

USBTC Announces 26th Annual Summer Competition Winners

Boston, MA & Chicago, IL - The United States Beer Tasting Championship™ (USBTC) recently completed the summer event of its 26th annual competition. A total of 595 beers from 164 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 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, Mexican Lager and Southern Hemisphere Hop 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 our Facebook page.

The Summer 2020 USBTC Grand Champions:

<u>Category</u>	<u>Grand Champion</u>	<u>Company</u>	<u>Location</u>	<u>Total Beers Judged</u>
Imperial IPA/Red Ale	Double Mando IPA	Flying Dreams Brewing Company	Worcester, MA	50
Imperial Hazy IPA	Mt Massive	Ike and Oak Brewing	Woodridge, IL	40
IPA	Only Child	Sibling Revelry Brewing	Westlake, OH	84
Hazy IPA	Eddy Hopper IPA	Old Schoolhouse Brewery	Winthrop, WA	45
Pale Ale	Cardinal Pale Ale	Nebraska Brewing	La Vista, NE	40
Amber/Red Ale	Rollcage Red Ale	Motorworks Brewing	Bradenton, FL	29
Belgian/French Specialty	Lifeguard	Icicle Brewing Company	Leavenworth, WA	19
Belgian Wit	Peel Out Wit	15-24 Brew House	Clay Center, KS	17
Golden Ale/Kolsch	Golden Gardens	Reuben's Brews	Seattle, WA	20
Bock/Doppelbock	Dopple Bock	Sprecher Brewing	Milwaukee, WI	27
Pilsner	Torch Pilsner	Foothills Brewing	Winston-Salem, NC	45
Dortmunder/Helles	House Lager	Jack's Abby Brewing	Framingham, MA	29
Wheat Beer	Hauch von Himmel	Church Street Brewing	Itasca, IL	20
Fruit Beer	Shimmer	Tree House Brewing Company	Charlton, MA	29
Sour Beer	World's Forgotten Boy	Aeronaut Brewing Company	Somerville, MA	20
Fruited Sour Beer	Aurora	Brown's Brewing Company	Troy, NY	56
Mexican Lager	Onza	12 West Brewing	Gilbert, AZ	11
S. Hemisphere Hop Beer	Jade	Foothills Brewing	Winston-Salem, NC	14

