

## USBTC Announces 16<sup>th</sup> Annual Summer Competition Winners

**New York, NY** - The United States Beer Tasting Championship™ (USBTC) recently completed the Summer Event of its 16th annual competition. A total of 416 beers from 136 breweries were examined across 14 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, “Funky Bug” was selected as the USBTC pull-out category. Please go to [www.usbtc.com](http://www.usbtc.com) for additional information

### 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	55
<i>India Pale Ale</i>	Mojo India Pale Ale	Boulder Beer Company	Boulder, CO	52
<i>Pale Ale</i>	Mt. Tam Pale Ale	Marin Brewing Company	Larkspur, CA	38
<i>Amber/Red Ale</i>	Fixed Gear American Red Ale	Lakefront Brewery	Milwaukee, WI	26
<i>Bitter/ESB</i>	Old Thumper	The Shipyard Brewing Co.	Portland, ME	17
<i>Belgian/French Specialty</i>	The Lost Abbey Red Barn Ale	Port Brewing Company	San Marcos, CA	32
<i>Belgian Wit</i>	Upland Wheat Ale	Upland Brewing Company	Bloomington, IN	19
<i>Golden Ale/Kolsch</i>	Split Rock Golden Ale	Flying Goose Brew Pub	New London, NH	25
<i>Bock/Doppelbock</i>	Coney Island Human Blockhead	Shmaltz Brewing Company	Saratoga Springs, NY	29
<i>Pilsner</i>	Noble Pils	Boston Beer Company	Boston, MA	20
<i>Dortmunder/Helles</i>	Helles Lager	Fordham Brewing Company	Dover, DE	27
<i>Wheat Beer</i>	Ebel's Weiss Beer	Two Brothers Brewing Company	Warrenville, IL	30
<i>Fruit Beer</i>	Envious	New Holland Brewing Company	New Holland, MI	30
<i>Funky Bug</i>	Millennium (w/ Brettanomyces)	Dominion Brewing Company	Dover, DE	16

### 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>
<b><u>Northeast</u></b>			
Imperial IPA/Red Ale	Big A IPA	Smuttynose Brewery	Portsmouth, NH
Honorable Mention	Green Monsta	Wachusett Brewery	Wachusett, MA
India Pale Ale	Long Brothers Strong Ale	Flying Goose Brew Pub	New London, NH
Honorable Mention	Samuel Adams Latitude 48	Boston Beer Company	Boston, MA
Pale Ale	Long Trail Ale	Long Trail Brewing	Bridgewater Cr. VT
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
Honorable Mention	Samuel Adams Stony Brook	Boston Beer Company	Boston, MA
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 Maibock	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	Raspberry Wheat	The Shipyard Brewery	Portland, ME
Funky Bug	Samuel Adams American Kriek	Boston Beer Company	Boston, MA

