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Press Release

State Brewers Shine in Second Washington Beer Awards®

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

Seattle, WA, June 16, 2014: Specialty Competitions LLC is proud to release the results of the second annual Washington Beer Awards®. More than 50 breweries received recognition of gold, silver, and bronze medals in 33 category groupings.

The results for this Washington only professional beer competition were first announced on June 14th 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 10th at Elliott Bay Public House & Brewery in Lake City. The panels of trained judges had to evaluate 460 beers from 75 breweries spanning nearly 100 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. Gordon Biersch – Seattle took home the Small Brewery of the Year, by taking four medals including two golds. Kulshan Brewing Company from Bellingham won the Large Brewery of the Year by racking up five medals with two golds.

Additionally, the Washington Agricultural Commission held a special side judging of beers showcasing unique Washington agricultural products and selected Big Block Brewing's "The Boss" to be the Best Washington Agricultural Product Inspired Beer. The beer is American Style Pale Ale showcasing farm fresh Raspberry honey. Reuben's Brews won a special award in the "Pro-Am" category for their Cream Ale that was developed by Washington homebrewer Dan Hansen 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 2015 where new winners will be decided!

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Complete Results:

Pale Lagers:

Gold: Gordon Biersch Seattle - Golden Export
Silver: Icicle Brewing Company - Crosscut Lager
Bronze: Ten Pin Brewing - Ten Light

Amber and Dark Lagers:

Gold: Hi-Fi Brewing - Blue Danube
Silver: Gordon Biersch Seattle - Schwarzbier
Bronze: Chuckanut Brewery - Chuckanut Vienna Lager

Strong Lagers:

Gold: Gordon Biersch Seattle - Maibock
Silver: Riverport Brewing Co. - Bedrock Bock
Bronze: Anacortes Brewery - Mai-Oh-Maibock

German Hybrid Beers:

Gold: Chuckanut Brewery - Chuckanut Kolsch
Silver: White Bluffs Brewing - Red Alt
Bronze: American Brewing Co - American Blonde

Wheat and Rye Beers:

Gold: Stoup Brewing - Stoup Hefeweizen
Silver: Rainy Daze Brewing Co. - Rainy Rye IPA
Bronze: Gordon Biersch Seattle – Hefeweizen

American Light Ales:

Gold: Chuckanut Brewery - Chuckanut Yellow Card
Silver: Puyallup River Brewing - Cream Ale
Bronze: Valholl Brewing Co. LLC - Golden Warrior

Session Ales:

Gold: TripleHorn Brewing Co. - Enabler
Silver: Stoup Brewing - Stoup ISA
Bronze: Fremont Brewing Company - Session Pale Ale

English Ales:

Gold: Flyers Restaurant and Brewery - Humbles Blonde
Silver: Flyers Restaurant and Brewery - Barnstormer Brown
Bronze: Rainy Daze Brewing Co. - English Pale

British Strong Ales:

Gold: Silver City Brewery - Old Scrooge
Silver: Ten Pin Brewing - Snake Eyes Stout
Bronze: Sound Brewery - Old Scoundrel

Scottish Ales:

Gold: Silver City Brewery - Fat Scotch Ale
Silver: Paradise Creek Brewery - Scottish Stovepipe
Bronze: Old Rock Brewery - Misery Whip Scotch Ale

Irish Red Ales:

Gold: Loowit Brewing Company - Two-Sixteen Red Ale
Silver: Republic Brewing Company - Falligan's Irish Red
Bronze: Menace Brewing - Menace Self-Titled Red

Robust Porters:

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

Other Porters:

Gold: Kulshan Brewing Co - Trans-Porter
Silver: Skookum Brewery - Brown & Hairy
Bronze: American Brewing Co - Baltic Porter

Irish and British Stouts:

Gold: Fish Brewing Co. - Over & Out Oatmeal Stout
Silver: Wander Brewing - Correspondent Foreign Extra Stout
Bronze: Loowit Brewing Company - Shimmergloom Stout

American Stouts:

Gold: Elysian Brewing Company – Dragonstooth Stout
Silver: Odin Brewing Co. - Saga Stout
Bronze: Pike Brewing Company - Pike 5X Stout

Imperial Stouts:

