

USBTC Announces 31st Annual Summer Competition Winners

Boston, MA/Chicago, IL - The United States Beer Tasting Championship™ (USBTC) recently completed the summer event of its 31st annual summer competition. A total of 576 beers from 133 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, Fruit IPA, Indigenous Beer & 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 2025 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>	Double Cannon	Heavy Seas Beer	Baltimore, MD	38
<i>Imperial Hazy IPA</i>	Double Crush	Reuben's Brews	Seattle, WA	23
<i>IPA</i>	Crikey IPA	Reuben's Brews	Seattle, WA	68
<i>Hazy IPA</i>	Namesake	Wild Heart Brewing Company	Hartsville, SC	54
<i>Pale Ale</i>	Royal Road Pale Ale	San Fernando Brewing	San Fernando, CA	32
<i>Amber/Red Ale</i>	O'Melveny Red Ale	San Fernando Brewing	San Fernando, CA	30
<i>Golden Ale/Kolsch</i>	Kölsch	Von Trapp Brewing	Stowe, VT	35
<i>Belgian/French Specialty</i>	Le Pont De'L Chicago	Adams Street Brewing	Chicago, IL	28
<i>Bock/Doppelbock</i>	Goat Race Maibock	Sly Fox Brewing Company	Pottstown, PA	47
<i>Pilsner</i>	The Grandfather	Lock 15 Brewing	Akron, OH	49
<i>Dortmunder/Helles</i>	Helles	Von Trapp Brewing	Stowe, VT	35
<i>Wheat Beer</i>	Hefeweizen	Aeronaut Brewing Company	Somerville, MA	22
<i>Fruit Beer</i>	BBA Kodiaks Revenge Raspberry	Paczki Ike and Oak Brewing	Woodridge, IL	31
<i>Fruit IPA</i>	Go Man-Go IPA	San Fernando Brewing	San Fernando, CA	17
<i>Sour Beer</i>	Cutbow	Ike and Oak brewing	Woodridge, IL	10
<i>Fruited Sour Beer</i>	Directionless Perfectionist	The Flying Goose Brewpub & Grille	New London, NH	37
<i>Indigenous Beer</i>	Maple Pecan PI	Omega Brewing Experience	Omro, WI	9
<i>Non-alcoholic Beer</i>	Black Butte Non-alcoholic	Deschutes Brewing Company	Bend, OR	11

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	Double Mando	Flying Dreams Brewing Company	Marlborough, MA
Honorable Mention	Hi-Def	Castle Island Brewing Co.	Norwood, MA
Imperial Hazy IPA	One Big Happy Family	Vitamin Sea Brewing	Weymouth, MA
Honorable Mention	Super Sluice Juice	Bent Water Brewing Co.	Lynn, MA
India Pale Ale	Thunder Funk	Bent Water Brewing Co.	Lynn, MA
Honorable Mention	Keeper	Castle Island Brewing Co.	Norwood, MA
Hazy IPA	Greetings From Plymouth	Vitamin Sea Brewing	Weymouth, MA
Honorable Mention	Granite Trail	Henniker Brewing Company	Henniker, NH
Pale Ale	ConSession IPA	Flying Dreams Brewing Company	Marlborough, MA
Honorable Mention	Candlepin	Castle Island Brewing Co.	Norwood, MA
Amber/Red Ale	Balance	Flying Dreams Brewing Company	Marlborough, MA
Honorable Mention	Amber	Castle Island Brewing Co.	Norwood, MA
Golden Ale/Kolsch	Kölsch	Von Trapp Brewing	Stowe, VT
Honorable Mention	Kolsch	Henniker Brewing Company	Henniker, NH
Belgian/French Specialty	The Locals	The Flying Goose Brewpub & Grille	New London, NH
Honorable Mention	Dreaming of Summer	Flying Dreams Brewing Company	Marlborough, MA
Bock/Doppelbock	Lentenbock	Schilling Beer Co.	Littleton, NH
Honorable Mention	Dragonator	Flying Dreams Brewing Company	Marlborough, MA
Pilsner	Pilsner	Von Trapp Brewing	Stowe, VT
Honorable Mention	Pilsner	Bent Water Brewing Co.	Lynn, MA
Dortmunder/Helles	Helles	Von Trapp Brewing	Stowe, VT
Honorable Mention	Rail to Rail	Vitamin Sea Brewing	Weymouth, MA
Wheat Beer	Hefeweizen	Aeronaut Brewing Company	Somerville, MA
Fruit Beer	Trail Buddy	Henniker Brewing Company	Henniker, NH
Honorable Mention	Out of Office Orange	Shipyards Brewing Company	Portland, ME
Fruit IPA	BiGG Summer	Greater Good Imperial Brewing Company	Worcester, MA
Sour Beer	<i>No winner declared</i>		
Fruited Sour Beer	Directionless Perfectionist	The Flying Goose Brewpub & Grille	New London, NH
Honorable Mention	Cucumber Gose	Flying Dreams Brewing Company	Marlborough, MA
Indigenous Beer	Boatload	Shipyards Brewing Company	Portland, ME
Non-alcoholic Beer	Kit Non-Alc Blond	Kit NA Brewing	Portland, ME

