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Press Release

State Brewers Shine in First Washington Beer Awards®

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

Seattle, WA, June 19, 2013: Specialty Competitions LLC is proud to release the results of the first ever Washington Beer Awards®. More than 40 breweries received recognition of gold, silver, and bronze medals in 26 category groupings.

The results for this Washington only professional beer competition were first announced on June 15th at the Washington Brewers Festival at Marymoor Park in Redmond where attendees got the chance to see some of Washington's best brewers receive medals for their award winning beers.

The judging for the Washington Beer Awards was held on May 18th at Elliott Bay Public House & Brewery in Lake City. The panels of trained judges had to evaluate over 400 beers from nearly 70 breweries spanning over 90 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®.

Two special awards, the Small and Large Breweries of the Year were presented to breweries who won numerous medals in many categories. Old Schoolhouse Brewery from Winthrop took home the Small Brewery of the Year, earning many points for winning gold in the IPA category along with 3 other medals. Black Raven Brewing Company from Redmond won the Large Brewery of the Year by racking up 5 medals in a variety of categories.

Additionally, the Washington Agricultural Commission held a special side judging of beers showcasing unique Washington agricultural products and selected Two Beer's "Pumpkin Spice" to be the Best Washington Agricultural Product Inspired Beer.

More information on the competition and the complete list of results can be found at www.wabeerawards.com. 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 2014 where new winners will be decided!

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Complete Results:

Pale Lagers

Gold: Chuckanut Brewery - Chuckanut Helles
Silver: Chuckanut Brewery - Chuckanut Pilsner
Bronze: Elysian Brewing Company - Capitol Hill - Hombre

Amber & Dark Lagers

Gold: Golden Hills Brewing Co. - Lizzy's Lager
Silver: Redhook - No Equal
Bronze: Chuckanut Brewery - Chuckanut Dunkel

Strong Lagers

Gold: Icicle Brewing Company - Bavarian Cowboy
Silver: Fish Brewing Company - Leavenworth Navigator Doppelbock
Bronze: Ram Restaurant & Brewery (Tacoma) - Maibock

Hybrid Ales/Lagers

Gold: Icicle Brewing Company - Khaos Kolsch
Silver: White Bluffs Brewing - Red Alt
Bronze: Reuben's Brews - Balsch

Wheat/Rye Beers

Gold: Fremont Brewing Company - Wandering Wheat
Silver: Ram Restaurant & Brewery (Tacoma) - Big Horn Hefeweizen
Bronze: Anacortes Brewery - Anacortes Hefeweizen

Golden or Blonde Ale

Gold: Laht Neppur Brewing Co. - Backseat Blonde
Silver: Chuckanut Brewery - Chuckanut Golden Ale
Bronze: Valholl Brewing Company - Valholl Golden Ale

English Ales

Gold: Flyers Restaurant And Brewery - Barnstormer Brown Ale
Silver: Elysian Brewing Company - Georgetown - Men's Room Original Red
Bronze: Bainbridge Island Brewing - Port Blakely Brown Ale

Scottish & Irish Ales

Gold: Silver City Brewery - Fat Scotch Ale
Silver: Rock Bottom Bellevue - Wicked Observer
Bronze: Big Al Brewing - Irish Red

Brown Porters

Gold: Kulshan Brewing Co. - Trans-Porter
Silver: Harmon Brewing Company - Puget Sound Porter
Bronze: Two Beers Brewing Co. - SoDo Brown

Robust Porters

Gold: Republic Brewing Company - Big Mischief Porter
Silver: Reuben's Brews - Robust Porter
Bronze: Iccle Brewing Company - Priebe Porter

Stouts

Gold: Pike Brewing Company - Pike XXXXX Stout
Silver: Old Schoolhouse Brewery - Hooligan Stout
Bronze: Ice Harbor Brewing - Ice Harbor Sternwheeler Stout

