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Maryland Craft Beer Competition Announces Winners

Maryland Breweries Shine in Prestigious Statewide Event

October 23, 2024—Halethorpe, MD — The Brewers Association of Maryland is proud to announce the winners of the 2024 Maryland Craft Beer Competition, held on October 19th at Heavy Seas Beer. The event celebrated the best of Maryland’s craft beer scene, recognizing excellence in a variety of categories judged by a panel of expert judges.

The competition highlighted outstanding achievements in brewing, with notable performances by Oliver Brewing Co., Double Groove Brewing Company, and Waredaca Brewing Company, each earning multiple gold medals.



Best In Class Awards & Winners:

- **Pale Ale:** Cushwa Brewing Company, *Kolschwa*

- **American IPA:** 7 Locks Brewing, *Devil's Alley*
- **Specialty IPA:** Smoketown Brewing, *Smokestack Black IPA*
- **Double IPA:** Oliver Brewing Co, *This Floor Is Snakes 2024*
- **Juicy/Hazy/Fruity IPA** - Oliver Brewing Co, *The Kief Catcher*
- **Sour Beers and Wild Ales** - Double Groove Brewing Company, *Behind Blueberry Graham Cracker Eyes*
- **Smoked or Wood-Aged** - Franklins Restaurant, Brewery and General Store, *Silent Annihilator Döppelbock*
- **Fruit Beers** - Mully's Brewery, *Blood Orange Blonde*
- **Spiced Beers** - Oliver Brewing Co, *Creator Destroyer*
- **Pale Lager and Pilsner** - Evolution Craft Brewing, *Pilsner*
- **Amber, Dark Lagers and Bocks** - Hopkins Farm Brewery, *Vienna Waits*
- **Amber Ales and Brown Ales** - Liquidity Aleworks, *Rollin' In The Deep*
- **Porters and Stouts** - Crooked Crab Brewing Company, *Crab Hammer*
- **Wheat Beers** - Silver Branch Brewing Company, *Cloud Nine*
- **Belgian-Style Beers** - Waredaca Brewing Company, *Geedie*
- **Specialty/Experimental Beer** - Oliver Brewing Co, *Life of Lager*
- **Session Beer** - Thick and Thin Brewery, *Glampsite*
- **Historical Beer** - Double Groove Brewing Company, *Kentucky Common Rebel*
- **Local Ingredient** - Waredaca Brewing Company, *Saison Du Camp*

Full 2024 Winners List [Here](#)

Spotlight on Local Craftsmanship

The Maryland Craft Beer Competition serves to elevate the profile of skilled local brewers while providing an opportunity for their creations to be evaluated at a professional level. The event not only boosts the marketing reach of the participating breweries but also underscores the exceptional quality and variety of beers crafted in Maryland.

“Maryland’s brewing community is constantly raising the bar, and the Maryland Craft Beer Competition is proof of that,” remarked Kelly Dudeck, Executive Director of the Brewers Association of Maryland. “We are proud to celebrate the creativity, skill, and hard work of our local brewers as they continue to craft exceptional beers.”

“The entire team at Oliver Brewing Company could not be more proud of this year's competition results,” said Justin Dvorkin, CEO of Oliver Brewing. “ We are so lucky to have a production team that has been working together for years, and truly lives and breathes craft beer and loves what they do. In an industry where the challenges and changes are ever evolving, the one thing that has remained constant for us is to stay focused on producing products that we are proud of with quality and consistency. From the very beginning our goal has always been to be a well rounded brewery. These days our customers need to know they can depend on us for a variety

of styles, not just one or two. We couldn't be happier to see that this year's competition results show that we are striving ever closer to achieving that goal."

Celebrate Excellence at the Baltimore Craft Beer Festival

Get ready for the ultimate celebration of Maryland's craft beer scene on November 2 at Baltimore Peninsula! With 60 breweries pouring at least 2 beers each, you'll have the chance to explore an incredible range of flavors and styles. Plus, don't miss the opportunity to sample over 50 award-winning beers across 20 different categories—the best of the best from this year's Maryland Craft Beer Competition!

New this year: step into the Gold Medal Winners Circle Tent, featuring all of the festival's top gold medal-winning brews. Witness the excitement of a live judging round as we crown the Best in Show, announced on stage during the event.

This is Maryland beer culture at its finest—don't miss out! Grab your tickets now and be part of the celebration!

Info and Tickets can be found at: <https://app.tickethive.com/e/baltimore-craft-beer-festival>

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About BAM:

Celebrating 25 Years of growing and protecting Maryland Beer, **The Brewers Association of Maryland (BAM), founded in 1999, is the non-profit trade association of Maryland brewing companies. The mission of BAM is to grow, promote and protect the Maryland craft beer industry.**

BAM currently produces two annual large-scale events; in Spring, The Maryland Craft Beer Festival on Carroll Creek in Downtown Frederick, and in Autumn, The Baltimore Craft Beer Festival in the heart of the City of Baltimore. Both of these events directly fund the mission of the Brewers Association of Maryland.