

USBTC Announces 25th Annual Summer Competition Winners

Acton, MA - The United States Beer Tasting Championship™ (USBTC) recently completed the summer event of its 25th annual competition. A total of 538 beers from 174 breweries were examined across 17 different beer categories. Within each category, the USBTC determined both a Grand Champion and the best entry from each of seven US regions: 1) Northeast, 2) Mid-Atlantic 3) Southeast, 4) Midwest, 5) Rockies / Southwest, 6) California and 7) 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, Imperial Hazy IPA, Hazy IPA, and Fruited Sour Beer 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 our Facebook

The Summer 2019 USBTC Grand Champions:

<u>Category</u>	<u>Grand Champion</u>	<u>Company</u>	<u>Location</u>	<u>Total Beers Judged</u>
Imperial IPA/Red Ale	6-Hop Imperial IPA	Stevens Point Brewery	Stevens Point, WI	44
Imperial Hazy IPA	Double Crush	Reuben's Brews	Seattle, WA	21
IPA	Hibernating IPA	Big Bear Brewing Company	Coral Springs, FL	103
Hazy IPA	Batsquatch	Rogue Brewery	Newport, OR	34
Pale Ale	Stowaway Pale Ale	Old Schoolhouse Brewery	Winthrop, WA	36
Amber/Red Ale	Rollcage Red Ale	Motorworks Brewing	Bradenton, FL	22
Bitter/ESB	Moon SA	Motorworks Brewing	Bradenton, FL	8
Belgian/French Specialty	Mélange A Trois	Nebraska Brewing Company	La Vista, NE	18
Belgian Wit	White Rascal	Avery Brewing Company	Boulder, CO	17
Golden Ale/Kolsch	Golden Ale	The St. George Brewing Company	Hampton, VA	34
Bock/Doppelbock	Double Bock	Flying Dreams Brewing Company	Worcester, MA	13
Pilsner	Aurora Pils	Seven Arrows Brewing Company	Waynesboro, VA	36
Dortmunder/Helles	Lager	Cape May Brewing, Company	Cape May, NJ	28
Wheat Beer	Springdale Das Weizen	Jack's Abby Brewing	Framingham, MA	18
Fruit Beer	Peach IPA	Pike Brewing Company	Seattle, WA	31
Sour Beer	Sour Golden Ale	MobCraft Beer	Milwaukee, WI	27
Fruited Sour Beer	The Pit & The Pendulum	SweetWater Brewing Company	Atlanta, GA	48

The regional winners (along with beers receiving Honorable Mention) from each category are:

