

USBTC Announces 24th Annual Summer Competition Winners

Chester, NH - The United States Beer Tasting Championship™ (USBTC) recently completed the summer event of its 24th annual competition. A total of 403 beers from 130 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 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” and “Hazy IPA” 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 page & Twitter.

The Summer 2018 USBTC Grand Champions:

| <u>Category</u> | <u>Grand Champion</u> | <u>Company</u> | <u>Location</u> | <u>Total Beers Judged</u> |
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| Imperial IPA/Red Ale | Nimble Giant | Troegs Brewing Company | Hershey, PA | 29 |
| Imperial Hazy IPA | Virtuoso | Lord Hobo Brewing Company | Woburn, MA | 19 |
| IPA | Destination – American IPA | Vista Brewing | Driftwood, TX | 78 |
| Hazy IPA | All American IPA | Copperpoint Brewing Company | Boynton Beach, FL | 31 |
| Pale Ale | Hop Tropic | Reuben’s Brews | Seattle, WA | 23 |
| Amber/Red Ale | A-10 Hop Hog | Copperpoint Brewing Company | Boynton Beach, FL | 21 |
| Bitter/ESB | One Track Mind | Icicle Brewing Company | Leavenworth, WA | 8 |
| | | & Old Schoolhouse Brewery | Winthrop, WA | |
| Belgian/French Specialty | Midnight Cab | Rahr & Sons Brewing Co. | Fort Worth, TX | 18 |
| Belgian Wit | Plum Island White Ale | Newburyport Brewing Company | Newburyport, MA | 17 |
| Golden Ale/Kolsch | Golden Ale | The St. George Brewing Company | Hampton, VA | 21 |
| Bock/Doppelbock | Samuel Adams Double Bock | Boston Beer Company | Boston, MA | 12 |
| Pilsner | Prima Pils | Victory Brewing Company | Downington, PA | 33 |
| Dortmunder/Helles | Hell’s Half Mile | Tri City Brewing Company | Bay City, MI | 17 |
| Wheat Beer | Summertime Wheat | Rahr and Sons Brewing Company | Fort Worth, TX | 10 |
| Fruit Beer | Samuel Adams American Kriek | Boston Beer Company | Boston, MA | 33 |
| Sour Beer | Commencement – Brett Ale | Vista Brewing | Driftwood, TX | 33 |

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

| Region / Category | Regional Champion / Honorable Mention | Company | Location |
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| <u>Northeast</u> | | | |
| Imperial IPA/Red Ale <i>Honorable Mention</i> | Samuel Adams Rebel Rouser | Boston Beer Company | Boston, MA |
| Imperial Hazy IPA | Hopulence American Double IPA | Wormtown Brewery | Worcester, MA |
| India Pale Ale <i>Honorable Mention</i> | Virtuoso | Lord Hobo Brewing Company | Woburn, MA |
| Hazy IPA <i>Honorable Mention</i> | Long Brothers American IPA | Flying Goose Brew Pub | New London, NH |
| Pale Ale | Greenhead IPA | Newburyport Brewing Company | Newburyport, MA |
| Amber/Red Ale | Tall Buoy Hazy IPA | Newburyport Brewing Company | Newburyport, MA |
| Belgian/French Specialty | Ted Williams Hazy IPA | Flying Goose Brew Pub | New London, NH |
| Belgian Wit <i>Honorable Mention</i> | Newburyport Pale Ale | Newburyport Brewing Company | Newburyport, MA |
| Bitter/ESB | Amber Apparition | Henniker Brewing Company | Henniker, NH |
| Golden Ale/Kolsch <i>Honorable Mention</i> | Foeder Three | Flying Goose Brew Pub | New London, NH |
| Bock/Doppelbock <i>Honorable Mention</i> | Plum Island Belgian White | Newburyport Brewing Company | Newburyport, MA |
| Pilsner <i>Honorable Mention</i> | White (None Declared) | Allagash Brewing Company | Portland, ME |
| Dortmunder/Helles | Export Ale | The Shipyard Brewery | Portland, ME |
| Wheat Beer <i>Honorable Mention</i> | Samuel Adams Summer Ale | Boston Beer Company | Boston, MA |
| Fruit Beer | Samuel Adams Double Bock | Boston Beer Company | Boston, MA |
| Sour Beer | Collaborator | Flying Goose Brew Pub | New London, NH |
| | Pleasant Lake Pilsner | Flying Goose Brew Pub | New London, NH |
| | Samuel Adams Boston Lager | Boston Beer Company | Boston, MA |
| | Maritime Lager | Newburyport Brewing Company | Newburyport, MA |
| | Heidleberg Bavarian Hefeweizen | Flying Goose Brew Pub | New London, NH |
| | Samuel Adams Hefeweizen | Boston Beer Company | Boston, MA |
| | Samuel Adams American Kreik | Boston Beer Company | Boston, MA |
| | The Days Between | Flying Goose Brew Pub | New London, NH |

