional service to the BJCP and/or homebrewing community. The other ranks are levels within the BJCP, based on the judge's experience and exam score.

The **Descriptor Definitions** list is used by some judges as a shorthand way to communicate the presence of common beer characteristics. Many, but not all, of these are considered flaws in beer, although some will be a flaw in some styles and desired in others. See the judge's comments on the right side of the sheet for more information.

### Right Column

The **Category** and **Subcategory** designation shows the style against which your beer was judged. Most of the score your beer received represents how well the judges felt your beer represented this style. See below for more about scoring and style.

The **Bottle Inspection** is not used in determining your beer's score, but certain clues to potential problems can be gleaned from a bottle inspection. For example, "Ring around the collar," a line of material that appears on the bottle neck at the liquid surface, is sometimes an indicator of contamination, although it can have other causes. This section can also be used for comments about packaging in violation of some contests guidelines such as the use of distinctive bottles or incorrect bottle size.

Most entries into homebrew competitions are in categories that describe a particular style of beer. These styles are usually derived from a commercial beer, or group of similar beers, or a type of beer that is popular among home brewers. The score that is assigned to your beer is an indication of how closely the judge felt your beer matched the characteristics of that style. The style adherence is separated into four sections: **Aroma**, **Appearance**, **Flavor**, and **Mouthfeel**. The judges are looking for the presence and/or absence of various characteristics in each of these four sections, depending on the style. Your beer was scored accordingly.

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## Judges and/or Stewards

Check all score sheets for accuracy and make sure the judge's full name is printed on each one.

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24/b

Traditional Mead  
Semi-Sweet Mead

Category # \_\_\_\_\_ Subcategory (a-f) \_\_\_\_\_

Ordinal Position in Flight: \_\_\_\_\_ of \_\_\_\_\_

This beer advanced to a mini-BOS round

## Final Assigned Score

21

At least two judges from the flight in which your beer was entered reached consensus on your final assigned score. It is not necessarily an average of the individual scores.

## Place Awarded

In the final section, **Overall Impression**, the judge conveys how enjoyable the beer was and should attempt to offer suggestions for improvement. It may also be used to summarize the judge's feelings on aspects of the beer that don't fit neatly into one of the other four sections. The difference between a very good beer and a world class beer can often be in subtle or intangible details. Likewise, beers with no easily discernible flaws can be lacking in specialness or "magic." This section is used to give such feedback.

The **Scoring Guide** is your guide to understanding the meaning of your total score on the 50 point scale used on this scoresheet.

**Outstanding (45-50)** – A world class example of the style. A beer with great character and no flaws.

**Excellent (38-44)** – Beers in this range may have no flaws but may be missing the intangibles for a world class beer.

**Very Good (30-37)** – Beers in this range may have a minor flaw (technical or stylistic), or may be lacking in balance or complexity.

**Good (21-29)** – A satisfactory beer that generally fits the style parameters. Scores near the upper end of this range may have only a few minor flaws or be slightly out of style and also may be

lacking in balance or complexity. Scores near the lower end of this range tend to have more flaws and are likely to have stylistic inconsistencies as well.

**Fair (14-20)** – This beer has its share of problems that may include missing the style parameters, off flavors and aromas, balance problems, contamination, or other major flaws. Scores near the lower end of this range exhibit more major flaws.

**Problematic (0-13)** – A beer with a major problem (usually contamination) that overwhelms all other flavors and aromas. Often barely palatable.

In box to the right of the Scoring Guide the judge has reiterated the feedback given in the five scored sections, breaking it down differently. Your beer has been rated on three scales: **Stylistic Accuracy**, **Technical Merit**, and **Intangibles**. The aroma of Cascade hops in a Bohemian Pilsener would be an example of a problem in **Stylistic Accuracy**. This can be thought of as recipe feedback. Excessive sourness would usually indicate a contamination problem which would be classified under **Technical Merit**. This can be thought of as process feedback. Some characteristics don't fall neatly into one category, for example grassy aromas might be from the type of hop used, or from using oxidized hops. Here the judge has tried to make the best guess for these ratings. **Intangibles** rates the same characteristic discussed above in **Overall Impression**. The checkboxes also give the entrant an overview of the beer's evaluation. By filling out the checkboxes the judge is encouraged to think about the beer as a whole after the words are written and may also help justify the final score.

## The Beer Judge Certification Program

The BJCP is the only body in North America that tests and certifies beer judges. The BJCP is a not-for-profit organization, and BJCP judges do not charge for their services. Contact the BJCP at: [Comp\\_Director@BJCP.org](mailto:Comp_Director@BJCP.org).



