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# Press Release

## State Brewers Shine Again in the Thirteenth Washington Beer Awards®

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

**Seattle, WA, November 2, 2026:** Specialty Competitions LLC is proud to release the results of the twelfth annual Washington Beer Awards®. This year 92 Washington breweries and cideries received recognition of gold, silver, and bronze medals in 67 award category groupings.

The results for this Washington-only professional beer competition were announced on November 2nd at the Washington Craft Beer Summit at the Sea-Tac Doubletree 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 12th and 13th at Elliott Bay Public House & Brewery in Lake City. The panels of trained judges had to evaluate 1,048 entries beers from 153 breweries and cideries spanning 142 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. Haas Innovations Brewing LLC. won as the Very Small Brewery of the Year by strength of victory over three other breweries. Ilk Beer landed a gold and two silvers to become this year's small brewery of the year. Fortside Brewing Company had a dominating year winning 4 golds and a silver to become the Mid-Sized Brewery of the Year category. The Large Brewery of the Year was won by Icicle Brewing Company with an amazing 5 golds and a silver.

A few special awards also provided recognizing some unique Washington brewing excellence. Georgetown Brewing Company won a gold in the "Pro-Am" category for a session IPA that was developed by Washington homebrewer Ryan Hopkins and scaled up for commercial production. Formula Brewing and Sun River Brewing collaborated on a Australian Pale Ale called "Chase Down" 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 2027 where new winners will be decided!

## Complete Results:

**Munich-Style Helles:**
**Gold:** Formula Brewing - Chasing Space
**Silver:** Lucky Envelope Brewing - Helles Lager
**Bronze:** Larrabee Lager Company - Original

**German-Style Pilsners:**
**Gold:** Grains Of Wrath Brewing - Production - Flowers Of Alsace
**Silver:** Holy Mountain Brewing - Moonchild
**Bronze:** Longmire Springs Brewing - Pilsner

**German-Style Oktoberfest/Festbiers:**
**Gold:** Uprise Brewing - Festbier
**Silver:** Chuckanut Brewery - Chuckanut Fest Bier
**Bronze:** Scuttlebutt Brewing Company - Oktoberfest 2026

**Czech-Style Pale Lagers:**
**Gold:** Chuckanut Brewery - Chuckanut Pilsner
**Silver:** Obec Brewing - Czech Pils
**Bronze:** Stemma Brewing Company - Stemma Pils

**Other Czech Lagers:**
**Gold:** Sound2Summit Brewery - Czech Mates
**Silver:** Larrabee Lager Company - Double L
**Bronze:** Mighty Pine Brewing - Camber

**Italian-Style Pilseners:**
**Gold:** Heathen Brewing - Pagani
**Silver:** Single Hill Brewing - Howdy!
**Bronze:** Lumberbeard Brewing - Postcards

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**International-Style Pilseners:**
**Gold:** Icicle Brewing Company - Premium Pilsner
**Silver:** Recluse Brew Works, LLC - Grendel's Lament Danish-Stlye Pils
**Bronze:** Metier Brewing Co. - We Got Y'all

**Other European Lagers:**
**Gold:** Varietal Beer - Truth Prevails
**Silver:** Victor 23 Brewing - Coconspirator
**Bronze:** Beach Cat Brewing - Southpaw - Bagheera

**Mexican-Style Light Lagers:**
**Gold:** Kulshan Brewing - K2 - Especial
**Silver:** Uprise Brewing - Mexican Lager
**Bronze:** Larrabee Lager Company - Larraveza

**Mexican-Style Pale Lagers:**
**Gold:** Bellevue Brewing Co. - Uno Mas
**Silver:** Redd Dog Brewing Company - Porch Buddy
**Bronze:** Rainy Daze Brewing - Lucha Libre

**Vienna-Style Lagers:**
**Gold:** Larrabee Lager Company - Palace Stroll
**Silver:** White Bluffs Brewing - Selecta
**Bronze:** Grains Of Wrath Brewing - Vienna Lager

**German-Style Maerzens:**
**Gold:** Gruff Brewing Company - King Of Mars
**Silver:** Sound2Summit Brewery - Snohotoberfest
**Bronze:** Metier Brewing Co. - Steelfest

**Rice Lagers:**
**Gold:** Icicle Brewing Company - Akoya Rice Lager
**Silver:** Haas Innovations Brewing LLC. - Rice Lager
**Bronze:** Fast Fashion Brewing - Omakase Rice Lager

**Other International Lagers:**
**Gold:** Lucky Envelope Brewing - Yinz Jawn Pennsylvania Lager
**Silver:** Chuckanut Brewery - Chuckanut Japanese Style Lager
**Bronze:** Lucky Envelope Brewing - Karakuchi Japanese Lager