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

Region / Category	Regional Champion / Honorable Mention	Company	Location
<u>Northeast</u>			
Imperial IPA/Red Ale	Double Mando IPA	Flying Dreams Brewing Company	Worcester, MA
Imperial Hazy IPA	Pulp Daddy	Greater Good Imperial Brewing Company	Worcester, MA
India Pale Ale	Pond Jumper	Flying Dreams Brewing Company	Worcester, MA
Hazy IPA	Juice Freak	Cold Harbor Brewery	Westborough, MA
<i>Honorable Mention</i>	Hop-Ex Sabro	Aeronaut Brewing Company	Somerville, MA
Pale Ale	Hop Hop & Away	Aeronaut Brewing Company	Somerville, MA
Amber/Red Ale	Ruby Extra	McNeill's Brewery	Brattleboro, VT
Belgian/French Specialty	Dreaming of Summer	Flying Dreams Brewing Company	Worcester, MA
Belgian Wit	Springdale Pearly Wit	Jack's Abby Brewing	Framingham, MA
Golden Ale/Kolsch	Luminary Golden Ale	Medusa Brewing Company	Hudson, MA
Bock/Doppelbock	Aviator	Ground Effect Brewing Company	Hudson, MA
Pilsner	Pilsner	Von Trapp Brewing	Stowe, VT
<i>Honorable Mention</i>	Post Shift	Jack's Abby Brewing	Framingham, MA
Dortmunder/Helles	House Lager	Jack's Abby Brewing	Framingham, MA
<i>Honorable Mention</i>	Surface Wave	Aeronaut Brewing Company	Somerville, MA
Wheat Beer	Spinnaker	Rising Tide Brewing Company	Portland, ME
Fruit Beer	Shimmer	Tree House Brewing Company	Charlton, MA
Sour Beer	World's Forgotten Boy	Aeronaut Brewing Company	Somerville, MA
Fruited Sour Beer	Pineapple Gose	Flying Dreams Brewing Company	Worcester, MA
Mexican Lager	¡Cerveza!	Shovel Town Brewery	North Easton, MA
S. Hemisphere Hop Beer	Semi Impressionistic	Honest Weight Artisan Beer LLC	Orange, MA
<u>Mid-Atlantic</u>			
Imperial IPA/Red Ale	Nimble Giant	Troegs Brewing Company	Hershey, PA
<i>Honorable Mention</i>	No Apostrophe	Franklins Brewery	Hyattsville, MD
Imperial Hazy IPA	Citrabellum Double IPA	Barley Creek Brewing Company	Tannersville, PA
India Pale Ale	Hop Devil IPA	Victory Brewing Company	Downingtown, PA
<i>Honorable Mention</i>	Perpetual IPA	Troegs Brewing Company	Hershey, PA
Hazy IPA	Conan The Juiceman	Revelation Craft Brewing Company	Rehoboth Beach, DE
<i>Honorable Mention</i>	All America City IPA	Flying Bison Brewing Company	Buffalo, NY
Pale Ale	Haze Charmer	Troegs Brewing Company	Hershey, PA
Amber/Red Ale	Rye on Red	Franklins Brewery	Hyattsville, MD
<i>Honorable Mention</i>	Hopback Amber	Troegs Brewing Company	Hershey, PA
Belgian/French Specialty	Hold It High	Franklins Brewery	Hyattsville, MD
Belgian Wit	Iron Arm	Barley Creek Brewing Company	Tannersville, PA
Golden Ale/Kolsch	Summer Love	Victory Brewin Company	Downingtown, PA
Bock/Doppelbock	Troegenator	Troegs Brewing Company	Hershey, PA
<i>Honorable Mention</i>	Bock Fest Tripp Exotic	Sly Fox Brewing Company	Pottstown, PA
Pilsner	Pikeland Pils	Sly Fox Brewing Company	Pottstown, PA
Dortmunder/Helles	When in Doubt	Troegs Brewing Company	Hershey, PA
Wheat Beer	Dream Weaver	Troegs Brewing Company	Hershey, PA
Fruit Beer	Blueberry Blonde Ale	Matt Brewing Company	Utica, NY
Sour Beer	Brettino's Bounce	Franklins Brewery	Hyattsville, MD
Fruited Sour Beer	Aurora	Brown's Brewing Company	Troy, NY
<i>Honorable Mention</i>	Terra	Brown's Brewing Company	Troy, NY
Mexican Lager	(None Declared)		
S. Hemisphere Hop Beer	Mirror Image	Sixpoint Brewery	New York, NY

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Imperial IPA/Red Ale <i>Honorable Mention</i>	Seeing Double IPA Florida Man	Foothills Brewing Cigar City Brewing Company	Winston-Salem, NC Tampa, FL
Imperial Hazy IPA	"Hip Hop" Anonymous IPA Vol. 3	O'Connor Brewing Company	Norfolk, VA
India Pale Ale <i>Honorable Mention</i>	Jai Alai	Cigar City Brewing Company	Tampa, FL
Hazy IPA <i>Honorable Mention</i>	Elephant Foot IPA	Tampa Bay Brewing Company	Tampa, FL
Pale Ale	Operation Jackpot	River Dog Brewing Company	Ridgeland, SC
Amber/Red Ale <i>Honorable Mention</i>	Zero	Tampa Bay Brewing Company	Tampa, FL
Belgian/French Specialty	Guayabera Citra Pale Ale	Cigar City Brewing Company	Tampa, FL
Belgian Wit <i>Honorable Mention</i>	Rollcage Red Ale	Motorworks Brewing	Bradenton, FL
Golden Ale/Kolsch <i>Honorable Mention</i>	Red Eye Amber	Tampa Bay Brewing Company	Tampa, FL
Bock/Doppelbock	Saison	Motorworks Brewing	Bradenton, FL
Pilsner <i>Honorable Mention</i>	Florida Cracker	Cigar City Brewing Company	Tampa, FL
Dortmunder/Helles	Wilderness Wheat	Big Bear Brewing Company	Coral Springs, FL
Wheat Beer	Adoptable Lager	Motorworks Brewing	Bradenton, FL
Fruit Beer <i>Honorable Mention</i>	Phantom Tag	Spencer Devon Brewing	Fredericksburg, VA
Sour Beer <i>Honorable Mention</i>	Doppelbock	The St. George Brewing Company	Hampton, VA
Fruited Sour Beer <i>Honorable Mention</i>	Torch Pilsner	Foothills Brewing	Winston-Salem, NC
Mexican Lager	Aurora Pils	Seven Arrows Brewing Company	Waynesboro, VA
S. Hemisphere Hop Beer	Proper Lager	O'Connor Brewing Company	Norfolk, VA
	Low Country Ambrosia	River Dog Brewing Company	Ridgeland, SC
	BlueBeary Ale	Big Bear Brewing Company	Coral Springs, FL
	Quat	Tampa Bay Brewing Company	Tampa, FL
	4 Barrel Circus	River Dog Brewing Company	Ridgeland, SC
	Half Cap	Spencer Devon Brewing	Fredericksburg, VA
	Tickled Pink	River Dog Brewing Company	Ridgeland, SC
	Cherry Plum Pie in the Face	Tampa Bay Brewing Company	Tampa, FL
	Copper Canyon	Seven Arrows Brewing Company	Waynesboro, VA
	Jade	Foothills Brewing	Winston-Salem, NC

