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# **Press Release**

## **State Brewers Shine in Fourth Washington Beer Awards®**

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

**Seattle, WA, June 18, 2016:** Specialty Competitions LLC is proud to release the results of the fourth annual Washington Beer Awards<sup>®</sup>. This year 86 Washington breweries received recognition of gold, silver, and bronze medals in 56 award category groupings.

The results for this Washington-only professional beer competition were announced on June 18<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 4<sup>th</sup> at Elliott Bay Public House & Brewery in Lake City. The panels of trained judges had to evaluate 950 beers from 139 breweries spanning over 110 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®.

Three special awards, the Small, Mid-Sized and Large Breweries of the Year, were presented to breweries who won numerous medals in many categories. Ten Pin Brewing took home the Small Brewery of the Year. E9 Brewery LLC won the Mid-Size Brewery of the Year with five medals, including two golds. The Large Brewery of the Year was won by No-Li Brewhouse with five medals.

A few special awards were also providing recognizing some unique Washington brewing excellence. E9 Brewery's "Blackberry" was selected as the Best Washington Agricultural Product Inspired Beer for showcasing locally harvested blackberries in a barrel aged lambic. Four Horsemen Brewery had their Black Plague Stout selected as the Best Washington Malt beer showcasing malts produced strictly in Washington. Aslan Brewing Company won a gold in the "Pro-Am" category for a Vienna lager that was developed by a Washington homebrewer and scaled up for commercial production.

More information on the competition and the complete list of results can be found at www.wabeerawards.com/winners. 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 2017 where new winners will be decided!

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## **Complete Results:**

## **European Pale Lagers:**

Gold: Gordon Biersch-Seattle - Helles Silver: Three Magnets Brewing Co. - Scherler Gold Bronze: Redhook Brewery – ESL

#### Pilsners:

Gold: Reuben's Brews - Small Batch Brewery - Pilsener Silver: Fremont Brewing - Pilsner Bronze: Chuckanut Brewery - Chuckanut Pils

#### **European Amber & Dark Lagers:**

Gold: Chuckanut Brewery - Chuckanut Dunkel Silver: Icicle Brewing Company - Dirtyface Amber Bronze: Ram Restaurant & Brewery – Vienna

## **Strong Lagers:**

Gold: Chuckanut Brewery - Chuckanut Maibock Silver: River City Brewing - Congratulator Doppelbock Bronze: Snipes Mountain - Bandolero Rye Baltic Porter

## **American Lagers:**

Gold: Northwest Brewing Company - Hawk One Lager Silver: Farmstrong Brewing Company - La Raza Bronze: Everybody's Brewing - Local Logger Lager

#### German-Style Kölsch:

Gold: Heathen Brewing - Absolution
Silver: Reuben's Brews - Production Brewery & Taproom - Kolsch
Bronze: Dru Bru – Kolsch

## **German-Style Altbier:**

Gold: Bainbridge Brewing - Arrow Point Amber Silver: White Bluffs Brewing - Red Alt Bronze: Resonate Brewery + Pizzeria – Lithium

## **German Wheat & Rye Beers:**

Gold: Stoup Brewing - Stoup Bavarian Hefeweizen
Silver: Seapine Brewing Company - Simian Saber Squabble
Bronze: 5 Rights Brewing Company - Nellie's Nectar

### Other Wheat & Rye Beers:

**Gold**: Loowit Brewing Company - Grimlock Rye Porter **Silver**: Republic Brewing Company - Ramblin Rye Ale **Bronze**: Rainy Daze Brewing Co. - Rainy Rye

#### Golden or Blonde Ales:

Gold: Hellbent Brewing Company - Goldfinch Golden Ale Silver: Diamond Knot Brewing Co. - Blonde Ale Bronze: Counterbalance Brewing Company - Abigale Blonde Ale

#### **Cream Ales:**

**Gold**: Puyallup River Brewing Co. - Cream Ale **Silver**: Flyers Restaurant & Brewery - Penn Cove Pilsner **Bronze**: Wet Coast Brewing Co. - Wet Coast Cream Ale

#### **Session Beers:**

Gold: Ten Pin Brewing Co. - Shrunken Head Pin Silver: Sumerian Brewing Co. - Sargon IPA Bronze: Rainy Daze Brewing Co. - Sod Slayer

#### Bitters:

**Gold**: Flycaster Brewing Company - ESB **Silver**: No-Li Brewhouse - Spin Cycle Red **Bronze**: Dick's Brewing Co. - Dick's Best Bitter

#### **English Ales:**

Gold: Flyers Restaurant & Brewery - Humbles Blonde Ale Silver: No-Li Brewhouse - Born And Raised Bronze: Fish Brewing Company - Organic IPA

## **English Dark Ales:**

Gold: Walking Man Brewing - Barefoot Brown
Silver: Flyers Restaurant & Brewery - Barnstormer Brown Ale
Bronze: Puyallup River Brewing Co. - Springtime Brown Ale

