

## USBTC Announces 18<sup>th</sup> Annual Summer Competition Winners

**Manchester, NH** - The United States Beer Tasting Championship™ (USBTC) recently completed the Summer Event of its 18th annual competition. A total of 502 beers from 127 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, “Session Beer” was selected as the USBTC pull-out category. For additional information please go to our website at [www.usbtc.com](http://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      | 45                        |
| <i>India Pale Ale</i>           | Paw Print IPA                | Big Bear Brewing Company    | Coral Springs, FL | 73                        |
| <i>Pale Ale</i>                 | Chamberlain Pale Ale         | The Shipyard Brewery        | Portland, ME      | 43                        |
| <i>Amber/Red Ale</i>            | Samuel Adams Tasman Red      | Boston Beer Company         | Boston, MA        | 33                        |
| <i>Bitter/ESB</i>               | Old Thumper                  | The Shipyard Brewing Co.    | Portland, ME      | 23                        |
| <i>Belgian/French Specialty</i> | Seventeen                    | Weyerbacher Brewing Company | Easton, PA        | 34                        |
| <i>Belgian Wit</i>              | White                        | Allagash Brewing Company    | Portland, ME      | 22                        |
| <i>Golden Ale/Kolsch</i>        | Split Rock Golden Ale        | Flying Goose Brew Pub       | New London, NH    | 36                        |
| <i>Bock/Doppelbock</i>          | Samuel Adams Double Bock     | Boston Beer Company         | Boston, MA        | 23                        |
| <i>Pilsner</i>                  | Vunderbar                    | Smuttynose Brewery          | Portsmouth, NH    | 29                        |
| <i>Dortmunder/Helles</i>        | Hotter than Helles           | Cigar City Brewing Company  | Tampa, FL         | 18                        |
| <i>Wheat Beer</i>               | Wisteria Wheat               | Fordham Brewing Company     | Dover, DE         | 46                        |
| <i>Fruit Beer</i>               | Black & Blue                 | Dogfish Head Craft Brewery  | Milton, DE        | 35                        |
| <i>Sour Beer</i>                | Samuel Adams Stony Brook Red | Boston Beer Company         | Boston, MA        | 18                        |
| <i>Session Beer</i>             | Little Hump                  | Highland Brewing Company    | Asheville, NC     | 23                        |

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

| <u>Region/<br/>Category</u> | <u>Regional Champion/<br/>Honorable Mention</u> | <u>Company</u>           | <u>Location</u> |
|-----------------------------|---|--------------------------|-----------------|
| <b><u>Northeast</u></b>     |   |                          |                 |
| Imperial IPA/Red Ale        | Shipyard XXXX                                   | The Shipyard Brewery     | Portland, ME    |
| Honorable Mention           | Hopulence American Double IPA                   | Wormtown Brewery         | Worcester, MA   |
| India Pale Ale              | Long Brothers American IPA                      | Flying Goose Brew Pub    | New London, NH  |
| Honorable Mention           | Wormtown Hoppy IPA                              | Wormtown Brewery         | Worcester, MA   |
| Pale Ale                    | Chamberlain Pale Ale                            | The Shipyard Brewery     | Portland, ME    |
| Honorable Mention           | Shoals Pale Ale                                 | Smuttynose Brewery       | Portsmouth, NH  |
| Amber/Red Ale               | Samuel Adams Tasman Red                         | Boston Beer Company      | Boston, MA      |
| Honorable Mention           | Samuel Adams Irish Red                          | Boston Beer Company      | Boston, MA      |
| Belgian/French Specialty    | Saison du Soleil                                | Flying Goose Brew Pub    | New London, 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  |
| Honorable Mention           | Blonde Cougar Summer                            | Wormtown Brewery         | Worcester, MA   |
| Bock/Doppelbock             | Samuel Adams Double Bock                        | Boston Beer Company      | Boston, MA      |
| Honorable Mention           | Maibock Hurts like Helles                       | Jack's Abbey Brewing     | Framingham, MA  |
| Pilsner                     | Vunderbar                                       | Smuttynose Brewery       | Portsmouth, NH  |
| Dortmunder/Helles           | Alpine Spring                                   | Boston Beer Company      | Boston, MA      |
| Wheat Beer                  | Masswhole Hefeweizen                            | Wormtown Brewery         | Worcester, MA   |

Honorable Mention Samuel Adams Whitewater IPA  
 Fruit Beer Samuel Adams Porch Rocker  
 Sour Beer Samuel Adams Stony Brook Red  
 Session Beer Samuel Adams Belgian Session Ale

Boston Beer Company Boston, MA  
 Boston Beer Company Boston, MA  
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 Boston Beer Company Boston, MA

