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# Press Release

State Brewers Shine in Fifth Washington Beer Awards®

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

Seattle, WA, June 17, 2017: Specialty Competitions LLC is proud to release the results of the fifth annual Washington Beer Awards®. This year 98 Washington breweries received recognition of gold, silver, and bronze medals in 64 award category groupings.

The results for this Washington-only professional beer competition were announced on June 17<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 1,207 beers from 165 breweries spanning 122 unique styles from the Brewers Association Beer Style Guidelines for technical and stylistic excellence. This was the largest single state professional competition held to date in the country.

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. 5 Rights Brewing Company took home the Small Brewery of the Year. E9 Brewery LLC won the Mid-Size Brewery of the Year for the second year in a row with five medals, including three golds. The Large Brewery of the Year was won by Chuckanut Brewery with an unprecedented eight medals.

A few special awards were also providing recognizing some unique Washington brewing excellence. E9 Brewery's "Wild Cherry" was selected as the Best Washington Agricultural Product Inspired Beer for showcasing locally harvested wild cherries in a barrel aged lambic. Hellbent Brewing Company had their "Homegrown Pale Ale" selected as the Best Washington Malt beer showcasing malts produced strictly in Washington. Reuben's Brews won a gold in the "Pro-Am" category for a Saison that was developed by Washington homebrewer Benjamin Thompson 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](http://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 2018 where new winners will be decided!

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**Complete Results:**

**European Pale Lagers:**

**Gold:** Barrel Mountain Brewing - Luv Ya Lager

**Silver:** Lucky Envelope Brewing - Helles Lager

**Bronze:** DRU BRU - Serious Bru

**German-Style Pilsners:**

**Gold:** Icicle Brewing Company - Crosscut Pilsner

**Silver:** Black Raven Brewing - Hochzeit Pilsner

**Bronze:** Optimism – Check

**Bohemian-Style Pilsners:**

**Gold:** Chuckanut Brewery - Chuckanut Pilsner

**Silver:** Sound Brewery - Premium Pilsner

**Bronze:** Chainline Brewing Co. - Polaris Pilsner

**New World Pilsners:**

**Gold:** Airways Brewing - Pre Flight Pilsner

**Silver:** Perry Street Brewing - PSB Pils

**Bronze:** Cloudburst Brewing - Happy Little Clouds

**Vienna-Style Lagers:**

**Gold:** Wet Coast Brewing Co. - Costa Humeda

**Silver:** Chuckanut Brewery - Chuckanut Vienna Lager

**Bronze:** Lucky Envelope Brewing - Vienna Lager

**German Dark Lagers:**

**Gold:** Chainline Brewing Co. - Brake Czech

**Silver:** DRU BRU - Black

**Bronze:** Chuckanut Brewery - Chuckanut Dunkel

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**American-Style Lagers:**

**Gold:** Kulshan Brewing Co. - Premium Lager  
**Silver:** Stones Throw Brewery - Raincountry Liquid Sunshine Lager  
**Bronze:** Top Rung Brewing Company - Lacey Lager

**Other Light and Amber Lagers:**

**Gold:** Odin Brewing/ Hilliards Beer - Chrome Satan Copper Lager  
**Silver:** Lowercase Brewing - Mexican Lager  
**Bronze:** Aslan Brewing Co - Classic Light Lager

**Baltic Porters:**

**Gold:** Bellwether Brewing Company - Fernweh  
**Silver:** Sound Brewery - Baltic Porter  
**Bronze:** Standard Brewing - Baltic Porter

**Strong Lagers:**

**Gold:** River City Brewing - 2015 Congratulator Doppelbock  
**Silver:** Chuckanut Brewery - Chuckanut Dopplebock  
**Bronze:** Silver City Brewery – Uberfest

**German-Style Kölsch:**

**Gold:** 54-40 Brewing Company - Cascadia  
**Silver:** Chuckanut Brewery - Chuckanut Kolsch Style  
**Bronze:** 20 Corners Brewing Co. – Vagablonde

**Other German Amber Beers:**

**Gold:** Chuckanut Brewery - Chuckanut Alt  
**Silver:** Gordon Biersch Brewing Co. - Marzen  
**Bronze:** Reuben's Brews - Small Batch Brewery – Altbier

