

USBTC Announces 30th Annual Summer Competition Winners

Boston, MA/Chicago, IL - The United States Beer Tasting Championship™ (USBTC) recently completed the summer event of its 30th annual summer competition. A total of 736 beers from 155 breweries were examined across 18 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 are tasted in a blind 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, Premium Lager and Non-alcoholic 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 Facebook page at <https://www.facebook.com/usbtcbeer>.

The Summer 2024 USBTC Grand Champions:

<u>Category</u>	<u>Grand Champion</u>	<u>Company</u>	<u>Location</u>	<u>Total Beers Judged</u>
<i>Imperial IPA/Red Ale</i>	Greylock	Greater Good Imperial Brewing Co.	Worcester, MA	51
<i>Imperial Hazy IPA</i>	Happyum	Foothills Brewing	Winston-Salem, NC	31
<i>IPA</i>	Loose Cannon	Heavy Seas Beer	Baltimore, MD	93
<i>Hazy IPA</i>	Hazy Cannon	Heavy Seas Beer	Baltimore, MD	73
<i>Pale Ale</i>	Stowaway Pale Ale	Old Schoolhouse Brewery	Winthrop, WA	42
<i>Amber/Red Ale</i>	Lil Red	Omega Brewing Experience	Omro, WI	37
<i>Golden Ale/Kolsch</i>	Kölsch	Von Trapp Brewing	Stowe, VT	42
<i>Belgian/French Specialty</i>	Vincianne	True North Ale Company	Ipswich, MA	34
<i>Belgian Wit</i>	Wit-ness Perfection	Port O'Pints Brewing Company	Crescent City, CA	20
<i>Bock/Doppelbock</i>	Mysticator	Idle Hands Craft Ales	Malden, MA	57
<i>Pilsner</i>	W. Berkeley Pils	Gilman Brewing Company	Berkeley, CA	50
<i>Dortmunder/Helles</i>	Original Lager	Goldfinger Brewing Company	Downers Grove, IL	26
<i>Wheat Beer</i>	Hefe	Church Street Brewing	Itasca, IL	19
<i>Fruit Beer</i>	Raspberry Tripel	Flying Dreams Brewing Company	Marlborough, MA	61
<i>Sour Beer</i>	Da Drizzy	Adams Street Brewing	Chicago, IL	9
<i>Fruited Sour Beer</i>	Da'Vine Revenant	Bruz Beers	Denver, CO	42
<i>Premium American Lager</i>	Crispytown	Reuben's Brews	Seattle, WA	32
<i>Non-alcoholic Beer</i>	Riverwest Stein NA	Lakefront Brewery	Milwaukee, WI	17

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

Region / Category	Regional Champion / Honorable Mention	Company	Location
<u>New England</u>			
Imperial IPA/Red Ale Honorable Mention	Greylock Double Mando	Greater Good Imperial Brewing Company Flying Dreams Brewing Company	Worcester, MA Marlborough, MA
Imperial Hazy IPA	Pulp Daddy	Greater Good Imperial Brewing Company	Worcester, MA
India Pale Ale Honorable Mention	Hop Rocks Keeper	Redemption Rock Brewing Co. Castle Island Brewing Co.	Worcester, MA Norwood, MA
Hazy IPA Honorable Mention	Northern Haze Finder	True North Ale Company Shipyard Brewing Company	Ipswich, MA Portland, ME
Pale Ale Honorable Mention	St. Jimmy's Comet Extra Pale Ale	Redemption Rock Brewing Co. Von Trapp Brewing	Worcester, MA Stowe, VT
Amber/Red Ale Honorable Mention	Hoosac Tunnel Amber Ale Red Eye Rye	Berkshire Brewing Company Flying Dreams Brewing Company	S. Deerfield, MA Marlborough, MA
Golden Ale/Kolsch Honorable Mention	Kölsch Gordo's Golden	Von Trapp Brewing True North Ale Company	Stowe, VT Ipswich, MA
Belgian/French Specialty Honorable Mention	Vincianne Dreaming of Summer	True North Ale Company Flying Dreams Brewing Company	Ipswich, MA Marlborough, MA
Belgian Wit Honorable Mention	White Ale Day Raider	Castle Island Brewing Co. Kelsen Brewing Company	Norwood, MA Derry, NH
Bock/Doppelbock Honorable Mention	Mysticator Verdant	Idle Hands Craft Ales Kelsen Brewing Company	Malden, MA Derry, NH
Pilsner Honorable Mention	Pilsner Bohemian Shine	Von Trapp Brewing Castle Island Brewing Co.	Stowe, VT Norwood, MA
Dortmunder/Helles Honorable Mention	Holy Schnitt! House Lager	True North Ale Company Jack's Abby Brewing	Ipswich, MA Framingham, MA
Wheat Beer Honorable Mention	Boroweizen Arctic Bloom	Flying Dreams Brewing Company Jack's Abby Brewing	Marlborough, MA Framingham, MA
Fruit Beer Honorable Mention	Raspberry Tripel BiGG Summer	Flying Dreams Brewing Company Greater Good Imperial Brewing Company	Marlborough, MA Worcester, MA
Sour Beer	Jetty	Castle Island Brewing Co.	Norwood, MA
Fruited Sour Beer Honorable Mention	Sour Cherry Gose Blueberry Lemonade Funk Daddy	Flying Dreams Brewing Company Greater Good Imperial Brewing Company	Marlborough, MA Worcester, MA
Premium American Lager Honorable Mention	Pre Pro Livin' Easy	Jack's Abby Brewing Aeronaut Brewing Company	Framingham, MA Somerville, MA
Non-alcoholic Beer	Scarlet	Woodland Farms Brewery	Kittery, ME

