



Chicago Section
Institute of Food Technologists



December Holiday Meeting – Celebrating Chicago’s Beer!

This year’s December Holiday Meeting was one to remember! Chicago IFT hosted the first ever Chicago Beer Competition at the beautiful Brookfield Zoo on December 14th. Guests enjoyed samplings from 4 local breweries:



LAGUNITAS
BREWING COMPANY



While the guests (judges!) sampled each beer they were able to engage with the brew masters from each brewery and discuss the nuances of each beer, the notes and the process.



In addition, each brewery generously donated a branded prize to our raffle that raised over **\$600** for our Scholarship group!



Lucky winners took home a Goose Island Turn Table, a case of Daisy Cutter, and branded bar goodies and beer from Lagunitas and Revolution.



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Our food sponsor: Cheesewich also donated a box of NY Strip Steaks and Lobster Tails.

The evening culminated with the exciting award ceremony. After votes were tallied, the winning brews were presented a crystal engraved prize. The winners for each category:



Brewer's Choice



Flagship Brew



Seasonal Brew

A great time was had by all, the evening was a fun way to celebrate the holiday season with our section, to socialize with colleagues, and try some great local beers.

Happy Holidays!

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