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2018 Virginia Craft Beer Cup Winners Announced
-7th Annual Awards Ceremony-

Richmond, VA - The Virginia Craft Brewers Guild announced the 2018 Virginia Craft Beer Cup winners on Monday, June 4, 2018, at WestRock in Richmond, Virginia. There were nearly 300 brewers and supporters in attendance to celebrate excellence in independent Virginia craft beer. The Virginia Craft Beer Cup competition was managed by Master Beer Judge Certification Program (BJCP) Judge Tom Cannon, 38 judges and 15 stewards. Bill Butcher, Port City Brewing Co.; Bill Madden, Mad Fox Brewing Co.; and Duke Fox, Starr Hill Brewery, served as advisors. This year 375 beers in 27 categories competed for awards. The judging took place Saturday, May 19 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, obtain critical feedback from certified judges, and get statewide recognition that will help build their brands. "Contributing to the development of outstanding independent craft beer is central to our mission," said Brett Vassey, President & CEO, Virginia Craft Brewers Guild. "The Cup is an important part of helping to expand public recognition and peer appreciation for great craft beer."

The 2018 Virginia Craft Beer Cup winners are as follows:

BEST IN SHOW

First Place	Brothers Craft Brewing, Lil' Hellion
Second Place	Blue Mountain Barrel House & Organic Brewery, Adambeer
Third Place	Port City Brewing Company, Optimal Wit

Amber and Brown American Beer

First Place Legend Brewing Company, Brown Ale
Second Place Alewerks Brewing Company, Tavern Brown Ale
Third Place MoMac Brewing Company, Craney Island Brown Ale

Amber Malty and Bitter European Lager

First Place Mustang Sally Brewing Company, Article One Amber Lager
Second Place Caboose Brewing Company, Vienna (VA) Lager
Third Place Starr Hill Brewery, Jomo

American Porter and Stout

First Place Wild Wolf Brewing Company, American Stout
Second Place Old Ox Brewery, Black Ox
Third Place Stone Brewing, Totalitarian Imperial Russian Stout

American Wild Ale

First Place The Oozlefinch Craft Brewery, Dr. Rendezvous
Second Place Reaver Beach Brewing Company, The Reaver
Third Place Väsen Brewing Company, Guava Gose

Belgian Ale

First Place Port City Brewing Company, Optimal Wit
Second Place Garden Grove Brewing and Urban Winery, Belgian Wit
Third Place Castleburg Brewery and Taproom, Queens Guard

British and Scottish Ale

First Place Ballad Brewing, Fast Mail
Second Place Port City Brewing Company, Monumental IPA
Third Place Twin Creeks Brewing Company, Across the Pond British Brown Ale

Czech Lager

First Place Port City Brewing Company, Downright Pilsner
Second Place Ardent Craft Ales, Bohemian Pilsner
Third Place Champion Brewing Company, Shower Beer

Dark and Strong British Beer

First Place The Virginia Beer Company, Elbow Patches Oatmeal Stout
Second Place Adventure Brewing Company, Black Sail Scotch Ale
Third Place Brew Republic Bierwerks, Nightmare

European Dark and Strong Lager

First Place Wasserhund Brewing Company, Doppeldog Lager
Second Place Barrel Oak Farm Taphouse, Winter Solstice
Third Place Beer Hound Brewery, Zoeie

European Sour Ale

First Place Red Dragon Brewery, Here Be Dragons
Second Place Beale's Beer, Bearliner
Third Place Strangeways Brewing, Uberlin

Fruit Beer

First Place Olde Salem Brewing Company, Swag Surfin' Oceanside Gose
Second Place Big Lick Brewing Company, Smile Like You Mean It
Third Place The Bold Mariner Brewing Company, Monkey's Fist

German Wheat Beer

First Place Black Hoof Brewing Company, Weissbier
Second Place Alesation Brewing Company, Das Weizen
Third Place Crooked Run Brewing, Best Days

Historical and Smoked Beer

First Place Blue Mountain Barrel House and Organic Brewery, Adambeor
Second Place Rock Bottom Restaurants and Brewery, Oh, Here is Gose-gain
Third Place Portner Brewhouse, Portner Porter

International Lager

First Place Coelacanth Brewing Company, Tailgate
Second Place Bick Lick Brewing Company, A Huevo! Mexican Lager
Third Place South Street Brewery, VA Lager

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First Place	Final Gravity Brewing Company, The Doppler Effect
Second Place	Final Gravity Brewing Company, Retrograde
Third Place	Starr Hill Brewery, Looking Glass

Irish Beer

First Place	Pale Fire Brewing Company, Red Molly
Second Place	Old Busthead Brewing Company, Vixen
Third Place	Ono Brewing Company, Black Pearl

Pale American Ale

First Place	6 Bears and a Goat, Mae West
Second Place	2 Silos Brewing Company, Mason Pale Ale
Third Place	Three Notch'd Brewing Company, Ghost of the 43 rd

Pale Bitter European Beer

First Place	Bull Island Brewing Company, King Street Kolsch
Second Place	Fair Winds Brewing Company, Quayside Kolsch
Third Place	Backroom Brewery, Kiss-Me-Kolsch

Pale Malty European Lager

First Place	Brothers Craft Brewing, Lil' Hellion
Second Place	Random Row Brewing Company, Not Yours Maibock
Third Place	Beale's Beer, Gold

Specialty Beer

First Place	Center of the Universe Brewing Company, Brandt
Second Place	Apocalypse Ale Works, Dreamsicle
Third Place	Precarious Beer Project, Reve Du Jour

Spiced Beer

First Place	Lickinghole Creek Craft Brewery, Heir Apparent
Second Place	Steam Bell Beer Works, Tiramisu
Third Place	Old Ox Brewery, Kristin's Passion

Standard American Beer

First Place	Trapezium Brewing Company, Mexican Lager
Second Place	Hardywood Park Craft Brewery, Richmond Lager
Third Place	Bald Top Brewing Company, Manor House Ale

Strong American Ale

First Place	Precarious Beer Project, Everything Is Lava But the Swings Are Base
Second Place	Lickinghole Creek Craft Brewery, Citra Happens
Third Place	Ballad Brewing, Home

Strong Belgian Ale

First Place	Belly Love Brewing Company, 50 Shades of Gold
Second Place	Hardywood Park Craft Brewery, Singel
Third Place	Reaver Beach Brewing Company, Oceanus Arum

Trappist Ale

First Place	Barrel Oak Farm Taphouse, BOFT Dubbel
Second Place	Blue Mountain Brewery, Marsedon
Third Place	The Farm Brewery at Broad Run, Wes' Maul

Wood Beer

First Place	Brothers Craft Brewing, Resolute
Second Place	Wasserhund Brewing Company, Bourbon Barrel Haywire Husky
Third Place	Kindred Spirt Brewing, Barrel "The Goodness" Imperial Stout

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://viriniacraftbrewers.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/.

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 18 in Charlottesville, VA - www.vacraftbrewersfest.com.

The Virginia Craft Brewers Guild (Guild) is an association of independent, small and traditional 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 and www.vacraftbrewersguild.com.

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