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# Press Release

State Brewers Shine in Sixth Washington Beer Awards®

Washington's sixth state-wide professional beer competition results announced

Seattle, WA, June 16, 2018: Specialty Competitions LLC is proud to release the results of the sixth annual Washington Beer Awards®. This year 117 Washington breweries received recognition of gold, silver, and bronze medals in 74 award category groupings.

The results for this Washington-only professional beer competition were announced on June 16<sup>th</sup> at the Washington Brewers Festival at Marymoor Park in Redmond where some of Washington's best brewers received medals for their award winning beers.

The judging for the Washington Beer Awards was held on June 2<sup>nd</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup> at Elliott Bay Public House & Brewery in Lake City. The panels of trained judges had to evaluate 1,297 beers from 181 breweries spanning 131 unique styles from the Brewers Association Beer Style Guidelines for technical and stylistic excellence.

The competition was held with the endorsement of the Washington Beer Commission as a way to celebrate Washington's growing brewing culture and recognize excellence in the craft. All of Washington's craft breweries were invited to submit entries to the competition held in a similar format to other craft beer competitions like the Great American Beer Festival® and World Beer Cup®.

Four special awards, the Very Small, Small, Mid-Sized and Large Breweries of the Year, were presented to breweries who won numerous medals in many categories. Grains of Wrath Brewing won as the Very Small Brewery of the Year taking home 6 medals in their first year of participation. Populuxe Brewing edged out the competition in the Small Brewery of the Year category with two golds and a silver. E9 Brewery LLC won the Mid-Size Brewery of the Year for the third year in a row with six medals, including two golds. The Large Brewery of the Year was won by Wander Brewing with six medals including 3 golds.

A few special awards were also providing recognizing some unique Washington brewing excellence. Propolis Brewing's "Cherry Damiana" was selected as the Best Washington Agricultural Product Inspired Beer for showcasing locally harvested wild cherries in a farmhouse ale. Atwood Ales Farm Brewery had their "Triticale" selected as the Best Washington Malt beer showcasing malts produced strictly in Washington. Figurehead Brewing Company won a gold in the "Pro-Am" category for a brown ale that was developed by Washington homebrewer Paul Navarrette and scaled up for commercial production. Additionally, Lowercase Brewing and Georgetown Brewing collaborated on an "Italian Pilsner" which won this year's new "Collaboration Beer" category.

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More information on the competition and the complete list of results can be found at <a href="https://www.wabeerawards.com/winners">www.wabeerawards.com/winners</a>. Watch for Washington's award winning beers marked at your local craft beer bars and beer stores and get ready for the Washington Beer Awards to return in 2019 where new winners will be decided!



## **Complete Results:**

## **German Pale Lagers:**

Gold: Mirage - Ski Mask

**Silver:** Beardslee Public House - Duh Dortmunder **Bronze:** Barrel Mountain Brewing - Luv Ya Lager

## German-Style Pilsners:

Gold: Grains Of Wrath Brewing - Luger Pils Silver: Kulshan Brewing Co. - K2 - Kulshan Pilsner Bronze: Wander Brewing - Doglost

### **Bohemian-Style Pilsners:**

Gold: Bron Yr Aur Brewing Co. - Heisenberg Pils Silver: Chuckanut Brewery - Chuckanut Pilsner Bronze: Reuben's Brews - Pilsner

## **American-Style Pilsners:**

Gold: Airways Brewing - Pre Flight Pilsner
Silver: Farmstrong Brewing Co. - Cold Beer Skagit Pils
Bronze: Yakima Craft Brewing Co. - Pilsnerd

## Vienna-Style Lagers:

Gold: Chuckanut Brewery - Chuckanut Vienna Lager Silver: Grains Of Wrath Brewing - Austro-Naut Bronze: Triceratops Brewing Company - Pennsyltucky Lager

## **German Dark Lagers:**

Gold: Cloudburst Brewing - No Mistakes Silver: Redhook Brewery - Dunkel Town Bronze: Chuckanut Brewery - Chuckanut Dunkel

