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**2022 Virginia Craft Beer Cup Winners Announced  
-VCBG Annual Awards Ceremony-**

**Richmond, VA** - The Virginia Craft Brewers Guild (VCBG) announced the 2022 Virginia Craft Beer Cup winners on Monday, August 8, 2022, at Hardywood Park Craft Brewery's West Creek location. This year's competition was managed by Head Judge, Charlie Harr, and took place at Old Ox Brewery in Ashburn, Virginia. A record 106 breweries competed in this year's competition which included 14 new participants! Brewers were able to submit up to four beers to be judged in 33 different categories. A record 396 beers were entered in the competition.

"Wow, what a great competition!" said Charlie Harr, Head Judge, "It was clearly evident in the tight race that every brewery is extremely dedicated to the craft and their dedication is inspiring. This year's competition proves Virginia has some of the best craft brewers in the nation."

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. The VCBG has developed additional media, retail marketing, and tourism opportunities for Cup winners, ranging from a Cup Winner Beer Trail to digital medals for labels, and retail POS displays.

"It's fitting that on the 10th anniversary of SB604, the Virginia Craft Beer Cup has the most competitors in its history. The VCBG is initiating new marketing programs to drive thirsty consumers to tasting rooms to help grow independent craft beer," said Brett Vassey, VCBG President and CEO.

The 2022 Virginia Craft Beer Cup winners are as follows:

**BEST IN SHOW**

First Place	Decipher Brewing, Barley Late Kölsch
Second Place	Harvest Gap Brewery, Devil Dog
Third Place	Port City Brewing, Optimal Wit

## **ALTERNATIVE GRAIN(S) or SUGAR(S)**

First Place Makers Craft Brewery, Bragadocious  
Second Place Bold Mariner Brewing Company, Lucky Cat  
Third Place No award in this category

## **AMBER ALES**

First Place Lake Anne Brew House, Reston Red  
Second Place Iron Pipe Alewerks, Sassenach  
Third Place The Garage Brewery, Rusted Nail Amber Ale

## **AMBER LAGERS**

First Place Caboose Brewing Company, Vienna Lager  
Second Place Bingo Beer Company, Costa Chica  
Third Place Black Hoof Brewing Company, Full Quiver Marzen

## **AMERICAN LAGERS**

First Place Richbrau Brewing Company, Richbrau Lager  
Second Place Cedar Run Brewery, Tiller Lite Lager  
Third Place Harvest Gab Brewery, Stud Lite

## **BELGIAN WIT**

First Place Port City Brewing Company, Optimal Wit  
Second Place Ornerly Beer Company, Down Wit It  
Third Place No award in this category

## **BRITISH BITTERS**

First Place Cooling Pond Brewery, Boswell's Tavern Very Special Bitter  
Second Place Dancing Kilt Brewery, Bitter Duergar Ale  
Third Place Caiseal Beer and Spirits Co., Red Ale

## **BROWN ALE**

First Place Tradition Brewing Company, Tradition Honey Brown  
Second Place Skipping Rock Beer Company, Roasted Pecan Brown Ale  
Third Place Three Leg Run, Paper Boy Brown Ale  
Honorable Mention Caboose Brewing Company, Boxcar Brown

## **CREAMS and BLONDES**

First Place Pale Fire Brewing Company, Taking Water  
Second Place Barley Naked Brewing Company, For Fox Sake  
Third Place Old Ox Brewery, Cream Ale

## **DARK EUROPEAN LAGERS**

First Place Twin Creeks Brewing Company, Black Bar Bier  
Second Place Great American Restaurants – Sweetwater Tavern, Rusty Roadrunner Lager  
Third Place Barley Naked Brewing Company, Drop Your Schwarz

## **DOUBLE IPA**

First Place Alesation Brewing Company, Hopsneeze Gen2  
Second Place Tucked Away Brewing Company, Not My Problem  
Third Place Chaos Mountain Brewing, Shut Up John

## **EUROPEAN SOUR**

First Place Strangeways Brewing Company, Uberlin  
Second Place Stable Craft, Porch Sipping  
Third Place No award in this category

## **EXPERIMENTAL**

First Place Benchtop Brewing Company, Trial of Dmitri  
Second Place Benchtop Brewing Company, Rice Cubed  
Third Place Blue Mountain Barrel House, Raspberries on Acid

## **FRUIT**

First Place South Street Brewery, Bluesbuester  
Second Place Big Ugly Brewing, Hot Pursuit  
Third Place Blue Mountain Brewery, Drink a Peach  
Honorable Mention Lake Anne Brew House, All That Razz

## **GERMAN AND AMERICAN WHEAT**

First Place 2 Silos Brewing Company, Hefe  
Second Place The Virginia Beer Company, Saving Daylight  
Third Place Barnhouse Brewery, Harvest Hefe

