



**THE NOMINATION
ROUND V.2022**

Cincinnati.com is on a mission – again – to find Cincinnati's Favorite Beer!

Here's how it works:

Using the beer site Untappd (or suggestions from the breweries themselves), we rounded up the most popular brews at all our local breweries. You vote for your faves at the breweries you know and love. Go try the ones you don't know, come back and vote for your newfound loves. This is all about supporting our local breweries, after all.

When the nomination round ends, we will take your top 32 picks (limit 2 per brewery), seed the winners by vote totals and plug them into our NCAA Tournament-style bracket. You'll then be able to vote for winners, round by round, until we reach the finals.

Nomination voting guide:

- Voting begins at 5 a.m. Monday, Feb. 21, and ends at 11 p.m. Sunday, Feb. 27.
- Vote for one beer per brewery on as many breweries as you want.
- You can submit one ballot per day.

The Dates:

Nominations: Feb. 21-27. Bracket unveiled Sunday, March 6. Round of 32: March 7-8. Sweet 16: March 10-11. Elite 8: March 14-15. Final Four: March 17-18. THE FINALS: March 21-22. Winner announced Sunday, March 27.

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Last year's winner was the Bohemian Special Brew from Geo. Wiedemann Brewing Company, aka Wiedemann's Fine Beer. The brew joined previous champions Backbeat Coffee Blonde Ale from Big Ash Brewing (2020) and Gavel Banger from Taft's Brewing Company (2019) as winners of the coveted trophy.

Who will take home all the glory this year? Well, that's entirely up to you, dear beer voter!

Ready!? **VOTE HERE**. (If you're on a mobile device, be patient, it might take a minute to load. Or try visiting bitly.com/CincyBeerNoms on your desktop.)

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Using the beer site Untappd (or suggestions from the breweries themselves), we rounded up the five most popular brews at all our local breweries. When the nomination round begins on Monday, Feb. 21, you will vote for your faves at the breweries you know and love. We encourage you to go try the selections from the breweries you don't know, come back and vote for your newfound loves.

Rhinegeist expands its reach to a new state



Rhinegeist has expanded distribution to Michigan. CORRIE SCHAFFELD

By Andy Brownfield – Senior staff reporter, Cincinnati Business Courier Feb 18, 2022

Cincinnati's largest craft brewery is getting even bigger, expanding its reach to an eighth state.

Rhinegeist Brewery, headquartered at 1910 Elm St. in Over-the-Rhine, announced Feb. 17 it is expanding distribution to Michigan on March 1. Rhinegeist will distribute its brews on draft, in cans and in bottles throughout Michigan, starting with its Truth IPA, Knowledge double IPA, Sunspun Shandy and Cloud Harvest unfiltered IPA. It will also distribute its new line of hard craft beverages called RGBevs, including Bubbles, Zango Crush and Lemmy Nade. With the addition of Michigan, Rhinegeist is now distributed to eight states:

1. Ohio
2. Kentucky
3. Indiana
4. Tennessee
5. Wisconsin
6. Pennsylvania
7. Illinois
8. Michigan

Rhinegeist is the second-largest brewery in Ohio, behind Cleveland's Great Lakes Brewing. It is Cincinnati's largest craft brewery, brewing nearly 100,000 barrels of beer in 2020, the most recent numbers provided to the *Courier*. Rhinegeist in 2020 began an employee stock ownership plan (ESOP) that is transferring over ownership of the brewery to its employees.

In 2008, Bockfest was almost entirely shut down by the largest snowfall in 20 years. In 2009, we felt a little retaliation was in order. A snowman effigy was acquired and set alight at Grammer's amid much celebration and a tradition was born.

Join us as we make our ritual sacrifice for 2022. Watch as we burn this year's victim at the stake at 8PM and toast to a beautiful Bockfest weekend with specials, hot poked bock beer, and more!

The Precipitation Retaliation Happy Hour will be held at Northern Row Brewery and Distillery on **Friday, February 25, 2022** from 5P-8:30P. Snowman burning will take place at 8P.



Out with Winter, In with Spring

Bockfest, presented by our neighbors at **TruPartner Credit Union**, returns for the 30th year on **March 4-6, 2022!** The annual celebration of bock beer, Cincinnati's brewing heritage, and the Coming of Spring will be back with more of your favorites throughout Over-the-Rhine and at a NEW Bockfest Hall in the heart of the Brewery District.

