

USBTC Announces 17th Annual Summer Competition Winners

Chicago, IL - The United States Beer Tasting Championship™ (USBTC) recently completed the Summer Event of its 17th annual competition. A total of 447 beers from 171 breweries were examined across 15 different beer categories. Within each category, the USBTC determined both a Grand Champion and the best entry from each of six U.S. regions: 1) Northeast, 2) Mid-Atlantic/Southeast, 3) Midwest, 4) Rockies/Southwest, 5) California, and 6) Northwest/Pacific.

The USBTC takes a unique approach in that its competition is held in multiple stages. Sequential field trials are conducted wherein judges evaluate beers and select the best to advance to subsequent rounds. This allows beers to be judged in relatively small flights while ensuring that the best beers are still determined through head-to-head competition. All beers were tasted in blinded fashion and judged on a hedonic scale.

The USBTC recognizes that American brewers are continually establishing new beer styles and reviving interest in classic styles. As one way to acknowledge this, the USBTC devotes “pull-out” categories in each competition to styles that are currently emerging or being faithfully carried on. In our most recent event, “Sour Beer” and “Black IPA/Hoppy Brown Ale” were selected as USBTC pull-out categories. For additional information please go to our website at www.usbtc.com or look for our page on Facebook.

The USBTC Grand Champions were:

<u>Category</u>	<u>Grand Champion</u>	<u>Company</u>	<u>Location</u>	<u>Total Beers Judged</u>
<i>Imperial IPA/Red Ale</i>	White Knuckle	Marin Brewing Company	Larkspur, CA	41
<i>India Pale Ale</i>	Pako's IPA	Snake River Brewing	Jackson, WY	70
<i>Pale Ale</i>	Cardinal Pale Ale	Nebraska Brewing Company	Papillion, NE	43
<i>Amber/Red Ale</i>	Captain Sig's Northwestern Ale	Rogue Brewery	Newport, OR	38
<i>Bitter/ESB</i>	Old Thumper	The Shipyard Brewing Co.	Portland, ME	20
<i>Belgian/French Specialty</i>	Springhouse Ale	Williamsburg AleWerks, LLC	Williamsburg, VA	25
<i>Belgian Wit</i>	Lost Abby Witch's Wit	Port Brewing Company	San Marcos, CA	26
<i>Golden Ale/Kolsch</i>	Split Rock Golden Ale	Flying Goose Brew Pub	New London, NH	24
<i>Bock/Doppelbock</i>	Samuel Adams Double Bock	Boston Beer Company	Boston, MA	22
<i>Pilsner</i>	Pikeland Pilsner	Sly Fox Brewing Company	Royersford, PA	24
<i>Dortmunder/Helles</i>	Flywheel Lager	Metropolitan Brewing	Chicago, IL	20
<i>Wheat Beer</i>	Wisteria Wheat	Fordham Brewing Company	Dover, DE	38
<i>Fruit Beer</i>	Cerise	Founders Brewing	Grand Rapids, MI	25
<i>Sour Beer</i>	Samuel Adams Stony Brook Red	Boston Beer Company	Boston, MA	14
<i>Hoppy Brown/Black IPA</i>	Black Mirror	Vintage Brewing Company	Madison, WI	17

The regional winners (along with beers receiving honorable mention) from each category were:

<u>Region/ Category</u>	<u>Regional Champion/ Honorable Mention</u>	<u>Company</u>	<u>Location</u>
<u>Northeast</u>			
Imperial IPA/Red Ale	Shipyard XXXX	The Shipyard Brewery	Portland, ME
Honorable Mention	Big A IPA	Smuttynose Brewery	Portsmouth, NH
India Pale Ale	Long Brothers Strong Ale	Flying Goose Brew Pub	New London, NH
Honorable Mention	Samuel Adams Latitude 48 Simcoe	Boston Beer Company	Boston, MA
Pale Ale	Flying Goose Pale Ale	Flying Goose Brew Pub	New London, NH
Honorable Mention	Chamberlain Pale Ale	The Shipyard Brewery	Portland, ME
Amber/Red Ale	Flying Goose Ragged Mtn. Red	Flying Goose Brew Pub	New London, NH
Honorable Mention	McNeill's Ruby Red	McNeills Brewery	Woodstock, VT
Belgian/French Specialty	Farmhouse Ale	Smuttynose Brewery	Portsmouth, NH
Belgian Wit	White	Allagash Brewing Company	Portland, ME
Bitter/ESB	Old Thumper	The Shipyard Brewery	Portland, ME
Golden Ale/Kolsch	Split Rock Golden Ale	Flying Goose Brew Pub	New London, NH
Bock/Doppelbock	Samuel Adams Double Bock	Boston Beer Company	Boston, MA
Honorable Mention	Smuttynose Smuttanator	Smuttynose Brewery	Portsmouth, NH
Pilsner	Samuel Adams Noble Pils	Boston Beer Company	Boston, MA
Dortmunder/Helles	Samuel Adams Boston Lager	Boston Beer Company	Boston, MA
Wheat Beer	Sea Dog Raspberry Ale	Sea Dog Brewery	Portland, ME
Fruit Beer	Longshot Honey B's Lavender Ale	Boston Beer Company	Boston, MA

