

USBTC Announces 22nd Annual Summer Competition Winners

Waltham, MA - The United States Beer Tasting Championship™ (USBTC) recently completed the Summer Event of its 22nd annual competition. A total of 595 beers from 135 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, “Rye Beer” and “Brett 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 on Facebook. (www.facebook.com/USBTCBeer)

The USBTC Grand Champions are:

<u>Category</u>	<u>Grand Champion</u>	<u>Company</u>	<u>Location</u>	<u>Total Beers Judged</u>
Imperial IPA/Red Ale	B-20 Bombadier	Copperpoint Brewing Company	Boynton Beach, FL	45
India Pale Ale	Renegade IPA	Old Schoolhouse Brewery	Winthrop, WA	114
Pale Ale	Party Juice	Infamous Brewing Company	Austin, TX	44
Amber/Red Ale	Ragged Mountain Red Ale	Flying Goose Brew Pub	New London, NH	39
Bitter/ESB	Old Thumper	The Shipyard Brewery	Portland, ME	16
Belgian/French Specialty	Red Sky at Morning	Heavy Seas Beer	Baltimore, MD	28
Belgian Wit	Organic White	Lakefront Brewery	Milwaukee, WI	20
Golden Ale/Kolsch	Das Kolsch	Newburyport Brewing Co.	Newburyport, MA	39
Bock/Doppelbock	Samuel Adams Double Bock	Boston Beer Company	Boston, MA	19
Pilsner	Sound Czech Pils	Terrapin Beer Company	Athens, GA	46
Dortmunder/Helles	Southern Helles	Southern Barrel Brewing Company	Bluffton, SC	25
Wheat Beer	Summertime Wheat	Rahr & Sons Brewing Co.	Fort Worth, TX	27
Fruit Beer	The Older the Berry, The Sweeter the Juice	Franklin's Brewery	Hyattsville, MD	46
Sour Beer	Samuel Adams Stony Brook Red	Boston Beer Company	Boston, MA	51
Rye Beer	Imperial Rye IPA	Reuben's Brews	Seattle, WA	15
Brett Beer	The Claussenii Projekt v 1.0	Flying Goose Brew Pub	New London, NH	21

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

<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	Hoponius Union IPL	Jack's Abbey	Framingham, MA
Pale Ale	Miles and Miles	Henniker Brewing Co.	Henniker, NH
Honorable Mention	Newburyport Pale Ale	Newburyport Brewing Co.	Newburyport, MA
Amber/Red Ale	Ragged Mountain Red Ale	Flying Goose Brew Pub	New London, NH
Honorable Mention	Amber Apparition	Henniker Brewing Co.	Henniker, NH
Belgian/French Specialty	Dog Days Saison	Flying Goose Brew Pub	New London, NH
Belgian Wit	Plum Island Belgian White	Newburyport Brewing Co.	Newburyport, MA
Honorable Mention	Samuel Adams Nitro White	Boston Beer Company	Boston, MA
Bitter/ESB	Old Thumper	The Shipyard Brewery	Portland, ME
Golden Ale/Kolsch	Das 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	Sunny Ridge Pilsner	Jack's Abbey Brewing	Framingham, MA
Honorable Mention	The Rookie Pilsner	Flying Goose Brew Pub	New London, NH
Dortmunder/Helles	Samuel Adams Heaven of Helles	Boston Beer Company	Boston, MA
Wheat Beer	Heidleberg Bavarian Hefeweizen	Flying Goose Brew Pub	New London, NH
Honorable Mention	Samuel Adams Summer Ale	Boston Beer Company	Boston, MA
Fruit Beer	Samuel Adams Porch Rocker	Boston Beer Company	Boston, MA
Sour Beer	Samuel Adams Stony Brook Red	Boston Beer Company	Boston, MA
Honorable Mention	Panic!	Flying Goose Brew Pub	New London, NH
Rye Beer	(None Declared)		
Brett Beer	The Claussenii Projekt v 1.0	Flying Goose Brew Pub	New London, NH
Honorable Mention	Samuel Adams Funk	Boston Beer Company	Boston, MA