#### **British Strong Ales:**

Gold: Sound To Summit Brewing - Wild Willy Wee Heavy Silver: Silver City Brewery - Old Scrooge Bronze: Icicle Brewing Company - The Decline

## Scottish Shilling Ales:

Gold: Northern Ales, Inc. - Okanagan Highlander Silver: Waddell's Brewing Co. - Scottish Bronze: River Time Brewing - Life Changer

### Scotch Ales:

Gold: Old Rock Brewery - Misery Whip Scotch Ale Silver: Heathen Brewing - Highland Charge Bronze: Silver City Brewery - Fat Scotch Ale

#### Irish Red Ales:

Gold: Loowit Brewing Company - Two-Sixteen Red Ale Silver: Heathen Brewing - Mighty Craic Bronze: Silver City Brewery - Ridgetop Red

#### **Robust Porters:**

**Gold**: Der Blokken Brewery - The Black **Silver**: Stoup Brewing - Stoup Robust Porter

Bronze: Reuben's Brews - Production Brewery & Taproom - Robust Porter

#### Other Porters:

Gold: Kulshan Brewing Co. - Transporter
Silver: Schooner EXACT Brewing Company - King Street Brown
Bronze: Ram Restaurant & Brewery – Porter

#### Sweet/Cream Stouts:

Gold: Wet Coast Brewing Co. - Sneak Thief Stout Silver: Bushnell Craft Brewing Company - Dunkadelic Milk Stout Bronze: Triceratops Brewing Company - Hawthorne Coffee Milk Stout

#### Irish Stouts:

Gold: Gordon Biersch-Seattle - Irish Stout Silver: Wander Brewing - Correspondent Bronze: Paradise Creek Brewery - Invective Stout

## **American-Style Stouts:**

Gold: Flying Lion Brewing - Rye Stout Silver: Beardslee Public House - Sidewinder Stout Bronze: Waddell's Brewing Co. - Alligator Stout

#### **Imperial Stouts:**

**Gold**: Fortside Brewing Company - Cocoa-Fied **Silver**: Naked City Brewery & Taphouse - Big Lebrewski **Bronze**: Black Raven Brewing Co. - Grandfather Raven

#### **American-Style Pale Ales:**

Gold: No-Li Brewhouse - Poser Silver: E9 Brewery LLC - Don Of Time Bronze: Flying Lion Brewing - Single-Hop Pale

#### **American-Style Strong Pale Ales:**

Gold: Heathen Brewing - Vantucky

**Silver**: Old Schoolhouse Brewery - Epiphany Pale Ale **Bronze**: Ten Pin Brewing Co. - Head Pin IPA

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

Gold: Gordon Biersch-Seattle - Belgian IPA

**Silver**: Reuben's Brews - Small Batch Brewery - Triumvirate **Bronze**: Reuben's Brews - Production Brewery & Taproom - Crikey IPA

#### **American Amber Ales:**

Gold: Elliott Bay Brewing Company - Organic Gateway Amber Silver: Chainline Brewing Company - Recumbent Red Ale Bronze: Northwest Brewing Company - Joker Amber Ale

#### American Brown & Black Ales:

**Gold**: Riverport Brewing Co. - Bambalam **Silver**: No-Li Brewhouse - Crony

Bronze: Flying Bike Cooperative Brewery - Storm Cycle

#### **American-Style India Pale Ales:**

Gold: Lucky Envelope Brewing - ENIAC Mosaic IPA Silver: Loowit Brewing Company - Flawless Victory IPA Bronze: Ten Pin Brewing - Head Pin IPA

## Imperial or Double India Pale Ales:

Gold: Northwest Brewing Company - Crazy Bitch Double India Pale Ale Silver: Sumerian Brewing Co. - Eruption Double IPA
Bronze: Standard Brewing - Imperial IPA

## Imperial or Double Red Ales:

Gold: Cloudburst Brewing - Hoodwink
Silver: Ghost Runners Brewery - Phantom Rojo Imperial Ale
Bronze: Dick's Brewing Co. - Dick's Wreckless Red

#### **Barleywines:**

Gold: Old Schoolhouse Brewery - Barleywine Silver: Fish Brewing Company - Ten Squared Bronze: TripleHorn Brewing Co - BYGG VIN 2015

#### **Belgian Ales:**

Gold: Bainbridge Brewing - Bainbridge Blonde
Silver: Northwest Brewing Company - Three Skulls Blood Orange Wit
Bronze: Reuben's Brews - Small Batch Brewery - Lilywhite Wit

## **Belgian Tripels:**

Gold: Silver City Brewery - Liquid Sunshine Silver: Hellbent Brewing Company - Mossback Monk Bronze: Slaughter County Brewing Company - Mon Petit

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

Gold: Wander Brewing - Together
Silver: Valholl Brewing Company - Virgin Hammer Belgian Quad
Bronze: Mollusk - Abbot's Private Reserve

# Belgian Strong Ales:

Gold: Boundary Bay Brewery & Bistro - Wonderland Belgian Strong Golden Silver: TripleHorn Brewing Co - Mystic Bronze: Rainy Daze Brewing Co. - Bewildered Stout

