

USBTC Announces 28th Annual Summer Competition Winners

Boston, MA & Chicago, IL - The United States Beer Tasting Championship™ (USBTC) recently completed the summer event of its 28th annual competition. A total of 726 beers from 180 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, Helles Bock and Multigrain 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 2022 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>	420 Imperial IPA	SweetWater Brewing Company	Atlanta, GA	43
<i>Imperial Hazy IPA</i>	Skyway	Green Bench Brewing Company	St. Petersburg, FL	30
<i>IPA</i>	Red IPA	East Brother Beer Company	Richmond, CA	107
<i>Hazy IPA</i>	Reuben's PNW Crush	Reuben's Brews	Seattle, WA	64
<i>Pale Ale</i>	Palmetto Trail Ale	RJ Rockers Brewing Company	Spartanburg, SC	50
<i>Amber/Red Ale</i>	Knit Ninja	12 West Brewing Company	Gilbert, AZ	18
<i>Belgian/French Specialty</i>	Traditional-style Saison	Elsewhere Brewing	Atlanta, GA	25
<i>Belgian Wit</i>	Frost Proof	Cigar City Brewing Company	Tampa, FL	25
<i>Golden Ale/Kolsch</i>	Kölsch	Von Trapp Brewing	Stowe, VT	38
<i>Bock/Doppelbock</i>	Timpanator	Level Crossing Brewing Co.	South Salt Lake City, UT	22
<i>Helles Bock</i>	Tipsy Goat	Oak Highlands Brewery	Dallas, TX	26
<i>Pilsner</i>	Pilsner	Von Trapp Brewing	Stowe, VT	55
<i>Dortmunder/Helles</i>	Holy Schnitt!	True North Ale Company	Ipswich, MA	37
<i>Wheat Beer</i>	Royal Weisse	Sly Fox Brewing Company	Pottstown, PA	29
<i>Fruit Beer</i>	Wooly Jamba	Ike and Oak Brewing	Woodridge, IL	58
<i>Sour Beer</i>	Pacific Ocean Blue Gose	The Libertine Brewing Company	San Luis Obispo, CA	22
<i>Fruited Sour Beer</i>	Libri Divini	The Lost Abbey	San Marcos, CA	55
<i>Multigrain</i>	V.S.O.R.	Revolution Brewing	Chicago, IL	22

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

Region / Category	Regional Champion / Honorable Mention	Company	Location
Northeast			
Imperial IPA/Red Ale Honorable Mention	Greylock Becky Likes The Smell	Greater Good Imperial Brewing Company Bay State Brewing Company	Worcester, MA Worcester, MA
Imperial Hazy IPA Honorable Mention	Single Hop Motueka Forest Haze	Greater Good Imperial Brewing Company True North Ale Company	Worcester, MA Ipswich, MA
India Pale Ale Honorable Mention	Green Head IPA Kestrel American IPA	Newburyport Brewing Company True North Ale Company	Newburyport, MA Ipswich, MA
Hazy IPA Honorable Mention	Hazy N' You?!	Springdale Beer Company Bay State Brewing Company	Framingham, MA Worcester, MA
Pale Ale	Sinshine	Bay State Brewing Company	Worcester, MA
Amber/Red Ale	Candlepin	Castle Island Brewing Co.	Norwood, MA
Belgian/French Specialty Honorable Mention	Irish Red Blonde	Rapscallion Brewery Rapscallion Brewery	Spencer, MA Spencer, MA
Belgian Wit Honorable Mention	Elderwilde Plum Island Belgian White	True North Ale Company Newburyport Brewing Company	Ipswich, MA Newburyport, MA
Golden Ale/Kolsch Honorable Mention	Kölsch Mike Light	Von Trapp Brewing Bay State Brewing Company	Stowe, VT Worcester, MA
Bock/Doppelbock	Out.Bock	Out Haus Ales	Northwood, NH
Helles Bock Honorable Mention	Bluma Fruhling	Idle Hands Craft Ales True North Ale Company	Malden, MA Ipswich, MA
Pilsner Honorable Mention	Pilsner Post Shift	Von Trapp Brewing Jack's Abby Brewing	Stowe, VT Framingham, 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	Hirschgarten Hefeweizen Cuttyhunk Hefeweizen	True North Ale Company Bay State Brewing Company	Ipswich, MA Worcester, MA
Fruit Beer	Wit Meyers	Bay State Brewing Company	Worcester, MA
Sour Beer Honorable Mention	Funk Daddy Brouges	True North Ale Company Greater Good Imperial Brewing Company	Ipswich, MA Worcester, MA
Fruited Sour Beer Honorable Mention	55 Funk Blueberry Lemonade Lime of Passion	True North Ale Company Greater Good Imperial Brewing Company	Ipswich, MA Worcester, MA
Multigrain	Day Mark	Springdale Beer Company Rising Tide Brewing Company	Framingham, MA Portland, ME