Mid-Atlantic

Imperial IPA/Red Ale	Double Cannon	Heavy Seas Beer	Baltimore, MD
Honorable Mention	Coastal Evacuation	Cape May Brewing Co.	Cape May, NJ
Imperial Hazy IPA	Lost Navigator	Heavy Seas Beer	Baltimore, MD
India Pale Ale	Loose Cannon	Heavy Seas Beer	Baltimore, MD
Honorable Mention	Divine	Union Craft Brewing	Baltimore, MD
Hazy IPA	Irresistible Keys	Talking Cursive Brewing Company	Syracuse, NY
Honorable Mention	Hazy Cannon	Heavy Seas Beer	Baltimore, MD
Pale Ale	Saranac Pale Ale	Matt Brewing Company	Utica, NY
Amber/Red Ale	<i>No winner declared</i>		
Golden Ale/Kolsch	BO*dacious Blonde	Heavy Seas Beer	Baltimore, MD
Honorable Mention	Shankapotamus	Talking Cursive Brewing Company	Syracuse, NY
Belgian/French Specialty	Hennepin	Brewery Ommegang	Cooperstown, NY
Bock/Doppelbock	Goat Race Maibock	Sly Fox Brewing Company	Pottstown, PA
Pilsner	Pikeland Pils	Sly Fox Brewing Company	Pottstown, PA
Honorable Mention	Crispy Girls	Talking Cursive Brewing Company	Syracuse, NY
Dortmunder/Helles	Helles	Sly Fox Brewing Company	Pottstown, PA
Wheat Beer	Mountain Girl Hefeweizen	Union Craft Brewing	Baltimore, MD
Fruit Beer	Saranac Blueberry Blonde	Matt Brewing Company	Utica, NY
Honorable Mention	Alex's Raspberry Lemon Ale	Sly Fox Brewing Company	Pottstown, PA
Fruit IPA	Sour Summer Haze	Talking Cursive Brewing Company	Syracuse, NY
Sour Beer	Old Pro	Union Craft Brewing	Baltimore, MD
Fruited Sour Beer	Peach Ring Sour	Cape May Brewing Co.	Cape May, NJ
Indigenous Beer	<i>No winner declared</i>		
Non-alcoholic Beer	Saranac Trail Blazer	Matt Brewing Company	Utica, NY

