

South East London CAMRA – Branch Pub of the Year Selection Process

- There are two stages: (1) selection of 4 district winners; and (2) selection of the overall winner;
- For the first stage, the branch pubs selected for next edition of the Good Beer Guide are split into 4 districts – Royal Greenwich Borough, Lewisham Borough, Lambeth/Southwark Boroughs (excl SE1), and SE1;
- Branch members are invited to attend a short-listing meeting to select up to five candidate pubs for each district to be put to a branch member vote to determine each district winner;
- As well as overall average beer scores, a key focus of short-list selection is those pubs with the highest number of different scorers, given that the district winners should have a wide appeal. Regard is also had for the criteria against which the 4 winners will later be judged to determine the overall branch winner;
- Ideally, each district shortlist will contain a range of venue types;
- Branch members are then invited to vote for their favourite pub from each of the 4 district short-lists. Members are not obliged to cast a vote for all 4 districts, they may vote for as many or as few areas as they wish;
- Following the conclusion of the above voting, the winner of each district vote is announced and in due course will be awarded a District Winner certificate;
- To determine the overall branch Pub of the Year, the 4 district winners are then assessed against the same criteria used for the London regional pub of the year judging;
- Normally, branch social(s) will be arranged to visit each pub and any branch member may attend and contribute their assessment/scoring. Branch members are also free to conduct visits independently to all 4 pubs and submit scoring sheets;
- All scores received by the previously stated deadline are then averaged to determine a final overall score for each pub. The highest scoring pub is declared the winner and in due course will be awarded a branch Pub of the Year certificate;
- The overall Pub of the Year is ineligible for the following year's competition but becomes eligible again the year after.