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State Brewers Shine Again in the Tenth Washington Beer Awards®

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

Seattle, WA, November 3, 2023: Specialty Competitions LLC is proud to release the results of the tenth annual Washington Beer Awards[®]. This year 110 Washington breweries received recognition of gold, silver, and bronze medals in 72 award category groupings.

The results for this Washington-only professional beer competition were announced on November 3rd at the Washington Craft Beer Summit at the Puyallup Fairgrounds where some of Washington's best brewers received medals for their award-winning beers.

The judging for the Washington Beer Awards was held on September 9th and 10th at Elliott Bay Public House & Brewery in Lake City. The panels of trained judges had to evaluate 1,276 beers from 175 breweries spanning 139 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 and Washington Brewers Guild 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. Audacity Brewing edged out a win as the Very Small Brewery of the Year with two medals. Victory 23 Craft Brewery won the small brewery of the year with three gold medals, including a repeat gold in the American-Style IPA category. Grains of Wrath Brewing had a dominant performance with three golds, a silver, and three bronze medals to win the Mid-Sized Brewery of the Year category. The Large Brewery of the Year was won by Icicle Brewing Company with four gold medals and two bronze medals, including a gold in Juicy or Hazy IPAs.

A few special awards were also providing recognizing some unique Washington brewing excellence. Figurehead Brewing Company won a gold in the "Pro-Am" category for a barrel aged wheatwine called "Wonder Woman Wheatwine" that was developed by Washington homebrewer Laura Meyer and scaled up for commercial production. Formula Brewing and Halcyon Brewing collaborated on an experimental beer leveraging sake yeast called "Many Little Steps" which won gold in this year's "Collaboration Beer" category.

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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 2024 where new winners will be decided!



Complete Results:

Light German-Style Lagers:

Gold: Seapine Brewing Company - Helles Silver: Chuckanut Brewery - Chuckanut Helles Bronze: Ladd & Lass Brewing - Hella Bier

German-Style Pilsners:

Gold: Sound 2 Summit Brewing - Day Sailor Pils Silver: E9 Brewing Co - T-Dome Pilsner Bronze: Fremont Brewing Company - Golden Pilsner

German-Style Oktoberfests/Wiesns:

Gold: Brick West Brewing Co - Brick West Festbier Silver: Kulshan Brewing Co. - K2 - Oktoberfest Bronze: Grains Of Wrath Brewing - Gerstenwolf Fest Bier

German-Style Maerzens:

Gold: Dru Bru - Festbier Silver: Trap Door Brewing - Austrian Powers Bronze: Echoes Brewing Company - Oktoberfest

German-Style Schwarzbiers:

Gold: Bellevue Brewing Co. - Bellevue Brewing Schwarzbier **Silver:** Whistle Punk Brewing - Schwarzbier **Bronze:** Cloudburst Brewing - No Mistakes

Other European Amber & Dark Beers:

Gold: Chuckanut Brewery - Chuckanut Dunkel Silver: Bainbridge Brewing - Arrow Point Amber Bronze: San Juan Island Brewing Co. - The Late Boat

Bohemian-Style Pilsners:

Gold: San Juan Island Brewing Co. - San Juan Pilsner Silver: Silver City Brewery - Silver City Pils Bronze: Stemma Brewing Company - Stemma PIls

Vienna-Style Lagers:

Gold: Lucky Envelope Brewing - Vienna Lager **Silver:** Whistle Punk Brewing - Vienna Lager **Bronze:** Remlinger Brewing - Red Logger

American-Style Light Lagers:

Gold: Seapine Brewing Company - Light Lager **Silver:** Lucky Envelope Brewing - American Lager **Bronze:** Lumberbeard Brewing - Lumber Light

American-Style Lagers:

Gold: Western Red Brewing - Little Tugger Lager **Silver:** Kulshan Brewing Co. - K2 - Premium Lager **Bronze:** Blewett Brewing - Standard American Lager

Contemporary American-Style Lager:

Gold: Kulshan Brewing Co. - Sunnyland - Fiamma Frosty **Silver:** Bellevue Brewing Co. - Uno Mas Mexican Lager **Bronze:** Stoup Brewing – Cervecita

American-Style Pilsners:

Gold: Everybody's Brewing - Co-Pilot **Silver:** Lake Chelan Brewery - Big Bay Pilsner **Bronze:** In The Shadow Brewing - ITS Pilsner

Contemporary American-Style Pilsners:

Gold: Wet Coast Brewing Co. - The Ocho Silver: Georgetown Brewing Co - Roger's Bronze: Icicle Brewing Company - New Zealand Pilsner

