

USBTC Announces 27th Annual Summer Competition Winners

Boston, MA & Chicago, IL - The United States Beer Tasting Championship™ (USBTC) recently completed the summer event of its 27th annual competition. A total of 775 beers from 177 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, Session Beer and Kellerbier/Zwickelbier 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 & Twitter.

The Summer 2021 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	Imperial IPA	Reuben's Brews	Seattle, WA	63
Imperial Hazy IPA	Pulp Daddy	Greater Good Imperial Brewing Co.	Worcester, MA	56
IPA	Megathrust IPA	Seismic Brewing Company	Santa Rosa, CA	112
Hazy IPA	Transmission Zero	Tampa Bay Brewing Company	Tampa, FL	71
Pale Ale	Hop Tropic	Reuben's Brews	Seattle, WA	38
Amber/Red Ale	KNIT NINJA	12 West Brewing	Gilbert, AZ	31
Belgian/French Specialty	Walha	Elsewhere Brewing	Atlanta, GA	19
Belgian Wit	Peel Out Wit	15-24 Brew House	Clay Center, KS	26
Golden Ale/Kolsch	Steelhead Extra Pale Ale	Mad River Brewing Company	Blue Lake, CA	35
Bock/Doppelbock	Doppelbock	Scorched Earth brewing	Algonquin, IL	42
Pilsner	Noble Tendencies	Port Brewing/The Lost Abbey	San Marcos, CA	47
Dortmunder/Helles	Wolfsburg Helles	Reuben's Brews	Seattle, WA	34
Wheat Beer	Knight's Respite	The St. George Brewing Company	Hampton, VA	22
Fruit Beer	Woolly Jamba	Ike and Oak Brewing	Woodridge, IL	48
Sour Beer	Koelspring	Scorched Earth Brewing	Algonquin, IL	21
Fruited Sour Beer	Raspberry Rhubarb Sour	Pink Barrel Cellars	Grand Rapids, MI	66
Session Beer	Bluebird Day	Ike and Oak Brewing	Woodridge, IL	31
Kellerbier/Zwickelbier	Crispy Shifty	Reuben's Brews	Seattle, WA	13

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 <i>Honorable Mention</i>	Double Mando IPA	Flying Dreams Brewing Company	Worcester, MA
Imperial Hazy IPA <i>Honorable Mention</i>	Greylock	Greater Good Imperial Brewing Company	Worcester, MA
India Pale Ale	Pulp Daddy	Greater Good Imperial Brewing Company	Worcester, MA
Hazy IPA <i>Honorable Mention</i>	Six Seam IPA	Idle Hands Craft Ales	Malden, MA
Pale Ale	Boreal Kingdom	Cape Cod Beer	Hyannis, MA
Amber/Red Ale	Deep Haze	Aeronaut Brewing Company	Somerville, MA
Belgian/French Specialty <i>Honorable Mention</i>	Hop Hop & Away!	Soul Purpose Brewing	Worcester, MA
Belgian Wit	Samuel Adams Brick Red	Aeronaut Brewing Company	Somerville, MA
Golden Ale/Kolsch	Phase Contrast	Boston Beer Company	Boston, MA
Bock/Doppelbock <i>Honorable Mention</i>	Farmhouse Pale Ale	Aeronaut Brewing Company	Somerville, MA
Pilsner <i>Honorable Mention</i>	Springdale Pearly	Idle Hands Craft Ales	Malden, MA
Dortmunder/Helles <i>Honorable Mention</i>	Kölsch	Jack's Abby Brewing	Framingham, MA
Wheat Beer	Dragonator	Von Trapp Brewing	Stowe, VT
Fruit Beer	German Style Maibock	Flying Dreams Brewing Company	Worcester, MA
Sour Beer <i>Honorable Mention</i>	Pilsner	Ipswich Ale Brewery	Ipswich, MA
Fruited Sour Beer	Gretel	Von Trapp Brewing	Stowe, VT
Session Beer	House Lager	Idle Hands Craft Ales	Malden, MA
Kellerbier/Zwickelbier	Helles	Jack's Abby Brewing	Framingham, MA
	Edelstein	Von Trapp Brewing	Stowe, VT
	Samuel Adams Summer Ale	Redemption Rock Brewing Co.	Worcester, MA
	Funk Daddy	Boston Beer Company	Boston, MA
	Goose Beer	Greater Good Imperial Brewing Company	Worcester, MA
	Double Walkabout	Redemption Rock Brewing Co.	Worcester, MA
	Left of the Dial	Fat Orange Cat Brew Co.	East Hampton, CT
	Zwickel	Notch Brewing	Salem, MA
		Jack's Abby Brewing	Framingham, MA