Region / Category	Regional Champion / Honorable Mention	Company	Location
<u>Northeast</u>			
Imperial IPA/Red Ale <i>Honorable Mention</i>	Double Mando IPA	Flying Dreams Brewing Company	Worcester, MA
Imperial Hazy IPA <i>Honorable Mention</i>	Double Thunder Funk	Bent Water Brewing Company	Lynn, MA
India Pale Ale	Mythomania	Proclamation Ale Company	Warwick, RI
Hazy IPA <i>Honorable Mention</i>	Pulp	Greater Good Imperial Brewing Company	Worcester, MA
Pale Ale	Greenhead IPA	Newburyport Brewing Company	Newburyport, MA
Amber/Red Ale	Wally	Wachusett Brewing Company	Westminster, MA
Belgian/French Specialty	Samuel Adams New England IPA	Boston Beer Company	Boston, MA
Belgian Wit <i>Honorable Mention</i>	Samuel Adams New England	Boston Beer Company	Boston, MA
Bitter/ESB	Ruby Extra	McNeill's Brewery	Brattleboro, VT
Golden Ale/Kolsch	Dreaming of Summer	Flying Dreams Brewing Company	Worcester, MA
Bock/Doppelbock	White	Allagash Brewing Company	Portland, ME
Pilsner <i>Honorable Mention</i>	Springdale Pearly Wit	Jack's Abby Brewing	Framingham, MA
Dortmunder/Helles	Surfman's Check ESB	Devil's Purse Brewing Company	South Dennis, MA
Wheat Beer	Goody Two Shoes	Exhibit 'A' Brewing Company	Framingham, MA
Fruit Beer	Double Bock	Flying Dreams Brewing Company	Worcester, MA
Sour Beer	Pilsner	Von Trapp Brewing	Stowe, VT
Fruited Sour Beer	My Precious Pilsner	Flying Dreams Brewing Company	Worcester, MA
	House Lager	Jack's Abby Brewing	Framingham, MA
	Springdale Das Weizen	Jack's Abby Brewing	Framingham, MA
	Samuel Adams Summer Ale	Boston Beer Company	Boston, MA
	Springdale Desert Solitaire	Jack's Abby Brewing	Framingham, MA
	Springdale Poive Raz	Jack's Abby Brewing	Framingham, MA
<u>Mid-Atlantic</u>			
Imperial IPA/Red Ale <i>Honorable Mention</i>	No Apostrophe	Franklins Brewery	Hyattsville, MD
Imperial Hazy IPA	Nimble Giant	Troegs Brewing Company	Hershey, PA
India Pale Ale	Trip Leader DIPA	Union Craft Brewing	Baltimore, MD
Hazy IPA <i>Honorable Mention</i>	Mother-In-Law IPA	Revelation Craft Brewing Company	Rehoboth Beach, DE
Pale Ale	Conan The Juiceman	Revelation Craft Brewing Company	Rehoboth Beach, DE
Amber/Red Ale	All America City IPA	Flying Bison Brewing Company	Buffalo, NY
Bitter/ESB	Sippy Cup of Hops	Franklins Brewery	Hyattsville, MD
Belgian/French Specialty	Hopback Amber	Troegs Brewing Company	Hershey, PA
Belgian Wit	Twisted Turtle	Franklins Brewery	Hyattsville, MD
Golden Ale/Kolsch	Saison IPA	Barley Creek Brewing Company	Tannersville, PA
Bock/Doppelbock <i>Honorable Mention</i>	Great Wit Shark	Cape May Brewing Company	Cape May, NJ
Pilsner <i>Honorable Mention</i>	Anthem	Union Craft Brewing	Baltimore, MD
Dortmunder/Helles <i>Honorable Mention</i>	Sled Dog	Wagner Valley Brewing Company	Lodi, NY
Wheat Beer <i>Honorable Mention</i>	Princess Jenny	Sly Fox Brewing Company	Pottstown, PA
Fruit Beer <i>Honorable Mention</i>	Skipjack	Union Craft Brewing	Baltimore, MD
Sour Beer <i>Honorable Mention</i>	Pikeland Pils	Sly Fox Brewing Company	Pottstown, PA
Fruited Sour Beer <i>Honorable Mention</i>	Lager	Cape May Brewing Company	Cape May, NJ
	Helles	Sly Fox Brewing Company	Pottstown, PA
	Dream Weaver	Troegs Brewing Company	Hershey, PA
	Cloudbank	Wagner Valley Brewing Company	Lodi, NY
	Paw Power	Heavy Seas Beer	Baltimore, MD
	Blueberry Blonde Ale	Matt Brewing Company	Utica, NY
	The "Z" Is Silent	Cape May Brewing Company	Cape May, NJ
	Red Flag	Heavy Seas Beer	Baltimore, MD
	Older The Berry, The Sweeter The Juice	Franklins Brewery	Hyattsville, MD
	Sunburst	Heavy Seas Beer	Baltimore, MD