### American-Style Lagers:

Gold: Loowit Brewing Company - Loowit Lager Silver: Odin Brewing Co. - Freya's Gold Lager Bronze: Pacific Brewing & Malting Co. - 1897 Pale Lager

#### Other American-Style Lagers:

Gold: Kulshan Brewing Co. - James Street - Amber Lager Silver: Brothers Cascadia Brewing - Crazy 88 Bronze: Lowercase Brewing - MEXICAN LAGER

#### **International Lagers:**

**Gold:** 54-40 Brewing Company - 1862 **Silver:** Mollusk Brewing - Dexter Daily

Bronze: Chuckanut Brewery - Chuckanut Mexican Lager

## **Bocks and Doppelbocks:**

Gold: Kulshan Brewing Co. - K2 - Kulshan Maibock Silver: Hopworks Urban Brewery Vancouver - Doppel 07 Bronze: Chuckanut Brewery - Chuckanut Doppelbock

## German-Style Kölsch:

Gold: Watts Brewing Company - The Leafcutter (as Kellerbier)
Silver: Watts Brewing Company - The Leafcutter (as Kolsch)
Bronze: Icicle Brewing Company - Snow Creek Kolsch

#### Other German Amber Beers:

Gold: Chuckanut Brewery - Chuckanut Marzen Silver: Resonate Brewery + Pizzeria - Lithium Bronze: Dru Bru - Copper

## **German Wheat Beers:**

Gold: North 47 Brewing Co. - Amber Waves Silver: Dru Bru - Hefeweizen Bronze: Cairn Brewing - Donnie Dunkel (Weizen)

#### **American Wheat Beers:**

**Gold:** Three Magnets Brewing - Shig Faced **Silver:** Populuxe Brewing - Bring That Wheat Back **Bronze:** Fish Brewing Company - Dunkelweizen

### Rye Beers:

Gold: Dreadnought Brewing - Red Elvis
Silver: Loowit Brewing Company - Grimlock Rye Porter
Bronze: Lowercase Brewing - IPA

## **American-Style Cream Ales:**

Gold: Wet Coast Brewing Co. - Wet Coast Cream Ale Silver: Bron Yr Aur Brewing Co. - Beaver Deceiver Bronze: Flyers Restaurant And Brewery - Penn Cove Pilsner

#### Golden or Blonde Ales:

Gold: Dick's Brewing Co. - Golden Ale Silver: North 47 Brewing Co. - Bitchin Betty Bronze: McMenamins Breweries - Nebraska Bitter

#### **Session Beers:**

Gold: Bainbridge Brewing - Mosquito Fleet Session IPA
Silver: Brothers Cascadia Brewing - Best Day Ever
Bronze: Fremont Brewing - Session Pale

## Ordinary & Special/Best Bitters:

Gold: Rainy Daze Brewing - Test Drive Amber Silver: Dick's Brewing Co. - Dick's Best Bitter Bronze: Puyallup River Brewing Co. - English Pale Ale

## **Extra Special Bitters:**

Gold: San Juan Island Brewing - Bull Kelp ESB Silver: Elysian Brewing - The Wise Bronze: Ravenna Brewing Company - ESB-Real

## **English Pale Ales:**

Gold: Flyers Restaurant And Brewery - Humbles Blonde Ale Silver: Port Townsend Brewing Co - Hop Diggidy Bronze: Stones Throw Brewery - Flat Penny Pale

#### **English Dark Ales:**

**Gold:** Puyallup River Brewing Co. - British Bronze **Silver:** Foggy Noggin Brewing - Butch's Brew **Bronze:** Cardinal Craft Brewing - Brown Ale

## **British Strong Ales:**

Gold: Cairn Brewing - Wee Heavy
Silver: White Bluffs Brewing - Mighty Knight Imperial Stout
Bronze: Barrel Mountain Brewing - Winch It Out Stout

## Scottish Shilling Ales:

Gold: Bron Yr Aur Brewing Co. - Bonnie Doon Scottish Ale Silver: Postdoc Brewing - Kilty MacSporran Bronze: Geaux Brewing - Wee Y'at?

