

Every homebrewer strives to brew (and drink) better beer. What I love most about being a BJCP Beer Judge is encouraging other homebrewers, would be homebrewers, and beer drinkers to expand their knowledge, understanding, and appreciation of fermented beverages. My passion for sharing the joy of judging, improving my brewing techniques, and inspiring others as well is why I ask for your vote to become the BJCP Mountain/Northwest Representative.

A seventh-month beer tour of Europe and a move to Portland, Oregon launched me into home brewing. My goal: to create the most drinkable beers in the world. I also make experimental beers for release at Rouge's Green Dragon Bistro and Pub as part of the Green Dragon Brew Crew. We host guest homebrewers on our system, helping them hone their recipes on a larger system for public release. Making beer with others, that not only sells but also excites and educates the public, constantly sharpens my skills and knowledge of drinks.

As a member of the Oregon Brew Crew since 2013, I was grateful to receive the Red Bung "Beer Lover's Award" in 2015 which, "recognizes the recipient's unbridled passion for good beer, and distinguishes their efforts to share that enthusiasm with others."

I currently hold the BJCP distinction of National Judge. I love teaching beer styles/sensory analysis classes, grading national BJCP tasting and written exams, proctoring practice exams, and judging and running BJCP competitions. I also review beers as a Judge for Beer Connoisseur magazine.

As BJCP Mountain/Northwest Representative, my goal is to alleviate the stress competition organizers' and judge directors' experience when struggling to obtain BJCP judge participation. I hope to inspire homebrewers and homebrew clubs not only join but also participate actively in the BJCP. Only then, by increasing the number of BJCP

judges in our region and providing them educational opportunities to improve their brewing and evaluation skills, will homebrewers of all levels benefit.