Mid-Atlantic

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| Imperial IPA/Red Ale | Nimble Giant | Troegs Brewing Company | Hershey, PA |
| Imperial Hazy IPA | Saranac Green Thumb | F.X. Matt Brewing Company | Utica, NY |
| India Pale Ale <i>Honorable Mention</i> | Loose Cannon | Heavy Seas Beer | Baltimore, MD |
| Hazy IPA | Saranac Hoppy Hour Hero | F.X. Matt Brewing Company | Utica, NY |
| Pale Ale | #suchtaste | Brown's Brewing Company | Troy, NY |
| Amber/Red Ale | Citra Hopped Live | Southern Tier Brewing Company | Lakewood, NY |
| Bitter/ESB | Hopback Amber | Troegs Brewing Company | Hershey, PA |
| Belgian/French Specialty | Twisted Turtle | Franklin's Brewery | Hyattsville, MD |
| Belgian Wit | Golden Opportunity | Franklin's Brewery | Hyattsville, MD |
| Golden Ale/Kolsch | Scratch Series No. 317 Witbier | Troegs Brewing Company | Hershey, PA |
| Bock/Doppelbock | 8 Days A Week | Southern Tier Brewing Company | Lakewood, NY |
| Pilsner <i>Honorable Mention</i> | Troegenator | Troegs Brewing Company | Hershey, PA |
| Dortmunder/Helles <i>Honorable Mention</i> | Prima Pils | Victory Brewing Company | Downington, PA |
| Wheat Beer <i>Honorable Mention</i> | Pounder Pils | Heavy Seas Beer | Baltimore, MD |
| Fruit Beer <i>Honorable Mention</i> | Home Grown New American Lager | Victory Brewing Company | Downington, PA |
| Sour Beer <i>Honorable Mention</i> | Saranac Haus Lager | F.X. Matt Brewing Company | Utica, NY |
| | Hefeweizen | Franklin's Brewery | Hyattsville, MD |
| | Smooth Sail | Heavy Seas Beer | Baltimore, MD |
| | Older The Berry, The Sweeter The Juice | Franklin's Brewery | Hyattsville, MD |
| | Blackberry Tizzy | Troegs Brewing Company | Hershey, PA |
| | Wild Elf | Troegs Brewing Company | Hershey, PA |
| | Mélange | Franklin's Brewery | Hyattsville, MD |

**Region /
Category**

**Regional Champion /
Honorable Mention**

Company

Location

Southeast

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| Imperial IPA/Red Ale | Category 5 IPA | Due South Brewing Company | Boynton Beach, FL |
| Imperial Hazy IPA | Big Papi | Commonwealth Brewing Company | Virginia Beach, VA |
| India Pale Ale | Hibernating IPA | Big Bear Brewing Company | Coral Springs, FL |
| <i>Honorable Mention</i> | Primal Instinct | Wild Wolf Brewing Company | Nellysford, VA |
| Hazy IPA | All American IPA | Copperpoint Brewing Company | Boynton Beach, FL |
| <i>Honorable Mention</i> | G13 IPA (420 Strain) | SweetWater Brewing Company | Atlanta, GA |
| Pale Ale | Tropical Invasion Pale Ale | Cigar City Brewing Company | Tampa, FL |
| <i>Honorable Mention</i> | 420 Extra Pale Ale | SweetWater Brewing Company | Atlanta, GA |
| Amber/Red Ale | A-10 Hop Hog | Copperpoint Brewing Company | Boynton Beach, FL |
| <i>Honorable Mention</i> | Rollcage Red Ale | Motorworks Brewing | Bradenton, FL |
| Bitter/ESB | Summer Ale | The St. George Brewing Company | Hampton, VA |
| Belgian/French Specialty | Sunken Road | Spencer Devon Brewing | Fredericksburg, VA |
| <i>Honorable Mention</i> | Cucumber Saison | Cigar City Brewing Company | Tampa, FL |
| Belgian Wit | Florida Cracker | Cigar City Brewing Company | Tampa, FL |
| <i>Honorable Mention</i> | Stargazer White | Highland Brewing Company | Asheville, NC |
| Golden Ale/Kolsch | Golden Ale | The St. George Brewing Company | Hampton, VA |
| <i>Honorable Mention</i> | Polar Light | Big Bear Brewing Company | Coral Springs, FL |
| Bock/Doppelbock | Doppelbock | The St. George Brewing Company | Hampton, VA |
| <i>Honorable Mention</i> | Duck-Rabbit Doppelbock | The Duck-Rabbit Craft Brewery | Farmville, NC |
| Pilsner | Twisted Fish | SweetWater Brewing Company | Atlanta, GA |
| <i>Honorable Mention</i> | Hop Rocket | Wild Wolf Brewing Company | Nellysford, VA |
| Dortmunder/Helles | Helles Lager | Southern Barrel Brewing Company | Bluffton, SC |
| Wheat Beer | (None Declared) | | |
| Fruit Beer | Pulp Friction | Motorworks Brewing | Bradenton, FL |
| <i>Honorable Mention</i> | Blood Orange Wit | Copperpoint Brewing Company | Boynton Beach, FL |
| Sour Beer | The Pit & The Pendulum | SweetWater Brewing Company | Atlanta, GA |
| <i>Honorable Mention</i> | Cherry Grove | Cigar City Brewing Company | Tampa, FL |

