



# JUDGES' AND PRESENTERS' 2024 Biographies

(In alphabetical order)

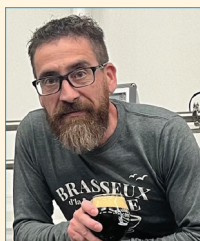


## Natacha Baijot, Quebec

Brewer and Sales Representative

### Judge

Natacha is a dynamic and passionate brewer; she has created beers for La Chope Angus - Craft Brewery and Solidarity Cooperative since 2022. However, this passion for brewing began more than 10 years ago as an amateur brewer, she has won awards across Canada during that time. She loves traveling the world and tasting all styles of beers. Pink Boots Society Ambassador for Quebec.



## René Brideau, New Brunswick

Portfolio development, Sales Director, Brasseurs d'la Côte

### Judge

René brings over 20 years of bar industry experience into his role. His journey from bartender to brewery manager has been fueled by a deep love for beer, making him a respected figure among fellow enthusiasts. With a keen palate refined over decades of tasting and exploring, he eagerly anticipates the opportunity to judge this beer competition. His dedication to the craft and unwavering commitment to quality ensure that each evaluation is conducted with honesty and passion.



## Sylvain Fazan, Switzerland

Beer Expert and author

### Judge

Since 1999, I have been contributing to the development of the Swiss brewing industry, focusing on the culture, promotion, and dissemination of beer. As an enthusiast, I draw consumers' attention to the diversity of beer, both indigenous and foreign, while actively supporting local breweries. Author of two guides dedicated to craft breweries in French-speaking Switzerland. Producer of the on-line magazine «*Brassin Public*,» hosted by Caroline Leclerc, former coordinator of the Association of Microbreweries of Quebec.



## Francis Mainardi, Brazil

Beer and Marketing Specialist

### Judge

Marketer and passionate about beers. With extensive experience in the beer market since 2010, I help breweries with marketing and sales management, I am a Consultant, Beer Sommelier, Certified Cicerone®, Certified BJCP Judge, Technical Brewer and ambassador and teacher of the Cicerone® Program in Brazil. Francis judged at last year's Mondial de la bière festival in Rio de Janeiro.



## Jordan St. John, Ontario

Beer expert

### Judge

With a decade and a half in the beer industry, Jordan St. John is the Editor of Ontario's Craft Beer Magazine, The Growler and the head of the beer certificate at Toronto's George Brown College. A Certified Cicerone and BJCP, he's delighted to be at Mondial where he began his writing career in 2010.



## Jean-Michel Tisseur, Quebec

Brewer, Microbrasserie Mutoïde

### Judge

Professional brewer since 2011.

Founder and President of Microbrasserie Mutoïde at Hochelaga.



## Deborah Wood, Québec, Canada

Brewing ingredient specialist

### Substitute judge

Deborah's path to becoming a brewing ingredient specialist through home brewing. She became the woman with the most brewing awards in Canada in the 1990s. She has done various jobs in the brewing industry. She taught advanced brewing courses, gave technical conferences on brewing ingredients and how to use them. Deborah began working for wholesale malt and brewing ingredient companies in 2007. During her career, she created teaching materials that inspired brewers, solved technical problems and also created blogs with the USA team. Sensory evaluation has always enabled her to understand brewing, beer defects, brewing process errors, and or beer design errors. She became a BJCP beer judge in 1995 and now judge Internationally.



## Stephen Beaumont, Ontario

Beer Tasting Workshops

### Presenter

Widely recognized in the global beer and spirits industries for over thirty years, Stephen Beaumont is the author of several books on beer including *The World Atlas of Beer* and *The Beer & Food Companion*, and has judged in many international tasting competitions, including the World Beer Awards, the Brussels Beer Challenge, and the Canada Beer Cup.



## Tony Forder, United States

Director, Greg Noonan MBeer Contest

### Presenter

A native of England, Tony Forder has lived in the U.S. for more than 40 years. For 27 of them, he was Editor and Co-publisher of *Ale Street News*, America's largest circulation beer newspaper. Tony has appeared as beer expert for print and broadcast media, has presented a variety of beer events and dinners, and has led several beer tours in North America and Europe, especially Belgium. Tony has been a part of the Mondial de la biere festivals for two decades. He is currently working on a book of his beer memoirs and the origins of the craft beer movement. His work can be seen at [www.limetreeroadsidepubcafe.com](http://www.limetreeroadsidepubcafe.com).



## Guy Lévesque, Quebec

Public Blind Tasting Competition

### Presenter

Guy Lévesque's beer interest evolved in all directions – historical research; beer and food pairings, even cooking with beer. An enthusiastic collector of beerphernalia, he's continually shared his beer knowledge and passion with the public. With the Mondial de la biere he has presented beer tasting workshops, beer and food pairings; was coordinator for the judging contest (Greg Noonan 2006-2013) in Montreal and (Pierre Celis 2009-2012) in Europe; and taught at the Mondial's MBiere school. He has also presented a weekly beer show on the radio and collaborated on the book *Les Microbrasseries du Québec*.



## Philippe Wouters, Quebec

Beer expert

### Presenter

Philippe Wouters, originally from Belgium, is a key figure in the Quebec brewing scene. Recognized for his expertise in beerology, he founded «*Bières et Plaisirs*,» a platform that has become a reference for both enthusiasts and professionals in the field. This platform enriches the brewing landscape with discoveries, tastings, and features dedicated to beer, terroir, and gastronomy. Philippe also directs the Atelier des Bières, where he has trained over 1500 people in beer culture. His role as a consultant for various companies, covering all aspects from production to marketing, allows him to support business development in the brewing sector. With an educational approach and communicative passion, Philippe Wouters plays a crucial role in expanding and enriching the beer culture in Quebec.