

## USBTC Announces 20<sup>th</sup> Annual Summer Competition Winners

**Chicago, IL** - The United States Beer Tasting Championship™ (USBTC) recently completed the Summer Event of its 20th annual competition. A total of 491 beers from 126 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, “Belgian/White IPA” and “Offbeat Wheat” (e.g., wheatwine, weizenbock, dunkelweizen) were selected as the USBTC pull-out categories. 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>	Double Simcoe	Weyerbacher Brewing Company	Easton, PA	59
<i>India Pale Ale</i>	Ruud Awakening	Old Schoolhouse Brewery	Winthrop, WA	92
<i>Pale Ale</i>	Cardinal Pale Ale	Nebraska Brewing	Papillion, NE	38
<i>Amber/Red Ale</i>	Captain Sig's Northwestern Ale	Rogue Brewery	Newport, OR	27
<i>Bitter/ESB</i>	Rye Hatter	New Holland Brewing	Holland, MI	22
<i>Belgian/French Specialty</i>	Gulden Fraug	Hoppin Frog Brewery	Akron, OH	29
<i>Belgian/White IPA</i>	Grumpy Monk	Boston Beer Company	Boston, MA	27
<i>Belgian Wit</i>	Witbier	Community Beer Company	Dallas, TX	29
<i>Golden Ale/Kolsch</i>	RecreationAle	Terrapin Beer Company	Athens, GA	22
<i>Bock/Doppelbock</i>	Charkota Rye	New Holland Brewing	Holland, MI	27
<i>Pilsner</i>	Prima Pils	Victory Brewing Company	Downington, PA	27
<i>Dortmunder/Helles</i>	Rahr's Blonde	Rahr and Son's Brewing	FT Worth, TX	20
<i>Wheat Beer</i>	Final Glide	Lost Rhino Brewing Company	Ashburn, VA	23
<i>Offbeat Wheat</i>	Pilgrim's Dole	New Holland Brewing	Holland, MI	18
<i>Fruit Beer</i>	Kriek	Santa Fe Brewing	Santa FE, NM	31
<i>Sour Beer</i>	Framboise De Amorosa	The Lost Abby	San Marcos, CA	27

### 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>
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### Northeast - TBA

### Mid-Atlantic/Southeast

Imperial IPA/Red Ale	Double Simcoe	Weyerbacher Brewing Company	Easton, PA
India Pale Ale	Paw Print IPA	Big Bear Brewing Company	Coral Springs, FL
Honorable Mention	Drake Tail India Pale Ale	Williamsburg AleWerks, LLC	Williamsburg, VA
Pale Ale	Hop Mountain Pale Ale	Old Dominion Brewing Company	Dover, DE
Honorable Mention	New River Pale Ale	Lost Rhino Brewing Company	Ashburn, VA
Amber/Red Ale	Whoa Nelly	Wild Wolf Brewing Company	Nellysford, VA
Honorable Mention	Red Marker Ale	Williamsburg AleWerks, LLC	Williamsburg, VA
Bitter/ESB	Twisted Turtle	Franklin's Brewery	Hyattsville, MD
Honorable Mention	Leaping Cow	Lake Placid Pub & Brewery	Lake Placid, NY
Belgian/French Specialty	Red Sky at Night	Heavy Seas Beer	Baltimore, MD
Honorable Mention	Saison	Sweetwater Brewing Company	Atlanta, GA
Belgian/White IPA	St. Lenny's	Shmaltz Brewing Company	Clifton Park, NY
Belgian Wit	Whirlwind Wit	Victory Brewing Company	Downington, PA
Honorable Mention	Razor Wit	Highland Brewing Company	Asheville, NC

Golden Ale/Kolsch  
Bock/Doppelbock  
Pilsner  
Dortmunder/Helles  
Wheat Beer  
Honorable Mention  
Offbeat Wheat  
Honorable Mention  
Fruit Beer  
Sour Beer  
Honorable Mention

RecreationAle  
Troegenator  
Prima Pils  
Gypsy Lager  
Final Glide  
Dream Weaver  
97 Pound Weakling  
16  
Moonray  
Riserva  
Lover's Greed

Terrapin Beer Company  
Troegs Brewing Company  
Victory Brewing Company  
Fordham Brewing Company  
Lost Rhino Brewing Company  
Troegs Brewing Company  
Franklin's Brewery  
Sweetwater Brewing Company  
Terrapin Beer Company  
Weyerbacher Brewing Company  
Williamsburg AleWerks, LLC

Athens, GA  
Harrisburg, PA  
Downington, PA  
Dover, DE  
Ashburn, VA  
Harrisburg, PA  
Hyattsville, MD  
Atlanta, GA  
Athens, GA  
Easton, PA  
Williamsburg, VA

### **Midwest**

Imperial IPA/Red Ale  
Honorable Mention  
India Pale Ale  
Honorable Mention  
Pale Ale  
Amber/Red Ale  
Honorable Mention  
Bitter/ESB  
Belgian/French Specialty  
Honorable Mention  
Belgian/White IPA  
Honorable Mention  
Belgian Wit  
Honorable Mention  
Golden Ale/Kolsch  
Bock/Doppelbock  
Pilsner  
Honorable Mention  
Dortmunder/Helles  
Wheat Beer  
Offbeat Wheat  
Fruit Beer  
Sour Beer