**German Wheat & Rye Beers:**

**Gold:** 5 Rights Brewing Company - Nellie's Nectar  
**Silver:** Anacortes Brewery - Whistle Lake Wizen  
**Bronze:** Sound Brewery – Sommerweizen

**American Wheat Beers:**

**Gold:** Chuckanut Brewery - Chuckanut American Wheat  
**Silver:** Elysian Brewing Company - Wil Wheatwine  
**Bronze:** Mac and Jacks Brewery - Serengeti Wheat

**Rye Beers:**

**Gold:** Lowercase Brewing - IPA  
**Silver:** Loowit Brewing Company - Grimlock Rye Porter  
**Bronze:** Haywire Brewing Co. - Red Rye IPA

**American Light Ales:**

**Gold:** Whitewall Brewing Company - Traction Control  
**Silver:** Old Schoolhouse Brewery - Blonde Ale  
**Bronze:** Diamond Knot Craft Brewing - Blonde Ale

**Session Beers:**

**Gold:** Georgetown Brewing Company - Johnny Utah

**Silver:** Cloudburst Brewing - Fine Print

**Bronze:** TripleHorn Brewing Co – Enabler

**Bitters:**

**Gold:** Four Generals Brewing - English Bitter

**Silver:** Rainy Daze Brewing - Test Drive Amber

**Bronze:** Ravenna Brewing Co – ESB

**English Ales:**

**Gold:** Fish Brewing Company - Organic IPA

**Silver:** Chuckanut Brewery - Chuckanut British IPA

**Bronze:** Port Townsend Brewery - Hop Diggidy IPA

**English Dark Ales:**

**Gold:** Orlison Brewing Co. - Boulder Garden Brown

**Silver:** Puyallup River Brewing Co. - British Bronze Brown Ale

**Bronze:** Blewett Brewing Company - Nut Brown Ale

**British Strong Ales:**

**Gold:** Cairn Brewing - Wee Heavy

**Silver:** Standard Brewing - Skid Road

**Bronze:** Silver City Brewery - Old Scrooge

**Scottish Ales:**

**Gold:** Postdoc Brewing - Kilty MacSporrán

**Silver:** Heathen Brewing - Highland Charge

**Bronze:** Dystopian State Brewing Co - The Immolator

**Irish Red Ales:**

**Gold:** Snipes Mountain Brewing - Red Fox

**Silver:** Silver City Brewery - Ridgetop Red

**Bronze:** Heathen Brewing - Mighty Craic

**Brown Porters:**

**Gold:** Bron Yr Aur Brewing Co. - Thriller Piller

**Silver:** Kulshan Brewing Co. - Transporter

**Bronze:** Old Schoolhouse Brewery - Uncle Big's Brown

**Robust Porters:**

**Gold:** Stoup Brewing - Robust Porter

**Silver:** Old Schoolhouse Brewery - Rendezvous Porter

**Bronze:** Icicle Brewing Company - Priebe Porter

**Sweet/Cream Stouts:**

**Gold:** Cairn Brewing - Thor's Hammer

**Silver:** Ten Pin Brewing - Snake Eye Stout

**Bronze:** Wet Coast Brewing Co. - Sneak Thief Stout

**Oatmeal Stouts:**

**Gold:** Rainy Daze Brewing - Built For Comfort Stout  
**Silver:** Mac and Jacks Brewery - Maxx Stout  
**Bronze:** Dreadnought Brewing LLC - Chocolate Jesus

**Irish Stouts:**

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

**British-Style Imperial Stouts:**

**Gold:** River City Brewing - Midnight Marmot Imperial Stout  
**Silver:** Pacific Brewing & Malting Co. - Russian Imperial Stout  
**Bronze:** Scuttlebutt Brewing Company - 20 Year Anniversary Stout

**American-Style Stouts:**

**Gold:** Top Rung Brewing Company - My Dog Scout Stout  
**Silver:** Flying Lion Brewing - Rye Stout  
**Bronze:** Aslan Brewing Co - American Stout

**American-Style Imperial Stouts and Porters:**

**Gold:** Stoup Brewing - Russian Imperial Stout  
**Silver:** Two Beers Brewing Co - Overhang Imperial Porter  
**Bronze:** Bale Breaker Brewing Co - Wood & Wire Imperial Stout

**American-Style Pale Ales:**

**Gold:** Elliott Bay Brewing Co, Burien - Curiosity  
**Silver:** Backwoods Brewing Company - Mosaic Pale  
**Bronze:** Fremont Brewing – Universale