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Southeast

Imperial IPA/Red Ale <i>Honorable Mention</i>	Space Lettuce Category 5 IPA	Monday Night Brewing Due South Brewing Company	Atlanta, GA Boynton Beach, FL
Imperial Hazy IPA	Oak Aged Citra Shake	River Dog Brewing Company	Ridgeland, SC
India Pale Ale <i>Honorable Mention</i>	Hibernating IPA	Big Bear Brewing Company	Coral Springs, FL
Hazy IPA <i>Honorable Mention</i>	Jai Alai	Cigar City Brewing Company	Tampa, FL
Pale Ale <i>Honorable Mention</i>	Operation Jackpot	River Dog Brewing Company	Ridgeland, SC
Amber/Red Ale <i>Honorable Mention</i>	Not For Nothing	Cigar City Brewing Company	Tampa, FL
Bitter/ESB	War Hawk	Big Boss Brewing Company	Raleigh, NC
Belgian/French Specialty	Guayabera Citra Pale Ale	Cigar City Brewing Company	Tampa, FL
Belgian Wit <i>Honorable Mention</i>	Rollcage Red Ale	Motorworks Brewing	Bradenton, FL
Golden Ale/Kolsch <i>Honorable Mention</i>	Grizzly Red	Big Bear Brewing Company	Coral Springs, FL
Bock/Doppelbock	Moon SA	Motorworks Brewing	Bradenton, FL
Pilsner <i>Honorable Mention</i>	Sunken Road	Spencer Devon Brewing	Fredericksburg, VA
Dortmunder/Helles <i>Honorable Mention</i>	Florida Cracker	Cigar City Brewing Company	Tampa, FL
Wheat Beer	I'll Be Here Awhile	Rock Brothers Brewing	Tampa, FL
Fruit Beer	Golden Ale	The St. George Brewing Company	Hampton, VA
Sour Beer <i>Honorable Mention</i>	Lighthouse Blonde	River Dog Brewing Company	Ridgeland, SC
Fruited Sour Beer <i>Honorable Mention</i>	Doppelbock	The St. George Brewing Company	Hampton, VA
	Aurora Pils	Seven Arrows Brewing Company	Waynesboro, VA
	Costa Kick Plastic Pilsner	SweetWater Brewing Company	Atlanta, GA
	Proper Lager	O'Connor Brewing Company	Norfolk, VA
	Helles	Southern Barrel Brewing Company	Bluffton, SC
	Pontoon Bridges Weissbier	Spencer Devon Brewing	Fredericksburg, VA
	Blind Pirate	Monday Night Brewing	Atlanta, GA
	22 nd Anniversary	SweetWater Brewing Company	Atlanta, GA
	Trafalgar	Unknown Brewing Company	Charlotte, NC
	The Pit & The Pendulum	SweetWater Brewing Company	Atlanta, GA
	Everybody Loves Parfait	O'Connor Brewing Company	Norfolk, VA

Midwest

Imperial IPA/Red Ale	Whole Hog 6 Hop IPA (None Declared)	Stevens Point Brewing	Stevens Point, WI
Imperial Hazy IPA	Party Wolf	Green Bush Brewing Company	Sawyer, MI
India Pale Ale	Hazy Rabbit	Lakefront Brewery	Milwaukee, WI
Amber/Red Ale	Erik The Red	Grumpy Troll Brewpub.	Mount Horeb, WI
Bitter/ESB	Fox N Badger	Grumpy Troll Brewpub	Mount Horeb, WI
Belgian/French Specialty	Mélange A Trois	Nebraska Brewing Company	La Vista, NE
Belgian Wit	Woo Brew	Mob Craft Brewery	Milwaukee, WI
Golden Ale/Kolsch	Odd Ball	Mob Craft Brewery	Milwaukee, WI
Bock/Doppelbock	Mai Bock	Lakefront Brewery	Milwaukee, WI
Pilsner	Nebraska Pils	Nebraska Brewing Company	La Vista, NE
Dortmunder / Helles	Hell's Half Mile	Tri City Brewing Company	Bay City, MI
Wheat Beer	EOS Hefeweizen	Nebraska Brewing Company	La Vista, NE
Fruit Beer	Beach Pilot	Stevens Point Brewing	Bay City, MI
Sour Beer	Bright D Wiezensour	Iron Monk Brewing	Stillwater, OK
Fruited Sour Beer	Sour Golden Ale	Mob Craft brewery	Milwaukee, WI

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<u>Rockies/Southwest</u>			
Imperial IPA/Red Ale	(None Declared)		
Imperial Hazy IPA	(None Declared)		
India Pale Ale	Mountain Standard IPA	Odell Brewing Company	Ft Collins, CO
Hazy IPA	(None Declared)		
Pale Ale	Dales Pale Ale	Oskar Blues Brewing	Longmont, CO
Amber/Red Ale	Charity	Oak Highlands Brewery	Dallas, TX
Bitter/ESB	(None Declared)		
Belgian/French Specialty	(None Declared)		
Belgian Wit	White Rascal	Avery Brewing Company	Boulder, CO
Golden Ale/Kolsch	Spring Ale	Oak Highlands Brewery	Dallas, TX
Bock/Doppelbock	Tipsy Goat	Oak Highlands Brewery	Fort Worth, TX
Pilsner	Mama's Little Yellow Pils	Oskar Blues Brewing	Longmont, CO
Dortmunder/Helles	Rahr's Blonde	Rahr & Sons Brewing Co.	Fort Worth, TX
Wheat Beer	Summertime Wheat	Rahr and Sons Brewing Co	Fort Worth, TX
Fruit Beer	Paleta de Mango	Rahr & Sons Brewing Co.	Fort Worth, TX
Sour Beer	El Gose	Avery Brewing Company	Boulder, CO
Fruited Sour Beer	(None Declared)		