Mid-Atlantic

Imperial IPA/Red Ale Honorable Mention	9 lb. Hammer Double Cannon	Slate Farm Brewery Heavy Seas Beer	Whiteford, MD Baltimore, MD
Imperial Hazy IPA	Double Keys	Talking Cursive Brewing Company	Syracuse, NY
India Pale Ale Honorable Mention	Loose Cannon Wave Chaser	Heavy Seas Beer Montauk Brewing Company	Baltimore, MD Montauk, NY
Hazy IPA Honorable Mention	Hazy Cannon Clouded Dream IPA	Heavy Seas Beer Matt Brewing Company	Baltimore, MD Utica, NY
Pale Ale Honorable Mention	Jake from Slate Farm King Phillips	Slate Farm Brewery Barley Creek Brewing Company	Whiteford, MD Tannersville, PA
Amber/Red Ale Honorable Mention	Intrepid Parade Day Irish Red	Barley Creek Brewing Company Talking Cursive Brewing Company	Tannersville, PA Syracuse, NY
Golden Ale/Kolsch Honorable Mention	Swagger BO*dacious Blonde	Slate Farm Brewery Heavy Seas Beer	Whiteford, MD Baltimore, MD
Belgian/French Specialty	Chateau LaMorder	Talking Cursive Brewing Company	Syracuse, NY
Belgian Wit	Sun's Up	Heavy Seas Beer	Baltimore, MD
Bock/Doppelbock	Devils Gold	Slate Farm Brewery	Whiteford, MD
Pilsner	Crispy Girls	Talking Cursive Brewing Company	Syracuse, NY
Dortmunder/Helles	Well Made Lager	Heavy Seas Beer	Baltimore, MD
Wheat Beer	Dream Weaver	Troegs Brewing Company	Hershey, PA
Fruit Beer Honorable Mention	Blueberry Wheat Ale Blueberry Blonde	Heavy Seas Beer Matt Brewing Company	Baltimore, MD Utica, NY
Sour Beer	Sour Monkey	Victory Brewing Company	Downingtown, PA
Fruited Sour Beer	Blueberry Pomegranate Magic	Heavy Seas Beer	Baltimore, MD
Premium American Lager	Utica Club	Matt Brewing Company	Utica, NY
Non-alcoholic Beer	<i>No winner declared</i>		