Midwest

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| Imperial IPA/Red Ale | Soaker | Lakefront Brewery | Milwaukee, WI |
| Imperial Hazy IPA | (None Declared) | | |
| India Pale Ale | Lakefront IPA | Lakefront Brewery | Milwaukee, WI |
| Hazy IPA | Fire, Skulls & Money IPA | Toppling Goliath Brewing Company | Decorah, IA |
| <i>Honorable Mention</i> | Eddie Van Haze'n | Little Apple Brewing Company | Decorah, IA |
| Pale Ale | Loons Summer Ale | Tri City Brewing Company | Bay City, MI |
| <i>Honorable Mention</i> | Intergalactic Jack - Pale Ale | Tri City Brewing Company | Bay City, MI |
| Amber/Red Ale | Riley's Red Ale | Little Apple Brewing Co. | Manhattan, KS |
| Bitter/ESB | (None Declared) | | |
| Belgian/French Specialty | Torchon | Tri City Brewing Company | Bay City, MI |
| Belgian Wit | Organika | Lakefront Brewery | Milwaukee, WI |
| Golden Ale/Kolsch | Happy Glamper | Lakefront Brewery | Milwaukee, WI |
| <i>Honorable Mention</i> | My Turn: Arturo | Lakefront Brewery | Milwaukee, WI |
| Bock/Doppelbock | (None Declared) | | |
| Pilsner | Lakefront Pils | Lakefront Brewery | Milwaukee, WI |
| Dortmunder / Helles | Hell's Half Mile | Tri City Brewing Company | Bay City, MI |
| Wheat Beer | (None Declared) | | |
| Fruit Beer | Dragon Fandango | Toppling Goliath Brewing Co. | Bay City, MI |
| Sour Beer | Fruit Salad Shorts | Little Apple Brewing Co. | Manhattan, KS |

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| <u>Rockies/Southwest</u> | | | |
| Imperial IPA/Red Ale | (None Declared) | | |
| Imperial Hazy IPA | (None Declared) | | |
| India Pale Ale | Destination – American IPA | Vista Brewing | Driftwood, TX |
| <i>Honorable Mention</i> | Derelict IPA | Oak Highlands Brewery | Dallas, TX |
| Hazy IPA | (None Declared) | | |
| Pale Ale | DreamWeaver | Vista Brewing | Driftwood, TX |
| Amber/Red Ale | Charity | Oak Highlands Brewery | Dallas, TX |
| <i>Honorable Mention</i> | Texas Red | Rahr & Sons Brewing Co. | Fort Worth, TX |
| Bitter/ESB | Hyde Park | Vista Brewing | Driftwood, TX |
| Belgian/French Specialty | Midnight Cab | Rahr & Sons Brewing Co. | Fort Worth, TX |
| <i>Honorable Mention</i> | Le Saison | Vista Brewing | Driftwood, TX |
| Belgian Wit | (None Declared) | | |
| Golden Ale/Kolsch | Adair – Kölsch | Vista Brewing | Driftwood, TX |
| <i>Honorable Mention</i> | Allgood | Oak Highlands Brewery | Dallas, TX |
| Bock/Doppelbock | Regulator | Rahr and Sons Brewing Company | Fort Worth, TX |
| Pilsner | Zwickeled Pink | Vista Brewing | Driftwood, TX |
| Dortmunder/Helles | Golden Mustache | Oak Highlands Brewery | Dallas, TX |
| <i>Honorable Mention</i> | Rahr's Blonde | Rahr & Sons Brewing Co. | Fort Worth, TX |
| Wheat Beer | Summertime Wheat | Rahr and Sons Brewing Company | Fort Worth, TX |
| Fruit Beer | Guava Good | Oak Highlands Brewery | Dallas, TX |
| <i>Honorable Mention</i> | Paleta de Mango | Rahr & Sons Brewing Co. | Fort Worth, TX |
| Sour Beer | Rosanna – Brett Ale | Vista Brewing | Driftwood, TX |
| <i>Honorable Mention</i> | Commencement – Brett Ale | Vista Brewing | Driftwood, TX |

