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Press Release

State Brewers Showcase their Best Fresh Hop Beers for the Washington Beer Awards®

Washington Beer Awards First Ever Fresh Hop Competition results announced

Seattle, WA, October 10, 2019: Specialty Competitions LLC is proud to release the results of the first ever Washington Beer Awards® Fresh Hop Competition. In this inaugural special competition as a part of the long running Washington Beer Awards, 17 Washington breweries received recognition of gold, silver, and bronze medals in 8 award category groupings.

The results for this Washington-only professional beer competition were announced on October 10th at the Growler Guys in Lake City where some of Washington's best brewers received medals for their award winning beers.

The judging for the Washington Beer Awards was held on October 5th at Airways Brewery in Kent. The panels of trained judges had to evaluate 139 beers from 70 breweries focusing on beers which exhibit excellent fresh hop character integrated into a well-brewed base beer.

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®. This focused competition focuses on beers brewed with fresh, unprocessed hops aiming to showcase the unique characters of the "fresh hop beer" style category.

Single Hill Brewing from Yakima cleaned house by medaling with each of their four entries! Seattle's Reuben's Brews also made a very strong showing with three medals including two golds. Dru Bru and Burke-Gilman Brewing Company won the highly contested Fresh Hop IPA and Fresh Hop Juicy or Hazy IPA categories, respectively.

More information on the competition and the complete list of results can be found at the end of this message and 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 2020 where new winners will be decided!

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Complete Results:

Fresh Hop Lagers:

Gold: Headless Mumby Brewing - Wet Hop German Pils

Silver: Trap Door Brewing - Hella Fresh

Bronze: Lowercase Brewing - Fresh Hop Italian Pilsner

Fresh Hop American Pale Ales:

Gold: Stoup Brewing - Triumph Fresh Hop Pale Ale

Silver: Fremont Brewing - Cowiche Canyon Fresh Hop

Bronze: Single Hill Brewing - Ecstasy Of Green

Fresh Hop Juicy or Hazy Pale Ales:

Gold: Old Stove Brewing - Streaker Hazy Fresh Hop Version

Silver: Fortside Brewing Company - Fresh Prince Of Pale

Bronze: Single Hill Brewing - Public Enemy

Fresh Hop American Strong Pale Ales:

Gold: Single Hill Brewing - Double Back

Silver: Single Hill Brewing - Fresh Hop Strong Pale

Bronze: Bron Yr Aur Brewing Co. - Amarillo Strong Pale

Fresh Hop American IPAs:

Gold: Dru Bru - Fresh Hop Mosaic

Silver: Old Schoolhouse Brewery - Fresh Hop IPA

Bronze: Georgetown Brewing - Fresh Hop Bodhizafa

Fresh Hop Juicy or Hazy IPAs:

Gold: Burke-Gilman Brewing Company - Zephyr

Silver: Hellbent Brewing Company - Amarillio Fresh Hop Hazy IPA

Bronze: Georgetown Brewing - Fresh Hop Velvel Larry

Fresh Hop Double IPAs and Juicy or Hazy Imperial or Double IPAs:

Gold: Reuben's Brews - Fresh Hop Double Crush

Silver: Old Schoolhouse Brewery - K'POWW

Bronze: Bale Breaker Brewing Co - Piled High Fresh Hop IPA

Other Fresh Hop Ales:

Gold: Reuben's Brews - Fresh Hop Triumvirate

Silver: Snoqualmie Falls Brewery - Ghostwood Kolsch

Bronze: Reuben's Brews - Fresh Hop Crikey IPA