Mid-Atlantic

Imperial IPA/Red Ale Honorable Mention	Impending Doom Nimble Giant	Heavy Seas Beer Troegs Brewing Company	Baltimore, MD Hershey, PA
Imperial Hazy IPA	Clouded Dream	Matt Brewing Company	Utica, NY
India Pale Ale Honorable Mention	Lionshead IPA Rescue IPA	Lion Brewery Barley Creek Brewing Company	Wilkes-Barre, PA Tannersville, PA
Hazy IPA Honorable Mention	Juice Lab Batch 275 Hazy Cannon	Revelation Craft Brewing Company Heavy Seas Beer	Rehoboth Beach, DE Baltimore, MD
Pale Ale	Haze Charmer	Troegs Brewing Company	Hershey, PA
Amber/Red Ale	Copper Ale	Revelation Craft Brewing Company	Rehoboth Beach, DE
Belgian/French Specialty	Rare Vos	Brewery Ommegang	Cooperstown, NY
Belgian Wit	Witte	Brewery Ommegang	Cooperstown, NY
Golden Ale/Kolsch	Beach, Please	Long Ireland	
Bock/Doppelbock Honorable Mention	Troegenator Hans The Revelator	Troegs Brewing Company Revelation Craft Brewing Company	Hershey, PA Rehoboth Beach, DE
Helles Bock	Princess Jenny	Sly Fox Brewing Company	Pottstown, PA
Pilsner Honorable Mention	Prima Pils Jenkin's Woods Pilsner	Victory Brewing Company Barley Creek Brewing Company	Downingtown, PA Tannersville, PA
Dortmunder/Helles Honorable Mention	Well Made Lager Helles	Heavy Seas Beer Sly Fox Brewing Company	Baltimore, MD Pottstown, PA
Wheat Beer Honorable Mention	Royal Weisse Dream Weaver	Sly Fox Brewing Company Troegs Brewing Company	Pottstown, PA Hershey, PA
Fruit Beer Honorable Mention	Mad Elf Rip Currant	Troegs Brewing Company Heavy Seas Beer	Hershey, PA Baltimore, MD
Sour Beer	Sour Monkey	Heavy Seas Beer Victory Brewing Company	Baltimore, MD Downingtown, PA
Fruited Sour Beer Honorable Mention	Dream Patch Berry Monkey	Brewery Ommegang Victory Brewing Company	Cooperstown, NY Downingtown, PA
Multigrain	Razza	Troegs Brewing Company	Hershey, PA