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<u>Southeast</u>			
Imperial IPA/Red Ale	<i>No winner declared</i>		
Imperial Hazy IPA	PersonvISpvce	The Veil Brewing Co.	Richmond, VA
India Pale Ale	Jade	Foothills Brewing	Winston-Salem, NC
Hazy IPA	Namesake	Wild Heart Brewing Company	Hartsville, SC
Honorable Mention	Hazyum IPA	Foothills Brewing	Winston-Salem, NC
Pale Ale	Festival Express	Foothills Brewing	Winston-Salem, NC
Amber/Red Ale	Hammer Red	SweetWater Brewing Company	Atlanta, GA
Golden Ale/Kolsch	Majestic Mullet	Parkway Brewing Company	Salem, VA
Honorable Mention	Carolina Blonde	Foothills Brewing	Winston-Salem, NC
Belgian/French Specialty	Carolina Gold	Fonta Flora Brewery	Morgantown, NC
Bock/Doppelbock	Andygator	Abita Brewing Company	Covington, LA
Pilsner	Alora	Crooked Run Fermentation	Sterling, VA
Dortmunder/Helles	Rasta Stripe	Tripping Animals Brewing	Doral, FL
Wheat Beer	Monarch King	Parkway Brewing Company	Salem, VA
Fruit Beer	Dead and Berried	Foothills Brewing	Winston-Salem, NC
Fruit IPA	Gummies Tropical IIPA	SweetWater Brewing Company	Atlanta, GA
Honorable Mention	Summ'r Bent	Parkway Brewing Company	Salem, VA
Sour Beer	Underground	Fonta Flora Brewery	Morgantown, NC
Fruited Sour Beer	Mama Tired	Parkway Brewing Company	Salem, VA
Indigenous Beer	<i>No winner declared</i>		
Non-alcoholic Beer	<i>No winner declared</i>		

Midwest

Imperial IPA/Red Ale	Double Brimstone	Church Street Brewing	Itasca, IL
Imperial Hazy IPA	Hero X	Revolution Brewing	Chicago, IL
India Pale Ale	Scentinel	Old Irving Brewing	Chicago, IL
Hazy IPA	Beezer	Old Irving Brewing	Chicago, IL
Pale Ale	Randi	Brother Chimp Brewing	N Aurora, IL
Amber/Red Ale	Righteous Red	Church Street Brewing	Itasca, IL
Golden Ale/Kolsch	Flitterwochen	Bubble House Brewing	Lisle, IL
Belgian/French Specialty	Le Pont De'L Chicago	Adams Street Brewing	Chicago, IL
Bock/Doppelbock	Liquid Bread	Omega Brewing Experience	Omro, WI
Pilsner	The Grandfather	Lock 15 Brewing	Akron, OH
Dortmunder / Helles	Heavenly Helles	Church Street Brewing	Itasca, IL
Wheat Beer	Exception Ale	Omega Brewing Experience	Omro, WI
Fruit Beer	BBA Kodiaks Revenge Raspberry Paczki	Ike and Oak Brewing	Woodridge, IL
Fruit IPA	Wolly Jamba	Ike and Oak Brewing	Woodridge, IL
Sour Beer	Cutbow	Ike and Oak bBewing	Woodridge, IL
Fruited Sour Beer	Long Tongue Lair	Miskatonic Brewing	Darien, IL
Indigenous Beer	Maple Pecan PI	Omega Brewing Experience	Omro, WI
Non-alcoholic Beer	Riverwest Stein NA	Lakefront Brewing	Milwaukee, WI

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<u>Rockies/Southwest</u>			
Imperial IPA/Red Ale	<i>No winner declared</i>		
Imperial Hazy IPA	<i>No winner declared</i>		
India Pale Ale	Victory or Death	Motosonora Brewing	Tucson, AZ
Hazy IPA	Fog Lights	Motosonora Brewing	Tucson, AZ
Pale Ale	Twin Cam	Motosonora Brewing	Tucson, AZ
Amber/Red Ale	Royal Scottie	Oak Highlands Brewing	Dallas, TX
Golden Ale/Kolsch	Mountain Beer	Telluride brewing	Telluride, CO
Belgian/French Specialty	<i>No winner declared</i>		
Bock/Doppelbock	<i>No winner declared</i>		
Pilsner	Telluride Pilsner	Telluride Brewing	Telluride, CO
Dortmunder/Helles	Golden Mustache	Oak Highlands Brewery.	Dallas, TX
Wheat Beer	The Heffer	Oak highlands Brewery	Dallas, TX
Fruit Beer	<i>No winner declared</i>		
Fruit IPA	<i>No winner declared</i>		
Sour Beer	<i>No winner declared</i>		
Fruited Sour Beer	What Limes with Cucumbers	Oak Highlands Brewery	Dallas, TX
Indigenous Beer	<i>No winner declared</i>		
Non-alcoholic Beer	Grainwave	Ceria Brewing	Arvada, CO