California

Imperial IPA/Red Ale	The Waldos' Special Ale	Lagunitas Brewing Company	Petaluma, CA
Imperial Hazy IPA	Drift Racer	Bear Republic Brewing Company	Healdsburg, CA
<i>Honorable Mention</i>	Loud! Hazy DIPA	Almanac Beer Co.	Alameda, CA
India Pale Ale	Delicious IPA	Stone Brewing	Escondido, CA
<i>Honorable Mention</i>	Racer 5	Bear Republic Brewing Company	Healdsburg, CA
Hazy IPA	Make America Juicy Again	Heretic Brewing Company	Fairfield, CA
<i>Honorable Mention</i>	Aloha Sculpin	Ballast Point Brewing Company	San Diego, CA
Pale Ale	Summer Pale Ale	Port Brewing Company	San Marcos, CA
Amber/Red Ale	Red Seal Ale	North Coast Brewing Company	Fort Bragg, CA
Bitter/ESB	(None Declared)		
Belgian/French Specialty	Devotion	The Lost Abbey	San Marcos, CA
Belgian Wit	Orange Ave. Wit	Coronado Brewing Company	Coronado, CA
Golden Ale/Kolsch	Summer Solstice	Anderson Valley Brewing Company	Boonville, CA
Bock/ Doppelbock	(None Declared)		
Pilsner	Scrimshaw Pilsner	North Coast Brewing Company	Fort Bragg, CA
Dortmunder/Helles	Lagur	Lagunitas Brewing Company	Petaluma, CA
Wheat Beer	(None Declared)		
Fruit Beer	Grapefruit Sculpin	Ballast Point Brewing Company	San Diego, CA
Sour Beer	Agrestic	Firestone Walker Brewing Company	Paso Robles, CA
Fruited Sour Beer	Island Vibes	Coronado Brewing Company	Coronado, CA

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Northwest/Pacific

Imperial IPA/Red Ale <i>Honorable Mention</i>	10 Hop IPA	Rogue Brewery	Newport, OR
Imperial Hazy IPA <i>Honorable Mention</i>	Ruud Awakening	Old Schoolhouse Brewery	Winthrop, WA
India Pale Ale	Double Crush	Reuben's Brews	Seattle, WA
Hazy IPA <i>Honorable Mention</i>	Suttle Haze	Three Creeks Brewing Company	Sisters, OR
Pale Ale <i>Honorable Mention</i>	Crowd Pleaser IPA	Three Creeks Brewing Company	Sisters, OR
Amber/Red Ale	Batsquatch	Rogue Brewery	Newport, OR
Bitter/ESB	Hazealicious	Reuben's Brews	Seattle, WA
Belgian/French Specialty	Stowaway Pale Ale	Old Schoolhouse Brewery	Winthrop, WA
Belgian Wit	Kickstand	Icicle Brewing Company	Leavenworth, WA
Golden Ale/Kolsch <i>Honorable Mention</i>	Inland Empire Amber	Laughing Dog Brewing	Ponderay, ID
Bock/Doppelbock	English Pale Ale	Laughing Dog Brewing	Ponderay, ID
Pilsner <i>Honorable Mention</i>	Lifeguard	Icicle Brewing Company	Leavenworth, WA
Dortmunder/Helles	Lillywhite Wit	Reuben's Brews	Seattle, WA
Wheat Beer	Methow Blonde	Old Schoolhouse Brewery	Winthrop, WA
Fruit Beer <i>Honorable Mention</i>	Condor Kolsch	Rogue Brewery	Newport, OR
Sour Beer	Doppelbock	Bayern Brewery	Missoula, MT
Fruited Sour Beer	Pilsner	Reuben's Brews	Seattle, WA
	Pils	Pike Brewing Company	Seattle, WA
	Montana Helles Lager	Bayern Brewery	Missoula, MT
	Hoppy Wheat Ale	Rogue Brewery	Newport, OR
	Peach IPA	Pike Brewing Company	Seattle, WA
	Colchuck Raspberry Wheat	Icicle Brewing Company	Leavenworth, WA
	Combat Wombat	Rogue Brewery	Newport, OR
	De Achtste Hond	Laughing Dog Brewing	Ponderay, ID