

CAMRA Durham Pub and Club of the Year Judging

Preamble:

- It is intended that the Branch Secretary runs the Competition. If the Branch Committee appoints another member to run the competition, then the word “Secretary” below should be appropriately replaced in the document below
- The definition of a “Pub” used for this competition shall be “a licensed premises where a member of the general public is permitted to enter and consume alcohol without any additional criteria or fee placed on their entry”
- The definition of a “Club” used for this competition shall be “a licensed premises where alcohol may be consumed, but conditions of entry or a fee may be placed on a person entering. Such conditions must not be contradictory to CAMRA external policy “Pubs, 13.4”.

Pre-selection

- The finalists from the previous year's PotY and CotY competition automatically pre-qualify for the second round of voting.

Nominations

- At any point from the 1st May to 1st December 2010, members are invited to nominate pubs or clubs which they have been to which are “good”. There is no limit to the number of pubs which an individual can nominate, however nominations can only be sent by members of CAMRA Durham, accompanied by a name and email address (or membership number). Nominations shall be permitted in any written form, and shall be collated by the Secretary.
- After the close of nominations, the Secretary shall eliminate all pubs and clubs which have only received one vote, and produce a list of all the pubs and clubs which have qualified for the ballot. This list shall not include the previous year's winner. These nominations shall be formally announced in random order at the CAMRA Durham Christmas Dinner.

Voting

- The round of voting shall select five (5) pubs and two (2) clubs to proceed to the final rounds.
- All members shall be contacted in writing informing them of the ballot. Those who have been contacted by email shall be contacted via email, all others will be contacted by post.
- Where possibly, the Branch Committee shall produce information about each nominated pub or club, which will be published next to the voting form.
- Members will be asked to rank the pubs and clubs from best to worst. The ranking of pubs will be conducted separately from the ranking of clubs. A web form shall be created so that members can do this electronically.
- Votes will be accepted by web form, email or paper.
- Voting shall open at 00:00 on 1st January, and close at 00:00 on 1st February.

Counting (Pub of the Year)

- Votes will be counted via a 5-place single transferable vote (STV) system.
- During the year 2011, one pub in the “Wear Valley” area shall proceed into the final round of the competition. Should there be a point in the counting when only one Wear Valley pub remains, that pub will immediately be deemed selected.
- The secretary shall be responsible for counting the votes, and may co-opt members of the Branch or others to assist with this.
- The finalists will then be announced (in no particular order) as:
 - The five winning pubs from the ballot of members
 - The winning pub from the previous year

Judging day (Pub of the Year)

- Judging day shall be opened to all interested parties. All parties wishing to attend shall contact the secretary at least one week in advance, by personal email, to reserve a place. This is so that suitable transport can be arranged.
- The pubs shall be visited when they are open, as defined by the latest edition of the Good Beer Guide or their website. If a pub is closed when visited, it shall score zero.
- All persons attending the judging day shall be permitted to judge.
- Judges shall use the criteria for National Pub of the Year judging, and associated guidance, as published on the CAMRA website.

- Judges do not have to judge in all the categories (e.g. a tee-total person may choose not to assess quality of beer/cider/perry).
- On completion of the judging, the Secretary shall average the marks awarded in each category over the number of votes, and calculate the final result.
- This result will be announced by the Branch Chair at the AGM, and on the website and magazine as soon as possible.
- The Branch Chair shall present an award to the Winner and Runner-up at their establishment at the first mutually convenient date. These presentations shall be considered a Branch Event for expenses purposes.

Counting (Club of the Year)

- Votes will be counted via a 2-place single transferable vote (STV) system.
- The secretary shall be responsible for counting the votes, and may co-opt members of the Branch or others to assist with this.
- The finalists will then be announced (in no particular order) as:
 - The two winning clubs from the ballot of members
 - The winning pub from the previous year

Judging day (Clubs of the Year)

- Judging day shall be opened to all interested parties. All parties wishing to attend shall contact the secretary at least one week in advance, by personal email, to reserve a place. This is so that suitable transport can be arranged.
- The clubs shall be visited when they are open, as defined by the latest edition of the Good Beer Guide or their website. If a pub is closed when visited, it shall score zero.
- Should the judging panel, whilst carrying their CAMRA membership cards, not be permitted entry to the club, the club shall be immediately disqualified.
- All persons attending the judging day shall be permitted to judge.
- Judges shall use the criteria for National Club of the Year judging, and associated guidance, as published on the CAMRA website (N.B. This is different to the Pub of the Year form)
- Judges do not have to judge in all the categories (e.g. a tee-total person may choose not to assess quality of beer/cider/perry).
- On completion of the judging, the Secretary shall average the marks awarded in each category over the number of votes, and calculate the final result.
- This result will be announced by the Branch Chair at the AGM, and on the website and magazine as soon as possible.
- The Branch Chair shall present an award to the Winner at their establishment at the first mutually convenient date. These presentations shall be considered a Branch Event for expenses purposes.

Agreed at a meeting of Branch Committee held on Saturday 8 May 2010.

Secretary: Richard Hornby
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