Bockfest 22

SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 26, 2022

Third Eye and Krampuslauf Zinzinnati collaboration release:

TOTAL DEBOCKERY | DOPPELBOCK

Portion of proceeds going to the
Boys & Girls Club of Greater Cincinnati

Barrel Aged Bottle Release!!

Stein Hoisting Competition

Beerionette Challenge

...And join us for some 'Debockery' at

Crawler Pull for Charity
chance to win a bottle of bourbon

Food Specials
Bockwurst, Goetta Balls and more!

Bockfest Cincinnati March 4-6, 2022!



THIRD EYE
BREWING COMPANY



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Our 2nd Annual Bockfest Weekend Event this weekend:

THIRD EYE Bockfest 2022 FEBRUARY 25-27: WEEKEND FESTIVITIES

Third Eye Brewing Company and Krampuslauf Zinzinnati will once again be releasing our Doppelbock, **TOTAL DEBOCKERY**, on Friday, February 25, 2022, with a portion of the proceeds of this epic beer going to the Boys and Girls Club of Greater Cincinnati.

FRIDAY FEBRUARY 25, 2022: BEER RELEASE: TOTAL DEBOCKERY - DOPPELBOCK 8.6% ABV 23 IBU

Our doppelbock has an intense malty aroma and flavor. It's sweet, full bodied, and reminiscent of toasted bread. We are proud to brew this beer in collaboration with Krampuslauf Zinzinnati with a portion of proceeds going to the Boys and Girls Club of Greater Cincinnati.

We will be tapping **TOTAL DEBOCKERY** at noon on Friday and running food specials including Bockwurst, Goetta Balls and more all weekend (Friday, Saturday, and Sunday) or while supplies last!

SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 26, 2022: BOTTEL RELEASE: BARREL AGED TOTAL DEBOCKERY 9.6% ABV 23 IBU

Aged for a year in an Eagle Rare barrel, the debockery is on a new level. It's sweeter, and boozier with notes of caramel, dried fruit, vanilla, and brown biscuit. It's a smooth sipper.

AND... Join us for some games and show off your beer prowess:

- **Stein Hoisting** Competition (1PM-3PM)
- **Stein Slide and Beerionette** Challenge
- **Crowler Pull** for charity with a chance to win a bottle of bourbon (2PM)

We will also have our **2022 TOTAL DEBOCKERY** T-shirts for sale in the taproom while supplies last!

We will be celebrating all weekend: **Friday: 12pm-11pm, Saturday: 11am-11pm, Sunday: 11am-7pm**





We're turning 5! To celebrate we are throwing mini versions of our favorite festivals we have put on in years past. Can't make it one day? There's a whole 5 days' worth of awesome events!

Friday Feb 25th - Proofed Craft Spirits Festival starting at 6pm we will be hosting Proofed, an event showcasing all of the amazing spirits we make at March First/Cincinnati Distilling. You will be able to sample spirits and enjoy special cocktails all evening. Come celebrate the spirits side of March First for our Anniversary! Josh Ferreira will be playing live in the taproom from 6pm-9pm!

Saturday Feb 26th - Ciderpalooza and Pig Roast. Saturday we're throwing a mini version of Ciderpalooza featuring some favorite and never before seen March First Ciders on tap! In addition we'll be doing a good ole fashioned pig roast as well.

The following ciders will be available on tap: Bananas Foster, Ciderdays, Maple Bourbon, Mango Habanero, and Traditional

Hayden Kaye will be live from 6-7:30pm!

Sunday Feb 27th - Seltzer Smash we will be celebrating all things Astra with exclusive special flavors that have never seen the light of day (except for Birthday Cake of course) Come try amazing flavors including Birthday Cake, Rainbow Sherbet, Ecto Cooler, Tropical Punch, and a Mystery Kyla Mainous will be playing in the taproom from 4-6pm!

Monday Feb 28th - Stout Blowout We are throwing a mini version of one of our favorite beer events of the year, Stout Blowout! You'll be able to try 4 special stouts including: Cosmic Brownie, Chocolate Chip Cookie Dough, Bourbon Orange (Old Fashioned) and Chicory Coffee

Tuesday March 1st! – Our 5th. Anniversary Party

Tuesday March 1st we will be celebrating our birthday with a release of Cincinnati Distilling's Baltic Porter Cask Finished Bourbon. In addition we will have live music in the evening. Come have a few and celebrate our birthday with us!

Josh Ferreira will be playing live in the taproom from 6pm-9pm!

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