### Scotch Ales:

Gold: Heathen Brewing - Highland Charge Silver: Silver City Brewery - Magnificent Bastard Bronze: Cairn Brewing - Don't Call Me Irish

#### Irish Red Ales:

Gold: Kulshan Brewing Co. - K2 - Red Cap Silver: Whitewall Brewing Company - Sassy Lassie Bronze: Heathen Brewing - Arson

#### **Brown Porters:**

Gold: Ram Restaurant & Brewery - Disorder Porter Silver: Machine House Brewery - Porter Bronze: Old Schoolhouse Brewery - Uncle Big's Brown

#### **Robust Porters:**

**Gold:** Flying Bike Cooperative Brewery - Phinneywood **Silver:** Stoup Brewing - Robust Porter **Bronze:** Airways Brewing - Curbside Porter

## **Strong Porters:**

Gold: Sound Brewery - Baltic Porter
Silver: Melvin Brewing Bellingham - Melixor Baltica
Bronze: Bent Bine Brew Co. - Peaceable American Porter

#### **Sweet/Cream Stouts:**

Gold: Four Generals Brewing - Buddhahed Milk Stout Silver: Cairn Brewing - Thor's Hammer Bronze: Wet Coast Brewing Co. - Sneak Thief Stout

#### **Oatmeal Stouts:**

Gold: Backwoods Brewing Company - Ridge Run Stout Silver: Rainy Daze Brewing - Built For Comfort Bronze: Barrel Mountain Brewing - Starway Stout

### **Irish Stouts:**

Gold: Wander Brewing - Correspondent Silver: Dick's Brewing Co. - Dick's Cream Stout Bronze: Reuben's Brews - Dry Stout

## **American-Style Stouts:**

Gold: Aslan Brewing Company - American Stout Silver: Top Rung Brewing Company - My Dog Scout Stout Bronze: Old Schoolhouse Brewery - Hooligan Stout

## **American-Style Imperial Stouts:**

Gold: Black Raven Brewing - Grandfather Raven Silver: Heathen Brewing - Epitaph Bronze: Bale Breaker Brewing Co. - Wood & Wire Imperial Stout

### American-Style Pale Ales:

Gold: Odd Otter Brewing Co. - Ottzel Quatzel Silver: Stoup Brewing - Mosaic Pale Bronze: Grains Of Wrath Brewing - Papermaker Pale

## American-Style Strong Pale Ales:

Gold: Melvin Brewing Bellingham - Tiger Style Silver: Grains Of Wrath Brewing - Overkill IPA Bronze: Everybody's Brewing - Mountain Mama Pale Ale

#### American Amber Ales:

**Gold:** Valholl Brewing Company - Valkyrie Red **Silver:** Chainline Brewing Company - Recumbent **Bronze:** Manfish Brewing - Red-Headed Step Child

## **American-Style Brown Ales:**

Gold: Iron Goat Brewing - Brown
Silver: Flying Bike Cooperative Brewery - Gentle Ben
Bronze: Trap Door Brewing - Uptown Brown

## American-Style Black Ales:

Gold: Reuben's Brews - Small Batch Brewery - Black Imperial IPA

**Silver:** Trusty Brewing Company - Dark Marc **Bronze:** North 47 Brewing Co. - Nightmare 21

## American-Style India Pale Ales:

Gold: Hellbent Brewing Company - Gate City IPA Silver: White Bluffs Brewing - Fans In Denial Bronze: Georgetown Brewing Company - Bodhizafa

## American-Style India Pale Ales - Northeastern Substyle:

Gold: McMenamins Breweries - Egyptian Cotton IPA
Silver: Brothers Cascadia Brewing - You Like 'A Da Juice
Bronze: Airways Brewing - Luxury Jet

## Imperial or Double India Pale Ales:

Gold: Cash Brewing Co - Top Spin Double IPA Silver: Good Brewing Co. - 100% Pink Boots Bronze: Sumerian Brewing Co. - Hopruption Double IPA