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Southeast			
Imperial IPA/Red Ale	420 Imperial IPA	SweetWater Brewing Company	Atlanta, GA
Imperial Hazy IPA	Skyway	Green Bench Brewing Company	St. Petersburg, FL
Honorable Mention	Florida Man	Cigar City Brewing Company	Tampa, FL
India Pale Ale	Compass Rose	Service Brewing Company	Savannah, GA
Honorable Mention	Sunshine City IPA	Green Bench Brewing Company	St. Petersburg, FL
Hazy IPA	Vaunted	Elsewhere Brewing	Atlanta, GA
Honorable Mention	Bohemian Citra IPA	Service Brewing Company	Savannah, GA
Pale Ale	Palmetto Trail Ale	RJ Rockers Brewing Company	Spartanburg, SC
Honorable Mention	Guayabera Citra Pale Ale	Cigar City Brewing Company	Tampa, FL
Amber/Red Ale	Bent Barrel	River Dog Brewing Company	Ridgeland, SC
Belgian/French Specialty	Traditional-style Saison	Elsewhere Brewing	Atlanta, GA
Honorable Mention	Saison de Banc Vert	Green Bench Brewing Company	St. Petersburg, FL
Belgian Wit	Frost Proof	Cigar City Brewing Company	Tampa, FL
Honorable Mention	Gun Bunny	Service Brewing Company	Savannah, GA
Golden Ale/Kolsch	Kolsch Style Ale	Elsewhere Brewing	Atlanta, GA
Honorable Mention	Adoptable Lager	Motorworks Brewing	Bradenton, FL
Bock/Doppelbock	(None Declared)		
Helles Bock	(None Declared)		
Pilsner	Carouse	Elsewhere Brewing	Atlanta, GA
Honorable Mention	Rally Point Pilsner	Service Brewing Company	Savannah, GA
Dortmunder/Helles	Feathers	Unseen Creatures Brewing & Blending	Miami, FL
Wheat Beer	Rainbow Roundabout Hefeweizen	Green Bench Brewing Company	St. Petersburg, FL
Honorable Mention	H.A.Z.Y. Citra	SweetWater Brewing Company	Atlanta, GA
Fruit Beer	Son of a Strawberry	RJ Rockers Brewing Company	Spartanburg, SC
Honorable Mention	Blue	SweetWater Brewing Company	Atlanta, GA
Sour Beer	Mira	Green Bench Brewing Company	St. Petersburg, FL
Fruited Sour Beer	Poolside Chills Gose	Service Brewing Company	Savannah, GA
Honorable Mention	Margarita Gose	Cigar City Brewing Company	Tampa, FL
Multigrain	Spiritual Needs	Cigar City Brewing Company	Tampa, FL

Midwest

Imperial IPA/Red Ale	Easter Buffet at the Casino	Cosmic Eye Brewing	Lincoln, NE
Imperial Hazy IPA	Hop Gods	Lakefront Brewing Company	Milwaukee, WI
India Pale Ale	Citra IPA	Nebraska Brewing	La Vista, NE
Hazy IPA	Hazy Rabbit	Lakefront Brewing Company	Milwaukee, WI
Pale Ale	Cardinal Pale Ale	Nebraska Brewing	La Vista, NE
Amber/Red Ale	Ol' Trigger	Ike and Oak Brewing.	Woodridge, IL
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	Hungarian Pearl	Immigrant Son Brewery	Lakewood, OH
Bock/Doppelbock	Bock	Nebraska Brewing	La Vista, NE
Helles Bock	(None Declared)		
Pilsner	Czech Please	Brother Chimp Brewing	N Aurora, IL
Dortmunder / Helles	Zwickel	Urban Chestnut Brewing	St Louis, MO
Wheat Beer	EOA Hefeweizen	Nebraska Brewing	La Vista, NE
Fruit Beer	Woolly Jamba	Ike and Oak Brewing	Woodridge, IL
Sour Beer	Downstream Jam - Dark Cherry	Royal Docks Brewing	Massillon, OH
Fruited Sour Beer	Alpine Delight	Ike and Oak Brewing	Woodridge, IL
Multigrain	V.S.O.R.	Revolution Brewing	Chicago, IL