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<u>Southeast</u>			
Imperial IPA/Red Ale	Flooded	The Veil Brewing Co.	Richmond, VA
Imperial Hazy IPA	Happyum	Foothills Brewing	Winston-Salem, NC
Honorable Mention	G13 Hazy IPA	SweetWater Brewing Company	Atlanta, GA
India Pale Ale	Wise Oak IPA	Barrel Oak Brewery	Delaplane, VA
Honorable Mention	get Bent Mountain IPA	Parkway Brewing Company	Salem, VA
Hazy IPA	Hazyum	Foothills Brewing	Winston-Salem, NC
Honorable Mention	Vaunted	Elsewhere Brewing	Atlanta, GA
Pale Ale	Coastal Daydream	Terrapin Beer Company	Athens, GA
Amber/Red Ale	Hammer Red	SweetWater Brewing Company	Atlanta, GA
Golden Ale/Kolsch	Polo Yolo	Barrel Oak Brewery	Delaplane, VA
Honorable Mention	Idol	Elsewhere Brewing	Atlanta, GA
Belgian/French Specialty	Traditional-style Saison	Elsewhere Brewing	Atlanta, GA
Honorable Mention	Sassy Goat	Barrel Oak Brewery	Delaplane, VA
Belgian Wit	Frost Proof	Cigar City Brewing Company	Tampa, FL
Bock/Doppelbock	Tyrannosaurus Rexator	Unseen Creatures Brewing & Blending	Miami, FL
Pilsner	Torch Pilsner	Foothills Brewing	Winston-Salem, NC
Honorable Mention	Alora	Elsewhere Brewing	Atlanta, GA
Dortmunder/Helles	Lion's Mane Lager	Elsewhere Brewing	Atlanta, GA
Wheat Beer	Sippers on the Ridge	SweetWater Brewing Company	Atlanta, GA
Honorable Mention	Best Days	Crooked Run Fermentation	Sterling, VA
Fruit Beer	Gummies Tropical IIPA	SweetWater Brewing Company	Atlanta, GA
Honorable Mention	Prickly Pear Lime	Parkway Brewing Company	Salem, VA
Sour Beer	Thiol Goes Vacation	SweetWater Brewing Company	Atlanta, GA
Fruited Sour Beer	Rainbow Road	Crooked Run Fermentation	Sterling, VA
Honorable Mention	Mama Tired	Parkway Brewing Company	Salem, VA
Premium American Lager	Flat Top Lager	Parkway Brewing Company	Salem, VA
Honorable Mention	American Lager	SweetWater Brewing Company	Atlanta, GA
Non-alcoholic Beer	<i>No winner declared</i>		

Midwest

Imperial IPA/Red Ale	Machete	Omega Brewing Experience	Omro, WI
Imperial Hazy IPA	MT massive	Ike and Oak Brewing	Woodridge, IL
India Pale Ale	Anti Hero	Revolution Brewing	Chicago, IL
Hazy IPA	Channelwood	Miskatonic Brewing Company	Darien, IL
Pale Ale	First City	Revolution Brewing	Chicago, IL
Amber/Red Ale	Lil Red	Omega Brewing Experience	Omro, WI
Golden Ale/Kolsch	Flitterwochen	BubbleHouse Brewing	Lisle, IL
Belgian/French Specialty	Exiled Angel	Scorched Earth Brewing Company	Algonquin, IL
Belgian Wit	Sun Flower	Brother Chimp Brewing	North Aurora, IL
Bock/Doppelbock	Liquid Bread	Omega Brewing Experience	Omro, WI
Pilsner	Czech 123	Akronym Brewing	Akron, OH
Dortmunder / Helles	Original Lager	Goldfinger Brewing Company	Downers Grove, IL
Wheat Beer	Hefe	Church Street Brewing	Itasca, IL
Fruit Beer	Plum Up The Jam	Nebraska Brewing Company	La Vista, NE
Sour Beer	Da Drizzy	Adams Street Brewing	Chicago, IL
Fruited Sour Beer	Lime Those Pockets	BubbleHouse Brewing	Lisle, IL
Premium American Lager	Basement Party	Temperance Beer Company	Evanston, IL
Non-alcoholic Beer	Riverwest Stein NA	Lakefront Brewing	Milwaukee, WI

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Rockies/Southwest			
Imperial IPA/Red Ale	<i>No winner declared</i>		
Imperial Hazy IPA	Cosmic Saunter	Level Crossing Brewing	Salt Lake City, UT
India Pale Ale	Derelect	Oak Highlands Brewing	Dallas, TX
Hazy IPA	Stellar Remnants	Celestial Beerworks	Dallas, TX
Pale Ale	Horseshoe Bend Pale	Grand Canyon Brewing Company	Williams, AZ
Amber/Red Ale	Look Up	Level Crossing Brewing	Salt Lake City, UT
Golden Ale/Kolsch	All Good	Oak Highlands Brewery	Dallas, TX
Belgian/French Specialty	Belgian Country Lager	Bruz Beers	Denver, CO
Belgian Wit	Dame Blanch	Bruz Beers	Denver, CO
Bock/Doppelbock	<i>No winner declared</i>		
Pilsner	Zona Pilsner	12 West Brewing	Gilberts, AZ
Dortmunder/Helles	Golden Mustache	Oak Highlands Brewery.	Dallas, TX
Wheat Beer	White Flash	Motosonora Brewing	Tucson, AZ
Fruit Beer	White Salamander	Level Crossing Brewery	Salt Lake City, UT
Sour Beer	Cryptoporticus	Level Crossing Brewing	Salt Lake City, UT
Fruited Sour Beer	Da'Vine Revenant	Bruz Beers	Denver, CO
Premium American Lager	Classic Lager	12 West Brewing	Gilberts, AZ
Non-alcoholic Beer	Grainwave	Ceria Brewing	Arvada, CO