Sour Beer	Samuel Adams Stony Brook Red	Boston Beer Company	Boston, MA
<u>Mid-Atlantic/Southeast</u>			
Imperial IPA/Red Ale	Big Hoppy Monster	Terrapin Beer Company	Athens, GA
Honorable Mention	Double Simcoe	Weyerbacher Brewing Company	Easton, PA
India Pale Ale	Drake Tail India Pale Ale	Williamsburg AleWerks, LLC	Williamsburg, VA
Honorable Mention	Hop Devil Ale	Victory Brewing Company	Downington, PA
Pale Ale	Headwaters Pale Ale	Victory Brewing Company	Downington, PA
Amber/Red Ale	Red Marker Ale	Williamsburg AleWerks, LLC	Williamsburg, VA
Honorable Mention	Gaelic Ale	Highland Brewing Company	Asheville, NC
Bitter/ESB	Extra Special Ale	Yards Brewing Company	Philadelphia, PA
Belgian/French Specialty	Springhouse Ale	Williamsburg AleWerks, LLC	Williamsburg, VA
Honorable Mention	Helios	Victory Brewing Company	Downington, PA
Belgian Wit	Florida Cracker White Ale	Cigar City Brewing Company	Tampa, FL
Golden Ale/Kolsch	Xenu Cream Ale	Cigar City Brewing Company	Tampa, FL
Honorable Mention	Kolsch	Lancaster Brewing Company	Lancaster, PA
Bock/Doppelbock	Coney Island Human Blockhead	Shmaltz Brewing Company	Saratoga Springs,NY
Honorable Mention	Troegenator	Troegs Brewing Company	Harrisburg, PA
Pilsner	Pikeland Pils	Sly Fox Brewing Company	Royersford, PA
Honorable Mention	Coney Island Mermaid	Shmaltz Brewing Company	Saratoga Springs,NY
Dortmunder/Helles	Helles Lager	Fordham Brewing Company	Dover, DE
Honorable Mention	Dominion Lager	Old Dominion Brewing Company	Dover, DE
Wheat Beer	Wisteria Wheat	Fordham Brewing Company	Dover, DE
Fruit Beer	Guava Grove	Cigar City Brewing Company	Tampa, FL
Honorable Mention	He'Brew Origin	Shmaltz Brewing Company	Saratoga Springs,NY
Sour Beer	Riserva	Weyerbacher Brewing Company	Easton, PA
Hoppy Brown/Black IPA	Yakima Glory	Victory Brewing Company	Downington, PA
<u>Midwest</u>			
Imperial IPA/Red Ale	Hop Dam Tripel IPA	Hoppin' Frog Brewery	Akron, OH
India Pale Ale	Old School IPA	Grumpy Troll Brewery	Mt Horeb, WI
Pale Ale	Cardinal Pale Ale	Nebraska Brewing Company	Papillion, NE
Amber/Red Ale	Fixed Gear American Red Ale	Lakefront Brewery	Milwaukee, WI
Honorable Mention	Erik Red Ale	Grumpy Troll Brewery	Mt Horeb, WI
Bitter/ESB	Amber- ESB	Saugatuck Brewing Company	Saugatuck, MI
Belgian/French Specialty	Raspberry Saison	Stevens Point Brewing Company	Stevens Point, WI
Honorable Mention	Biere de Garde	Schlafly Brewing	St Louis, MO
Belgian Wit	Whippoorwill	Vintage Brewing Company	Madison, WI
Golden Ale/Kolsch	Full Circle	New Holland Brewing Company	Holland, MI
Bock/Doppelbock	Sprecher Double Bock	Sprecher Brewing	Glendale, WI
Pilsner	Potosi Pilsner	Potosi Brewing	Potosi, WI
Dortmunder/Helles	Flywheel Lager	Metropolitan Brewing	Chicago , IL
Wheat Beer	Nebraska Wheat	Nebraska Brewing Company	Papillion, NE
Fruit Beer	Cerise	Founders Brewing	Grand Rapids, MI
Black IPA	Black Mirror	Vintage Brewing Company	Madison, WI
Sour Beer	Blue Sunday Sour	New Holland Brewing Company	Holland, MI
<u>Rockies/Southwest</u>			
Imperial IPA/Red Ale	The Incredible Hop	Fort Collins Brewery	Ft Collins, CO
India Pale Ale	Pako's IPA	Snake River Brewing Company	Jackson, WY
Pale Ale	Santa Fe Pale Ale	Santa Fe Brewing Company	Santa Fe, NM
Amber/Red Ale	No Winner		
Bitter/ESB	Special ESB	SKA Brewing Company	Durango, CO
Belgian/French Specialty	No Winner		
Belgian Wit	White Rascal		
Golden Ale/Kolsch	Kölnerbrau	Avery Brewing Company	Boulder, CO
Bock/Doppelbock	Maibock	Snake River Brewing Company	Jackson, WY
Pilsner	Free Style Pilsner	Fort Collins Brewery	Fort Collins, CO
Dortmunder/Helles	Rahr Blond Lager	Santa Fe Brewing Company	Santa Fe, NM
Wheat Beer	Summer Time Wheat	Rahr & Sons Brewing	Ft Worth, TX
Fruit Beer	Kinda Blue Blueberry Wheat	Rahr & Sons Brewing	Ft Worth, TX
Black IPA	India Brown Ale	Boulder Beer Company	Boulder, CO
Sour Beer	No Winner	Boulder Beer Company	Boulder, CO

