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**2017 Virginia Craft Beer Cup Winners Announced**  
*-6<sup>th</sup> Annual Awards Ceremony Held at WestRock-*

**Richmond, VA** - The Virginia Craft Brewers Guild held the 2017 Virginia Craft Beer Cup Awards Ceremony Monday, June 5, 2017, at WestRock in Richmond, Virginia. There were more than 240 brewers in attendance to celebrate excellence in craft beer this year. The Virginia Craft Beer Cup competition was managed by master Beer Judge Certification Program (BJCP) judge Tom Cannon and 40 judges. The competition also benefits from the continued counsel of Bill Butcher, Port City Brewing, and Bill Madden, Mad Fox Brewing. This year 356 beers in 24 categories were entered into the competition. The judging took place Saturday, May 13th at Fair Winds Brewing Company in Lorton, Virginia.

The Virginia Craft Beer Cup continues to be the largest state competition of its kind in the United States. The VCBG is committed to giving its members the opportunity to compete in VA, obtain critical feedback from certified judges and get noticed statewide. "The Virginia Craft Beer Cup recognizes brilliant independent craft beer and the creativity of the brewers that make it all happen," said Brett Vassey, President & CEO, Virginia Craft Brewers Guild. "Congratulations to all the teams that competed in this year's Cup."

The 2017 Virginia Craft Beer Cup winners are as follows:

**Best of Show**

First Place Best of Show	Smartmouth Brewing Company	Safety Dance
Second Place Best of Show	Old Ox Brewery	Black Ox
Third Place Best of Show	St. George Brewing Company	Summer Ale

**Pale Bitter European Beer**

First Place	Smartmouth Brewing Company	Safety Dance
Second Place	Hardywood Park Craft Brewery	Pils
Third Place	Mustang Sally Brewing Company	Dortmunder Lager

**Pale Malty European Lager**

First Place	Alewerks Brewing Company	Weekend Lager
Second Place	Fair Winds Brewing Company	Hells Navigator
Third Place	Strangeways Brewing	Helles Frozen Over

**Amber and Dark European Lager**

First Place	Caboose Brewing Company	Crossroads
Second Place	Green Flash Brewing Company	Sea to Sea
Third Place	Hammer & Forge Brewing Company	Night Witches

**Czech Lager**

First Place	Lost Rhino Brewing Company	Rhino Chasers
Second Place	Adventure Brewing Company	Classic Lager
Third Place	Port City Brewing Company	Downright Pilsner

**International Lager and Strong European Beer**

First Place	South Street Brewery	Virginia Lager
Second Place	Ardent Craft Ales	Defenestrator
Third Place	Big Ugly Brewing	Ghost Rider Porter

**Scottish and Irish Ale**

First Place	Brass Cannon Brewing	Smoothbore
Second Place	Three Notch'd Brewing Company	Blackwall Porter
Third Place	The Bold Mariner Brewing Company	Red Maiden

**British Pale Ale**

First Place	St. George Brewing Company	Summer Ale
Second Place	Red Dragon Brewery	Cook Lane
Third Place	Lake Anne Brew House	Lord Fairfax English Pale Ale

**Brown British Ale**

First Place	Heroic Aleworks	Max Nix
Second Place	Anne Lake Brew House	Beer Run Recovery Ale
Third Place	Three Notch'd Brewing Company	No Veto Brown