Midwest

Imperial IPA/Red Ale	Whole Hog 6 Hop IPA	Stevens Point Brewing	Stevens Point, WI
Imperial Hazy IPA	Mt Massive	Ike and Oak Brewing	Woodridge, IL
India Pale Ale	Only Child	Sibling Revelry Brewing	West Lake, OH
Hazy IPA	Henry	Akronym Brewing	Akron, OH
Amber/Red Ale	Classic Amber Lager	Stevens Point Brewing.	Stevens Point, WI
Belgian/French Specialty	The Sharpened Thorn	Ike and Oak Brewing	Woodridge, IL
Belgian Wit	Peel Out	15-24 Brew House	Clay Center, KS
Golden Ale/Kolsch	Alestorm	Nebraska Brewing	La Vista, NE
Bock/Doppelbock	Dopple Bock	Sprecher Brewing	Milwaukee, WI
Pilsner	Milwaukee Pils	Sprecher Brewing	Milwaukee, WI
Dortmunder / Helles	Heavenly Helles	Church Street Brewing	Itasca, IL
Wheat Beer	Hauch von Himmel	Church Street Brewing	Itasca, IL
Fruit Beer	Mt Shasta	Ike and Oak Brewing	Woodridge, IL
Sour Beer	Famous Golfer	Cosmic Eye Brewing	Lincoln, NE
Fruited Sour Beer	Rainbow Rising	Ike and Oak Brewing	Woodridge, IL
Mexican Lager	Dead Mans Run	Cosmic Eye Brewing	Lincoln, NE
S. Hemisphere Hop Beer	(None Declared)		

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<u>Rockies/Southwest</u>			
Imperial IPA/Red Ale	Rusty Bitter Face	Oak Highlands Brewery	Dallas, TX
Imperial Hazy IPA	(None Declared)		
India Pale Ale	Insane Rush	Bootstrap Brewing	Longmont, CO
Hazy IPA	Cirrus Haze	12 West Brewing Co	Gilbert, AZ
Pale Ale	Sticks Pale Ale	Bootstrap Brewing	Longmont, CO
Amber/Red Ale	Texas Red	Rahr & Sons Brewing Co	Fort Worth, TX
Belgian/French Specialty	(None Declared)		
Belgian Wit	White Rascal	Avery Brewing Company	Boulder, CO
Golden Ale/Kolsch	Belly Tank Blonde Ale	MotoSonora Brewing Company	Tucson, AZ
Bock/Doppelbock	Tipsy Goat	Oak Highlands Brewery	Dallas, TX
Pilsner	Zona Pilsner	12 West Brewing Co	Gilbert, TX
Dortmunder/Helles	Golden Mustache	Oak Highlands Brewery.	Dallas, TX
Wheat Beer	Summertime Wheat	Rahr and Sons Brewing Company	Fort Worth, TX
Fruit Beer	Chillax	Bootstrap Brewing.	Longmont, CO
Sour Beer	(None Declared)		
Fruited Sour Beer	(None Declared)		
Mexican Lager	Onza	12 West Brewing	Gilbert, AZ
S. Hemisphere Hop Beer	(None Declared)		