California

Imperial IPA/Red Ale	White Knuckle Double IPA	Marin Brewing Company	Larkspur, CA
Honorable Mention	Mongo IPA	Port Brewing Company	San Marcos, CA
India Pale Ale	WipeOut IPA	Port Brewing Company	San Marcos, CA
Honorable Mention	Stone IPA	Stone Brewing Company	Escondido, CA
Pale Ale	Mt. Tam Pale Ale	Marin Brewing Company	Larkspur, CA
Honorable Mention	Tipperary Pale Ale	Moylan's Brewing Company	Novato, CA
Amber/Red Ale	Red Rocket Ale	Bear Republic Brewing Company	Cloverdale, CA
Honorable Mention	Alley Cat Amber Ale	Lost Coast Brewing Company	Eureka, CA
Bitter/ESB	Marin ESB	Marin Brewing Company	Larkspur, CA
Belgian/French Specialty	The Lost Abbey Avant-Garde	Port Brewing Company	San Marcos, CA
Belgian Wit	Lost Abbey Witch's Wit	Port Brewing Company	San Marcos, CA
Golden Ale/Kolsch	Celts Golden Ale	Moylan's Brewing Company	Novato, CA
Bock/ Doppelbock	(None declared)		
Pilsner	HopGartner	Moylan's Brewing Company	Novato, CA
Dortmunder/Helles	Hell's Lager	Moylan's Brewing Company	Novato, CA
Wheat Beer	Marin Hefeweizen	Marin Brewing Company	Larkspur, CA
Fruit Beer	The Lost Abbey Framboise	Port Brewing Company	San Marcos, CA
Black IPA	Orange and Black Congrats Ale	Moylan's Brewing Company	Novato, CA
Sour Beer	Cuvee de Tomme	Port Brewing Company	San Marcos, CA

Northwest/Pacific

Imperial IPA/Red Ale	Dick's Imperial IPA	Dick's Brewing Company	Centralia, WA
India Pale Ale	IPA	Big Sky Brewing Company	Missoula, MT
Honorable Mention	Bootjack IPA	Icicle Brewing Company	Leavenworth, WA
Pale Ale	Chatoe Rogue OREgasmic Ale	Rogue Brewery	Newport, OR
Honorable Mention	Mirror Pond Pale Ale	Deschutes Brewing Company,	Bend, OR
Amber/Red Ale	Captain Sig's Northwestern Ale	Rogue Brewery	Newport, OR
Honorable Mention	Green Lakes Organic Ale	Deschutes Brewing Company,	Bend, OR
Bitter/ESB	Bitch Creek ESB	Grand Teton Brewing Company	Victor, ID
Belgian/French Specialty	The Grand Saison	Grand Teton Brewing Company	Victor, ID
Belgian Wit	Dry Wit	Pike Brewing Company	Seattle, WA
Honorable Mention	White Frog Ale	Issaquah Brewery	Issaquah, WA
Golden Ale/Kolsch	Naughty Nellie's	Pike Brewing Company	Seattle, WA
Honorable Mention	Dick's Golden Ale	Dick's Brewing Company	Centralia, WA
Bock/Doppelbock	LTD Series 04	Full Sail Brewing Company	Hood River, OR
Pilsner	LTD Series 03	Full Sail Brewing Company	Hood River, OR
Dortmunder/Helles	Lokal Lager	Icicle Brewing Company	Leavenworth, WA
Wheat Beer	Groetzer Smoked Wheat	Rogue Brewery	Newport, OR
Fruit Beer	Track Town Honey Orange Wheat Ale	Eugene City Brewery	Eugene, OR
Sour Beer	The Dissident	Deschutes Brewing Company,	Bend, OR
Hoppy Brown/Black IPA	Dad's Little Helper Black IPA	Rogue Brewery	Newport, OR