**Mid-Atlantic/Southeast**

Imperial IPA/Red Ale Double D Double IPA  
 Honorable Mention Bitter Valentine  
 India Pale Ale Paw Print IPA  
 Honorable Mention Private I.P.A.  
 Pale Ale Pale Ale  
 Honorable Mention Pipe Organ Pale Ale  
 Amber/Red Ale HopBack Amber Ale  
 Honorable Mention Red Marker Ale  
 Bitter/ESB Twisted Turtle  
 Honorable Mention Minaret ESB  
 Belgian/French Specialty Seventeen  
 Honorable Mention Abbey Ale  
 Belgian Wit Razor Wit  
 Golden Ale/Kolsch Golden Ale  
 Honorable Mention Extra Pale Ale  
 Bock/Doppelbock Anniversary Maibock  
 Pilsner Pilsner  
 Honorable Mention Pikeland Pils  
 Dortmund/Helles Hotter than Helles  
 Wheat Beer Wisteria Wheat  
 Honorable Mention Royal Weisse Ale  
 Fruit Beer Black & Blue  
 Sour Beer Sour Black  
 Session Beer Little Hump  
 Honorable Mention Caledonia

Old Dominion Brewing Company Dover, DE  
 Williamsburg AleWerks, LLC Williamsburg, VA  
 Big Bear Brewing Company Coral Springs, FL  
 Franklin's Brewery Hyattsville, MD  
 Troegs Brewing Company Harrisburg, PA  
 The Church Brew Works Pittsburgh, PA  
 Troegs Brewing Company Harrisburg, PA  
 Williamsburg AleWerks, LLC Williamsburg, VA  
 Franklin's Brewery Hyattsville, MD  
 Cigar City Brewing Company Tampa, FL  
 Weyerbacher Brewing Company Easton, PA  
 Franklin's Brewery Hyattsville, MD  
 Highland Brewing Company Asheville, NC  
 The St. George Brewing Company Hampton, VA  
 Sweetwater Brewing Company Atlanta, GA  
 Appalachian Brewing Company Harrisburg, PA  
 The St. George Brewing Company Hampton, VA  
 Sly Fox Brewing Company Royersford, PA  
 Cigar City Brewing Company Tampa, FL  
 Fordham Brewing Company Dover, DE  
 Sly Fox Brewing Company Royersford, PA  
 Dogfish Head Craft Brewery Milton, DE  
 Weyerbacher Brewing Company Easton, PA  
 Highland Brewing Company Asheville, NC  
 Williamsburg AleWerks, LLC Williamsburg, VA

**Midwest**

Imperial IPA/Red Ale Continuum IPA  
 India Pale Ale Reds Rye PA  
 Honorable Mention Schlafly American IPA  
 Pale Ale Cardinal Pale Ale  
 Honorable Mention Hooligan Pale ale  
 Amber/Red Ale Erik the Red Ale  
 Bitter/ESB Amber- ESB  
 Belgian/French Specialty Raspberry Saison  
 Honorable Mention Hail Mary Belgian IPA  
 Belgian Wit Infinite Wit  
 Honorable Mention Belgian White  
 Golden Ale/Kolsch Konza Prairie Kolsch  
 Bock/Doppelbock Lake Front Bock  
 Pilsner Summit Pilsner  
 Dortmund/Helles Hells Half Mile  
 Wheat Beer TCB Wheat  
 Fruit Beer Cerise  
 Sour Beer Blue Sunday Sour  
 Session Beer Loons Summer Ale

Saugatuck Brewing Company Saugatuck, MI  
 Founders Brewing Company Grand Rapids, MI  
 The St Louis Brewing Company St Louis, MO  
 Nebraska Brewing Company Papillion, NE  
 Sprecher Brewing Glendale, WI  
 Grumpy Troll Brewery Mt Horeb, WI  
 Saugatuck Brewing Company Saugatuck, MI  
 Stevens Point Brewing Company Stevens Point, WI  
 Cathedral Square Brewery St Louis, MO  
 Nebraska Brewing Company Papillion, NE  
 Stevens Point Brewing Company Stevens Point, WI  
 Free State Brewing Company Lawrence, KS  
 Lake Front Brewing Milwaukee, WI  
 Summit Brewing Company St Paul, MN  
 Tri City Brewing Bay City, MI  
 Tri City Brewing Bay City, MI  
 Founders Brewing Grand Rapids, MI  
 New Holland Brewing Company Holland, MI  
 Tri City brewing Bay City, MI

**Rockies/Southwest**

Imperial IPA/Red Ale Gubna  
 India Pale Ale Pako's IPA  
 Pale Ale Santa Fe Pale Ale  
 Amber/Red Ale Irish Red Ale  
 Bitter/ESB Capt'n Comptons  
 Honorable Mention Royal Scandal  
 Belgian/French Specialty Lagrange  
 Belgian Wit Epic Wit  
 Golden Ale/Kolsch Blond Ale  
 Bock/Doppelbock Bucking Bock  
 Pilsner Mama's Little Yella Pils  
 Dortmund/Helles 1900

