



2023 Awards Ceremony  
March 21, 2023 | 7 PM



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# A Note from the Brewers Cup Competition Director

Thank you for helping us celebrate the Third Brewers Cup of California.

This competition was created in 2019 to showcase the innovation and immense talent of our state's craft breweries and has grown to be the largest in California and one of the largest in the nation.

This year, we received 1,309 entries from 191 breweries across the state. The beers were judged in 83 categories by a fantastic panel of judges. Words can't express our thanks to the participating breweries, and the judges, stewards and staff who volunteered their time to help make this year's competition a resounding success.

The beers and breweries being recognized tonight are truly the best in the state of California. On behalf of the entire Brewers Cup of California team, thank you for being a part of and supporting California's craft beer community.

Cheers,

Mike Witherow  
Competition Director  
Brewers Cup of California

# Ceremony Schedule

Attendee Arrival ..... 7:00 PM

Ceremony Start ..... 7:30 PM

Introduction  
2023 Craft Beer Pioneer Award  
Category Winners  
Brewers Guild of the Year  
Brewery of the Year  
Best In Show

Reception ..... 9-10 PM

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Winners will be posted online immediately  
following the ceremony at [BrewersCupofCA.com](https://BrewersCupofCA.com)

## 2023 Craft Beer Pioneer

Each year, we recognize an individual who has propelled the craft beer industry over the years and helped shape it into what it is today. These individuals are synonymous with California's beer scene, and it is a privilege to be able to celebrate their contributions with this prestigious award.

### **Dr. Charlie Bamforth, 2023 Craft Beer Pioneer**

Dr. Charlie Bamforth has been part of the brewing industry since 1978. Formerly with the Brewing Research Foundation and Bass in the UK, he was lead professor of brewing at UC Davis for 20 years from 1999. He is Distinguished Professor Emeritus at UC Davis and also Honorary Professor with the University of Nottingham in England, as well as Senior Quality Advisor to Sierra Nevada Brewing Company. He was previously Visiting



Professor of brewing at Heriot-Watt University. He is the author of numerous articles, papers and books on beer (and soccer), has featured extensively in the media and has received many awards for his contributions to the industry. Charlie and Diane have been married for 46 years, have three children and four grandchildren.

# Award Categories

Beer Category Awards will be announced in the following order. Classes of beers were combined during judging, when warranted by the number of entries. Please note the categories with the most entries (Imperial or Double IPA, Juicy or Hazy IPA, and American IPA) will be announced last.

1. Belgian Low Gravity Ales
2. Belgian Strong Darks
3. Belgian Sours
4. Belgian Strong Ales
5. Farmhouse/Other Belgian
6. UK Strong Ales
7. English Ales
8. Scottish Ales
9. English Stouts
10. Bocks
11. Smoked Beers
12. German Pale Lagers
13. German Amber Beers
14. German Weissebiers
15. American Historical/Indigenous Beers
16. Brett/Mixed or Other Culture/Wild Ales
17. American Wheats
18. American Imperial Porters and Stouts
19. Double/Imperial Red Ales
20. American Amber Lagers/Oktoberfests
21. American Stout/Black Ales
22. Belgian-Style White (or Wit)/Belgian-Style Wheat
23. American Lagers
24. American Light Lagers
25. Irish Stouts
26. Specialty Stout
27. Baltic-Style Porter

28. Australasian, Latin American or Tropical-Style Light Lager
29. American-Style India Pale Lager
30. Non-Alcoholic Malt Beverage
31. Fresh “Wet” Hop Ale
32. Hard Kombucha
33. Irish-Style Red Ale
34. Brown Porter
35. Contemporary Style Gose
36. English-Style Brown Ale
37. English-Style India Pale Ale
38. Robust Porter
39. Bohemian-Style Pilsener
40. European-Style Dark/Müncher Dunkel
41. German-Style Pilsener
42. German-Style Schwarzbier
43. Berliner-Style Weisse (Wheat)
44. German Ales
45. American-Style Cream Ale or Lager
46. Belgian-Style Fruit Beer
47. Chili Pepper Beer
48. Chocolate/Cocoa-Flavored Beer
49. Coffee-Flavored Beer
50. Experimental/Specialty Beer
51. Experimental India Pale Ale
52. Field Beer
53. Fruit Beer
54. Fruit Wheat Ale or Lager with or without Yeast
55. Gluten-Free Beer
56. Herb and Spice Beer
57. International-Style Pale Ale
58. Other Strong Ale or Lager
59. Rye Ale or Lager with or without Yeast
60. Session Beer
61. Specialty Honey Lager or Ale
62. Wood- and Barrel-Aged Strong Beer
63. Wood- and Barrel-Aged Sour Beer

64. Flavored Malt Beverage
65. Wood/Barrel-Aged Beers
66. American-Style Amber/Red Ale
67. American-Style Barley Wine Ale
68. Golden or Blonde Ale
69. Session India Pale Ale
70. American-Style Brown Ale
71. Australian-Style Pale Ale
72. American-Style India Pale Ale
73. American-Style Pale Ale
74. American-Style Dark Lager
75. American-Style Sour Ale
76. Imperial or Double India Pale Ale
77. Juicy or Hazy Imperial or Double India Pale Ale
78. American-Style Strong Pale Ale
79. Juicy or Hazy India Pale Ale
80. Juicy or Hazy Pale Ale
81. Juicy or Hazy Strong Pale Ale
82. American Pilseners
83. International Pale Lagers

Brewers Guild of the Year

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Best In Show