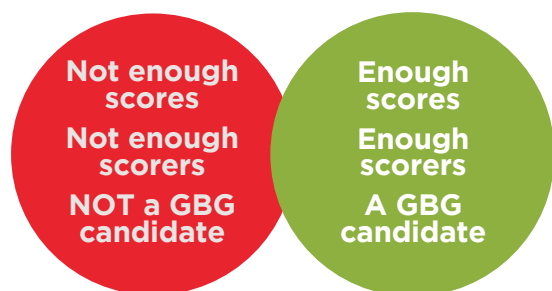


Pubs and Clubs Need Your Beer Scores



CAMRA's National Beer Scoring System

The National Beer Scoring System (NBSS) enables CAMRA members to submit information about the quality of real ale they drink. The system is based on a 'points out of 5' scoring system (see opposite).

There are significant benefits to using the NBSS. It helps us to:

- Monitor the quality of real ale being served in pubs and clubs.
- Find pubs and clubs with previously unidentified, or improved, good beer quality.
- Find pubs that can join CAMRA's LocAle accreditation scheme.
- Select pubs for inclusion in the next Good Beer Guide (GBG).
- Identify potential contenders for CAMRA's Pub or Club of the Year competition.

Why do we need you?

Only a third of pubs typically receive sufficient beer scores to be considered for an entry in the Good Beer Guide.

So why not submit some beer scores?

It takes around two beer scores per month for a pub to be considered for an entry in the GBG.

Otherwise, good real ale pubs and clubs may miss out!

What if I'm a publican?

Get to know which of your locals are CAMRA members. Then pester, persuade and coax them into submitting some beer scores.

So, how do I submit my scores?

The simplest way to submit beer scores is through CAMRA's WhatPub website whatpub.com or the **GBG App**.

1. Logon to the WhatPub website using your CAMRA membership number and password.
2. Search for and select the pub you visited.
3. Submit your beer scores (one entry per beer).

How do I score a beer?

	Definition and immediate reaction
0	No cask ale available.
0.5	Undrinkable. Cask ale that is so poor you have to take it back. 'Disgusting' 'Appalling' 'Revoltig' 'Off'
1 	Poor. Beer that is anything from barely drinkable to drinkable with considerable resentment. You take it back or don't finish it. 'Unpleasant' 'Inferior'
1.5	'Indifferent' 'Second-rate'
2 	Average. Competently kept, drinkable pint but doesn't inspire in any way, not worth moving to another pub but you drink the beer without really noticing. You try a different beer. 'Mediocre' 'Run of the mill' 'A little tired'
2.5	'Ordinary' 'Acceptable' 'Passable'
3 	Good. Good beer in good form. You may cancel plans to move to another pub. You want to stay for another pint. 'Good' 'Nice pint' 'Decent'
3.5	'Really good' 'Lovely'
4 	Very Good. Excellent beer in excellent condition. You will likely not move to another pub. Possibly the best beer you've had all month. 'Very good' 'First-class' 'Great' 'Excellent'
4.5	'Superior' 'Outstanding'
5 	Perfect. Probably the best you are ever likely to find. A seasoned drinker will award this score very rarely. Perhaps awarded once or twice a year. You have to tell everyone nearby how perfect it is. 'Nectar of the Gods' 'Perfect' 'Superlative' 'Stunning'

Still not too sure how to score a beer?

Scoring the quality of a real ale can be a bit daunting the first time you try it, so here's a few tips to help:

1. **Score the beer based on its quality and condition which can be difficult if you don't like a particular style of beer. You are scoring the pub, not the brewer.**
2. If you score a zero (No cask ale available) please give the reason in the Comments field.
3. Try describing the condition and quality of the beer. Then use the example words to pick a score.
4. Don't forget to score bad quality beer as well as good quality beer, so we have a good and fair picture of the quality of real ale at a pub or club, and give diplomatic feedback to the bar staff if you can.
5. Every pub occasionally serves a pint near the end of the barrel. So, to be fair to the landlord, you should only score a 0.5 or 1 if you take the beer back and it was not replaced or refunded with good grace and the beer taken off sale. Indicate whether this was done when you submit your actual score.
6. The majority of scores for a pub well known for its real ale quality will be between 3 & 4. For a GBG quality pub the majority of scores will be over 3.5.
7. Scoring a 4.5 is a rare event.
8. Scoring a 5 is a very, very rare event. You shouldn't expect to score a 5 more than a couple of times a year.

Don't forget to have fun!

Beer scoring shouldn't be seen as a chore and certainly doesn't stop you seeking out and enjoying good ale!