## Imperial or Double India Pale Ale - Northeastern Sub-Style:

Gold: Trap Door Brewing - Juicy Vuitton
Silver: Grains Of Wrath Brewing - Onslaught

Bronze: Reuben's Brews - Small Batch Brewery - Triple Crush

#### Imperial or Double Red Ales:

Gold: Resonate Brewery + Pizzeria - Red Sector Silver: No-Li Brewhouse - Born & Raised

Bronze: Reuben's Brews - Small Batch Brewery - Life On Mars

### **Barleywines:**

Gold: Figurehead Brewing Company - First Leg

Silver: Optimism - Ale X

Bronze: River City Brewing - Colonel Crusher

## **Belgo-American & International Ales:**

Gold: Barrel Mountain Brewing - Silver Star Session Silver: Chainline Brewing Company - Pump Track Bronze: Reuben's Brews - Triumvirate

## Belgian-Style Witbiers:

Gold: Lowercase Brewing - WITBIER Silver: E9 Brewery LLC - E9 Belgian White Bronze: Flying Lion Brewing - Belgian Witbier

#### **Belgian Ales:**

Gold: Wander Brewing - Wanderale Silver: Bainbridge Brewing - Bainbridge Blonde Bronze: Lost Woods Brewery - Lost Woods Belgian

#### **Abbey-Inspired Ales:**

Gold: Perihelion Brewery - Quasar Silver: Cash Brewing Co - Dubbel Header Bronze: North Fork Pizza & Brewing Inc - Brother Crazy John

## **Belgian Strong Ales:**

Gold: Kulshan Brewing Co. - James Street - Belgian Golden Strong Silver: Grains Of Wrath Brewing - Brewhouse Bully Bronze: Figurehead Brewing Company - Midwatch

## **Belgian and French Farmhouse Ales:**

Gold: Northish Beer Company - Stable Boy Silver: Optimism - Pride Bronze: Fortside Brewing Company - Kanaka

#### **Specialty Saisons:**

**Gold:** Aslan Brewing Company - Justice Temple **Silver:** Dystopian State - O.G. Farmhouse **Bronze:** Cairn Brewing - Winter Sunshine

## **Brett Beers:**

**Gold:** Standard Brewing - Time Crystals #2 **Silver:** E9 Brewery LLC - Aeons **Bronze:** E9 Brewery LLC - Catharsis

#### **Mixed Culture Brett Beers:**

Gold: E9 Brewery LLC - Atma Silver: Tin Dog Brewing - Mandala Bronze: Mirage - Drie Valleien

## **Berliner-Style Weisses:**

**Gold:** Wander Brewing - Foeder-Aged Berliner Weiss **Silver:** Ravenna Brewing Company - North Potion **Bronze:** Aslan Brewing Company - Disco Lemonade

#### Goses:

**Gold:** Ten Pin Brewing Co. - Guava Gose **Silver:** Reuben's Brews - Gose

Bronze: 20 Corners Brewing Company - Mountain Berry Gose

## **American-Style Sour Ales:**

Gold: Stoup Brewing - Pale Sour

Silver: Dirty Bucket Brewing Co - BlackBerry Sour Part Of Our Dirty Lil Pucker Collection

Bronze: Heathen Brewing - Raspberry Rhubarb Sour

#### **Belgian and Wild Sour Beers:**

Gold: Elliott Bay Brewing Company LCW - Spontaneous Silver: Harmon Brewing Company - Flander Red Bronze: Tin Dog Brewing - Melange Deux

## American-Style Fruit Beer:

**Gold:** Big Block Brewing - Cherry Sour **Silver:** Silver City Brewery - Sun Glitter

Bronze: Haywire Brewing Co. - U-PICK STRAWBERRY PALE ALE

#### **Fruit Wheat Beers:**

Gold: Populuxe Brewing - Raspberry Wheat
Silver: Ten Pin Brewing - Groove Pineapple Wheat
Bronze: North Jetty Brewing - Another F\*\*king Raspberry Hef

