

USBTC Announces 21st Annual Summer Competition Winners

Portland, ME - The United States Beer Tasting Championship™ (USBTC) recently completed the Summer Event of its 21st annual competition. A total of 655 beers from 162 breweries were examined across 16 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” and “Highly-hopped Lager” (e.g., India Pale Lager, Imperial Pilsner) were selected as the 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>	She'Brew Triple IPA	Shmaltz Brewing Company	Clifton Park, NY	56
<i>India Pale Ale</i>	Long Brothers IPA	Flying Goose Brew Pub	<i>New London, NH</i>	115
<i>Pale Ale</i>	American Pale Ale	Flying Goose Brew Pub	New London, NH	55
<i>Amber/Red Ale</i>	Rollcage Red Ale	Motorworks Brewing	Bradenton, FL	49
<i>Bitter/ESB</i>	Bittersweet IPA	Spencer Devon Brewing	Fredericksburg, VA	24
<i>Belgian/French Specialty</i>	D'anomalie	Lost Rhino Brewing Company	Ashburn, VA	38
<i>Belgian Wit</i>	Naked Nun	Adelberts Brewing	Austin, TX	25
<i>Golden Ale/Kolsch</i>	Golden Opportunity	Peticolas Brewing	Dallas, TX	35
<i>Bock/Doppelbock</i>	Samuel Adams Double Bock	Boston Beer Company	Boston, MA	27
<i>Pilsner</i>	Stammtisch	Urban Chestnut Brewing	St Louis, Mo	41
<i>Dortmunder/Helles</i>	Helles	Sly Fox Brewing Company	Pottstown, PA	21
<i>Wheat Beer</i>	Dream Weaver	Troegs Brewing Company	Hershey, PA	32
<i>Fruit Beer</i>	Maggie's Blackberry Cobbler	Terrapin Beer Company	Athens, GA	42
<i>Sour Beer</i>	Samuel Adams Stony Brook Red	Boston Beer Company	Boston, MA	59
<i>Session Beer</i>	Samuel Adams Rebel Rider IPA	Boston Beer Company	Boston, MA	27
<i>Highly-hopped Lager</i>	Hoppier than Helles	Cigar City Brewing Company	Tampa, FL	9

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	Lupulin Suplex Double IPA	Flying Goose Brew Pub	New London, NH
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	American Pale Ale	Flying Goose Brew Pub	New London, NH
Honorable Mention	Newburyport Pale Ale	Newburyport Brewing Co.	Newburyport, MA
Amber/Red Ale	Ragged Red Ale	Flying Goose Brew Pub	New London, NH
Honorable Mention	Samuel Adams Irish Red	Boston Beer Company	Boston, MA
Belgian/French Specialty	Death of a Beer Geek Saison	Flying Goose Brew Pub	New London, NH
Belgian Wit	Plum Island Belgian White	Newburyport Brewing Co.	Newburyport, MA
Honorable Mention	White	Allagash Brewing Company	Portland, ME
Bitter/ESB	Old Thumper	The Shipyard Brewery	Portland, ME
Golden Ale/Kolsch	Kolsch	Newburyport Brewing Co.	Newburyport, MA
Honorable Mention	Summer Ale	The Shipyard Brewery	Portland, ME
Bock/Doppelbock	Samuel Adams Double Bock	Boston Beer Company	Boston, MA
Honorable Mention	Maibock Hurts like Helles	Jack's Abbey Brewing	Framingham, MA
Pilsner	Mt Pleasant Pilsner	Flying Goose Brew Pub	New London, NH
Dortmunder/Helles	Samuel Adams Porch Rocker	Boston Beer Company	Boston, MA