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<u>Rockies/Southwest</u>			
Imperial IPA/Red Ale	(None Declared)		
Imperial Hazy IPA	Cosmic Saunter	Level Crossing Brewing	Salt Lake City, UT
India Pale Ale	Super Beaker	12 West Brewing	Gilbert, AZ
Hazy IPA	The Momo Dance	Beyond The Mountain Brewing	Boulder, CO
Pale Ale	Sinday	Level Crossing Brewing	Salt Lake City, UT
Amber/Red Ale	Knit Ninja	12 West Brewing	Gilbert, AZ
Belgian/French Specialty	Monks Lunch	Oak Highlands Brewery	Dallas, TX
Belgian Wit	Withouse	Oak Highlands Brewing	Dallas, TX
Golden Ale/Kolsch	Prototipo Number 5	MotoSonora Brewing Company	Tucson, AZ
Bock/Doppelbock	Tipsy Goat	Oak Highlands Brewery	Dallas, TX
Helles Bock	Timpanator	Level Crossing Brewing	Salt Lake City, UT
Pilsner	Zona Pilsner	12 West Brewing Co	Gilbert,
Dortmunder/Helles	Golden Mustache	Oak Highlands Brewery.	Dallas, TX
Wheat Beer	DFDub	Oak Highlands Brewery	Dallas, TX
Fruit Beer	Ruff Ale	Rahr and Sons Brewing Company	Fort Worth, TX
Sour Beer	Cryptoporticus	Level Crossing Brewing	Salt Lake City, UT
Fruited Sour Beer	Brut Rose	Rahr and Sons Brewing Company	Fort Worth, TX
Multigrain	Classiryed Strong Ale	Oak Highlands Brewing	Dallas, TX

California

Imperial IPA/Red Ale	Slammin' Salmon	Mad River Brewing Company	Blue Lake, CA
Imperial Hazy IPA	(None Declared)		
India Pale Ale	Red IPA	East Brother Brewing Company	Richmond, CA
Hazy IPA	(None Declared)		
Pale Ale	Historic State Park IPA	Mad River Brewing Company	Blue Lake, CA
Amber/Red Ale	Jamaica Red Ale	Mad River Brewing Company	Blue Lake, CA
Belgian/French Specialty	(None Declared)		
Belgian Wit	(None Declared)		
Golden Ale/Kolsch	Steelhead Extra Pale Ale	Mad River Brewing Company	Blue Lake, CA
Bock/ Doppelbock	(None Declared)		
Helles Bock	(None Declared)		
Pilsner	Bo Pils	East Brother Brewing Company	Richmond, CA
Dortmunder/Helles	(None Declared)		
Wheat Beer	(None Declared)		
Fruit Beer	(None Declared)		
Sour Beer	Pacific Ocean Blue Gose	The Libertine Brewing Company	San Luis Obispo, CA
Fruited Sour Beer	Libra Divini	Port Brewing/The Lost Abbey	San Marcos, CA
Multigrain	(None Declared)		

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Northwest/Pacific

Imperial IPA/Red Ale	Imperial IPA	Three Creeks Brewing Company	Sisters, OR
Imperial Hazy IPA	(None Declared)		
India Pale Ale	Gorgeous IPA	Reuben's Brews	Seattle, WA
Honorable Mention	Space Needle	The Pike Brewing Company	Seattle, WA
Hazy IPA	Reuben's PNW Crush	Reuben's Brews	Seattle, WA
Honorable Mention	Eddy Hopper IPA	Old Schoolhouse Brewery	Winthrop, WA
Pale Ale	Epiphany Pale	Old Schoolhouse Brewery	Winthrop, WA
Honorable Mention	Hop Tropic	Reuben's Brews	Seattle, WA
Amber/Red Ale	False Summit Amber Ale	Sawtooth Brewery	Ketchum, ID
Belgian/French Specialty	(None Declared)		
Belgian Wit	Shrouded Summit	Ghostfish Brewing Company	Seattle, WA
Golden Ale/Kolsch	Knotty Blond Ale	Three Creeks Brewing Company	Sisters, OR
Bock/Doppelbock	(None Declared)		
Helles Bock	(None Declared)		
Pilsner	Pils	The Pike Brewing Company	Seattle, WA
Honorable Mention	Světlé	Reuben's Brews	Seattle, WA
Dortmunder/Helles	Wolfsburg Helles	Reuben's Brews	Seattle, WA
Wheat Beer	(None Declared)		
Fruit Beer	Pineapple Mana	Maui Brewing Company	Oahu, HI
Sour Beer	Cuvée Du Jongleur 2017	Cascade Brewing	Beaverton, OR
Fruited Sour Beer	De Achtste Hond	Laughing Dog Brewing	Ponderay, ID
Multigrain	Three Ryes Men	Reuben's Brews	Seattle, WA