California

Imperial IPA/Red Ale	Lupulin River	Knee Deep Brewing Company	Auburn, CA
Imperial Hazy IPA	Fear. Movie. Lions	Stone Brewing	Escondido, CA
India Pale Ale	Shatter Cone IPA	Seismic Brewing Company	Santa Rosa, CA
Hazy IPA	(None Declared)		
Pale Ale	Namazu Oat Pale Ale	Seismic Brewing Company	Santa Rosa, CA
Amber/Red Ale	Aviatrix Barrel-Aged Cal Common	WingWalker Brewing Company	Monrovia, CA
Belgian/French Specialty	(None Declared)		
Belgian Wit	(None Declared)		
Golden Ale/Kolsch	Liquifaction Kolsch Style Ale	Seismic Brewing Company	Santa Rosa, CA
Bock/ Doppelbock	(None Declared)		
Pilsner	Alluvium California Pilsner	Seismic Brewing Company	Santa Rosa, CA
Dortmunder/Helles	(None Declared)		
Wheat Beer	(None Declared)		
Fruit Beer	Hell or High Watermelon	21 st Amendment Brewery	San Francisco, CA
Sour Beer	(None Declared)		
Fruited Sour Beer	Framboise Rose Gose	Anderson Valley Brewing Company	Boonville, CA
Mexican Lager	(None Declared)		
S. Hemisphere Hop Beer	(None Declared)		

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Northwest/Pacific

Imperial IPA/Red Ale	Ruud Awakening	Old Schoolhouse Brewery	Winthrop, WA
Imperial Hazy IPA	This Charming Can	Reuben's Brews	Seattle, WA
<i>Honorable Mention</i>	No Cause For Alarm	Old Schoolhouse Brewery	Winthrop, WA
India Pale Ale	Crowd Pleaser IPA	Three Creeks Brewing Company	Sisters, OR
<i>Honorable Mention</i>	Crikey IPA	Reuben's Brews	Seattle, WA
Hazy IPA	Eddy Hopper IPA	Old Schoolhouse Brewery	Winthrop, WA
<i>Honorable Mention</i>	Enchantments	Icicle Brewing Company	Leavenworth, WA
Pale Ale	Hop Tropic	Reuben's Brews	Seattle, WA
<i>Honorable Mention</i>	Better Days	Old Schoolhouse Brewery	Winthrop, WA
Amber/Red Ale	Open Road Amber Ale	Old Schoolhouse Brewery	Winthrop, WA
Belgian/French Specialty	Lifeguard	Icicle Brewing Company	Leavenworth, WA
<i>Honorable Mention</i>	Farmhouse Ale	Icicle Brewing Company	Leavenworth, WA
Belgian Wit	(None Declared)		
Golden Ale/Kolsch	Golden Gardens	Reuben's Brews	Seattle, WA
<i>Honorable Mention</i>	Methow Blonde	Old Schoolhouse Brewery	Winthrop, WA
Bock/Doppelbock	(None Declared)		
Pilsner	Pilsner	Reuben's Brews	Seattle, WA
Dortmunder/Helles	Montana Helles Lager	Bayern Brewery	Missoula, MT
<i>Honorable Mention</i>	Wolfsburg Helles	Reuben's Brews	Seattle, WA
Wheat Beer	Dragon's Breath	Bayern Brewery	Missoula, MT
Fruit Beer	Huckleberry Cream Ale	Laughing Dog Brewing	Ponderay, ID
<i>Honorable Mention</i>	Colchuck Raspberry Wheat	Icicle Brewing Company	Leavenworth, WA
Sour Beer	Gose	Reuben's Brews	Seattle, WA
Fruited Sour Beer	B & B Gose	Icicle Brewing Company	Leavenworth, WA
<i>Honorable Mention</i>	De Achtste Hond	Laughing Dog Brewing	Ponderay, ID
Mexican Lager	Tres Arroyos Mexican Lager	Three Creeks Brewing Company	Sisters, OR
S. Hemisphere Hop Beer	Tropical IPA	Laughing Dog Brewing	Ponderay, ID