**American-Style Light Lagers:**
**Gold:** Icicle Brewing Company - Alpine Light
**Silver:** Wander Brewing - Wander Litely
**Bronze:** Sound2Summit Brewery - Boat Beer

**Contemporary American-Style Lagers:**
**Gold:** Fortside Brewing Company - Say Less
**Silver:** Georgetown Brewing Company - Tavern Beer
**Bronze:** Sig Brewing Co - Sig Pilsner

**American Pilsners:**
**Gold:** Halcyon Brewing - Urban Hike
**Silver:** Uprise Brewing - Pilsner
**Bronze:** Everybody's Brewing - Co-Pilot

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**Hoppy American Lagers:**
**Gold:** Grains Of Wrath Brewing - Production - Mash'n Jazz
**Silver:** Chuckanut Brewery - Chuckanut West Coast Pils
**Bronze:** Grains Of Wrath Brewing - Rancho Cowabunga

**Other American-Style Lagers:**
**Gold:** Kulshan Brewing - K2 - Premium Lager
**Silver:** Longmire Springs Brewing - Hide And Seek Champion
**Bronze:** Wander Brewing - Golden Lager

**German-Style Kölsches:**
**Gold:** Larrabee Lager Company - Coast City
**Silver:** Fortside Brewing Company - Post Cologne
**Bronze:** Uprise Brewing - Kolsch

**German-Style Altbiers and Kellerbiers:**
**Gold:** Chuckanut Brewery - Chuckanut Alt
**Silver:** Gruff Brewing Company - Altered Course
**Bronze:** Bainbridge Brewing - Arrow Point Amber

**German-Style Wheat Beers:**
**Gold:** Stoup Brewing-Capitol Hill - Stoup Dunkelweizen
**Silver:** Larrabee Lager Company - White Duck
**Bronze:** Holy Mountain Brewing - Pilgrimage

**Rye and American Wheat Beers:**
**Gold:** Barrel Mountain Brewing - Be Happy
**Silver:** White Bluffs Brewing - Rock N Brown
**Bronze:** Beach Cat Brewing - Southpaw - Catastrophe

**Golden, Blonde and Cream Ales:**
**Gold:** Beach Cat Brewing - Southpaw - Cats Blue Ribbon
**Silver:** Old Stove Brewing - Mira Aqui
**Bronze:** Lucky Envelope Brewing - Gulf Of Mexico (But Actually Done As A Cream Ale)

**Bitters:**
**Gold:** Bizarre Brewing - Cemetery Polka
**Silver:** Rainy Daze Brewing - Test Drive Amber
**Bronze:** Cardinal Craft Brewing - Skoolz Out

**English Ales:**
**Gold:** Fortside Brewing Company - Couve A'licious
**Silver:** Lowlander Brewing - Six Wickets
**Bronze:** Loowit Brewing Company - Shadow Shinobi

**Scottish and Irish Ales:**
**Gold:** Bellevue Brewing Co. - Muckle Flugga Scotch Ale
**Silver:** Postdoc Brewing - Kilty MacSporran
**Bronze:** Heathen Brewing - Arson

**International & Australasian Ales:**
**Gold:** Formula Brewing - Chase Down
**Silver:** Longmire Springs Brewing - Pale Ale
**Bronze:** WHISTLE PUNK BREWING - NZ Pale Ale

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**New Zealand-Style India Pale Ales:**
**Gold:** Formula Brewing - Loyal To The Soil
**Silver:** Grains Of Wrath Brewing - Wastelandia
**Bronze:** Grains Of Wrath Brewing - Production - Ripsaw

**Brown Porters:**
**Gold:** Old Schoolhouse Brewery - Big Valley Brown
**Silver:** Obec Brewing - Porter #3
**Bronze:** San Juan Island Brewing Co - Black Boar Porter

**Robust Porters:**
**Gold:** Holy Mountain Brewing - Black Beer
**Silver:** Resonate Brewery - Spirit In The Dark
**Bronze:** Stoup Brewing - Robust Porter

**British Stouts:**
**Gold:** Fortside Brewing Company - Night King
**Silver:** Lucky Envelope Brewing - Moocifer Cream Stout
**Bronze:** U-Neek Brewing Company - Putin Out

**Irish Stouts:**
**Gold:** Hellbent Brewing Company - Moon Tower Stout
**Silver:** Rainy Daze Brewing - Haulin Oats Stout
**Bronze:** Lotic LLC - Existential Vacuum

**American-Style Imperial Porters and Stouts:**
**Gold:** No-Li Brewhouse - Wrecking Ball
**Silver:** White Bluffs Brewing - Mighty Knight
**Bronze:** ANACORTES BREWING COMPANY,LLC - Empress

