



2010 JUDGES



MIRELLA AMATO

Beer Specialist, Writer and Judge.
(Ontario, Canada)

Specializing in Ontario and Quebec brews, Mirella has made the promotion of craft beer her full-time job. She shares her knowledge and enthusiasm through freelance work with a focus on public speaking and education, conducting guided beer tasting sessions and seminars. She is a regular contributor to TAPS magazine, the Great Lakes Brewing News and Bières et Plaisirs and can be heard on CBC Here and Now every second week. Mirella is a founding member of Cask! a board member of the Canadian Amateur Brewers' Association and a proud member of the Pink Boots Society. Mirella is certified CICERONE, BJCP, has judge in many competitions in Canada, USA, Europe and in notorious competitions like the World Beer Cup, Canadian Brewing Awards and the Ontario Brewing Awards. You can find out all about her work at: www.beerology.ca.



DON BURGESS

Technical Director of Society of Independent Brewers
(United Kingdom)

Don Burgess has been a part of the Microbrewing industry in the UK since its rebirth in the late 1980's. A graduate of Manchester Polytechnic in Microbiology, he quickly found himself at home in the new and exciting industry which was just starting to grow in the UK. Don has trained several award winning brewers and built breweries around the UK.

He founded Freeminer Brewery in 1991, and went on to win awards for speciality and quality beers from CAMRA, National Hop Association, and has won recognition from the Food and drink industry for innovation, and support of small producers.

Today he is Technical Director of Society of Independent Brewers (SIBA), the British Craft Brewers Organisation, and continues to create new beers for national distribution by Freeminer Brewery.



SYLVAIN CLOUTIER

Substitute Judge
(Québec, Canada)

Columnist at Bières et Plaisirs from the beginning of that publication, Sylvain Cloutier is an active member of that team and does not hesitate to share his passion and knowledge for beer. He completed his studies in Agricultural Economics and Financial Analysis, he combines his passion to his profession by offering market and statistical analysis on the brewing world. His innumerable brewery visits combined to the discovery of thousands of beers make him an excellent taster. He uses his numerous trips across the planet as reference markers and to his tastings' analysis. Which ever beer we present him, he will find a way to savor it with pleasure.



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PHILIPPE GAÏANI
Beer Cocktail Specialist
(Strasbourg, France)

From a very young age, Philippe Gaïani wanted to be a Chef... but realized that he was more attracted to the barman profession! He first started at the Hilton in Strasbourg and is now the person in charge of the Lounge-Bar at the Holiday Inn where he specialized in beer cocktails. Philippe writes columns on beer cocktails for *Bière Magazine* and regularly publishes articles on beer, alcohol and spirits.



GRADY HULL
Assistant Brewmaster, New Belgium
Brewing Co.
(Colorado, USA)

Grady Hull graduated from Colorado State University in 1994 with a BS in Food Science and Technology. After an internship with Coors Brewing Company, he worked as a brewer for CooperSmith's and Fleetside brewpubs. In 1996, he began working at New Belgium; he received his MS and Distilling from Heriot-Watt University.



IACOPO LENCI
Owner of Birrificio Brùton,
(Tuscany, Italy)

Iacopo Lenci was born in 1984 in the city of Lucca, Tuscany. Raised in the land of wines, he was exposed to Sangiovese wine at young age by his father, a wine maker. He grew up on the family farm and spent a lot of time in the vine yards of Maremma, in the South of Tuscany. His passion for beer started very early in life, at the moment when he discovered Belgian beers. He understood that the Italian industrial lagers he had always drunk, were not the only way to drink and consider beer, even in Italy... From then on and like any other beer fanatic, he started brewing his own beers in the family's garage. In 2004, he finally started thinking about brewing beer as a career, and in 2006, Iacopo abandoned his studies in cinema and founded Birrificio Brùton in the hills of Lucca's wonderful countryside! He immediately began to work on production and is the owner and producer of Brùton beers, working in synergy with Andrea Riccio, the head-brewer.



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NATHAN MCNUTT
Brewmaster Le Réservoir
(Quebec, Canada)

Nathan McNutt has brewed beer professionally at the Reservoir Brewpub for the last five years and as an amateur for the last 25 years. He attended the World Brewing Academy in Chicago specializing in fermentation and Quality Control. Nathan has travelled throughout Europe and North America visiting countless breweries and pubs searching out new and exciting beer styles. He has been an active member of the Beer Judge Certification Program for 11 years, attaining the rank of «National Judge». He has attended the Mondial de la bière since its very first year and is very excited to have the opportunity to judge for them in 2010.

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CONRAD SEIDL
Writer and Beer Journalist
(Vienna, Austria)

Conrad Seidl was born in Vienna, Austria, where he lives as staff writer and political commentator for the daily newspaper Der Standard. For his beer writing he uses the brand name "Bierpapst" – his columns appear regularly in the gourmet magazine FALSTAFF and in the trade magazine Der Getränkefachgroßhandel. His career as a beer writer started with a guide to Austrian beer ("Hurra Bier!") in 1990. He has published more than 25 books on the subject of brewing and beer culture and contributed to Michael Jackson's "Eye Witness Guide to Beer", "Beer Hunter and Whisky Chaser". Conrad Seidl was a beer judge at the Brewing Industry International awards in 1996, 1998 and 2002, at the New Zealand Beer Awards in 2001, at several beer festivals in the US, in Europe and at the World Beer Cup 2008. He consequently built his brand "Bierpapst" working as a speaker on beer, brewing and marketing. He conducts tastings, beer-dinners and seminars for consumers as well as for marketers.



PAUL SULLIVAN
Beer Journalist
(Vermont, USA)

Paul Sullivan began homebrewing in 1992, and quickly won three Gold Medals in three years in the American Homebrewer's Association National Competition. Then he moved on to professional brewing at the Commonwealth Brewing Company of New York, where his beers received medals in the 1999 and 2000 Great American Beer Festivals. Awarded the Michael Jackson Beer Education Scholarship for excellence in brewing, he traveled to Belgium for personal in-depth tours by the brewers at Rhodenbach, Westmalle, Orval, and De Koninck. As a staff writer for Ale Street News for the past 15 years, Paul is responsible for organizing and moderating blind beer tastings for each issue. He also writes regular columns on homebrewing and beer styles, as well as his own column, Beer Strategies. In 2005 he was a panelist in the New York Times Pale Ale tasting with Eric Asimov and Florence Fabricant. A long time member of the Beer Judge Certification Program, Paul is a National Judge.



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ERIC WALLACE

President and Co-Founder of Left Hand Brewery
(Colorado, USA)

Left Hand Brewing was founded by Jon Eric Wallace and Dick Doore on September 21st, 1993, and has been crafting a well-balanced portfolio of award-winning beers that are now available in 26 states and 7 countries. Eric Wallace is also the President and co-founder of Indian Peaks Brewing Company, parent company of Left Hand Brewing Company.

Eric grew up around the world as the son of an Air Force officer, and was exposed to good beer at a precocious age in Germany. Upon his return in 1993, he was inspired by the renaissance in craft brewing developing in the U.S. and, along with co-founder Dick Doore, decided to jump headfirst into the craft beer business. Eric is passionate about beer and food pairings – he’s a supporting member of the Slow Food movement, and even his business card says “Beer is Food.”