#### Farmhouse Ales:

Gold: Three Magnets Brewing Co. - Karakterbier Silver: Urban Family Brewing - Voices Underground Bronze: Farmstrong Brewing Company - Northwest Farmhouse Ale

#### **Brett Beers:**

Gold: E9 Brewery LLC - Friendship Silver: Standard Brewing - Brett Earl Bronze: E9 Brewery LLC – Nectarberry

#### **German Sour Beers:**

Gold: Seapine Brewing Company - Gose Silver: E9 Brewery LLC - Wild Tacoma Table Sour Bronze: Aslan Brewing Co - Disco Lemonade

#### **Sour Beers:**

**Gold**: Elliott Bay Brewing Company - Big Pun **Silver**: Stoup Brewing - Stoup American Pale Sour **Bronze**: Urban Family Brewing - Lady Of The Night

## American-Style Fruit Beer:

Gold: River City Brewing - Huckleberry Ale Silver: Big Block Brewing - Raspberry Blonde Bronze: Dick's Brewing Co. - Dick's Grapefruit IPA

#### Fruit Wheat Beers:

Gold: Ten Pin Brewing - Groove Pineapple Wheat
Silver: TripleHorn Brewing Co - Blood Orange Symbel

**Bronze**: Ice Harbor Brewing Co. - Tangerine ExBEERience Hefeweizen

#### **Belgian Fruit Beers:**

Gold: Propolis Brewing - Pi

Silver: Wander Brewing - Cranberry Fruit Puncheon

Bronze: Schooner EXACT Brewing Company - NW Sour Beer Framboise

#### Vegetable Beers:

Gold: E9 Brewery LLC - Rhubarb Wild Silver: Resonate Brewery + Pizzeria - Paradise Bronze: Anacortes Brewery - 2015 Pumpkin Ale

## **Chili Pepper Beers:**

**Gold**: Middleton Brewing - Mierda Fuego **Silver**: Big Al Brewing - Big Al Chile IPA

Bronze: Lucky Envelope Brewing - Two Pepper Pale Ale

#### Coffee & Chocolate Beers:

Gold: Elysian Brewing Company - The Fix Silver: Wet Coast Brewing Co. - El Capitan Brown Ale Bronze: Puyallup River Brewing Co. - Mud Mountain Milk Stout

#### Herb & Spice Beers:

Gold: Kulshan Brewing Co. - Royal Tannenbaum Silver: Hi-Fi Brewing Co. - Pump Up The Volume 2015 Bronze: Elysian Brewing Company - Saison Poivre

#### **Smoke Beers:**

Gold: Chuckanut Brewery - Chuckanut Helles Rauchbier Silver: Whitewall Brewing Company - Firetrail Ale Bronze: Big Barn Brewing Co - Mountain Smoke Porter

#### Specialty & Historical Beers:

Gold: Pike Brewing Company - Pike Hive Five Hopped Honey Ale Silver: Crucible Brewing Co - Crucible Kettle Sour Bronze: No-Li Brewhouse - Oyster Stout

## **Experimental**:

Gold: Urban Family Brewing - Clouds Of Pale Gold Silver: Bainbridge Brewing - Windfall Grapefruit IPA Bronze: Lucky Envelope Brewing - Peanut Butter Porter

## Wood & Barrel Aged Beers:

Gold: Wander Brewing - Wild Warehouse

Silver: Fortside Brewing Company - Cocoa-Espresso Port/Bourbon Barrel Aged Imperial Stout

Bronze: River City Brewing - Wine Barrel-Aged Huckleberry Ale

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

**Gold**: Fremont Brewing - Bourbon Abominable (B-Bomb) **Silver**: Whitewall Brewing Company - Anniversary Ale **Bronze**: Black Raven Brewing Co. - La Mort Bourbon

## Wood & Barrel Aged Sour Beers:

Gold: Three Magnets Brewing Co. - 2014 Tart Barrel Aged Helsing Silver: Riverport Brewing Co. - Barrel Two Batch One Bronze: Naked City Brewery & Taphouse - The Wild One

## **Washington Pro-Am:**

Gold: Aslan Brewing Co & Jenn Tadder - Lucky Break Silver: Ram Restaurant & Brewery & Phil Cammarano - Roggen Bronze: Snipes Mountain & Stephanie Rodriguez - Samsquanch IPA

Best Washington Agricultural Product Inspired Beer: E9 Brewery LLC - Blackberry

Best Washington Malt Beer (Sponsored by Skagit Valley Malting): Four Horsemen Brewery – Black Plague Stout

Small Brewery of the Year (Sponsored by YCH Hops, Yakima Chief – Hopunion): Ten Pin Brewing

Mid-Sized Brewery of the Year (Sponsored by Washington Hops Commission): E9 Brewery LLC

Large Brewery of the Year (Sponsored by Briess Malt and Ingredients): No-Li Brewhouse