Mid-Atlantic

Imperial IPA/Red Ale <i>Honorable Mention</i>	Nimble Giant	Troegs Brewing Company	Hershey, PA
Imperial Hazy IPA <i>Honorable Mention</i>	Dirt Wolf	Victory Brewing Company	Downingtown, PA
India Pale Ale <i>Honorable Mention</i>	Grateful Nation IPA	Revelation Craft Brewing Company	Rehoboth Beach, DE
Hazy IPA	Pawesome Sauce	Heavy Seas Beer	Baltimore, MD
Pale Ale	Hop Devil IPA	Victory Brewing Company	Downingtown, PA
Amber/Red Ale	Perpetual IPA	Troegs Brewing Company	Hershey, PA
Belgian/French Specialty	Hazy Cannon	Heavy Seas Beer	Baltimore, MD
Belgian Wit	Saranac Pale Ale	Matt Brewing Company	Utica, NY
Golden Ale/Kolsch	(None Declared)		
Bock/Doppelbock <i>Honorable Mention</i>	Saison	Franklins Brewery	Hyattsville, MD
Pilsner <i>Honorable Mention</i>	Wave Check	Thompson Island Brewing Company	Rehoboth Beach, DE
Dortmunder/Helles	Gold Ale	Heavy Seas Beer	Baltimore, MD
Wheat Beer	Hans The Revelator	Revelation Craft Brewing Company	Rehoboth Beach, DE
Fruit Beer	Troegenator	Troegs Brewing Company	Hershey, PA
Sour Beer <i>Honorable Mention</i>	Prima Pils	Victory Brewing Company	Downingtown, PA
Fruited Sour Beer	Pikeland Pils	Sly Fox Brewing Company	Pottstown, PA
Session Beer	Helles	Sly Fox Brewing Company	Pottstown, PA
Kellerbier/Zwickelbier	Dream Weaver	Troegs Brewing Company	Hershey, PA
	Lime & Raspberry Tart Ale	Troegs Brewing Company	Hershey, PA
	Ridiculous	Franklins Brewery	Hyattsville, MD
	Reprise	Brown's Brewing Company	Troy, NY
	Freaky Peach	Troegs Brewing Company	Hershey, PA
	The Chimney Sweeper	Franklins Brewery	Hyattsville, MD
	Yes Man	Greenpoint Beer & Ale Co.	New York, NY

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Southeast			
Imperial IPA/Red Ale <i>Honorable Mention</i>	Dragon's Fury	The St. George Brewing Company	Hampton, VA
Imperial Hazy IPA <i>Honorable Mention</i>	Good Supply	SweetWater Brewing Company	Atlanta, GA
India Pale Ale <i>Honorable Mention</i>	Florida Man	Cigar City Brewing Company	Tampa, FL
Hazy IPA <i>Honorable Mention</i>	Dana's Big DIPA	Lot 9 Brewing Company	Bluffton, SC
Pale Ale <i>Honorable Mention</i>	Viridity	Elsewhere Brewing	Atlanta, GA
Amber/Red Ale	Compass Rose	Service Brewing Company	Savannah, GA
Belgian/French Specialty <i>Honorable Mention</i>	Transmission Zero	Tampa Bay Brewing Company	Tampa, FL
Belgian Wit <i>Honorable Mention</i>	Operation Jackpot	River Dog Brewing Company	Ridgeland, SC
Golden Ale/Kolsch <i>Honorable Mention</i>	Guayabera Citra Pale Ale	Cigar City Brewing Company	Tampa, FL
Bock/Doppelbock <i>Honorable Mention</i>	Reef Donkey	Tampa Bay Brewing Company	Tampa, FL
Pilsner <i>Honorable Mention</i>	Rollcage Red Ale	Motorworks Brewing	Bradenton, FL
Dortmunder/Helles	Walha	Elsewhere Brewing	Atlanta, GA
Wheat Beer <i>Honorable Mention</i>	Saison	Motorworks Brewing	Bradenton, FL
Fruit Beer <i>Honorable Mention</i>	Gun Bunny	Service Brewing Company	Savannah, GA
Sour Beer	Good Ship Wit	Foothills Brewing	Winston-Salem, NC
Fruited Sour Beer <i>Honorable Mention</i>	Golden Ale	The St. George Brewing Company	Hampton, VA
Session Beer <i>Honorable Mention</i>	Adoptable Lager	Motorworks Brewing	Bradenton, FL
Kellerbier/Zwickelbier	Mai Lord	Lot 9 Brewing Company	Bluffton, SC
	What's Up, Bock?	Fire Maker Brewing Company	Atlanta, GA
	Torch Pilsner	Foothills Brewing	Winston-Salem, NC
	Pike Devant	Cigar City Brewing Company	Tampa, FL
	Proletarian	Elsewhere Brewing	Atlanta, GA
	Knight's Respite	The St. George Brewing Company	Hampton, VA
	Lil' Slice of Hefen	Lot 9 Brewing Company	Bluffton, SC
	Dead & Berried	Foothills Brewing	Winston-Salem, NC
	Savannah Banana Beer	Service Brewing Company	Savannah, GA
	Salvage	Motorworks Brewing	Bradenton, FL
	The Pit & The Pendulum	SweetWater Brewing Company	Atlanta, GA
	Untarted Territory	River Dog Brewing Company	Ridgeland, SC
	Jai Low	Cigar City Brewing Company	Tampa, FL
	Adventure Guide IPA	Big Boss Brewing Company	Raleigh, NC
	Landscape Lager	Elsewhere Brewing	Atlanta, GA