**Dark British Ale**

First Place

Second Place

Third Place

Studio Brew

Crooked Run Brewing

Great Valley Farm Brewery

Ferguson

Dulce De Leche

GVFB Stout

**Strong British Ale**

First Place

Second Place

Third Place

Big Ugly Brewing

Garden Grove Brewing Company

Heritage Brewing Company

Barnfind Barleywine

Old Iron Dog

Kings Mountain

**Standard American Beer**

First Place

Second Place

Third Place

Castleburg Brewery and Taproom

Backroom Brewery

Rip Rap Brewing Company

Castleburg Cream Ale

Festival Wheat Beer

Breakwater

**Pale American Beer**

First Place

Second Place

Third Place

Port City Brewing Company

Pale Fire Brewing Company

Green Flash Brewing Company

Essential Pale Ale

Skinny Dennis

GFB

**Amber and Brown American Beer**

First Place

Second Place

Third Place

Capitol City Brewing Company

Stable Craft Brewing

Trapezium Brewing Company

Amber Waves

Britchin Brown Ale

Brown Ale

**American Porter and Stout**

First Place

Second Place

Third Place

Old Ox Brewery

Coelacanth Brewing Company

Castleburg Brewery and Taproom

Black Ox

Quiet Storm

Court Jester Porter

**IPA**

First Place

Second Place

Third Place

Barrel Oak Farm Taphouse

Alesatian Brewing Company

South Street Brewery

BOFT IPA

Hop Sneeze

Astrognomer

**Strong American Ale**

First Place

Second Place

Third Place

Beer Hound Brewery

Pale Fire Brewing Company

Green Flash Brewing Company

Kujo

Village Green

West Coast IPA

**German Wheat Beer**

First Place	Starr Hill Brewery	The Love
Second Place	The Oozlefinch Craft Brewery	Lady in White
Third Place	Ardent Craft Ales	Berliner Weisse

**Belgian Ale**

First Place	Lake Anne Brewhouse	New Year's Golden Ale
Second Place	Center of the Universe Brewing Company	Chic Saison
Third Place	Port City Brewing Company	Optimal Wit

**Trappist Ale**

First Place	Extra Billy's Smokehoue & Brewery	Tripel Overtime
Second Place	Garden Grove Brewing Company	Minor Threat and the Funkadelic 4
Third Place	Garden Grove Brewing Company	Barrel Aged Death

**Historical, Alternative, and American Wild Ale**

First Place	Coelacanth Brewing Company	Passion Fruit Gose
Second Place	Spencer Devon Brewing	Ol'Goseanna
Third Place	Pro Re Nata Brewing Company	Go Johnny Gose

**Wood Aged and Smoked Beers**

First Place	Studio Brew	Bourbon Barrel Furguson
Second Place	Legend Brewing Company	Bourbon Barrel Brown Ale
Third Place	Maltese Brewing Company	Barrel Aged Joe's Stout

**Spice, Herb, or Vegetable Beer**

First Place	Great Valley Farm Brewery	Lemongrass Basil Saison
Second Place	Lickinghole Creek Craft Brewery	Great Commander Imperial Stout
Third Place	The Bold Mariner Brewing Company	Baja Roasted Ale

**Fruit Beer**

First Place	Trapezium Brewing Company	Strawberry Blonde
Second Place	BadWolf Brewing Company	Mother Pucker
Third Place	Wild Wolf Brewing Company	Area 151

### **Specialty Beer**

First Place	Benchtop Brewing Company	Trial of Dmitri
Second Place	Wasserhund Brewing Company	Haagen Dog Stout
Third Place	Fair Winds Brewing Company	Siren's Lure

Award winners will be featuring their beers in their tasting rooms, at festivals and through their wholesale and retail partners. The VCBG encourages craft beer enthusiasts to tour these breweries and sample these great craft beers. To learn more about these breweries and plan your next trip, visit our craft brewery directory at <http://virginiacraftbrewers.org/guild.aspx> or go to the Virginia Tourism Corporation's craft beer site to plan your next weekend or vacation [www.virginia.org/craftbeer/](http://www.virginia.org/craftbeer/).

The VCBG also encourages anyone interested in tasting many of these award-winning beers at one place to register for the Virginia Craft Brewers Fest coming up on August 19 in Charlottesville, VA - [www.vacraftbrewersfest.com](http://www.vacraftbrewersfest.com).

*The Virginia Craft Brewers Guild (Guild) is an association of independent, small and commercial breweries dedicated to growing the craft beer industry in the Commonwealth. The Guild is the state affiliate of the Brewers Association. For information of the Beer Judge Certification Program, go to <http://www.bjcp.org/>. For more information on the Guild, go to [www.vacraftbeer.com](http://www.vacraftbeer.com) and [www.vacraftbrewersguild.com](http://www.vacraftbrewersguild.com).*