Wheat Beer Honorable Mention	Heidelberg Bavarian Hefeweizen Masswhole Hefeweizen	Flying Goose Brew Pub Wormtown Brewery	New London, NH Worcester, MA
Fruit Beer Honorable Mention	Yankee Red Ale Yankee Blue Ale	Newburyport Brewing Co. Newburyport Brewing Co.	Newburyport, MA Newburyport, MA
Sour Beer	Samuel Adams Stony Brook Red	Boston Beer Company	Boston, MA
Session Beer	Samuel Adams Stony Rebel Rider IPA	Boston Beer Company	Boston, MA
Highly-hopped Lager	(None declared)		
<u>Mid-Atlantic/Southeast</u>			
Imperial IPA/Red Ale Honorable Mention	She'Brew Triple IPA Master Splinter	Shmaltz Brewing Company Monday Night Brewing Company	Clifton Park, NY Atlanta, GA
India Pale Ale Honorable Mention	Hibernating IPA HopDevil	Big Bear Brewing Company Victory Brewing Company	Coral Springs, FL Downington, PA
Pale Ale	American Pale Ale	Motorworks Brewing	Bradenton, FL
Amber/Red Ale Honorable Mention	Rollcage Red Ale A-10 Red IPA	Motorworks Brewing Copperpoint Brewing Company	Bradenton, FL Boynton Beach, FL
Bitter/ESB	Bittersweet IPA	Spencer Devon Brewing	Fredericksburg, VA
Belgian/French Specialty Honorable Mention	D'anomalie Tramonay	Lost Rhino Brewing Company Matt Brewing Company	Ashburn, VA Utica, NY
Belgian Wit	Witness	Copperpoint Brewing Company	Boynton Beach, FL
Golden Ale/Kolsch Honorable Mention	Kolsch 420 Extra Pale Ale	Lancaster Brewing Company Sweetwater Brewing Company	Lancaster, PA Atlanta, GA
Bock/Doppelbock	Rabbator	The Duck-Rabbit Brewing Company	Farmville, NC
Pilsner Honorable Mention	Das Pils Take Two Pils	Copperpoint Brewing Company Sweetwater Brewing Company	Boynton Beach, FL Atlanta, GA
Dortmunder/Helles Honorable Mention	Helles Honey Meade Lager	Sly Fox Brewing Company The St. George Brewing Company	Pottstown, PA Hampton, VA
Wheat Beer	Dream Weaver	Troegs Brewing Company	Hershey, PA
Fruit Beer Honorable Mention	Maggie's Blackberry Cobbler Kirsch Gose	Terrapin Beer Company Victory Brewing Company	Athens, GA Downington, PA
Sour Beer Honorable Mention	More Bounce to the Ounce Loose Juice	Franklin's Brewery Franklin's Brewery	Hyattsville, MD Hyattsville, MD
Session Beer Honorable Mention	Spider Wars Cross Bones	Cigar City Brewpub Heavy Seas Beer	Tampa, FL Baltimore, MD
Highly-hopped Lager	Hoppier than Helles	Cigar City Brewing Company	Tampa, FL
<u>Midwest</u>			
Imperial IPA/Red Ale Honorable Mention	Coast Buster Ro Shampo	Upland Brewing Figure 8 Brewing	Bloomington, IN Valparaiso, IN
India Pale Ale	Gagster Frog	Hoppin Frog Brewing	Akron, OH
Pale Ale Honorable Mention	Cardinal Pale Ale Cascade Pale Ale	Nebraska Brewing Company Point Brewing	Papillion, NE Stevens Point, WI
Amber/Red Ale Honorable Mention	Sprecher Amber Erik the Red	Sprecher Brewing Grumpy Troll Brew Pub	Milwaukee, WI Mt Horeb, WI
Bitter/ESB	ESB/Amber	Saugatuck Brewing	Douglas, MI
Belgian/French Specialty	Roll out the Barrel	3 Sheeps brewing	Sheboygan, WI
Belgian Wit	Nicie Spicie	Shorts Brewing	Bellaire, MI
Golden Ale/Kolsch	Perrin Gold	Perrin Brewing	Comstock Park, MI
Bock/Doppelbock	KARMINATOR	Hoppin Frog Brewing	Akron, OH
Pilsner	Stammitsch	Urban Chestnut Brewing	St Louis, MO
Dortmunder/Helles	Zwickel	Urban Chestnut Brewing	St Louis, MO
Wheat Beer	EOS Hefeweizen	Nebraska Brewing Company	Papillion, NE
Fruit Beer	Rübæus	Founders Brewing	Grand Rapids, MI
Sour Beer	Ku'Damm	Urban Chestnut Brewing	St Louis, MO
Session Beer Honorable Mention	Loons Summer Ale Extended Play	Tri-City Brewing	Bay City, MI
Highly-hopped Lager	Lawn Mower Lager	Lakefront Brewing Baderbräu Brewing Company	Milwaukee, WI Chicago, IL
<u>Rockies/Southwest</u>			
Imperial IPA/Red Ale	Imperial IPA	Epic Brewing	Salt Lake City, UT
India Pale Ale Honorable Mention	Insane Rush Black Iron IPA	Bootstrap Brewing Grand Canyon Brewing	Niwot, CO Williams, AZ
Pale Ale Honorable Mention	Pride of Texas Lake Fire Rye	Rahr & Sons Brewing Grapevine Craft Brewery	Ft Worth, TX Grapevine, TX
Amber/Red Ale	Irish Goodbye	Peticolas Brewing	Dallas, TX
Bitter/ESB	Royal Scandal	Peticolas Brewing	Dallas, TX
Belgian/French Specialty	Biere de Garde	Choc Beer Company	Krebs, OK