Midwest

Imperial IPA/Red Ale	Brewcifer	Church Street Brewing	Itasca, IL
Imperial Hazy IPA	Mt Massive	Ike and Oak Brewing	Woodridge, IL
India Pale Ale	Maah Daah Hey	Stonehome Brewing	Watford City, ND
Hazy IPA	Flipmode	Scorched Earth Brewing	Algonquin, IL
Pale Ale	Pseudo Sue	Toppling Goliath Brewing	Decorah, IA
Amber/Red Ale	Johnny Blood Red	Titletown Brewing.	Green Bay, WI
Belgian/French Specialty	Garden of the Gods	Ike and Oak Brewing	Woodridge, IL
Belgian Wit	Peel Out	15-24 Brew House	Clay Center, KS
Golden Ale/Kolsch	400 Honey Ale	Titletown Brewing	Green Bay, WI
Bock/Doppelbock	Doppelbock	Scorched Earth Brewing	Algonquin, IL
Pilsner	Czech 123	Akronym Brewing	Akron, OH
Dortmunder / Helles	HEY CHICAGO WADDYA SAY?!	Scorched Earth Brewing	Algonquin, IL
Wheat Beer	Hauch von Himmel	Church Street Brewing	Itasca, IL
Fruit Beer	Woolly Jamba	Ike and Oak Brewing	Woodridge, IL
Sour Beer	Koelspring	Scorched Earth Brewing	Algonquin, IL
Fruited Sour Beer	Raspberry Rhubarb Sour	Pink Barrel Brewing	Grand Rapids, MI
Session Beer	Bluebird Day	Ike and Oak Brewing	Woodridge, IL
Kellerbier/Zwickelbier	Floyd Wants To Party	Cosmic Eye Brewing	Lincoln, NE

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<u>Rockies/Southwest</u>			
Imperial IPA/Red Ale	I'm Just A Beer So I don't Get Fined 12 West brewing		Gilbert, AZ
Imperial Hazy IPA	(None Declared)		
India Pale Ale	Victory Or Death	MotoSonora Brewing	Tucson, AZ
Hazy IPA	Lush Puppy	Bootstrap Brewing	Longmont, CO
Pale Ale	Sticks Pale Ale	Bootstrap Brewing	Longmont, CO
Amber/Red Ale	KNIT NINJA	12 West Brewing	Gilbert, AZ
Belgian/French Specialty	Lakewood Live - Vol 1	Lakewood Brewing Company	Garland, TX
Belgian Wit	Blap Blapl	12 West Brewing	Gilbert, AZ
Golden Ale/Kolsch	Klaus's Kölsch	Beyond The Mountain Brewing	Boulder, CO
Bock/Doppelbock	Tipsy Goat	Oak Highlands Brewery	Dallas, TX
Pilsner	Zona Pilsner	12 West Brewing Co	Gilbert,
Dortmunder/Helles	Golden Mustache	Oak Highlands Brewery.	Dallas, TX
Wheat Beer	Summertime Wheat	Rahr and Sons Brewing Company	Fort Worth, TX
Fruit Beer	Prickly Pear Wheat Ale	Grand Canyon Brewing Company	Williams, AZ
Sour Beer	Fritz's Funkberry	Rahr and Sons Brewing Company	Fort Worth, TX
Fruited Sour Beer	Sour Shakedown Party	Beyond The Mountain Brewing	Boulder, CO
Session Beer	Adiós Pantalones	Rahr and Sons Brewing Company	Fort Worth, TX
Kellerbier/Zwickelbier	(None Declared)		