American-Style India Pale Lagers:

Gold: Boundary Bay Brewing Co. - India Pale Lager **Silver:** Fortside Brewing Co. - Blue Mountains **Bronze:** Varietal Beer Company – Inflorescence

Other American-Style Lagers:

Gold: Stones Throw Brewery - Fest Bier

Silver: Lucky Envelope Brewing - Yinz Jawn Pennsylvania Lager **Bronze:** Lowercase Brewing - Fairstate Collab American Dark Lager

Australasian, Latin American or Tropical-Style Light Lagers:

Gold: El Suenito Brewing Company - Alebrijes Mexican Lager

Silver: Wander Brewing - See You Tomorrow **Bronze:** Everybody's Brewing - Mexican Lager

International-Style Pilseners:

Gold: Icicle Brewing Company - Premium Pilsner Silver: Kulshan Brewing Co. - K2 - Kulshan Especial Bronze: Wheelie Pop Brewing - Mahna Mana Japanese Lager

Strong Lagers:

Gold: Victor 23 Craft Brewery - Super Cooper Silver: Wander Brewing - Heller Bock Bronze: Figurehead Brewing Company - St. Charlie

Kellerbiers or Zwickelbiers:

Gold: Formula Brewing - Chasing Trains Silver: Airways Brewing - Biergarten Kellerbier Bronze: Haas Innovations Brewing LLC. - Haas Zwickelbier

German-Style Kölsches:

Gold: Chuckanut Brewery - Chuckanut Kolsch **Silver:** Dru Bru - Kolsch

Bronze: Resonate Brewery - Gold Digger

German-Style Wheat Beers:

Gold: Silver City Brewery - Bavarian Hefeweizen Silver: Grains Of Wrath Brewing - Weizenheimer Bronze: Scuttlebutt Brewing Company - Bridging The Trestle

Rye and American Wheat Beers:

Gold: Perihelion Brewery - Daedalus Silver: Postdoc Brewing - Sickle In Hand Bronze: Barrel Mountain Brewing - Be Happy

Golden, Blonde & Cream Ales:

Gold: Reuben's Brews - The Taproom - Golden Gardens Silver: Port Townsend Brewing Co. - Chet's Gold Bronze: Chuckanut Brewery - Chuckanut Golden

English-Style Bitters:

Gold: Elysian Brewing - The Wise Silver: Big Block Brewing - Special Bitter

Bronze: Figurehead Brewing Company - Fort Lawton Ale

English Ales:

Gold: Old Stove Brewing Company - Blitz-Fire Brown **Silver:** Audacity Brewing - The Castle And Ship **Bronze:** Audacity Brewing - Thames At Night

Irish-Style Red Ales:

Gold: Silver City Brewery - Ridgetop Red Silver: Western Red Brewing - Mainline Red Bronze: Loowit Brewing Company - Two-Sixteen Red Ale

Scottish Ales:

Gold: Remlinger Brewing - Grounds Keeper Willie Silver: Bron Yr Aur Brewing Co - Bonnie Doon Scottish Ale Bronze: In The Shadow Brewing - Welle Wee Heavy

Scotch Ales or Wee Heavies:

Gold: Sound 2 Summit Brewing - Sail Away Scotch Ale **Silver:** Moment Brewing - Wee Heavy

Bronze: TT's Brewery And BBQ - So-Val Smoked Scotch

International & Australasian Ales:

Gold: Grains Of Wrath Brewing - Ripsaw IPA Silver: Formula Brewing - Who Said That Bronze: The Pike Brewing Company – Waterfront

British & American Strong Ales:

Gold: Reuben's Brews - Three Ryes Men **Silver:** White Bluffs Brewing - Vintage 2020 **Bronze:** Silver City Brewery - Old Scrooge

Brown Porters:

Gold: Big Time Brewery - Coal Creek Silver: Ram Restaurant & Brewery - Disorder Porter Bronze: San Juan Island Brewing Co. - Black Boar Porter

Robust Porters:

Gold: Georgetown Brewing Co - 9 Pound Porter Silver: Reuben's Brews - Robust Porter Bronze: Port Townsend Brewing Co. - Port Townsend Porter

American-Style Stout:

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

British Stouts:

Gold: Cairn Brewing - Thor's Hammer
Silver: Rooftop Brewing Company - Tank Ride Imperial Stout
Bronze: Wheelie Pop Brewing - Powerslide Oatmeal Stout

Irish Stouts:

Gold: Barley POP! Brewing - Friendship Nugget
Silver: Wenatchee Valley Brewing Company - Trout Stout
Bronze: Wander Brewing - Correspondent