**Mid-Atlantic/Southeast**

Imperial IPA/Red Ale	Rye Squared	Terrapin Beer Company	Athens, GA
Honorable Mention	RIPA on Rye	Shmaltz Brewing Company	Saratoga Springs,NY
India Pale Ale	Rt. 113 IPA	Sly Fox Brewing Company	Royersford, PA
Honorable Mention	Hopsecutioner	Terrapin Beer Company	Athens, GA
Pale Ale	Old Harbor Pale Ale	Old Harbor Brewery	Old San Juan, PR
Amber/Red Ale	Red Marker Ale	Williamsburg AleWerks, LLC	Williamsburg, VA
Bitter/ESB	Pale Ale	Starr Hill Brewery	Crozet, VA
Belgian/French Specialty	Saison Vos	Sly Fox Brewing Company	Royersford, PA
Honorable Mention	Saison	Williamsburg AleWerks, LLC	Williamsburg, VA
Belgian Wit	Blanche	Weyerbacher Brewing Company	Easton, PA
Honorable Mention	Woody Creek White	Flying Dog Brewing Company	Frederick, MD
Golden Ale/Kolsch	Gold Ale	Heavy Seas Brewing Company	Baltimore, MD
Bock/Doppelbock	Coney Island Human Blockhead	Shmaltz Brewing Company	Saratoga Springs,NY
Honorable Mention	St. Victorious	Victory Brewing Company	Downington, PA
Pilsner	Pikeland Pils	Sly Fox Brewing Company	Royersford, PA
Honorable Mention	Prima Pils	Victory Brewing Company	Downington, PA
Dortmunder/Helles	Helles Lager	Fordham Brewing Company	Dover, DE
Honorable Mention	Lager	Victory Brewing Company	Downington, PA
Wheat Beer	In-Heat Wheat	Flying Dog Brewing Company	Frederick, MD
Fruit Beer	Riserva	Weyerbacher Brewing Company	Easton, PA
Honorable Mention	Rejewvenator	Shmaltz Brewing Company	Saratoga Springs,NY
Funky Bug	Millennium (w/ Brettanomyces)	Dominion Brewing Company	Dover, DE
Honorable Mention	Ommegeddon	Brewery Ommegang	Cooperstown, NY

**Midwest**

Imperial IPA/Red Ale	Hop Dam Tripel IPA	Hoppin' Frog Brewery	Akron, OH
Honorable Mention			
India Pale Ale	La Femme Amere	Tyranena Brewing Company	Lake Mills, WI
Honorable Mention	Scurvy IPA	Tyranena Brewing Company	Lake Mills, 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	Sun Dog Amber Ale	New Holland Brewing Company	New Holland, MI
Bitter/ESB	English Style Special Ale	Sand Creek Brewing Company	Black River Falls, WI
Belgian/French Specialty	Schlafly Bier De Garde	The Saint Louis Brewing Company	St. Louis, MO
Belgian Wit	Upland Wheat Ale	Upland Brewing Company	Bloomington, IN
Honorable Mention	Witty	Chameleon Brewing Company	Glendale, WI
Golden Ale/Kolsch	NE Blonde	Nebraska Brewing Company	Papillion, NE
Bock/Doppelbock	Eisphyre	Capital Brewery	Middleton, WI
Honorable mention	Imperial Dopplebock	Capital Brewery	Middleton, WI
Pilsner	Main Street Pilsner	Bastone Brewery	Royal Oak, MI
Honorable Mention	Capital Pilsner	Capital Brewery	Middleton, WI
Dortmunder/Helles	Dog Days Dortmunder Style Lager	Two Brothers Brewing Company	Warrenville, IL
Wheat Beer	Ebel's Weiss	Two Brothers Brewing Company	Warrenville, IL
Honorable Mention	Sprecher Dunkle Weiss	Sprecher Brewing Company	Glendale, WI
Fruit Beer	Envious	New Holland Brewing Company	New Holland, MI
Funky Bug	Ginger Tart	Grumpy Troll Pub & Brewery	Mt. Horeb, WI

**Rockies/Southwest**

India Pale Ale	Mojo India Pale Ale
Honorable Mention	Sormcloud IPA
Pale Ale	Snake River Pale Ale
Amber/Red Ale	Retro Red
Bitter/ESB	Snake River ESB
Belgian/French Specialty	La Fleur Misseur
Belgian Wit	White Rascal
Bock/Doppelbock	Hellesbock
Pilsner	Mama's Little Yella Pils
Honorable Mention	Indian Paintbrush Pilsner
Wheat Beer	Sweaty Betty Blonde
Fruit Beer	Major Tom's Pomegranate Wheat
Funky Bug	Blind Sourmander