**American-Style Strong Pale Ales:**

**Gold:** Airways Brewing - Jumbo Juice  
**Silver:** Narrows Brewing Company - Ghost Jelly Pale Ale  
**Bronze:** Old Schoolhouse Brewery - Rule Breaker IPA

**Belgo-American & International Ales:**

**Gold:** 5 Rights Brewing Company - Yaki-Vegas Saison  
**Silver:** Matchless Brewing - POG IPA  
**Bronze:** Matchless Brewing - Crack A Fruit

**American Amber Ales:**

**Gold:** Old Stove Brewing - Amber Waves  
**Silver:** Ten Pin Brewing - Angle Amber  
**Bronze:** Wet Coast Brewing Co. - Chinook Common

**American Brown and Black Ales:**

**Gold:** Reuben's Brews - Production Brewery - Ink  
**Silver:** Trap Door Brewing - Uptown Brown  
**Bronze:** Ravenna Brewing Co - Cascadian Dark Ale

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**American-Style India Pale Ales:**

**Gold:** White Bluffs Brewing - Nectar Of The Gods (NOG)

**Silver:** Everybody's Brewing - Cryo Chronic

**Bronze:** Elysian Brewing Company – Dayglow

**Imperial or Double India Pale Ales:**

**Gold:** Odd Otter Brewing - Screeching Otter

**Silver:** Postdoc Brewing - Dissertation

**Bronze:** Seapine Brewing Company - Rainbow Suspenders

**Imperial or Double Red Ales:**

**Gold:** Ghost Runners Brewery - Phantom Rojo

**Silver:** Rooftop Brewing Company - Stargazer

**Bronze:** Barrel Mountain Brewing - Metalhead Red

**Barleywines:**

**Gold:** Dick's Brewing Co. - Dick's Barley Wine

**Silver:** Fish Brewing Company - Ten Squared Barleywine

**Bronze:** Schooner EXACT Brewing Company - Old Grinderface Barleywine

**Belgian Ales:**

**Gold:** Diamond Knot Craft Brewing - Binnacle Summer Ale

**Silver:** E9 Brewery - Petite Belle

**Bronze:** Gordon Biersch Brewing Co. - Deviant Blonde

**Abbey-Inspired Ales:**

**Gold:** Sound Brewery - Tripel Entendre

**Silver:** Fish Brewing Company - Belgian Quad

**Bronze:** Rainy Daze Brewing - Dinner With The Devil

**Belgian Strong Ales:**

**Gold:** Loowit Brewing Company - Dauntless Belgian Dark Strong

**Silver:** TripleHorn Brewing Co - Mystic

**Bronze:** Ghost Runners Brewery – Elite

**Belgian and French Farmhouse Ales:**

**Gold:** Matchless Brewing - Shared Table

**Silver:** Ten Pin Brewing Co. - Bowler's Biere De Garde

**Bronze:** Optimism – Pride

**Specialty Saisons:**

**Gold:** Three Magnets Brewing Company - Autumnal Dark Farmhouse

**Silver:** Urban Family Brewing - Of Both Worlds

**Bronze:** Puyallup River Brewing Co. - Paradise Blonde Farmhouse Ale

**Brett Beers:**

**Gold:** E9 Brewery - Du Vieux Monde

**Silver:** Standard Brewing - Time Crystals

**Bronze:** Standard Brewing - Brett Earl

**Mixed Culture Brett Beers:**

**Gold:** E9 Brewery - Amitie  
**Silver:** Three Magnets Brewing Company - Because Ghosts  
**Bronze:** E9 Brewery - Tayberry Farmhouse

**German Sour Beers:**

**Gold:** Hi-Fi Brewing Co. - On The Metro  
**Silver:** Kulshan Brewing Co. - Gose  
**Bronze:** Everybody's Brewing - Good Ad-Weisse, Berlinerweisse

**Sour Beers:**

**Gold:** Boundary Bay Brewery - Neighborhood Watch  
**Silver:** Stoup Brewing - Sour #4  
**Bronze:** Elliott Bay Brewing Co, LCW - Big Pun

**American-Style Fruit Beer:**

**Gold:** Black Raven Brewing - Flock Party  
**Silver:** Dick's Brewing Co. - Dick's Grapefruit IPA  
**Bronze:** Ghostfish Brewing Company - Co-Conspirator Apricot Sour