## **HAZY IPA**

First Place Three Notch'd Brewing Company, King of Clouds Juicy IPA  
Second Place Stable Craft, Robot Cowboy  
Third Place Long Way Brewing, Forecast: Downpour

## **INTERNATIONAL LAGER**

First Place Caboose Brewing Company, Bienvenidos Mexican Lager  
Second Place Stone Brewing, Stone Buenaveza Salt & Lime Lager  
Third Place 2 Silos Brewing, Dos Silos

## **IPA**

First Place Precarious Beer Project, Chug Rug  
Second Place Ornerly Beer Company, Pacific Waves  
Third Place Big Lick Brewing Company, The GreeHeen

## **IRISH RED**

First Place Old House Vineyards, Irish Red  
Second Place Barley Naked Brewing Company, Rockhill Irish Red  
Third Place No award in this category  
Honorable Mention Tradition Brewing Company, Red Willie

## **KÖLSCH**

First Place Decipher Brewing, Barley Late Kölsch  
Second Place Jack Mason's Tavery and Brewery, Log Hopper Kölsch  
Third Place Bear Chase Brewing Company, Kodiak Kölsch

## **MIXED FERMENTATION**

First Place Richbrau Brewing Company, Passionfruit Guava King of Strays Sour Ale  
Second Place Fine Creek Brewing Company, Biere De Coupage  
Third Place Fine Creek Brewing Company, Barrel Aged Golden Sour

## **MONASTIC ALE**

First Place Nansemond Brewing Station, Golden Express Belgian Singel  
Second Place Great Valley Farm Brewery and Winery, Belgian Blonde  
Third Place Barking Rose Brewing Co + Farm, Downton Abbey Ale

## **PALE ALES**

First Place Alewerks Brewing Company, Chesapeake Pale Ale  
Second Place Olde Salem Brewing Company, Moonlight Mile  
Third Place No award in this category

## **PALE EUROPEAN LAGERS**

First Place Harvest Gap Brewery, Devil Dog  
Second Place Hardywood Park Craft Brewery, Hardwood Fighting Hokies Lager  
Third Place Black Hoof Brewing Company, Broadside

## **PILSNER**

First Place Caboose Brewing Company, Das Gut  
Second Place Blue Mountain Brewery, Classic Lager  
Third Place Beltway Brew Co, Pilsner

## **PORTERS**

First Place Port City Brewing Company, Porter  
Second Place Heliotrope Brewery, Charm Offensive  
Third Place Alewerks Brewing Company, Protocol Porter

## **SAISON**

First Place Crazy Rooster Brewing Company, Touche De Gris  
Second Place Barking Rose Brewing Co + Farm, Farmhand  
Third Place Eastern Divide Brewing Company, Siege of Savannah Saison

## **SMOKE**

First Place The Farm Brewery at Broad Run, Piggyback  
Second Place WildManDan Brewery, We are Pivo  
Third Place Stone Brewing, Stone Smokin' with The Gnomies

## **SPECIALTY IPA**

First Place No award in this category  
Second Place Benchtop Brewing Company, Blanc Water  
Third Place Lost Barrel Brewing, Tangerine Imperial IPA

## **STOUTS**

First Place Harpers Ferry Brewing Company, Pollywog Irish Stout  
Second Place Moon Hollow Brewing, New Moon Milk Stout  
Third Place Gloucester Brewing Company, Shucking Good

## **STRONG ALE**

First Place	Great American Restaurants – Sweetwater Tavern, Bishops Pass Ale
Second Place	Decipher Brewing, Artemis
Third Place	Water's End Brewery, Barley Beast

## **STRONG EUROPEAN LAGERS**

First Place	Wasserhund Brewing Company, Zero Tolerance
Second Place	Flying Ace Distillery and Brewery, Prototype Delta Delta 1 Doppelbock
Third Place	Broken Window Brewing Company, The Lumber Snack

## **VEGETABLE/SPICE**

First Place	St George Brewing Company, Honey Mead Lager
Second Place	Richbrau Brewing Company, Edgar Imperial Coffee Stout
Third Place	Cova Brewing Company, Coffee Snob

## **WOOD**

First Place	The Farm Brewery at Broad Run, Breezy
Second Place	South Street Brewery, Barrel Aged Satan's Pony
Third Place	Hardywood Park Craft Brewery, Hardywood Gingerbread Barleywine
Honorable Mention	Cedar Run Brewery, Barrel Aged Old Odder Barley Wine w/ Vanilla

Award winners will be featuring their beers in their tasting rooms and through their wholesale and retail partners. The VCBG encourages craft beer enthusiasts to visit these breweries and try these great brews. To plan your taproom trip, visit our [Virginia Brewery Map](#) or go to [the Virginia Tourism Corporation's craft beer site](#).

*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 on the Beer Judge Certification Program, go to [bjcp.org](#). For more information on the Guild, go to [vacraftbeer.com](#) and [www.virginiacraftbrewers.org/](#).*