

## USBTC Announces 18<sup>th</sup> Annual Summer Competition Winners

**Manchester, NH** - The United States Beer Tasting Championship™ (USBTC) recently completed the Summer Event of its 18th annual competition. A total of 502 beers from 127 breweries were examined across 15 different beer categories. Within each category, the USBTC determined both a Grand Champion and the best entry from each of six U.S. regions: 1) Northeast, 2) Mid-Atlantic/Southeast, 3) Midwest, 4) Rockies/Southwest, 5) California, and 6) 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” was selected as the USBTC pull-out category. For additional information please go to our website at [www.usbtc.com](http://www.usbtc.com) or look for our page on Facebook.

### The USBTC Grand Champions were:

<u>Category</u>	<u>Grand Champion</u>	<u>Company</u>	<u>Location</u>	<u>Total Beers Judged</u>
<i>Imperial IPA/Red Ale</i>	White Knuckle	Marin Brewing Company	Larkspur, CA	45
<i>India Pale Ale</i>	Paw Print IPA	Big Bear Brewing Company	Coral Springs, FL	73
<i>Pale Ale</i>	Chamberlain Pale Ale	The Shipyard Brewery	Portland, ME	43
<i>Amber/Red Ale</i>	Samuel Adams Tasman Red	Boston Beer Company	Boston, MA	33
<i>Bitter/ESB</i>	Old Thumper	The Shipyard Brewing Co.	Portland, ME	23
<i>Belgian/French Specialty</i>	Seventeen	Weyerbacher Brewing Company	Easton, PA	34
<i>Belgian Wit</i>	White	Allagash Brewing Company	Portland, ME	22
<i>Golden Ale/Kolsch</i>	Split Rock Golden Ale	Flying Goose Brew Pub	New London, NH	36
<i>Bock/Doppelbock</i>	Samuel Adams Double Bock	Boston Beer Company	Boston, MA	23
<i>Pilsner</i>	Vunderbar	Smuttynose Brewery	Portsmouth, NH	29
<i>Dortmunder/Helles</i>	Hotter than Helles	Cigar City Brewing Company	Tampa, FL	18
<i>Wheat Beer</i>	Wisteria Wheat	Fordham Brewing Company	Dover, DE	46
<i>Fruit Beer</i>	Black & Blue	Dogfish Head Craft Brewery	Milton, DE	35
<i>Sour Beer</i>	Samuel Adams Stony Brook Red	Boston Beer Company	Boston, MA	18
<i>Session Beer</i>	Little Hump	Highland Brewing Company	Asheville, NC	23

### The regional winners (along with beers receiving honorable mention) from each category were:

<u>Region/ Category</u>	<u>Regional Champion/ Honorable Mention</u>	<u>Company</u>	<u>Location</u>
<b><u>Northeast</u></b>			
Imperial IPA/Red Ale	Shipyard XXXX	The Shipyard Brewery	Portland, ME
Honorable Mention	Hopulence American Double IPA	Wormtown Brewery	Worcester, MA
India Pale Ale	Long Brothers American IPA	Flying Goose Brew Pub	New London, NH
Honorable Mention	Wormtown Hoppy IPA	Wormtown Brewery	Worcester, MA
Pale Ale	Chamberlain Pale Ale	The Shipyard Brewery	Portland, ME
Honorable Mention	Shoals Pale Ale	Smuttynose Brewery	Portsmouth, NH
Amber/Red Ale	Samuel Adams Tasman Red	Boston Beer Company	Boston, MA
Honorable Mention	Samuel Adams Irish Red	Boston Beer Company	Boston, MA
Belgian/French Specialty	Saison du Soleil	Flying Goose Brew Pub	New London, NH
Belgian Wit	White	Allagash Brewing Company	Portland, ME
Bitter/ESB	Old Thumper	The Shipyard Brewery	Portland, ME
Golden Ale/Kolsch	Split Rock Golden Ale	Flying Goose Brew Pub	New London, NH
Honorable Mention	Blonde Cougar Summer	Wormtown Brewery	Worcester, MA
Bock/Doppelbock	Samuel Adams Double Bock	Boston Beer Company	Boston, MA
Honorable Mention	Maibock Hurts like Helles	Jack's Abbey Brewing	Framingham, MA
Pilsner	Vunderbar	Smuttynose Brewery	Portsmouth, NH
Dortmunder/Helles	Alpine Spring	Boston Beer Company	Boston, MA
Wheat Beer	Masswhole Hefeweizen	Wormtown Brewery	Worcester, MA

Honorable Mention Samuel Adams Whitewater IPA  
 Fruit Beer Samuel Adams Porch Rocker  
 Sour Beer Samuel Adams Stony Brook Red  
 Session Beer Samuel Adams Belgian Session Ale

Boston Beer Company  
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**Mid-Atlantic/Southeast**

