



A Guide to Choosing Entries in the Good Beer Guide (GBG) & Branch Pub of the Year (PoTY)

June 2025

Important points;

- CAMRA HQ fixes the number of entries per branch for GBG (currently 18).
- The number of pubs and clubs in the branch serving real ale is currently 160+.
- All branch members have a potential input to selection through beer scoring in pubs and through voting for nominated pubs.

Selection process;

Stage 1; December - The initial long list is created by using the CAMRA Beer Quality Accreditation (BQA) scores on WhatPub. BQA is calculated over the previous 12 months of scores. All pubs and clubs with two pints or three pints on the BQA are included in the long list.

To qualify pubs must have been scored at least 5 times by a minimum of 3 scorers.

Three Pint:

- Meaning: *Assessed by CAMRA members as serving great real ale.*
- Average beer score higher than 3.6.

Two Pint:

- Meaning: *If you're looking for a good, decent pint then look no further.*
- Average beer score between 3.0 and 3.6

Stage 2; December - At a branch meeting the initial BQA list is reviewed and any issues / anomalies discussed e.g. pubs that have changed owners or licensee; any previous GBG / high scoring pubs that have not made the list, maybe due to lack of visits etc. The long list is decided and prepared for sending to branch members to vote.

Stage 3; Mid - December; Long list is sent to branch members for voting, via Comms tool / link to poll / website (to be decided and trialled by committee). Members can vote for 18 pubs from the list for GBG and will be asked to nominate three (?) pubs for branch PoTY.

Stage 4; January - Votes and long list discussed at meeting to produce list of 18 + reserves for surveys to be carried out. Surveys for GBG pubs to be divided between committee and members present at meeting. Branch members will be invited to survey the three pubs for branch PoTY using the CAMRA guidelines. Members must visit all three pubs for scores to count.

Stage 5; surveys for GBG and PoTY to be completed by mid-March (date to be announced each year) to allow time for administration tasks.

This process to be implemented from December 2025 for the 2026 GBG and PoTY.