Boulder Beer Company	Boulder, CO
Rahr & Sons Brewing Company	Ft. Worth, TX
Snake River Brewing Company	Jackson, WY
Fort Collins Brewery	Fort Collins, CO
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New Belgium Brewing Company	Fort Collins, CO
Avery Brewing Company	Boulder, CO
Fort Collins Brewery	Fort Collins, CO
Oskar Blues Brewery	Lyons, CO
Snake River Brewing Company	Jackson, WY
Boulder Beer Company	Boulder, CO
Ft Collins Brewery	Fort Collins, CO
Rahr & Sons Brewing Company	Ft. Worth, TX

**California**

Imperial IPA/Red Ale	White Knuckle Double IPA
Honorable Mention	Moylander Double IPA
India Pale Ale	Lagunitas IPA
Honorable Mention	Stone IPA
Pale Ale	Mt. Tam Pale Ale
Honorable Mention	Tipperary Pale Ale
Amber/Red Ale	Red Rocket Ale
Honorable Mention	Alley Cat Amber Ale
Bitter/ESB	Marin ESB
Belgian/French Specialty	The Lost Abbey Red Barn Ale
Honorable Mention	The Lost Abbey Carnevale Ale
Belgian Wit	North Coast Great White Ale
Golden Ale/Kolsch	Celts Golden Ale
Bock/ Doppelbock	(None declared)
Pilsner	HopGartner
Dortmunder/Helles	Hell's Lager
Wheat Beer	Marin Hefeweizen
Fruit Beer	Marin Blueberry Ale
Honorable Mention	The Lost Abbey Framboise
Funky Bug	Kiltlifter (Aged)

Marin Brewing Company	Larkspur, CA
Moylan's Brewing Company	Novato, CA
Lagunitas Brewing Company	Petaluma, CA
Stone Brewing Company	Escondido, CA
Marin Brewing Company	Larkspur, CA
Moylan's Brewing Company	Novato, CA
Bear Republic Brewing Company	Cloverdale, CA
Lost Coast Brewing Company	Eureka, CA
Marin Brewing Company	Larkspur, CA
Port Brewing Company	San Marcos, CA
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Lost Coast Brewing Company	Fort Bragg, CA
Moylan's Brewing Company	Novato, CA
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Marin Brewing Company	Larkspur, CA
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Port Brewing Company	San Marcos, CA
Moylan's Brewing Company	Novato, CA

**Northwest/Pacific**

Imperial IPA/Red Ale	Fred	Hair of the Dog Brewing Company	Portland, OR
Honorable Mention	Imperial India Pale Ale	Rogue Brewery	Newport, OR
India Pale Ale	IPA	Big Sky Brewing Company	Missoula, MT
Honorable Mention	IPA	Pike Brewing Company	Seattle, WA
Pale Ale	Juniper Pale Ale	Rogue Brewery	Newport, OR
Amber/Red Ale	Captain Sig's Northwestern Ale	Rogue Brewery	Newport, OR
Bitter/ESB	Pale Ale	Pike Brewing Company	Seattle, WA
Belgian/French Specialty	Tail Waggin' Double White Ale	Grand Teton Brewing Company	Victor, ID
Honorable Mention	Oceanic Organic	Kona Brewing Company	Kailua-Kona, HI
Belgian Wit	White Frog Ale	Issaquah Brewery	Issaquah, WA
Honorable Mention	Dry Wit	Pike Brewing Company	Seattle, WA
Golden Ale/Kolsch	Au Naturelle Blonde Ale	Grand Teton Brewing Company	Victor, ID
Honorable Mention	Trout Slayer Ale	Big Sky Brewing Company	Missoula, MT
Bock/Doppelbock	Double Vision Doppelbock	Grand Teton Brewing Company	Victor, ID
Pilsner	<i>No winner declared</i>		
Dortmunder/Helles	Longboard Island Lager	Kona Brewing Company	Kailua-Kona, HI
Wheat Beer	Leavenworth Biers Boulder Bend Dunkelweizen	Fish Brewing Company	Olympia, WA
Fruit Beer	Somer Orange Honey Wheat Ale	Rogue Brewery	Newport, OR
Funky Bug	<i>No winner declared</i>		