Imperial IPA/Red Ale Double D Double IPA  
 Honorable Mention Bitter Valentine  
 India Pale Ale Paw Print IPA  
 Honorable Mention Private I.P.A.  
 Pale Ale Chesapeake Pale Ale  
 Honorable Mention Pipe Organ Pale Ale  
 Amber/Red Ale HopBack Amber Ale  
 Honorable Mention Red Marker Ale  
 Bitter/ESB Twisted Turtle  
 Honorable Mention Minaret ESB  
 Belgian/French Specialty Seventeen  
 Honorable Mention Abbey Ale  
 Belgian Wit Razor Wit  
 Golden Ale/Kolsch Golden Ale  
 Honorable Mention Extra Pale Ale  
 Bock/Doppelbock Anniversary Maibock  
 Pilsner Pilsner  
 Honorable Mention Pikeland Pils  
 Dortmund/Helles Hotter than Helles  
 Wheat Beer Wisteria Wheat  
 Honorable Mention Royal Weisse Ale  
 Fruit Beer Black & Blue  
 Sour Beer Sour Black  
 Session Beer Little Hump  
 Honorable Mention Caledonia

Old Dominion Brewing Company  
 Williamsburg AleWerks, LLC  
 Big Bear Brewing Company  
 Franklin's Brewery  
 Williamsburg AleWerks, LLC  
 The Church Brew Works  
 Troegs Brewing Company  
 Williamsburg AleWerks, LLC  
 Franklin's Brewery  
 Cigar City Brewing Company  
 Weyerbacher Brewing Company  
 Franklin's Brewery  
 Highland Brewing Company  
 The St. George Brewing Company  
 Sweetwater Brewing Company  
 Appalachian Brewing Company  
 The St. George Brewing Company  
 Sly Fox Brewing Company  
 Cigar City Brewing Company  
 Fordham Brewing Company  
 Sly Fox Brewing Company  
 Dogfish Head Craft Brewery  
 Weyerbacher Brewing Company  
 Highland Brewing Company  
 Williamsburg AleWerks, LLC

Dover, DE  
 Williamsburg, VA  
 Coral Springs, FL  
 Hyattsville, MD  
 Williamsburg, VA  
 Pittsburgh, PA  
 Harrisburg, PA  
 Williamsburg, VA  
 Hyattsville, MD  
 Tampa, FL  
 Easton, PA  
 Hyattsville, MD  
 Asheville, NC  
 Hampton, VA  
 Atlanta, GA  
 Harrisburg, PA  
 Hampton, VA  
 Royersford, PA  
 Tampa, FL  
 Dover, DE  
 Royersford, PA  
 Milton, DE  
 Easton, PA  
 Asheville, NC  
 Williamsburg, VA

**Midwest**

Imperial IPA/Red Ale Continuum IPA  
 India Pale Ale Reds Rye PA  
 Honorable Mention Schlafly American IPA  
 Pale Ale Cardinal Pale Ale  
 Honorable Mention Hooligan Pale ale  
 Amber/Red Ale Erik the Red Ale  
 Bitter/ESB Amber- ESB  
 Belgian/French Specialty Raspberry Saison  
 Honorable Mention Hail Mary Belgian IPA  
 Belgian Wit Infinite Wit  
 Honorable Mention Belgian White  
 Golden Ale/Kolsch Konza Prairie Kolsch  
 Bock/Doppelbock Lake Front Bock  
 Pilsner Summit Pilsner  
 Dortmund/Helles Hells Half Mile  
 Wheat Beer TCB Wheat  
 Fruit Beer Cerise  
 Sour Beer Blue Sunday Sour  
 Session Beer Loons Summer Ale

Saugatuck Brewing Company  
 Founders Brewing Company  
 The St Louis Brewing Company  
 Nebraska Brewing Company  
 Sprecher Brewing  
 Grumpy Troll Brewery  
 Saugatuck Brewing Company  
 Stevens Point Brewing Company  
 Cathedral Square Brewery  
 Nebraska Brewing Company  
 Stevens Point Brewing Company  
 Free State Brewing Company  
 Lake Front Brewing  
 Summit Brewing Company  
 Tri City Brewing  
 Tri City Brewing  
 Founders Brewing  
 New Holland Brewing Company  
 Tri City brewing

Saugatuck, MI  
 Grand Rapids, MI  
 St Louis, MO  
 Papillion, NE  
 Glendale, WI  
 Mt Horeb, WI  
 Saugatuck, MI  
 Stevens Point, WI  
 St Louis, MO  
 Papillion, NE  
 Stevens Point, WI  
 Lawrence, KS  
 Milwaukee, WI  
 St Paul, MN  
 Bay City, MI  
 Bay City, MI  
 Grand Rapids, MI  
 Holland, MI  
 Bay City, MI

**Rockies/Southwest**

Imperial IPA/Red Ale Gubna  
 India Pale Ale Pako's IPA  
 Pale Ale Santa Fe Pale Ale  
 Amber/Red Ale Irish Red Ale  
 Bitter/ESB Capt'n Comptons  
 Honorable Mention Royal Scandal  
 Belgian/French Specialty Lagrange  
 Belgian Wit Epic Wit  
 Golden Ale/Kolsch Blond Ale  
 Bock/Doppelbock Bucking Bock  
 Pilsner Mama's Little Yella Pils  
 Dortmund/Helles 1900