American-Style Imperial Stout

Gold: Black Raven Brewing Company - Grandfather Raven
Silver: Airways Brewing Company - Final Departure
Bronze: Old Schoolhouse Brewery - Imperial Stout

American-Style Pale Ale

Gold: Boundary Bay Brewery - Amarillo Single Hop Pale Ale
Silver: Black Raven Brewing Company - Nothing But Flowers
Bronze: Fremont Brewing Company - Universale Pale Ale

Other Pale Ales

Gold: Reuben's Brews - Belgian Imperial Rye IPA
Silver: Rainy Daze Brewing Co. - Belgian Bastard
Bronze: Bellevue Brewing Company - Bellevue Brewing Big Rye Pale Ale

American Amber Ales

Gold: Fish Brewing Company - Fish Tale Organic Amber Ale
Silver: Elliott Bay Brewing Co - Lake City - Gateway Amber Ale
Bronze: Ice Harbor Brewing - Ice Harbor Runaway Red Ale

American Brown & Black Ales

Gold: Pike Brewing Company - Pike Octopus Ink
Silver: Reuben's Brews - American Brown
Bronze: Big Al Brewing - Hop Villain

American India Pale Ales

Gold: Old Schoolhouse Brewery - Ruud Awakening IPA
Silver: Elysian Brewing Company - Georgetown - Space Dust IPA
Bronze: Ice Harbor Brewing - Ice Harbor IPA

Imperial or Double India Pale Ale

Gold: Kulshan Brewing Co. - Double Brother
Silver: Reuben's Brews - Imperial Rye IPA
Bronze: Old Schoolhouse Brewery - Imperial IPA

Strong Ales

Gold: American Brewing Company - Power Play

Silver: Fish Brewing Company - Fish Tale 10 Squared Barley Wine

Bronze: Scuttlebutt Brewing Company - Old #1 2009

Belgian & French Ales

Gold: Ram Restaurant & Brewery (Northgate) - BPA

Silver: Two Beers Brewing Co. - Crooked Belgian Wit

Bronze: E9 Brewery - E9 Belgian White

Belgian Strong Ales

Gold: Sound Brewery - Dubbel Entendre

Silver: Silver City Brewery - Silver City Tripel

Bronze: Dick's Brewing Co. - Dick's Grand Cru

Sour Beers

Gold: Big Al Brewing - NW By SE

Silver: Big Al Brewing - Jupiter's Blood

Bronze: American Brewing Company - Stupid Sexy Flanders

Fruit Beers

Gold: Loowit Brewing Company - Vandalia Summer Ale

Silver: Ice Harbor Brewing - Ice Harbor Tangerine "ExBEERience" Hefeweizen

Bronze: Elysian Brewing Company - Georgetown - Superfuzz

Spice, Herb, & Vegetable Beers

Gold: Icicle Brewing Company - Real Snow

Silver: DUO Brewing - Twin Ports Coffee Porter

Bronze: Redhook - Wise Cracker Wit

Wood Aged Beers

Gold: Fremont Brewing Company - Bourbon Abominable Winter Ale

Silver: Northwest Brewing Company - Bourbon Imperial Oatmeal Stout

Bronze: Black Raven Brewing Company - Great Grandfather Raven

Specialty Beers

Gold: Elliott Bay Brewing Co - West Seattle - Fauntleroy Imperial Stout

Silver: Black Raven Brewing Company - Feral Saison

Bronze: Black Raven Brewing Company - Possum Claus

Best Washington Agricultural Product Inspired Beer (Sponsored by Washington Farmers Markets): Two Beers Brewing Company - Pumpkin Spice

Small Brewery of the Year (Sponsored by the Washington Hop Commission, Brewers Supply Group, Brulotte Farms, Inc. and Hopunion LLC): Old Schoolhouse Brewery

Large Brewery of the Year (Sponsored by Briess Malt and Ingredients): Black Raven Brewing Company