**American-Style Pale Ales:**
**Gold:** Grains Of Wrath Brewing - Papermaker
**Silver:** Stoup Brewing - Mosaic Pale
**Bronze:** Bale Breaker Brewing Company - Daybreak Pale Ale

**Juicy or Hazy Pale Ales:**
**Gold:** Bainbridge Brewing - Shore Power Hazy Pale
**Silver:** Odd Otter Brewing Co. - Otter Fuzz
**Bronze:** Elliott Bay Brewing - Ride The Cylone

**American-Style Strong Pale Ales:**
**Gold:** Loowit Brewing Company - Alley Cat
**Silver:** Trap Door Brewing - Trap Door IPA
**Bronze:** Old Schoolhouse Brewery - Easy Runaway

**Juicy or Hazy Strong Pale Ales:**
**Gold:** Chainline Brewing Company - Tune Up
**Silver:** Bale Breaker Brewing Company - Duskbound
**Bronze:** Logan Brewing Company - Green Hill Zone

**American-Style Amber/Red Ales:**
**Gold:** Stoup Brewing - NW Red
**Silver:** Ilk Beer - The Long Pour American Amber Lager
**Bronze:** Sound2Summit Brewery - Night Sky Red

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**American-Style Dark Ales and Stouts:**
**Gold:** Old Schoolhouse Brewery - Hooligan Stout
**Silver:** Wet Coast Brewing Co. - Scofflaw CDA
**Bronze:** Peace Of Mind Brewing - Xenowort

**American-Style India Pale Ales:**
**Gold:** Hellbent Brewing Company - Dog Party IPA
**Silver:** Grains Of Wrath Brewing - Built For Speed
**Bronze:** Elliott Bay Brewing - Elliott Bay IPA

**West Coast-Style India Pale Ales:**
**Gold:** Icicle Brewing Company - Peak Series Beta 1.0 IPA
**Silver:** Formula Brewing - Formula 34
**Bronze:** Heathen Brewing - Northbank Trail

**Juicy or Hazy India Pale Ales:**
**Gold:** Project 9 Brewing - King Lupu's Happy Juice
**Silver:** Icicle Brewing Company - Cloud Piercer Hazy IPA
**Bronze:** Echoes Brewing - Galactic Haze

**Imperial or Double India Pale Ales:**
**Gold:** Bale Breaker Brewing Company - Bottomcutter IIPA
**Silver:** Old Schoolhouse Brewery - Ruud Awakening
**Bronze:** Grains Of Wrath Brewing - Punchface Champion

**Juicy or Hazy Imperial or Double India Pale Ales:**
**Gold:** Skookum Brewery - Skook-Nukem
**Silver:** Trap Door Brewing - Juiced Up
**Bronze:** No-Li Brewhouse - Juicy Squatch

**Other American-Style Strong Ales:**
**Gold:** Big Time Brewery - Scarlet Fire
**Silver:** San Juan Island Brewing Co - Kingtide Barleywine
**Bronze:** White Bluffs Brewing - Scrooge McBluffs

**Belgian & Belgian Inspired Ales:**
**Gold:** Figurehead Brewing Company - Beer So Brown
**Silver:** Outer Planet Brewing - Brown Dwarf
**Bronze:** Irrelevant Beer - Sundressed

**Other Belgian Strong & Abbey Ales:**
**Gold:** Echoes Brewing - The Golden Blonde
**Silver:** San Juan Island Brewing Co - Lime Kiln Belgian Tripel
**Bronze:** U-Neek Brewing Company - Clumsily Ass Up

**Belgian & French Farmhouse Ales:**
**Gold:** Ilk Beer - Gris Matter
**Silver:** Ilk Beer - Helsing Junction Farmhouse Ale
**Bronze:** Propolis Brewing - Montem

**Brett and Mixed-Culture Beers:**
**Gold:** Bizarre Brewing - Ghosts Of Goslar Bing & Chelan Cherry
**Silver:** Bizarre Brewing - We Become The Prairie
**Bronze:** Ladd & Lass Brewing - Westchester - Arctic White Nectarine

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**German Style Sour Beers:**
**Gold:** Kulshan Brewing - Sunnyland - Gose
**Silver:** Terramar Brewing - Octopus Garden Gose
**Bronze:** Terramar Brewing - Raspberry Tart

**American-Style Sour Ales:**
**Gold:** Varietal Beer - Prey Item
**Silver:** Stoup Brewing-Capitol Hill - Sour Pop Mixed Berry
**Bronze:** Single Hill Brewing - Island Time