Oskar Blues Brewery  
 Snake River Brewing Company  
 Santa Fe Brewing Company  
 Santa Fe Brewing Company  
 Epic Brewing Company  
 Petocolas Brewing Company  
 Rahr & Sons Brewing  
 Epic Brewing Company  
 Twisted Pine Brewing Company  
 Rahr & Sons Brewing  
 Oskar Blues Brewing Company  
 The Fort Collins Brewery

Longmont, CO  
 Jackson, WY  
 Santa Fe, NM  
 Santa Fe, NM  
 Salt Lake City, UT  
 Dallas, TX  
 Ft Worth, TX  
 Salt Lake City, UT  
 Boulder, CO  
 Ft Worth, TX  
 Longmont, CO  
 Ft Collins, CO

Wheat Beer	Wheat Wine Ale	The Fort Collins Brewery	Ft Collins, CO
Honorable Mention	Kinda Blue	Boulder Beer	Boulder, CO
Fruit Beer	Brainless on Peaches	Epic Brewing Company	Salt Lake City UT
Sour Beer	No Winner		
Session Beer	Cutthroat Pale Ale	Unita Brewing Company	Salt Lake City, UT

### **California**

Imperial IPA/Red Ale	White Knuckle Double IPA	Marin Brewing Company	Larkspur, CA
Honorable Mention	Hopsickle Triple	Moylan's Brewing Company	Novato, CA
India Pale Ale	Moylan's IPA	Moylan's Brewing Company	Novato, CA
Honorable Mention	Marin IPA	Marin Brewing Company	Larkspur, CA
Pale Ale	Mt. Tam Pale Ale	Marin Brewing Company	Larkspur, CA
Honorable Mention	Tipperary Pale Ale	Moylan's Brewing Company	Novato, CA
Amber/Red Ale	Red Rocket Ale	Bear Republic Brewing Company	Cloverdale, CA
Honorable Mention	Alley Cat Amber Ale	Lost Coast Brewing Company	Eureka, CA
Bitter/ESB	(None declared)		
Belgian/French Specialty	The Lost Abbey Carnevale	Port Brewing Company	San Marcos, CA
Honorable Mention	The Lost Abbey Avant-Garde	Port Brewing Company	San Marcos, CA
Belgian Wit	Lost Abbey Witch's Wit	Port Brewing Company	San Marcos, CA
Golden Ale/Kolsch	Celts Golden Ale	Moylan's Brewing Company	Novato, CA
Bock/ Doppelbock	(None declared)		
Pilsner	HopGartner	Moylan's Brewing Company	Novato, CA
Dortmunder/Helles	Hell's Lager	Moylan's Brewing Company	Novato, CA
Wheat Beer	Marin Hefeweizen	Marin Brewing Company	Larkspur, CA
Fruit Beer	The Lost Abbey Framboise	Port Brewing Company	San Marcos, CA
Honorable Mention	Orange and Black	Marin Brewing Company	Larkspur, CA
Sour Beer	Cuvee de Tomme	Port Brewing Company	San Marcos, CA
Session Beer	(None declared)		

### **Northwest/Pacific**

Imperial IPA/Red Ale	Red Dread	Bitter Root Brewing	Hamilton, MT
Honorable Mention	Dick's Imperial IPA	Dick's Brewing Company	Centralia, WA
India Pale Ale	Space Needle Golden Anniversary IPA	Pike Brewing Company	Seattle, WA
Honorable Mention	IPA	Big Sky Brewing Company	Missoula, MT
Pale Ale	Single Hop Ale	Bitter Root Brewing	Hamilton, MT
Honorable Mention	Juniper Pale Ale	Rogue Brewery	Newport, OR
Amber/Red Ale	Dry Hopped St. Rogue Red	Rogue Brewery	Newport, OR
Honorable Mention	Green Lakes Organic Ale	Deschutes Brewing Company,	Bend, OR
Bitter/ESB	Extra Special Barney	Full Sail Brewing Company	Hood River, OR
Belgian/French Specialty	Olympic Honey Ale	Pike Brewing Company	Seattle, WA
Belgian Wit	Chainbreaker White IPA	Deschutes Brewing Company,	Bend, OR
Golden Ale/Kolsch	Parnold Almer	Buckman Village Brewery	Portland, OR
Bock/Doppelbock	5 O'clock Shadow	Grand Teton Brewing Company	Victor, ID
Pilsner	Chatoe Rogue Good Chit Pilsner	Rogue Brewery	Newport, OR
Dortmunder/Helles	Lokal Lager	Icicle Brewing Company	Leavenworth, WA
Wheat Beer	Leavenworth Biers Boulder Bend Dunkelweizen	Fish Brewing Company	Olympia, WA
Fruit Beer	Raspberry Wheat	Icicle Brewing Company	Leavenworth, WA
Sour Beer	The Dissident	Deschutes Brewing Company,	Bend, OR
Session Beer	Old Faithful Ale	Grand Teton Brewing Company	Victor, ID