California

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| Imperial IPA/Red Ale | Maximus | Lagunitas Brewing Company | Petaluma, CA |
| <i>Honorable Mention</i> | Imperial IPA | Green Flash Brewing Company | San Diego, CA |
| Imperial Hazy IPA | (None Declared) | | |
| India Pale Ale | 3 Flowers IPA | Marin Brewing Company | Larkspur, CA |
| <i>Honorable Mention</i> | WipeOut IPA | Port Brewing Company | San Marcos, CA |
| Hazy IPA | Hay-Z | Temblor Brewing Company | Bakersfield, CA |
| Pale Ale | Temblor Pale Ale | Temblor Brewing Company | Bakersfield, CA |
| <i>Honorable Mention</i> | Mt Tam Pale Ale | Marin Brewing Company | Larkspur, CA |
| Amber/Red Ale | Rapsody in Red | Temblor Brewing Company | Bakersfield, CA |
| <i>Honorable Mention</i> | Alley Cat Amber Ale | Lost Coast Brewing Company | Eureka, CA |
| Bitter/ESB | (None Declared) | | |
| Belgian/French Specialty | Veritas | The Lost Abbey | San Marcos, CA |
| <i>Honorable Mention</i> | 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 Company | Bakersfield, CA |
| Bock/ Doppelbock | The Facilitator | Temblor Brewing Company | Bakersfield, CA |
| Pilsner | Scrimshaw Pilsner | North Coast Brewing Company | Fort Bragg, CA |
| <i>Honorable Mention</i> | 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 | Framboise | The Lost Abbey | San Marcos, CA |
| Sour Beer | Red Poppy Ale | Port Brewing Company | San Marcos, CA |

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Company

Location

Northwest/Pacific

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| Imperial IPA/Red Ale <i>Honorable Mention</i> | 10 Hop IPA Decade Double IPA (None Declared) | Rogue Brewery Grand Teton Brewing Company | Newport, OR Victor, ID |
| Imperial Hazy IPA | Ruud Awakening | Old Schoolhouse Brewery | Winthrop, WA |
| India Pale Ale <i>Honorable Mention</i> | Space Needle Golden IPA | Pike Brewing Company | Seattle, WA |
| Hazy IPA <i>Honorable Mention</i> | Crush | Reuben's Brews | Seattle, WA |
| Pale Ale <i>Honorable Mention</i> | Eddy Hopper | Old Schoolhouse Brewery | Winthrop, WA |
| Amber/Red Ale <i>Honorable Mention</i> | Hop Tropic | Reuben's Brews | Seattle, WA |
| Bitter/ESB | Epiphany Pale Ale | Old Schoolhouse Brewery | Winthrop, WA |
| | American Amber Ale | Rogue Brewery | Newport, OR |
| | Teton Amber | Grand Teton Brewing Company | Victor, ID |
| | One Track Mind | Icicle Brewing Company & Old Schoolhouse Brewery | Leavenworth, WA Winthrop, WA |
| Belgian/French Specialty | Lifeguard | Icicle Brewing Company | Leavenworth, WA |
| Belgian Wit | Lillywhite Wit | Reuben's Brews | Seattle, WA |
| Golden Ale/Kolsch <i>Honorable Mention</i> | Snow Creek Kolsch | Icicle Brewing Company | Leavenworth, WA |
| Bock/Doppelbock | Good Hair Day | Reuben's Brews | Seattle, WA |
| Pilsner <i>Honorable Mention</i> | Anniversary Doppelbock (2015) | River City Brewing Company | Spokane, WA |
| Dortmunder/Helles <i>Honorable Mention</i> | Pike Pils | Pike Brewing Company | Seattle, WA |
| Wheat Beer | Pilsener | Bayern Brewery | Missoula, MT |
| Fruit Beer | Montana Helles Lager | Bayern Brewery | Missoula, MT |
| Sour Beer | Hot Tub Scholarship Lager | Rogue Brewery | Newport, OR |
| | Dragon's Breath | Bayern Brewery | Missoula, MT |
| | Combat Wombat | Rogue Brewery | Newport, OR |
| | Paradise Pucker | Rogue Brewery | Newport, OR |