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Press Release

State Brewers Shine in Third Washington Beer Awards®

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

Seattle, WA, June 20, 2015: Specialty Competitions LLC is proud to release the results of the third annual Washington Beer Awards®. Seventy Washington breweries received recognition of gold, silver, and bronze medals in 45 award category groupings.

The results for this Washington-only professional beer competition were announced on June 20th 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 May 30th at Elliott Bay Public House & Brewery in Lake City. The panels of trained judges had to evaluate 716 beers from 107 breweries spanning over 100 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. Puyallup River Brewing took home the Small Brewery of the Year by placing well in three categories. Reuben's Brews won the Mid-Size Brewery of the Year with a fist-full of medals, including three golds. The Large Brewery of the Year was won by Fish Brewing Company with four medals including three golds.

A few special awards were also providing recognizing some unique Washington brewing excellence. Big Block Brewing's "Raspberry Blonde" was selected as the Best Washington Agricultural Product Inspired Beer for showcasing locally harvested raspberries. Airways Brewing won a special award in the "Pro-Am" category for their Berliner Weisse 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 2016 where new winners will be decided!

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Complete Results:

European Pale Lagers:

Gold: Gordon Biersch Seattle - Golden Export
Silver: Icicle Brewing Company - Crosscut Pilsner
Bronze: Chuckanut Brewery - Chuckanut Helles

European Amber & Dark Lagers:

Gold: Gordon Biersch Seattle - Rauchbier
Silver: Chuckanut Brewery - Chuckanut Dunkel
Bronze: Chuckanut Brewery - Chuckanut Marzen

Strong Lagers:

Gold: Naked City Brewery & Taphouse - Rauch City
Silver: River City Brewing - Congratulator Doppelbock
Bronze: Ram Restaurant & Brewery – Maibock

American Lagers:

Gold: Fish Brewing Company - Premium Lager
Silver: Airways Brewing - Pre Flight Pilsner
Bronze: Pacific Brewing & Malting Co. - 1897 Pale Lager

German Hybrid Beers:

Gold: Chuckanut Brewery - Chuckanut Kolsch
Silver: Standard Brewing - Kolsch
Bronze: Heathen Brewing - Absolution

German Wheat & Rye Beers:

Gold: Fish Brewing Company - Boulder Bend Dunkelweizen
Silver: Stoup Brewing - Stoup Hefeweizen
Bronze: Loowit Brewing Company - Der Couvensteiner Dunkelweizen

Other Wheat & Rye Beers:

Gold: Fremont Brewing - Wandering Wheat
Silver: Fish Brewing Company - Whistling Pig Hefeweizen
Bronze: Rainy Daze Brewing Co. - Rainy Rye IPA

American Light Ales:

Gold: Redhook Brewery - No Equal

Silver: Reuben's Brews - Cream Ale

Bronze: Ram Restaurant & Brewery - Blonde

Session Beers:

Gold: Aslan Brewing Company - Blueprint

Silver: Black Raven Brewing Co. - Redfeather Session IPA

Bronze: Airways Brewing - PSA - Summer Ale

Bitters:

Gold: No-Li Brewhouse - Spin Cycle Red Ale

Silver: Loowit Brewing Company - Extrabeerrestrial ESB

Bronze: Elliot Bay Brewing Company - Organic Alembic Pale

English Ales:

Gold: Fish Brewing Company - Organic IPA

Silver: Flyers Restaurant & Brewery - Barnstormer Brown Ale

Bronze: Rainy Daze Brewing Co. - English Pale

British Strong Ales:

Gold: Populuxe Brewing - Old Oddvars

Silver: Silver City Brewery - Old Scrooge

Bronze: Strong Arm Brewing - Cincinnatus Strong Ale

Scottish Ales:

Gold: Paradise Creek Brewery - Scottish Stovepipe

Silver: Old Rock Brewery - Misery Whip Scotch Ale

Bronze: Geaux Brewing - Wee Y'at?

Irish Red Ales:

Gold: Menace Brewing - Self-Titled

Silver: Whitewall Brewing Company - Sassy Lassie

Bronze: Kulshan Brewing Company - Red Cap

Robust Porters:

Gold: Reuben's Brews - Robust Porter

Silver: Skookum Brewery - Skookum Porter

Bronze: Flyers Restaurant & Brewery - Pacemaker Porter

Other Porters:

Gold: Harmon Brewing Co. - Puget Sound Porter

Silver: Big Al Brewing - Big Al Smoked Porter

Bronze: Schooner Exact Brewing Co. - King Street Brown

British Stouts:

Gold: Seapine Brewing Company - Sea Witch Milk Stout

Silver: Elliot Bay Brewing Company - Organic No Doubt Stout

Bronze: Dick's Brewing Co. - Dick's Cream Stout

Irish Stouts:

Gold: Reuben's Brews - Foreign Export Stout

Silver: Paradise Creek Brewery - Invective Stout

Bronze: Outlander Brewing - Jamaican Stout

American-Style Stouts:

Gold: Top Rung Brewing Company - My Dog Scout Stout
Silver: Harmon Brewing Co. - Stryker Stout
Bronze: Old Schoolhouse Brewery - Hooligan Stout

Imperial Stouts:

Gold: Old Schoolhouse Brewery - Imperial Stout
Silver: Fremont Brewing - Dark Star
Bronze: Silver City Brewery - Imperial Stout

American-Style Pale Ales:

Gold: Rainy Daze Brewing Co. - Stash Box III
Silver: Fremont Brewing - Universale Pale Ale
Bronze: Northwest Brewing Company - Road Trip Pale Ale