California

Imperial IPA/Red Ale	IPA3	San Fernando Brewing Company	San Fernando, CA
Imperial Hazy IPA	Fear.Movie.Lions Hazy IIPA	Stone Brewing Company	Escondido, CA
India Pale Ale	Wolfskill IPA	San Fernando Brewing Company	San Fernando, CA
Honorable Mention	Opposite Shore	Fruition Brewing Company	Watsonville, CA
Hazy IPA	Citrosa	Fruition Brewing Company	Watsonville, CA
Pale Ale	Royal Road Pale Ale	San Fernando Brewing	San Fernando, CA
Amber/Red Ale	O'Melveny Red Ale	San Fernando Brewing	San Fernando, CA
Honorable Mention	C.C. Common	Port O'Pints Brewing	Crescent City, CA
Golden Ale/Kolsch	King Pin	Port O'Pints Brewing	Crescent City, CA
Belgian/French Specialty	Gilman Farmhouse	Gilman Brewing Company	Berkeley, CA
Bock/ Doppelbock	<i>No winner declared</i>		
Pilsner	Slight	Fruition Brewing Company	Watsonville, CA
Honorable Mention	W. Berkeley Pils	Gilman Brewing Company	Berkeley, CA
Dortmunder/Helles	<i>No winner declared</i>		
Wheat Beer	Hair of the Dog	Port O'Pints Brewing Company	Crescent City, CA
Fruit Beer	Paddy McPeaches	Port O'Pints Brewing Company	Crescent City, CA
Fruit IPA	Go Man-Go IPA	San Fernando Brewing	San Fernando, CA
Sour Beer	<i>No winner declared</i>		
Fruited Sour Beer	Tropic Snack	Fruition Brewing Company	Watsonville, CA
Indigenous Beer	Watsonville Wildflower	Fruition Brewing Company	Watsonville, CA
Non-alcoholic Beer	<i>No winner declared</i>		

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<u>Northwest/Pacific</u>			
Imperial IPA/Red Ale Honorable Mention	The GlenSquatch Ruud Awakening	Rogue Ales & Spirits Old Schoolhouse Brewery	Newport, OR Winthrop, WA
Imperial Hazy IPA Honorable Mention	Double Crush Century Club	Reuben's Brews Old Schoolhouse Brewery	Seattle, WA Winthrop, WA
India Pale Ale Honorable Mention	Crikey IPA Pacific Northwest IPA	Reuben's Brews Rogue Ales & Spirits	Seattle, WA Newport, OR
Hazy IPA Honorable Mention	Eddy Hopper Pacific Coast Hazy	Old Schoolhouse Brewery Rogue Ales & Spirits	Winthrop, WA Newport, OR
Pale Ale Honorable Mention	Crushable Sunchaser Pale Ale	Reuben's Brews Old Schoolhouse Brewery	Seattle, WA Winthrop, WA
Amber/Red Ale	Ridgetop Red	Silver City Brewery	Bremerton, WA
Golden Ale/Kolsch Honorable Mention	Chamomellow Methow Blonde Ale	Rogue Ales & Spirits Old Schoolhouse Brewery	Newport, OR Winthrop, WA
Belgian/French Specialty	Shrouded Summit	Ghostfish Brewing Company	Seattle, WA
Bock/Doppelbock	<i>No winner declared</i>		
Pilsner Honorable Mention	Daydrinker Pilsner Pilsner	Old Schoolhouse Brewery Reuben's Brews	Winthrop, WA Seattle, WA
Dortmunder/Helles Honorable Mention	Dortmunder Mazama High Life Lager	Reuben's Brews Old Schoolhouse Brewery	Seattle, WA Winthrop, WA
Wheat Beer	Bavarian Style Hefeweizen	Silver City Brewery	Bremerton, WA
Fruit Beer	Berry Blonde	Rogue Ales & Spirits	Newport, OR
Fruit IPA	<i>No winner declared</i>		
Sour Beer	Voices Underground	Urban Family Brewing Co.	Seattle, WA
Fruited Sour Beer	Fresh Raspberry & Vanilla	Reuben's Brews	Seattle, WA
Indigenous Beer	<i>No winner declared</i>		
Non-alcoholic Beer Honorable Mention	Black Butte Non-alcoholic Party On IPA	Deschutes Brewing Company Reuben's Brews	Bend, OR Seattle, WA