BREWERS CUP
OF CALIFORNIA

2023 Awards Ceremony
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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

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