**Fruit Wheat Beers:**

**Gold:** North Jetty Brewing - Another F\*\*king Raspberry Hef  
**Silver:** Ten Pin Brewing Co. - Groove Pineapple Wheat  
**Bronze:** Big Block Brewing - Berry Cuda

**Belgian Fruit Beers:**

**Gold:** E9 Brewery - Wild Cherry  
**Silver:** Silver City Brewery - Charming Disarmer  
**Bronze:** Black Raven Brewing - Corvus Kriekus

**Vegetable Beers:**

**Gold:** Black Raven Brewing - Coco Jones  
**Silver:** Des Voigne Cellars & Brewing - Coconut Blackout  
**Bronze:** Cloudburst Brewing – Darkenfloxx

**Chili Pepper Beers:**

**Gold:** TripleHorn Brewing Co - Pepperbelly  
**Silver:** Riverport Brewing Co. - 5/5 Pepper Beer  
**Bronze:** Lucky Envelope Brewing - Two Pepper Pale Ale

**Chocolate or Cocoa Beer:**

**Gold:** Whitewall Brewing Company - Outlaw Heat 2  
**Silver:** Matchless Brewing - Matchless Bar  
**Bronze:** Puyallup River Brewing Co. - Mud Mountain Milk Stout

**Coffee Beers:**

**Gold:** Ram Restaurant & Brewery - Udder Chaos  
**Silver:** Georgetown Brewing Company - Gusto Crema  
**Bronze:** North 47 Brewing Co. - Bavarian Breakfast

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**Herb & Spice Beers:**

**Gold:** Odd Otter Brewing - Odditea  
**Silver:** Lumber House Brewery, LLC - Just The Tip  
**Bronze:** Ravenna Brewing Co - Basil Saison

**Smoke Beers:**

**Gold:** Northern Ales, Inc. - Smoked North Porter  
**Silver:** Cardinal Craft Brewing - Smoked Scotch Ale  
**Bronze:** Rooftop Brewing Company - Scotch, Scotch, Scotchity Scotch Ale

**Specialty & Historical Beers:**

**Gold:** Dystopian State Brewing Co - The Gold Sigil  
**Silver:** Big Barn Brewing - Mead Honey Lager  
**Bronze:** Ghostfish Brewing Company - Grapefruit IPA

**Experimental:**

**Gold:** Barrel Mountain Brewing - Ryan Pearson Brewmaster Series #3f  
**Silver:** Cash Brewing Company - The Can In Black  
**Bronze:** Bainbridge Brewing - Windfall Grapefruit IPA

**Wood & Barrel Aged Beers:**

**Gold:** Wander Brewing - Wild Warehouse  
**Silver:** Ten Pin Brewing - Barrel Aged BeWILDering B  
**Bronze:** Matchless Brewing - Pink Moon

**Wood & Barrel Aged Strong Beers:**

**Gold:** Ravenna Brewing Co - Barrel Aged Lion Tamer Bourbon Vanilla Porter  
**Silver:** Fremont Brewing - Bourbon Barrel Aged Dark Star  
**Bronze:** Reuben's Brews - Small Batch Brewery - Bourbon Barrel Auld Heritage

**Wood & Barrel Aged Sour Beers:**

**Gold:** Three Magnets Brewing Company - 2016 Helsing Solera Project  
**Silver:** Schooner EXACT Brewing Company - NW Sour Beer Framboise  
**Bronze:** Waddell's Brewing Co. - Barrel Aged Blackberry Sour

**Washington Pro-Am Awards:**

**Gold:** Reuben's Brews & Ben Thompson - Small Batch Brewery - Benjamin Thompson's Saison  
**Silver:** Black Raven Brewing & Denise Klein - Old Ale  
**Bronze:** Dreadnought Brewing LLC & Ken Thompkins - Fellowship Pale

**Best Washington Agricultural Product Inspired Beer:** E9 Brewery LLC – Wild Cherry

**Best Washington Malt Beer (Sponsored by Skagit Valley Malting):** Hellbent Brewing Company – Homegrown Pale Ale

**Small Brewery of the Year (Sponsored by YCH Hops, Yakima Chief – Hopunion):** 5 Rights Brewing Company

**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):** Chuckanut Brewery