



2008 World Beer Cup FACT Sheet

Date and Location: Awards presented April 19 at the Town and Country Resort in San Diego, California.

	2002	2004	2006	2008
Beers Entered	1,173	1,566	2,221	2,864
Breweries	379	393	540	644
Countries	38	40	56	58
Style Categories	70	81	85	91
Judges	71	93	109	129
Countries (Judges)	9	15	18	21

2008	World Beer Cup
Avg. # of beers entered per category	32
Category with highest # of entries	Cat. 81: American-Style India Pale Ale (77 entries)
2nd highest entries	Cat. 22: German-Style Pilsener (72 entries)

Breweries from the following 21 countries won medals:

Australia Bolivia Czech Finland Iceland Norway Singapore UK
 Austria Brazil Republic Germany Japan Romania Sweden USA
 Belgium Canada Denmark Honduras Latvia Russia

Top award-winning countries:

USA (158 awards), Germany (25), Belgium (11), Japan (10), Australia (6).

Participating breweries were from the following 58 countries:

Argentina China India Panama Sri Lanka
 Armenia Columbia Italy Papua New Guinea Suriname
 Australia Czech Republic Jamaica Paraguay Sweden
 Austria Denmark Japan Peru Switzerland
 Belarus Dominican Republic Latvia Poland Thailand
 Belgium El Salvador Lithuania Romania Turkey
 Bolivia Finland Malaysia Russia United Kingdom
 Brazil France Malta Samoa United States
 Canada Germany Mexico Singapore Uzbekistan
 Cape Verde Guatemala Netherlands South Africa
 Cayman Islands Honduras New Zealand South Korea
 Chile Iceland Norway Spain

Top Winning Rate Among Countries – 2008 World Beer Cup

Country	# of Entries	# of Medals Won	% of entries winning medals
Iceland	3	1	33%
Romania	3	1	33%
Bolivia	4	1	25%
Honduras	4	1	25%
Czech Republic	10	2	20%
Latvia	10	2	20%
Norway	10	2	20%

Geographic Distribution of Medals by Style Family

Style Family	# of WBC Styles in family	# of Beers Entered	Number of Medals Awarded	% won by US brewers	% won by German brewers	% won by other well represented countries
American Style Ales	12 (Cat. 78-89)	436	35	94% (33 medals)	0%	
British Style Ales	21 (Cat. 51-68, 75-77)	611	61	92% (56 medals)	3% (2 medals)	3% (2) by UK
Specialty Beers	20 (Cat. 1-20)	576	60	68% (41)	8% (5)	7% (4) Japan 3% (2) Denmark
Belgian Style Ales	10 (Cat. 41-50)	292	28	50% (14)	0%	39% (11) Belgium
Lagers	20 (Cat. 21-40)	703	60	48% (29)	18% (11)	8% (5) Australia
German Style Ales	6 (Cat. 69-74)	197	18	39% (7)	50% (9)	11% (2) Japan
Other International Ales	2 (Cat. 90-91)	49	6	83% (5)	0%	16% (1) UK

Top award-winning US states:

California (35 medals), Colorado (22), Oregon (16), Illinois (9), tied were Washington (8) and New York (8).

Entries were received from all 45 of the 50 US states and Puerto Rico. No entries were received from Alabama, New Hampshire, West Virginia, North Dakota or South Dakota.

Leading Medal-Winning US States – 2008 World Beer Cup

State	# of Entries	# of Medals Won	% of entries winning medals
California	374	35	9%
Colorado	173	22	13%
Oregon	123	16	13%
Illinois	86	9	10%
Washington	80	8	10%
New York	89	8	9%
Alaska	42	6	14%
Utah	56	6	11%

Top Winning Rate Among US States – 2008 World Beer Cup

State	# of Entries	# of Medals Won	% of entries winning medals
Wyoming	7	4	57%
Rhode Island	2	1	50%
New Mexico	11	3	27%
Idaho	8	2	25%
Maine	16	3	19%

This year 129 judges came from 21 countries:

Australia (8)	Czech Republic (4)	Netherlands (4)	South Africa (1)	UK (13)
Austria (1)	Denmark (2)	New Zealand (3)	South Korea (2)	USA (46)
Belgium (11)	Germany (13)	Norway (2)	Sweden (5)	
Brazil (1)	Italy (2)	Romania (1)	Switzerland (1)	
Canada (4)	Japan (4)	Singapore (1)		

64% of the judges came from outside the US. 36% of the judges came from the US.

Sample of some stories coming out of this year's winners list:

For the first time a woman brewer has captured the award for Champion Brewery in the Small Brewpub category: Tonya Cornett from Bend Brewing Company (Bend, Oregon USA).

The award for Large Brewpub category went to Pelican Pub & Brewery and brewer Darron R. S. Welch. Pelican Pub & Brewery also won this same category at the Brewers Association's 2006 Great American Beer Festival competition.

Port Brewing Company and The Lost Abbey and brewer Tomme Arthur (San Marcos, California USA) captured their first World Beer Cup Champion Brewery award for the Small Brewing Company category. They won this same category at the Brewers Association's 2007 Great American Beer Festival competition.

Mid-Size Brewing Company category was awarded to Privatbrauerei Hoepfner GmbH and brewer Peter Bucher (Karlsruhe, Germany). This is the first win in this Champion Brewery category for a German brewery.

Blue Moon Brewing Company and brewer Warren Quilliam captured the Large Brewing Company category.

These breweries and brewers won the following awards:

Brewers Association World Beer Cup 2008 Champion Brewery

Small Brewpub Category

Bend Brewing Company

Tonya Cornett

GOLD: Black Diamond Lager, American-Style Dark Lager

GOLD: Outback X, Strong Ale

Brewers Association World Beer Cup 2008 Champion Brewery

Large Brewpub Category

Pelican Pub & Brewery

Darron R. S. Welch

GOLD: Doryman's Dark Ale, American-Style Brown Ale

SILVER: Kiwanda Cream Ale, Golden or Blonde Ale

BRONZE: India Pelican Ale, American-Style India Pale Ale

BRONZE: Tsunami Stout, Foreign (Export)-Style Stout

**Brewers Association World Beer Cup 2008 Champion Brewery
Small Brewing Company Category**

Port Brewing Company and The Lost Abbey
Tomme Arthur

GOLD: Cuvee de Tomme, Wood- and Barrel-aged Sour Beer
SILVER: Red Poppy, Belgian-Style Flanders/Oud Bruin or Oud Red Ale
BRONZE: Brouwer's Imagination Series Saison, Other International Ale
BRONZE: Veritas 002, Experimental Beer (Lager or Ale)

**Brewers Association World Beer Cup 2008 Champion Brewery
Mid-Size Brewing Company Category**

Privatbrauerei Hoepfner GmbH
Peter Bucher

GOLD: Hoepfner Kräusen, Cellar or Unfiltered Beer
GOLD: Hoepfner Maibock, German-Style Heller Bock/Maibock
SILVER: Hoepfner Export, Münchner (Munich)-Style Helles

**Brewers Association World Beer Cup 2008 Champion Brewery
Large Brewing Company Category**

Blue Moon Brewing Company
Warren Quilliam

GOLD: Blue Moon Honey Moon, Specialty Honey Lager or Ale
SILVER: Blue Moon Chardonnay Blonde, Fruit and Vegetable Beer

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