Gold: Der Blokken - Double Black
Silver: Silver City Brewery - Imperial Stout
Bronze: Kulshan Brewing Co - Russian Imperial Stout

American Pale Ales:

Gold: Fremont Brewing Company - Summer Ale
Silver: Bale Breaker Brewing Company - Field 41 Pale Ale
Bronze: Elliott Bay Brewing Co. - Virgil Sunshine Session Ale

Other Pale Ales:

Gold: Ten Pin Brewing - Deadwood Pale Ale
Silver: Icicle Brewing Company - Bootjack IPA
Bronze: Rainy Daze Brewing Co. - Belgian Bastard

American Amber Ales:

Gold: River City Brewing Company - River City Red

Silver: Wander Brewing - Washington Uncommon California Common

Bronze: Standard Brewing - Wheated Red Ale

American Brown and Black Ales:

Gold: Populuxe Brewing - Cinderblock CDA

Silver: Harmon Brewing Co. - Black Tartan IPA

Bronze: Standard Brewing - Cascadian Dark Ale

American-Style India Pale Ales:

Gold: Old Schoolhouse Brewery - Renegade IPA

Silver: Bainbridge Island Brewing - Eagle Harbor IPA

Bronze: Old Schoolhouse Brewery - Ruud Awakening IPA

Imperial or Double India Pale Ales:

Gold: Rainy Daze Brewing Co. - Hypocrite Double IPA

Silver: Skookum Brewery - Mammoth Jack IPA

Bronze: Fremont Brewing Company - The Brother

American Barley Wines:

Gold: Fish Brewing Co. - 10-Squared Barley Wine

Silver: Elliott Bay Brewing Co. - Portside Barleywine

Bronze: TripleHorn Brewing Co. - BYGG VIN

Belgian Ales:

Gold: Bainbridge Island Brewing - Bainbridge Blonde

Silver: Valholl Brewing Co. LLC - Poulsbo Abbey Wit

Bronze: Propolis Brewing LLC – Litha

Abbey-Inspired Ales:

Gold: Sound Brewery - Tripel Entendre

Silver: Sound Brewery - Dubbel Entendre

Bronze: Sound Brewery - Entendez Noel

Belgian Strong Ales:

Gold: Kulshan Brewing Co - Hop Howdy

Silver: Airways Brewing Company - 3rd Anniversary

Bronze: Wingman Brewers – Stratofortress

Farmhouse Ales:

Gold: Hilliard's Beer - Saison

Silver: E9 Brewery - Farmhouse Quatre

Bronze: Kulshan Brewing Co - Saison Du Kulshan

Sour Beers:

Gold: E9 Brewery - Golden Berry Wild

Silver: E9 Brewery - Verre Violet

Bronze: Paradise Creek Brewery - Huckleberry Pucker

Fruit Beers:

Gold: Icicle Brewing Company - Colchuck Raspberry Wheat

Silver: Hopped Up Brewing Company - Lemon Quality Cream Ale

Bronze: Big Block Brewing - Raspberry Blonde

Spice, Herb, and Vegetable Beers:

Gold: Menace Brewing - Menace Chile Bravo

Silver: Puyallup River Brewing - Black Pumpkin Saison

Bronze: Northwest Brewing Company - Bad Panda Ginger Pale Ale

Specialty Beers:

Gold: Laht Neppur Brewing Co. - Spiced Peaches 'N' Cream Ale

Silver: Kulshan Brewing Co - Black Forest

Bronze: Wingman Brewers – Gratzler

Wood and Barrel Aged Beers:

Gold: Iron Goat Brewing - Gin BA Head Butt IPA

Silver: Strong Arm Brewing - Cincinnatus Rum Barrel Aged

Bronze: Puyallup River Brewing - Oak Aged Point Success Porter

Wood and Barrel Aged Strong Beers:

Gold: Skookum Brewery - Barren Wood

Silver: Iron Goat Brewing - BA Goatnik Russian Imperial Stout

Bronze: Elysian Brewing Company - The Dread

Washington Pro-Am Award:

Gold: Reuben's Brews and Dan Hansen - Cream Ale

Best Washington Agricultural Product Inspired Beer (Selected by the Washington Agricultural Commission): Big Block Brewing – The Boss

Small Brewery of the Year (Sponsored by the Washington Hop Commission): Gordon Biersch – Seattle

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