Oskar Blues Brewery Longmont, CO  
 Snake River Brewing Company Jackson, WY  
 Santa Fe Brewing Company Santa Fe, NM  
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 Epic Brewing Company Salt Lake City, UT  
 Peticolas Brewing Company Dallas, TX  
 Rahr & Sons Brewing Ft Worth, TX  
 Epic Brewing Company Salt Lake City, UT  
 Twisted Pine Brewing Company Boulder, CO  
 Rahr & Sons Brewing Ft Worth, TX  
 Oskar Blues Brewing Company Longmont, CO  
 The Fort Collins Brewery Ft Collins, CO

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|-------------------|----------------------|--------------------------|--------------------|
| Wheat Beer        | Wheat Wine Ale       | The Fort Collins Brewery | Ft Collins, CO     |
| Honorable Mention | Kinda Blue           | Boulder Beer             | Boulder, CO        |
| Fruit Beer        | Brainless on Peaches | Epic Brewing Company     | Salt Lake City UT  |
| Sour Beer         | No Winner            |                          |                    |
| Session Beer      | Cutthroat Pale Ale   | Unita Brewing Company    | Salt Lake City, UT |

### **California**

|                          |                            |                               |                |
|--------------------------|----------------------------|-------------------------------|----------------|
| Imperial IPA/Red Ale     | White Knuckle Double IPA   | Marin Brewing Company         | Larkspur, CA   |
| Honorable Mention        | Hopsickle Triple           | Moylan's Brewing Company      | Novato, CA     |
| India Pale Ale           | Moylan's IPA               | Moylan's Brewing Company      | Novato, CA     |
| Honorable Mention        | Marin IPA                  | Marin Brewing Company         | Larkspur, 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               | (None declared)            |                               |                |
| Belgian/French Specialty | The Lost Abbey Carnevale   | Port Brewing Company          | San Marcos, CA |
| Honorable Mention        | 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 |
| Honorable Mention        | Orange and Black           | Marin Brewing Company         | Larkspur, CA   |
| Sour Beer                | Cuvee de Tomme             | Port Brewing Company          | San Marcos, CA |
| Session Beer             | (None declared)            |                               |                |

### **Northwest/Pacific**

|                          |   |                             |                 |
|--------------------------|---|-----------------------------|-----------------|
| Imperial IPA/Red Ale     | Red Dread                                   | Bitter Root Brewing         | Hamilton, MT    |
| Honorable Mention        | Dick's Imperial IPA                         | Dick's Brewing Company      | Centralia, WA   |
| India Pale Ale           | Space Needle Golden Anniversary IPA         | Pike Brewing Company        | Seattle, WA     |
| Honorable Mention        | IPA   | Big Sky Brewing Company     | Missoula, MT    |
| Pale Ale                 | Single Hop Ale                              | Bitter Root Brewing         | Hamilton, MT    |
| Honorable Mention        | Juniper Pale Ale                            | Rogue Brewery               | Newport, OR     |
| Amber/Red Ale            | Dry Hopped St. Rogue Red                    | Rogue Brewery               | Newport, OR     |
| Honorable Mention        | Green Lakes Organic Ale                     | Deschutes Brewing Company,  | Bend, OR        |
| Bitter/ESB               | Extra Special Barney                        | Full Sail Brewing Company   | Hood River, OR  |
| Belgian/French Specialty | Olympic Honey Ale                           | Pike Brewing Company        | Seattle, WA     |
| Belgian Wit              | Chainbreaker White IPA                      | Deschutes Brewing Company,  | Bend, OR        |
| Golden Ale/Kolsch        | Parnold Almer                               | Buckman Village Brewery     | Portland, OR    |
| Bock/Doppelbock          | 5 O'clock Shadow                            | Grand Teton Brewing Company | Victor, ID      |
| Pilsner                  | Chatoe Rogue Good Chit Pilsner              | Rogue Brewery               | Newport, OR     |
| Dortmunder/Helles        | Lokal Lager                                 | Icicle Brewing Company      | Leavenworth, WA |
| Wheat Beer               | Leavenworth Biers Boulder Bend Dunkelweizen | Fish Brewing Company        | Olympia, WA     |
| Fruit Beer               | Raspberry Wheat                             | Icicle Brewing Company      | Leavenworth, WA |
| Sour Beer                | The Dissident                               | Deschutes Brewing Company,  | Bend, OR        |
| Session Beer             | Old Faithful Ale                            | Grand Teton Brewing Company | Victor, ID      |