American-Style Imperial Porters & Imperial Stouts:

Gold: Loowit Brewing Company - Shimmergloom **Silver:** Bent Bine Brew Co. - Peaceable Porter **Bronze:** Fremont Brewing Company - Dark Star

American-Style Pale Ales:

Gold: Grains Of Wrath Brewing - Papermaker Pale Silver: E9 Brewing Co - Don Of Time Bronze: Bale Breaker Brewing Company - Daybreak Pale Ale

Juicy or Hazy Pale Ales:

Gold: Hellbent Brewing Company - Seattle Sunshine Hazy Pale Ale Silver: YaYa Brewing Company - Fluffy Puffy Sunshine Bronze: The Good Society Brewery & Public House - Tiny Pinto Eyes

American-Style Strong Pale Ales:

Gold: Formula Brewing - Formula 14
Silver: Ram Restaurant & Brewery - Big Red's IPA
Bronze: Grains Of Wrath Brewing - Built For Speed IPA

Juicy or Hazy Strong Pale Ales:

Gold: Wander Brewing - Galaxy Single EyePA Silver: Reuben's Brews - Reuben's Crush Bronze: Logan Brewing Company - Green Hill Zone

American Amber Ales:

Gold: Western Red Brewing - Mainline Red Silver: Wet Coast Brewing Co. - Hi Jack! Red Ale Bronze: Kulshan Brewing Co. - Sunnyland - Local Amber

Strong American Amber Ales:

Gold: Flying Bike Cooperative Brewery - Imperial Rye Ale **Silver:** Ice Harbor Brewing Co. - Mastodon Imperial Red IPA **Bronze:** Cloudburst Brewing - Say Hi To Your Dad For Me

American-Style Brown & Black Ales:

Gold: Grains Of Wrath Brewing - Falling Up IPA
Silver: Brothers Cascadia Brewing - Clay's Brown Ale
Bronze: Wet Coast Brewing Co. - Scofflaw CDA

American-Style India Pale Ales:

Gold: Victor 23 Craft Brewery - Imitator Silver: Stoup Brewing - Please & Thank You IPA Bronze: Hellbent Brewing Company - Melon Bong

West Coast-Style India Pale Ales:

Gold: Bale Breaker Brewing Company - Skyward IPA Silver: Trap Door Brewing - Trap Door IPA Bronze: Varietal Beer Company - Motile Isles IPA

Juicy or Hazy India Pale Ales:

Gold: Icicle Brewing Company - Enchantments Hazy IPA Silver: Single Hill Brewing Company - Not My Monkeys Bronze: Half Lion Brewing Company - Wildfire Haze Hazy IPA

Imperial or Double India Pale Ales:

Gold: Kulshan Brewing Co. - Sunnyland - Bull Of The Woods Silver: North Jetty Brewing - Rip Current Imperial Cold IPA Bronze: Grains Of Wrath Brewing - \$10 Exorcism

Juicy or Hazy Imperial or Double India Pale Ales:

Gold: Icicle Brewing Company - Magic Meadow Silver: Trap Door Brewing - Juiced Up Bronze: RAVENNA BREWING CO - Neon Supernova

Belgian-Style Witbiers:

Gold: Victor 23 Craft Brewery - Cockpit Wit Silver: Reuben's Brews - White River Wheat Bronze: Savage Brewing Company - Blood Orange Witier

Belgian & Belgian Inspired Ales:

Gold: Elliott Bay Brewing Lake City Way - Sour Gold Silver: Echoes Brewing Company - The Golden Blonde Bronze: Elliott Bay Brewing Lake City Way - Ambrosia Kriek

Belgian Strong & Abbey Ales:

Gold: Figurehead Brewing Company - Black Ball Dubbel
Silver: Elysian Brewing - Bete Blanche
Bronze: The Pike Brewing Company - Monk's Uncle

Belgian & French Farmhouse Ales:

Gold: Burke-Gilman Brewing Company - Sakura Silver: Ladd & Lass Brewing - Lenticular Clouds Bronze: Resonate Brewery – Shimmer

Chili Pepper Beers:

Gold: Icicle Brewing Company - Cot In The Heat **Silver:** Stemma Brewing Company - Conditus Lager **Bronze:** YaYa Brewing Company - Down The Hatch

Brett Beers:

Gold: Dwinell Country Ales - Fuzzword **Silver:** Heathen Brewing - Apricot Fixation **Bronze:** Dwinell Country Ales - Summer Blush

Berliner-Style Weisses:

Gold: Aslan Brewing Co. - Disco Lemonade
Silver: Terramar Brewstillery - Shuksan Sour
Bronze: Volition Brewing - Strange News From Another Star

Goses:

Gold: Terramar Brewstillery - Octopus Garden Gose Silver: Snapshot Brewing - Hummingbird Gose Bronze: Reuben's Brews - The Taproom - Key Lime Gose

American-Style Sour Ales:

Gold: Beach Cat Brewing - Sourpuss Blackberry Sour **Silver:** RAVENNA BREWING CO - Gemstone Forager **Bronze:** Single Hill Brewing Company - Beach Cowboy

Belgian Sour and Wild Ales:

Gold: Elliott Bay Brewing Lake City Way - De Rode Duivels Silver: Dwinell Country Ales - Second Sight Bronze: Bainbridge Brewing - 2022 Viognier Sour Blonde

American-Style Fruit Beers:

Gold: Vice Beer - Cut My Lime Into Pieces
Silver: Triceratops Brewing Co - Bohemian Rhaspberry Golden Ale
Bronze: Logan Brewing Company – Sundelion

Fruit Wheat Beers:

Gold: North Jetty Brewing - Another F**ing Raspberry Hef Silver: Dystopian State Brewing Co. - Raspberry Radius Bronze: Icicle Brewing Company - Colchuck Raspberry Wheat

Spiced, Field & Herb Beers:

Gold: Lowercase Brewing - Stillwater Collab Sage Keller Door
Silver: Lucky Envelope Brewing - Chai-Spiced Double Happiness Imperial Stout
Bronze: Elliott Bay Brewing Lake City Way - Organic Mashing Pumpkin

Pastry Stouts, Coffee & Chocolate Beers:

Gold: Georgetown Brewing Co - Gusto Creme

Silver: Scamp Brewing Co - Exile In Sibeeria - Mocha Almond **Bronze:** Triceratops Brewing Co - Revmo Caramel Coffee Stout

Smoke Beers:

Gold: Four Generals Brewing - Rauch Helles **Silver:** 210 Brewing Co. - Prime Porter

Bronze: Black Fleet Brewing - Fire Ship Smoked Red Ale

Specialty & Historical Beers:

Gold: Rooftop Brewing Company - Hoppin Honey
Silver: Timber City Ginger Beer - Non-Alcoholic Fruited Ginger Beer
Bronze: Timber City Ginger Beer - Fruited South Sound Pounder

Session Beers:

Gold: Halcyon Brewing - Only Good Vibes

Silver: ANACORTES BREWING COMPANY, LLC - FIDALGO LIGHT

Bronze: Ladd & Lass Brewing - Daisy

Experimental Beers:

Gold: The Good Society Brewery & Public House - Rice Rice Baby!

Silver: Bizarre Brewing - Ghost Bird Sings **Bronze:** Ladd & Lass Brewing - Pineapple Escapade

Experimental India Pale Ales:

Gold: Boundary Bay Brewing Co. - Sticky Trees **Silver:** Elysian Brewing - Capitol Hill - Dank Dust **Bronze:** Humble Abode Brewing - IPA N' Chill

Wood & Barrel Aged Imperial Stouts:

Gold: Skookum Brewery - Solitary Confinement

Silver: Fortside Brewing Co. - 2022 Bourbon Barrel Aged Night King

Bronze: Wander Brewing – Earlybird

Other Wood & Barrel Aged Beers:

Gold: Fremont Brewing Company - 2022 BBOMB **Silver:** Fremont Brewing Company - Brew 7000 **Bronze:** RAVENNA BREWING CO - Lion Tamer

Wood & Barrel Aged Sour Beers:

Gold: Wander Brewing - Plum Bob **Silver:** Single Hill Brewing Company - Tempest **Bronze:** North Fork Brewery - Vern's Peach Tea

Pro-Am:

Gold: Figurehead Brewing Company - Wonder Woman Wheatwine - homebrewer Laura Meyer

Collaboration Beers:

Gold: Formula Brewing & Halcyon Brewing - Many Little Steps Silver: Heathen Brewing & Brothers Cascadia Brewing - Marzen Invaders Bronze: Old Stove Brewing- Post Alley & Varietal Beer Company - Walk, Don't Run Very Small Brewery of the Year: Audacity Brewing
Small Brewery of the Year (Sponsored by Crosby Hops): Victor 23 Craft Brewery
Mid-Sized Brewery of the Year (Sponsored by Yakima Chief Hops): Grains of Wrath Brewing
Large Brewery of the Year (Sponsored by Briess Malt and Ingredients): Icicle Brewing Company