Mid-Atlantic/Southeast

Imperial IPA/Red Ale	B-20 Bombadier	Copperpoint Brewing Company	Boynton Beach, FL
Honorable Mention	Overdrive	Motorworks Brewing	Bradenton, FL
India Pale Ale	Old Elephant Foot	Tampa Bay Brewing Company	Tampa, FL
Honorable Mention	Primal Instinct	Wild Wolf Brewing Company	Nellysford, VA
Pale Ale	SRT Ale	Sly Fox Brewing Company	Pottstown, PA
Honorable Mention	XPA	Upstate Brewing Company	Elmira, NY
Amber/Red Ale	A-10 Hop Hog	Copperpoint Brewing Company	Boynton Beach, FL
Honorable Mention	Rollcage Red Ale	Motorworks Brewing	Bradenton, FL
Bitter/ESB	Twisted Turtle	Franklin's Brewery	Hyattsville, MD
Belgian/French Specialty	Red Sky at Morning	Heavy Seas Beer	Baltimore, MD
Honorable Mention	Saison Vos	Sly Fox Brewing Company	Pottstown, PA
Belgian Wit	Witness	Copperpoint Brewing Company	Boynton Beach, FL
Honorable Mention	Cotton Mouth	Swamp Head Brewery	Gainesville, FL
Golden Ale/Kolsch	Golden Ale	The St. George Brewing Company	Hampton, VA
Honorable Mention	420 Extra Pale Ale	Sweetwater Brewing Company	Atlanta, GA
Bock/Doppelbock	Fall Bock	The St. George Brewing Company	Hampton, VA
Honorable Mention	Troegenator	Troegs Brewing Company	Hershey, PA
Pilsner	Sound Czech Pils	Terrapin Beer Company	Athens, GA
Honorable Mention	Rhino Chasers Pilsner	Lost Rhino Brewing Company	Ashburn, VA
Dortmunder/Helles	Southern Helles	Southern Barrel Brewing Company	Bluffton, SC
Wheat Beer	Weizen Shine	Assawoman Bay Brewing Company	Ocean City, MD
Honorable Mention	Dream Weaver	Troegs Brewing Company	Hershey, PA
Fruit Beer	Older the Berry, The Sweeter the Juice	Franklin's Brewery	Hyattsville, MD
Honorable Mention	Tango	Weyerbacher Brewing Company	Easton, PA
Sour Beer	Oud Bruin	Lost Rhino Brewing Company	Ashburn, VA
Honorable Mention	Sucker Punch	Demented Brewing Company	Middlesex, NJ
Rye Beer	R.I.P.A. on Rye	Shmaltz Brewing Company	Clifton Park, NY
Honorable Mention	Eye Patch Ale	Monday Night Brewing Company	Atlanta, GA
Brett Beer	More Bounce to the Ounce	Franklin's Brewery	Hyattsville, MD
Honorable Mention	Bad News Bear	Big Bear Brewing Company	Coral Springs, FL

Midwest

Imperial IPA/Red Ale	Bridge Burner	Lakefront Brewery, Inc.	Milwaukee, WI
Honorable Mention	Hop Jockey	Lakefront Brewery, Inc.	Milwaukee, WI
India Pale Ale	Singapore IPA	Saugatuck Brewing Company	Douglas, MI
Honorable Mention	One Shot	Stevens Point Brewery	Stevens Point, WI
Pale Ale	Session Pale Ale	Stevens Point Brewery	Stevens Point, WI
Amber/Red Ale	Classic Amber	Stevens Point Brewery	Stevens Point, WI
Bitter/ESB	Third Bear	Saugatuck Brewing Company	Douglas, MI
Belgian/French Specialty	Growing Power	Lakefront Brewery, Inc.	Milwaukee, WI
Honorable Mention	Daze on Saison	Saugatuck Brewing Company	Douglas, MI
Belgian Wit	Organic White	Lakefront Brewery, Inc.	Milwaukee, WI
Honorable Mention	Brew Wit	Kalona Brewing Company	Kalona, IA
Golden Ale/Kolsch	Free Range Honey Kolsch	Kalona Brewing Company	Kalona, IA
Honorable Mention	Smash	Lakefront Brewery, Inc.	Milwaukee, WI
Bock/Doppelbock	(None Declared)		
Pilsner	Klisch	Lakefront Brewery, Inc.	Milwaukee, WI
Honorable Mention	Smiley Blue Pils	Stevens Point Brewery	Stevens Point, WI
Dortmunder/Helles	Howard	Lakefront Brewery, Inc.	Milwaukee, WI

Wheat Beer	Good Day Sunshine Honey Wheat	Kalona Brewing Company	Kalona, IA
Honorable Mention	Starburst Wheat	Saugatuck Brewing Company	Douglas, MI
Fruit Beer	Coast Radler	Stevens Point Brewery	Stevens Point, WI
Honorable Mention	Mandarina IPA	Saugatuck Brewing Company	Douglas, MI
Sour Beer	(None Declared)		
Rye Beer	(None Declared)		
Brett Beer	(None Declared)		