# MEAD SCORESHEET



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Category # 24 Subcategory (a-f) B Entry # 491

Subcategory (spell out) Semi Sweet

Carbonation Level:  Still  Petillant  Sparkling  
Sweetness:  Dry  Medium  Sweet  
Strength:  Hydromel  Standard  Sack

Variety of honey (if declared): \_\_\_\_\_

Special Ingredients: \_\_\_\_\_

Bottle Inspection:  (Appropriate size, cap, fill level, label removal, etc.)

Comments \_\_\_\_\_

Bouquet/Aroma (as appropriate for style) 4 /10  
Comment on honey expression, alcohol, esters, complexity and other aromatics

Yeast Aroma HUGE, green apple

Appearance (as appropriate for style) 2 /6  
Comment on color, clarity, brilliance, legs, and carbonation

cloudy, medium legs, still

Flavor (as appropriate for style) 9 /24  
Comment on honey, sweetness, acidity, tannin, alcohol, balance, body, carbonation, aftertaste, and any special ingredients or style-specific flavors

medium sweetness, balanced acid/sweet  
more acid needed,

Overall Impression 5 /10  
Comment on overall drinking pleasure associated with entry, give suggestions for improvement

Rough! sorry but yeasty & not ready

Total 20 /50

SCORING GUIDE

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Classic Example		Stylistic Accuracy				Not to Style	
<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	
Flawless		Technical Merit				Significant Flaws	
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Wonderful		Intangibles				Lifeless	
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### Judge Qualifications and BJCP Rank:

- Apprentice  Recognized  Certified  
 National  Master  Grand Master  
 Honorary Master  Mead Judge  Cider Judge  
 Professional Brewer  Non-BJCP  Rank Pending

### Descriptor Definitions (Mark all that apply):

- Acetic** – Vinegary, acetic acid, sharp.  
 **Acidic** – Clean, sour flavor/aroma from low pH. Typically from one of several acids: malic, lactic, gluconic, or citric.  
 **Alcoholic** – The effect of ethanol. Warming. Hot.  
 **Chemical** – Vitamin, nutrient or chemical taste.  
 **Cloying** – Syrupy, overly sweet, unbalanced by acid/tannin.  
 **Floral** – The aroma of flower blossoms or perfume.  
 **Fruity** – Flavor & aroma esters often derived from fruits in a melomel. Banana & pineapple are often off-flavors.  
 **Metallic** – Tinny, coin, copper, iron, or blood-like flavor.  
 **Moldy** – Stale, musty, moldy or corked aromas/flavors.  
 **Oxidized** – Any one or combination of winy/vinous, cardboard, papery, or sherry-like aromas and flavors. Stale.  
 **Phenolic** – Spicy (clove, pepper), smoky, plastic, plastic adhesive strip, and/or medicinal (chlorophenolic).  
 **Solvent** – Aromas and flavors of higher alcohols (fusel alcohols). Similar to acetone or lacquer thinner aromas.  
 **Sulfury** – The aroma of rotten eggs or burning matches.  
 **Tannic** – Drying, astringent puckering mouthfeel, similar to bitterness flavor. Taste of strong unsweetened tea or chewing on a grape skin  
 **Vegetal** – Cooked, canned, or rotten vegetable aroma and flavor (cabbage, onion, celery, asparagus, etc.)  
 **Waxy** – Wax-like, tallow, fatty.  
 **Yeasty** – A bread, sulfury or yeast-like aroma or flavor.

Bottle Inspection:  (Appropriate size, cap, fill level, label removal, etc.)

Comments \_\_\_\_\_

### Bouquet/Aroma (as appropriate for style)

Comment on honey expression, alcohol, esters, complexity and other aromatics

5 /10  
 Strong bread aroma upfront  
 Slight honey follows  
 Alcohol not slight

### Appearance (as appropriate for style)

Comment on color, clarity, brilliance, legs, and carbonation

2 /6  
 Cloudy light yellow w/legs

### Flavor (as appropriate for style)

Comment on honey, sweetness, acidity, tannin, alcohol, balance, body, carbonation, aftertaste, and any special ingredients or style-specific flavors

10 /24  
 Sweet honey upfront  
 Med/high esters  
 Fruity flavor follows  
 before a slight alcohol note

### Overall Impression

Comment on overall drinking pleasure associated with entry, give suggestions for improvement

5 /10  
 The clarity is an issue  
 The honey level flavor is correct for entry  
 The bouquet & appearance are the two factors that take away from the mead.

Total

22 /50

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