

2023 Awards Ceremony March 21, 2023 | 7 PM



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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

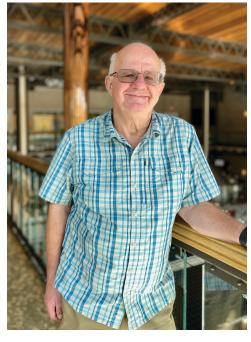
Winners will be posted online immediately following the ceremony at BrewersCupofCA.com

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. Amreican 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 Brewery of the Year Best In Show