Rockies/Southwest

Imperial IPA/Red Ale	Double Tap	Infamous Brewing Company	Austin, TX
Honorable Mention	Troll Toll	Lakewood Brewing Company	Garland, TX
India Pale Ale	Deep Ellum IPA	Deep Ellum Brewing Company	Dallas, TX
Honorable Mention	MOJO IPA	Boulder Beer Company	Boulder, CO
Pale Ale	Party Juice Pale Ale	Infamous Brewing Company	Austin, TX
Honorable Mention	MOAB Pale Ale	MOAB Brewery	Moab, UT
Amber/Red Ale	Bugsy's Fire Brush	Infamous Brewing Company	Austin, TX
Bitter/ESB	(None Declared)		
Belgian/French Specialty	Chump Change	Oak Highlands Brewery	Dallas, TX
Honorable Mention	Vinous Ado	Deep Ellum Brewing Company	Dallas, TX
Belgian Wit	(None Declared)		
Golden Ale/Kolsch	Allgood	Oak Highlands Brewery	Dallas, TX
Honorable Mention	Golden Hijack	Infamous Brewing Company	Austin, TX
Bock/Doppelbock	Bucking Bock	Rahr and Sons Brewing Company	Fort Worth, TX
Pilsner	Rye Pils	Deep Ellum Brewing Company	Dallas, TX
Honorable Mention	Zomer	Lakewood Brewing Company	Garland, TX
Dortmunder/Helles	Zoe	Hops and Grain Brewing	Austin, TX
Honorable Mention	Golden Mustache	Oak Highlands Brewery	Dallas, TX
Wheat Beer	Summertime Wheat	Rahr and Sons Brewing Company	Fort Worth, TX
Honorable Mention	Sex-A-Peel	Infamous Brewing Company	Austin, TX
Fruit Beer	Pulp Fusion - Blood Orange IPA	Boulder Beer Company	Boulder, CO
Honorable Mention	Hypocrite Spring Seasonal	Oak Highlands Brewery	Dallas, TX
Sour Beer	Play Date	Deep Ellum Brewing Company	Dallas, TX
Rye Beer	(None Declared)		
Brett Beer	(None Declared)		

California

Imperial IPA/Red Ale	Maximus	Lagunitas Brewing Co.	Petaluma, CA
Honorable Mention	Imperial IPA	Green Flash Brewing Co.	San Diego, CA
India Pale Ale	IPA	The Hop Concept	San Marcos, CA
Honorable Mention	WipeOut IPA	Port Brewing Company	San Marcos, CA
Pale Ale	New Dogtown Pale Ale	Lagunitas Brewing Co.	Petaluma, CA
Honorable Mention	Mt Tam Pale Ale	Marin Brewing Company	Larkspur, CA
Amber/Red Ale	Rapsody in Red	Temblor Brewing Co.	Bakersfield, CA
Honorable Mention	Alley Cat Amber Ale	Lost Coast Brewing Company	Eureka, CA
Bitter/ESB	(None declared)		
Belgian/French Specialty	Carnevale	The Lost Abbey	San Marcos, CA
Honorable Mention	Avant-Garde	The Lost Abbey	San Marcos, CA
Belgian Wit	Witch's Wit	The Lost Abbey	San Marcos, CA
Golden Ale/Kolsch	Six Six One	Temblor Brewing Co.	Bakersfield, CA
Bock/ Doppelbock	The Facilitator	Temblor Brewing Co.	Bakersfield, CA
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
Rye Beer	Hot Rod Rye	Bear Republic Brewing Co.	Healdsburg, CA
Brett Beer	(None Declared)		

Northwest/Pacific

Imperial IPA/Red Ale	8 Hop IPA	Rogue Brewery	Newport, OR
India Pale Ale	Renegade IPA	Old Schoolhouse Brewery	Winthrop, WA
Honorable Mention	Crikey IPA	Reuben's Brews	Seattle, WA
Pale Ale	Triumvirate	Reuben's Brews	Seattle, WA
Honorable Mention	Epiphany Pale Ale	Old Schoolhouse Brewery	Winthrop, WA

Amber/Red Ale	American Amber Ale	Rogue Brewery	Newport, OR
Bitter/ESB	Bitch Creek	Grand Teton Brewing Company	Victor, ID
Honorable Mention	New School ESB	Old Schoolhouse Brewery	Winthrop, WA
Belgian/French Specialty	Lifeguard	Icicle Brewing Company	Leavenworth, WA
Belgian Wit	Lost Meridian Wit	Base Camp Brewing Company	Portland, OR
Golden Ale/Kolsch	Naughty Nellie	Pike Brewing Company	Seattle, WA
Bock/Doppelbock	Congratulator	River City Brewing Company	Spokane, WA
Honorable Mention	Double Vision	Grand Teton Brewing Company	Victor, ID
Pilsner	Pilsener	Reuben's Brews	Seattle, WA
Dortmunder/Helles	Lokal Lager	Icicle Brewing Company	Leavenworth, WA
Wheat Beer	Howling Wolf	Grand Teton Brewing Company	Victor, ID
Fruit Beer	Marmot Imperial Stout (with raspberry & oak)	River City Brewing Company	Spokane, WA
Sour Beer	Farmhouse (aged in wine barrels)	Grand Teton Brewing Company	Victor, ID
Rye Beer	Imperial Rye IPA	Reuben's Brews	Seattle, WA
Brett Beer	Brett Saison	Grand Teton Brewing Company	Victor, ID