## **Belgian Fruit Beers:**

Gold: E9 Brewery LLC - The Duel Silver: E9 Brewery LLC - MERAKI #2

Bronze: North Fork Pizza & Brewing Inc - No. 13 Baby

#### **Vegetable Beers:**

**Gold:** Airways Brewing - Batch Number 707 **Silver:** Métier Brewing - Coconut Porter **Bronze:** Propolis Brewing - Melissa

## Chili Pepper Beers:

**Gold:** Beardslee Public House - Pepper Lime Pils **Silver:** Steam Donkey Brewing Co. - Shindig En Fuego **Bronze:** 20 Corners Brewing Company - Pepper Lager

#### **Chocolate or Cocoa Beers:**

Gold: Ram Restaurant & Brewery - Cocoa Chaos Silver: Icicle Brewing Company - DARKER Persuasion Bronze: Icicle Brewing Company - Dark Persuasion

### **Coffee Beers:**

Gold: Ram Restaurant & Brewery - Udder Chaos Silver: Georgetown Brewing Company - Bob's Coffee Brown Bronze: Top Rung Brewing Company - Three Sixty Coffee Red

## Herb & Spice Beers:

Gold: Atwood Ales Farm Brewery - Mo's Saison Silver: Ten Pin Brewing Co. - Horchata Snake Eye Stout Bronze: Ten Pin Brewing Co. - All About That Bas-II

#### Smoke Beers:

Gold: Dru Bru - Rauchbier

**Silver:** Walking Man Brewing - Zero Bullsh#t Monastery **Bronze:** Headless Mumby Brewing - Smoked Rye Lager

#### **Specialty & Historical Beers:**

**Gold:** Populuxe Brewing - Maltøl

**Silver:** Rooftop Brewing Company - Hoppin' Honey **Bronze:** The Pike Brewing Company - Pike Hive Five Honey Ale

#### **Experimental Beers:**

Gold: The Hidden Mother Brewery - Pine Tree Peppercorn Saison Silver: The Hidden Mother Brewery - Morel Mushroom Red Bronze: Lucky Envelope Brewing - Peanut Butter Cream Stout

## Wood & Barrel Aged Beers:

Gold: Willapa Brewing Co - Double Knee Whiskey Stout Silver: Wander Brewing - Wild Warehouse Bronze: Ten Pin Brewing - Barrel Aged BeWILDering C

## **Wood & Barrel Aged Strong Beers:**

**Gold:** Steam Donkey Brewing Co. - Shindig On The Beach **Silver:** Fremont Brewing - Bourbon Barrel Aged Dark Star **Bronze:** Loowit Brewing Company - Cryptodome

#### **Wood & Barrel Aged Sour Beers:**

Gold: Stoup Brewing - Funky Cold Bordelleaux Silver: Optimism - Raspberry Solar Punk Bronze: Wander Brewing - Plum Bob

#### Pro-Am:

Gold: Figurehead Brewing Company and Homebrewer Paul Navarrette - Big Wheel Brown (English Brown Ale)
Silver: Lucky Envelope Brewing and Homebrewer Blake Dopeker - Cuke Nukem (Field Beer)
Bronze: Reuben's Brews and Homebrewer Brian Hale - Game Over (Scotch Ale)

#### **Collaboration Beers:**

Gold: Lowercase Brewing and Georgetown Brewing - Italian PILSNER Silver: Trap Door Brewing and Dwinell Country Ales - Gift Horse Bronze: Flying Lion Brewing and Four Generals Brewing – Weizenbock

Best Washington Agricultural Product Inspired Beer: Propolis Brewing – Cherry Damiana
Best Washington Malt Beer (Sponsored by Skagit Valley Malting): Atwood Ales Farm Brewery – Triticale

Very Small Brewery of the Year (Sponsored by Crosby Hope): Grains of Wrath Brewing Small Brewery of the Year (Sponsored by Washington Hops Commission): Populuxe Brewing Mid-Sized Brewery of the Year (Sponsored by YCH Hops, Yakima Chief – Hopunion): E9 Brewery LLC Large Brewery of the Year (Sponsored by Briess Malt and Ingredients): Wander Brewing