**Belgian Sour and Wild Ales:**
**Gold:** Elliott Bay Brewing - Ambrosia Kreik
**Silver:** Elliott Bay Brewing - Lake City - De Rode Duivels
**Bronze:** North Fork Brewery - Velouria

**Fruit Beers:**
**Gold:** Fortside Brewing Company - Neon Squeeze
**Silver:** Varietal Beer - Sunflight
**Bronze:** Snow Eater Brewing Company - Conseulos Cerveza

**Chili Pepper Beers:**
**Gold:** FrinGe Brewing - Call Me Cuddles
**Silver:** Steam Donkey Brewing Co. - Salsa & Friends
**Bronze:** Barley POP! Brewing - Sweet & Sassy

**Spiced, Field & Herb Beers:**
**Gold:** Lucky Envelope Brewing - HospitaliTEA White Tea Lager
**Silver:** Postdoc Brewing - Kilty MacPumpkin
**Bronze:** North Fork Brewery - Torta De Platano

**Coffee Beers:**
**Gold:** Kulshan Brewing - Sunnyland - Cuppa Joe
**Silver:** Postdoc Brewing - Cram Session
**Bronze:** Georgetown Brewing Company - Gusto Creme

**Session Beers:**
**Gold:** The Good Society Brewery - First To Fall
**Silver:** Uprise Brewing - Half Tone
**Bronze:** Georgetown Brewing Company - Little Baby Bodhi

**Smoked Beers:**
**Gold:** Beach Cat Brewing - Northpaw - Lil Smokey
**Silver:** Chuckanut Brewery - Chuckanut Grodziskie
**Bronze:** Old Stove Brewing - Smoked Porter

**Chocolate or Pastry Beers:**
**Gold:** Icicle Brewing Company - Darker Persuasion - Caramel Macchiato
**Silver:** Postdoc Brewing - Mjolnir
**Bronze:** Snow Eater Brewing Company - Moose Trot

**Specialty, Experimental & Historical Beers:**
**Gold:** Old Stove Brewing - Grodziskie
**Silver:** Fremont Brewing - NA Dark
**Bronze:** Elysian Brewing - Gator Pie

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**Wood & Barrel Aged Strong Stouts:**
**Gold:** Uprise Brewing - Phases Of The Moon
**Silver:** Old Stove Brewing - Gardens - Quiet Eon 2022
**Bronze:** Skookum Brewery - Chronocask

**Wood & Barrel Aged Strong Beers:**
**Gold:** Ladd & Lass Brewing - Barrel Aged Year Three
**Silver:** Lumberbeard Brewing - Anniversary Year 6
**Bronze:** Old Stove Brewing - Gardens - Castaway 2023

**Other Wood & Barrel Aged Beers:**
**Gold:** Bainbridge Brewing - 13th Anniversary Vanilla Bean BA Stout
**Silver:** Dru Bru - Margarita Sour
**Bronze:** Odd Otter Brewing Co. - Velvet Orchard

**Seltzers:**
**Gold:** Ram Restaurant And Brewery - Blackberry Seltzer
**Silver:** Triceratops Brewing Company - Blood Orange Cream Hard Soda
**Bronze:** Triceratops Brewing Company - Lemon Lime Hard Soda

**Fruited Ciders:**
**Gold:** Slightly Furry - Witches' Tree Cherry Cider
**Silver:** Heathen Brewing - Mango Magic
**Bronze:** Heathen Brewing - Peachy Keen

**Other Ciders:**
**Gold:** Heathen Brewing - Apple Crisp
**Silver:** Endless Orchard Cider - Cranberry Cucumber
**Bronze:** Slightly Furry - CinnaBEAR Cinnamon Cider

**Pro-Am:**
**Gold:** Georgetown Brewing Company & Homebrewer Ryan Hopkins - Hopkin's
**Silver:** North 47 Brewing Co Homebrewer Brad Shellito - Dead Reckoning
**Bronze:** Beach Cat Brewing - Northpaw & Homebrewer Rob Rogers - Cold Cocked IPA

**Collaboration Beers:**
**Gold:** Formula Brewing & Sun River Brewing - Chase Down
**Silver:** San Juan Island Brewing Co & Kulshan Brewing - Pub Ale
**Bronze:** Vice Beer & Ladd and Lass Brewing - Brewing Bridges

**Very Small Brewery of the Year (Sponsored by Crosby Hops):** Haas Innovations Brewing LLC.
**Small Brewery of the Year (Sponsored by Country Malt Group)**: Ilk Beer
**Mid-Sized Brewery of the Year (Sponsored by Yakima Chief Hops)**: Fortside Brewing Company
**Large Brewery of the Year (Sponsored by Briess Malt and Ingredients)**: Icicle Brewing Company