Belgian Wit	Naked Nun	Adelberts Brewing	Austin, TX
Golden Ale/Kolsch	Golden Opportunity	Peticolas Brewing	Dallas, TX
Bock/Doppelbock	Double Skull	Epic Brewing	Salt Lake City, UT
Pilsner	Zomer	Lakewood Brewing Company	Garland, TX
Dortmunder/Helles	Rahr's Blonde Lager	Rahr & Sons Brewing	Ft Worth, TX
Wheat Beer	Sweaty Betty Blonde	Boulder Beer Co	Boulder, CO
Honorable Mention	Hellocentric Hefeweizen	Odysey Beerwerks	Arvada, CO
Fruit Beer	Plum Lambic	Brasserie Saint James	Reno, NV
Sour Beer	Single Barrel	Santa Fe Brewing	Santa Fe, NM
Session Beer	Hopochondria	Lakewood brewing	Garland, TX
Highly-hopped Lager	(None declared)		

California

Imperial IPA/Red Ale	White Knuckle Double IPA	Marin Brewing Company	Larkspur, CA
Honorable Mention	Imperial IPA	Green Flash Brewing Co.	San Diego, CA
India Pale Ale	3 Flowers IPA	Marin Brewing Company	Larkspur, CA
Honorable Mention	West Coast IPA	Green Flash Brewing Co.	San Diego, CA
Pale Ale	Dogtown Pale Ale	Lagunitas Brewing Co.	Petaluma, CA
Honorable Mention	Double Barrel Pale Ale	Firestone Walker Brewing Co.	Paso Robles, CA
Amber/Red Ale	Censored Rich Copper Ale	Lagunitas Brewing Co.	Petaluma, 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	Red Poppy Ale	Port Brewing Company	San Marcos, CA
Session Beer	(None Declared)		
Highly-hopped Lager	(None Declared)		

Northwest/Pacific

Imperial IPA/Red Ale	Imperial IPA	Reuben's Brews	Seattle, WA
Honorable Mention	Imperial India Pale Ale	Rogue Brewery	Newport, OR
India Pale Ale	Crikey IPA	Reuben's Brews	Seattle, WA
Honorable Mention	IPA	Bitter Root Brewing	Hamilton, MT
Pale Ale	Epiphany Pale Ale	Old Schoolhouse Brewery	Winthrop, WA
Honorable Mention	Sweetgrass APA	Grand Teton Brewing Company	Victor, ID
Amber/Red Ale	River City Red	River City Brewing Company	Spokane, WA
Bitter/ESB	New School ESB	Old Schoolhouse Brewery	Winthrop, WA
Belgian/French Specialty	Lifeguard	Icicle Brewing Company	Leavenworth, WA
Belgian Wit	Pumpkin Savior	Rogue Brewery	Newport, OR
Golden Ale/Kolsch	Cream Ale	Reuben's Brews	Seattle, WA
Honorable Mention	Locale Skagit Valley Alba	Pike Brewing Company	Seattle, WA
Bock/Doppelbock	Congratulator	River City Brewing Company	Spokane, WA
Pilsner	Pilsner	Full Sail Brewing Company	Hood River, OR
Honorable Mention	Crosscut Pilsner	Icicle Brewing Company	Leavenworth, WA
Dortmunder/Helles	Derby Lager	Pike Brewing Company	Seattle, WA
Wheat Beer	Leavenworth Biers Boulder Bend	Fish Brewing Company	Olympia, WA
Fruit Beer	Big Ass Barrel Blackberry Ale	Rogue Brewery	Newport, OR
Sour Beer	Sour Grand Saison	Grand Teton Brewing Company	Victor, ID
Session Beer	Leavenworth Biers Friesian Pilsener	Fish Brewing Company	Olympia, WA
Highly-hopped Lager	Inconceivable	River City Brewing Company	Spokane, WA