California

Imperial IPA/Red Ale	Shadow Box IIPA	Shadow Puppet Brewing Company	Livermore, CA
Honorable Mention	Special Hops	Rescue Brewing Company	Upland, CA
Imperial Hazy IPA	Double Lush Nectar	Shadow Puppet Brewing Company	Livermore, CA
India Pale Ale	Quarter Panel	Gillman Brewing Company	Berkeley, CA
Honorable Mention	Space Sailor IPA	Seaquake Brewing Company	Crescent City, CA
Hazy IPA	Lush Nectar	Shadow Puppet Brewing Company	Livermore, CA
Honorable Mention	Freedom	Gilman Brewing Company	Berkeley, CA
Pale Ale	W. Berkeley Pale	Gilman Brewing Company	Berkeley, CA
Honorable Mention	Royal Road Pale Ale	San Fernando Brewing	San Fernando, CA
Amber/Red Ale	Kentucky Uncommon	Shadow Puppet Brewing Company	Livermore, CA
Honorable Mention	Jerry's Red	Rescue Brewing Company	Upland, CA
Golden Ale/Kolsch	Battery Point Blond Ale	Seaquake Brewing Company	Crescent City, CA
Belgian/French Specialty	Maison de Campagne	Gilman Brewing Company	Berkeley, CA
Belgian Wit	Wit-ness Perfection	Port O'Pints Brewing	Crescent City, CA
Bock/ Doppelbock	Amber Bock	San Fernando Brewing	San Fernando, CA
Pilsner	W. Berkeley Pils	Gilman Brewing Company	Berkeley, CA
Honorable Mention	Pipe Down	Shadow Puppet Brewing Company	Livermore, CA
Dortmunder/Helles	<i>No winner declared</i>		
Wheat Beer	<i>No winner declared</i>		
Fruit Beer	Blood Orange Lupi IPA	Shadow Puppet Brewing Company	Livermore, CA
Honorable Mention	Blackberry Hibou	Gilman Brewing Company	Berkeley, CA
Sour Beer	<i>No winner declared</i>		
Fruited Sour Beer	Guava Jardin	Gilman Brewing Company	Berkeley, CA
Honorable Mention	Orange Sunstar Sour	Seaquake Brewing Company	Crescent City, CA
Premium American Lager	Smith River Pils	Port O'Pints Brewing Company	Crescent City, CA
Honorable Mention	Seaquake Lager	Seaquake Brewing Company	Crescent City, CA
Non-alcoholic Beer	Free Wave Hazy IPA	Athletic Brewing Company	San Diego, CA

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<u>Northwest/Pacific</u>			
Imperial IPA/Red Ale Honorable Mention	Ruud Awakening Dead Guy Imperial IPA	Old Schoolhouse Brewery Rogue Ales & Spirits	Winthrop, WA Newport, OR
Imperial Hazy IPA	<i>No winner declared</i>		
India Pale Ale Honorable Mention	Range West IPA Crikey IPA	Silver City Brewery Reuben's Brews	Bremerton, WA Seattle, WA
Hazy IPA Honorable Mention	Eddy Hopper Reuben's PNC Crush	Old Schoolhouse Brewery Reuben's Brews	Winthrop, WA Seattle, WA
Pale Ale Honorable Mention	Stowaway Pale Ale Crushable	Old Schoolhouse Brewery Reuben's Brews	Winthrop, WA Seattle, WA
Amber/Red Ale	Ridgetop Red	Silver City Brewery	Bremerton, WA
Golden Ale/Kolsch	Methow Blonde Ale	Old Schoolhouse Brewery	Winthrop, WA
Belgian/French Specialty	Four Hands	Upright Brewing	Portland, OR
Belgian Wit	Citra Wit	Reuben's Brews	Seattle, WA
Bock/Doppelbock	Bock at the Moon	Laughing Dog Brewing	Ponderay, ID
Pilsner Honorable Mention	Daydrinker Pilsner Pilsner	Old Schoolhouse Brewery Reuben's Brews	Winthrop, WA Seattle, WA
Dortmunder/Helles	BAP	Reuben's Brews	Seattle, WA
Wheat Beer	Bavarian Style Hefeweizen	Silver City Brewery	Bremerton, WA
Fruit Beer	Blackberry Honey Kolsch	Rogue Ales & Spirits	Newport, OR
Sour Beer	<i>No winner declared</i>		
Fruited Sour Beer	Goserita	Reuben's Brews	Seattle, WA
Premium American Lager	Crispytown	Reuben's Brews	Seattle, WA
Non-alcoholic Beer	Reuben's Refresh	Reuben's Brews	Seattle, WA