American-Style Strong Pale Ales:

Gold: Icicle Brewing Company - Bootjack IPA
Silver: Stoup Brewing - Stoup Citra IPA
Bronze: Old Schoolhouse Brewery - Epiphany Pale

Belgo-American & International Ales:

Gold: Sound Brewery - Ursus Spelaesus
Silver: Aslan Brewing Company - FIFA
Bronze: Fremont Brewing - Summer Ale

American Amber Ales:

Gold: Twelve String Brewing Co. - Crescendo Series Valley Red
Silver: Skookum Brewery - Ambers Hot Friend
Bronze: Populuxe Brewing - Citra Red

American Brown and Black Ales:

Gold: Reuben's Brews - Black Imperial IPA
Silver: English Setter Brewing - Field Point Brown
Bronze: Standard Brewing - Cascadian Dark Ale

American-Style India Pale Ales:

Gold: Kulshan Brewing Company - Bastard Kat
Silver: Big House Brewing/Mill Creek Brewpub - Inmate I.P.A.
Bronze: Big Time Brewing Co. - Citra Smash

Imperial or Double India Pale Ales:

Gold: Bale Breaker Brewing - Bottomcutter IIPA
Silver: Backwoods Brewing Company - Double Cutt
Bronze: Standard Brewing - Imperial IPA

Imperial or Double Red Ales:

Gold: Ice Harbor Brewing - Ice Harbor Imperial Red
Silver: Elysian Brewing Company - Men's Room Black
Bronze: Dick's Brewing Co. - Dick's Imperial Red

Barleywines:

Gold: Icicle Brewing Company - The Decline
Silver: TripleHorn Brewing Co. - BYGG VIN 2014
Bronze: Three Magnets Brewing - Barley Wine

Belgian-Style Wits:

Gold: Aslan Brewing Company - Witbier
Silver: Issaquah Brewhouse - White Frog
Bronze: Northwest Brewing Company - Blood Orange Wit

Belgian Ales:

Gold: Sound Brewery - Bombshell
Silver: Bainbridge Island Brewing - Bainbridge Blonde
Bronze: Wander Brewing - Wanderale Belgian Blond

Abbey-Inspired Ales:

Gold: Sound Brewery - Dubbel Entendre
Silver: TripleHorn Brewing Co. - Stupid Monk-Ee
Bronze: Silver City Brewery - Liquid Sunshine

Belgian Strong Ales:

Gold: Kulshan Brewing Company - Hop Howdy
Silver: Odin Brewing Co. - Equinox
Bronze: Silver City Brewery - Giant Made Of Shadows

Farmhouse Ales:

Gold: Holy Mountain Brewing Company - The Ox
Silver: Puyallup River Brewing - Paradise Blonde Saison
Bronze: Big Al Brewing - Time Capsule September '14

American-Style Brett Beers:

Gold: Propolis Brewing - Beltane
Silver: Propolis Brewing - Gardin
Bronze: Urban Family Brewing Co. - Fancy Sauce: Brennan

Sour Beers:

Gold: E9 Brewery - Raspberry Wild
Silver: Elysian Brewing Company - Zoot Suit Riot Cherry Sour
Bronze: E9 Brewery - Nefelibata

Fruit Beers:

Gold: Puyallup River Brewing - Pineapple Paradise Saison
Silver: Big Block Brewing - Raspberry Blonde
Bronze: Ten Pin Brewing Co. - Sunny Day

Vegetable Beers:

Gold: Wingman Brewers - Cucumber Brett
Silver: Hi-Fi Brewing - Pump Up The Volume
Bronze: Elysian Brewing Company - The Great Pumpkin

Coffee & Chocolate Beers:

Gold: Two Beers Brewing - Cold Brew Coffee Brown Ale
Silver: Puyallup River Brewing - Mud Mt Milk Stout
Bronze: Icicle Brewing Company - Dark Persuasion

Herb & Spice Beers:

Gold: Epic Ales - Hope
Silver: Brickyard Brewing - Southwestern Hatch Green Chili Blonde
Bronze: Propolis Brewing - Fennel

Specialty Beers:

Gold: Naked City Brewery & Taphouse - Smoking Gun

Silver: Rainy Daze Brewing Co. - Only The Tip

Bronze: Issaquah Brewhouse - Little Frog

Wood & Barrel Aged Beers:

Gold: Strong Arm Brewing - Magnus Whiskey Barrel Aged Oatmeal Milk Chocolate Espresso Stout

Silver: Boundary Bay Brewery - Whiskey Barrel Aged Imperial Oatmeal Stout

Bronze: Old Rock Brewery - El Charro Oaked Agave Amber

Wood & Barrel Aged Strong Beers:

Gold: Schooner Exact Brewing Co. - 2015 Barrel-Aged Imperial Porter

Silver: Heathen Brewing - Bourbon Barrel Aged Epitaph

Bronze: Fremont Brewing - Bourbon Barrel Aged Dark Star

Wood & Barrel Aged Sour Beers:

Gold: Anacortes Brewery - Broken Link Sour

Silver: Holy Mountain Brewing Company - The Third Nail

Bronze: Bainbridge Island Brewing - Viognier Barrel Blonde

Washington Pro-Am Awards:

Gold: Airways Brewing and Mark Emiley - Berliner Weisse

Silver: Reuben's Brews and Louis Strouger - Marzen

Best Washington Agricultural Product Inspired Beer: Big Block Brewing - Raspberry Blonde

Small Brewery of the Year: Puyallup River Brewing

Mid-Sized Brewery of the Year (Sponsored by Washington Hop Growers): Reuben's Brews

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