California

Imperial IPA/Red Ale	Slammin' Salmon	Mad River Brewing Company	Blue Lake, CA
<i>Honorable Mention</i>	Shadowbox	Shadow Puppet Brewing Company	Livermore, CA
Imperial Hazy IPA	Double Lush Nectar	Shadow Puppet Brewing Company	Livermore, CA
India Pale Ale	Megathrust IPA	Seismic Brewing Company	Santa Rosa, CA
Hazy IPA	Lush Nectar	Shadow Puppet Brewing Company	Livermore, CA
<i>Honorable Mention</i>	Haze Pipe	Port Brewing/The Lost Abbey	San Marcos, CA
Pale Ale	Bennett Sacramento Pale Ale	Alaro Craft Brewery	San Marcos, CA
Amber/Red Ale	Dean O'Dell's IRA	Port O' Pints	Sacramento, CA
Belgian/French Specialty	Carnevale	Port Brewing/The Lost Abbey	Crescent City, CA
Belgian Wit	Pop's Witbier	Port O' Pints	San Marcos, CA
Golden Ale/Kolsch	Steelhead Extra Pale Ale	Mad River Brewing Company	Crescent City, CA
<i>Honorable Mention</i>	Over the Rubicon	Shadow Puppet Brewing Company	Blue Lake, CA
Bock/ Doppelbock	Rhapsody	Shadow Puppet Brewing Company	Livermore, CA
Pilsner	Noble Tendencies	Alaro Craft Brewery	Sacramento, CA
<i>Honorable Mention</i>	Alluvium California Pilsner	Port Brewing/The Lost Abbey	San Marcos, CA
Dortmunder/Helles	(None Declared)	Seismic Brewing Company	Santa Rosa, CA
Wheat Beer	(None Declared)		
Fruit Beer	Blood Orange Lupi	Shadow Puppet Brewing Company	Livermore, CA
Sour Beer	A Still Small Voice	Port Brewing/The Lost Abbey	San Marcos, CA
<i>Honorable Mention</i>	Pacific Ocean Blue Gose	Libertine Brewing Company	San Luis Obispo, CA
Fruited Sour Beer	Margosarita	Shadow Puppet Brewing Company	Livermore, CA
Session Beer	Tremor Light Lager	Tremor California/Seismic	Santa Rosa, CA
Kellerbier/Zwickelbier	(None Declared)		

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Company

Location

Northwest/Pacific

Imperial IPA/Red Ale <i>Honorable Mention</i>	Imperial IPA Imperial IPA	Reuben's Brews Three Creeks Brewing Company	Seattle, WA Sisters, OR
Imperial Hazy IPA	(None Declared)		
India Pale Ale <i>Honorable Mention</i>	Idahome IPA Out There IPA	Sawtooth Brewery Old Schoolhouse Brewery	Ketchum, ID Winthrop, WA
Hazy IPA <i>Honorable Mention</i>	Eddy Hopper IPA Suttle Haze IPA	Old Schoolhouse Brewery Three Creeks Brewing Company	Winthrop, WA Sisters, OR
Pale Ale <i>Honorable Mention</i>	Hop Tropic Hazy Falls Pale Ale	Reuben's Brews Three Creeks Brewing Company	Seattle, WA Sisters, OR
Amber/Red Ale	False Summit Amber Ale (None Declared)	Sawtooth Brewery	Ketchum, ID
Belgian/French Specialty	Shrouded Summit		
Belgian Wit	Methow Blonde (None Declared)	Ghostfish Brewing Company Old Schoolhouse Brewery	Seattle, WA Winthrop, WA
Golden Ale/Kolsch			
Bock/Doppelbock	Pilsner		
Pilsner <i>Honorable Mention</i>	Pilsner	Reuben's Brews Two Beers Brewing Company	Seattle, WA Seattle, WA
Dortmunder/Helles <i>Honorable Mention</i>	Wolfsburg Helles Mexican Lager	Reuben's Brews Two Beers Brewing Company	Seattle, WA Seattle, WA
Wheat Beer	St. Walter	Bayern Brewery	Missoula, MT
Fruit Beer	Two Tickets to Paradise	Mauui Brewing Company	Kihei, HI
Sour Beer	Gose	Reuben's Brews	Seattle, WA
Fruited Sour Beer	De Achtste Hond	Laughing Dog Brewing	Ponderay, ID
Session Beer	Tres Arroyos Mexican Lager	Three Creeks Brewing Company	Sisters, OR
Kellerbier/Zwickelbier	Crispy Shifty	Reuben's Brews	Seattle, WA