Mean Manalishi  
Facist Pig  
Charity Island IPA  
Dragonfly IPA  
Cardinal Pale Ale  
Red Velvet  
Erik the Red  
Rye Hatter  
Gulden Fraug  
Schlafly Golden Ale  
French Taunter  
Van de Velde  
Dragon Ship Wit  
Wit Kicker  
Loon's Summer Ale  
Charkoota Rye  
Chicago Pilsner  
Cpaitol Pilsner  
Schlafly Summer Lager  
EOS Hefeweizen  
Pilgrim's Dole  
Cherry  
Flamboyant Wild Red

Hoppin Frog Brewing  
Finches Beer Company  
Tri City Brewing  
Upland Brewing  
Nebraska Brewing Company  
BADERBRÄU  
Grumpy Troll Brew Pub  
New Holland Brewing  
Hoppin Frog Brewing  
The St Louis Brewery  
Nebraska Brewing  
Ale Syndicate  
Grumpy Troll Brew Pub  
Figure 8 Brewing  
Tri-City Brewing Company  
New Holland Brewing  
BADERBRÄU  
Capital Brewery  
The St Louis Brewery  
Nebraska Brewing Company  
New Holland Brewing  
Lakefront Brewery  
Arbor Brewing

Akron, OH  
Chicago, IL  
Bay City, MI  
Bloomington, IN  
Papillion, NE  
Chicago, IL  
Mt Horeb, WI  
Holland, MI  
Akron, OH  
St Louis, MO  
Papillion, NE  
Chicago, IL  
Mt Horeb, WI  
Valparaiso, IN  
Bay City, MI  
Holland, MI  
Chicago, IL  
Madison, WI  
St Louis, MO  
Papillion, NE  
New Holland, MI  
Milwaukee, WI  
Ypsilanti, MI

### **Rockies/Southwest**

Imperial IPA/Red Ale  
India Pale Ale  
Honorable Mention  
Pale Ale  
Amber/Red Ale  
Bitter/ESB  
Belgian/French Specialty  
Honorable Mention  
Belgian/White IPA  
Belgian Wit  
Honorable Mention  
Golden Ale/Kolsch  
Bock/Doppelbock  
Pilsner  
Dortmunder/Helles  
Wheat Beer  
Offbeat Wheat  
Fruit Beer  
Sour Beer

Imperial IPA  
Mullet Cutter  
Mojo IPA  
Sticks Pale Ale  
Respect Your Mother Amber  
Flagstaff Amber  
Biere de Garde  
928 Local Farmhouse Ale  
Hop Trapp  
Witbier  
Naked Nun  
Golden Opportunity  
Double Skull  
Zomer  
Rahr's Blonde Lager  
Heliocentric Hefeweizen  
Blood and Honey  
Kriek  
Sophia D'oren

Epic Brewing  
Relover Brewing  
Boulder Beer  
Bootstrap Brewing  
Squatters Brewing  
Bootstrap Brewing  
Choc Beer Company  
Wanderlust Brewing  
Lakewood Brewing Company  
Community Beer Company  
Adelberts Brewing  
Peticolas Brewing  
Epic Brewing  
Lakewood Brewing Company  
Rahr & Sons Brewing  
Odyssey Bierwerks  
Revolver Brewing  
Santa Fe Brewing  
Brasserie Saint James

Salt Lake City, UT  
Granbury, TX  
Boulder, CO  
Niwot, CO  
Salt Lake City, UT  
Niwot, CO  
Krebs, OK  
Flagstaff, AZ  
Garland, TX  
Dallas, TX  
Austin, TX  
Dallas, TX  
Salt Lake City, UT  
Garland, TX  
Ft Worth, TX  
Arvada, CO  
Granbury, TX  
Santa Fe, NM  
Reno, NV

## **California - TBA**

### **Northwest/Pacific**

Imperial IPA/Red Ale  
Honorable Mention  
India Pale Ale

Blimey Triple IPA  
Hodgson's Double India Pale Ale  
Ruud Awakening

Reuben's Brews  
Fish Brewing Company  
Old Schoolhouse Brewery

Seattle, WA  
Olympia, WA  
Winthrop, WA

Honorable Mention	Expat IPA	Reuben's Brews	Seattle, WA
Pale Ale	Epiphany Pale	Old Schoolhouse Brewery	Winthrop, WA
Amber/Red Ale	Captain Sig's Northwestern Ale	Rogue Brewery	Newport, OR
Honorable Mention	Immersion Amber Ale	Two Beers Brewing Company	Seattle, WA
Bitter/ESB	Bitch Creek ESB	Grand Teton Brewing Company	Victor, ID
Belgian/French Specialty	Oak-aged Lifeguard	Icicle Brewing Company	Leavenworth, WA
Belgian/White IPA	Belgian Imperial Rye IPA	Reuben's Brews	Seattle, WA
Honorable Mention	Saison Houblon	Pike Brewing Company	Seattle, WA
Belgian Wit	<i>No winner declared</i>		
Golden Ale/Kolsch	Cream Ale	Reuben's Brews	Seattle, WA
Bock/Doppelbock	Double Vision	Grand Teton Brewing Company	Victor, ID
Pilsner	Cascade Pilsner	Full Sail Brewing Company	Hood River, OR
Honorable Mention	Good Chit Pilsner	Rogue Brewery	Newport, OR
Dortmunder/Helles	Derby Lager	Pike Brewing Company	Seattle, WA
Wheat Beer	Howling Wolf	Grand Teton Brewing Company	Victor, ID
Offbeat Wheat	Leavenworth Biers Boulder Bend Dunkelweizen	Fish Brewing Company	Olympia, WA
Fruit Beer	Black Butte XXV	Deschutes Brewing Company,	Bend, OR
Sour Beer	Planète Rogue	Deschutes Brewing Company,	Bend, OR