2011 BrewNZ Beer Awards Winners Announced

The Brewers Association Export Development Program (EDP), now in its eighth successful year is designed to promote US Craft Beers in targeted global markets through trade missions, shows and competitions such as the 2011 BrewNZ Beer Awards competition.

The Awards are run by the Brewers Guild of New Zealand now in its tenth year, which represents the majority of breweries in New Zealand. The Brew New Zealand Beer Awards are one of the pre-eminent showcases for premium beer and brewing excellence in the Asia Pacific Region. Held in Wellington each year, the Brew New Zealand Competition, New Zealand’s most prestigious beer event, has become firmly established on the international brewing calendar as a renowned and recognized barometer of diversity in beer brewing across the world.

With 465 entries in 2011, the Awards drew the biggest entry tally since their inception in 2001, up from 446 in 2010 and 348 in 2009. To ensure a level playing field, each beer was blind tasted by a group of judges against recognized standards in each of the 90 style categories. Winners were awarded gold, silver or bronze by how closely their beer achieved the desired style traits. A trophy has also awarded to the best beer in each of the 18 classes.

This year, 19 Brewers Association Export Development Program members sent 111 beer entries into this competition. Judging took place in July 2011 and the BA EDP will recognize the winners at an awards ceremony at the 2012 Craft Brewers Conference in San Diego. Brewers Association Export Development Program subscribers took gold, silver, and bronze medals at the 2011 Brewers Guild of New Zealand Awards competition! Among those, the following US craft beers were selected as winners:

**Class B: Champion International Brewery**
- **Trophy:** Boston Beer Company

**Class C: European Lager Styles**
- **Silver:** Oskar Blues Brewery Mama’s Little Yella Pils
- **Silver:** Boston Brewing Co Samuel Adams Black Lager

**Class D: International Lager Styles**
- **Gold:** Sierra Nevada Brewing Co Sierra Nevada California Common

**Class E: British Ale Styles**
- **Gold:** Boston Beer Co Samuel Adams Scotch Ale
- **Gold:** Boston Beer Co Samuel Adams Wee Heavy
- **Silver:** Boston Beer Co Samuel Adams Latitude 48
- **Silver:** Odell Brewing Co 5 Barrel Pale Ale
- **Silver:** Pelican Pub & Brewery Stormwatcher’s Winterfest

**Class F: Other European Ale Styles**
- **Gold:** Boston Beer Co Samuel Adams Stony Brook Red
- **Gold:** Pelican Pub & Brewery Saison du Pelican
- **Gold:** Sierra Nevada Brewing Co Sierra Nevada Ovila Saison
- **Silver:** Boston Beer Co Samuel Adams New World Tripel
- **Silver:** Boston Beer Co Samuel Adams Longshot Friar Hop Ale
- **Silver:** Choc Beer Co Signature Biere de Garde
- **Bronze:** Alltech's Lexington Brewing Co Kentucky Light
- **Bronze:** Boston Beer Co Samuel Adams Longshot Lemon Pepper Saison
- **Bronze:** Choc Beer Co Signature Dubbel

**Class G: US Ale Styles**
- **Gold:** Pelican Pub & Brewery India Pelican Ale
- **Silver:** Boston Brewing Co Samuel Adams Latitude Deconstructed-Simco
- **Silver:** Deschutes Brewery Mirror Mirror
- **Silver:** Odell Brewing Co Odell IPA
- **Silver:** Pelican Pub & Brewery Stormwatcher’s Winterfest
- **Bronze:** Pelican Pub & Brewery Stormwatcher’s Winterfest

**Class I: Stout & Porter Styles**
- **Gold:** Boston Beer Co Samuel Adams Imperial Stout
- **Gold:** Pelican Pub & Brewery Tsunami Stout
- **Silver:** Deschutes Brewery Obsidian Stout
- **Silver:** Rogue Ales Shakespeare Oatmeal Stout
- **Silver:** Uinta Brewing Co Labyrinth Blake Ale
- **Bronze:** Pelican Pub & Brewery Stormwatcher’s Winterfest
- **Bronze:** Boston Beer Co Samuel Adams Holiday Porter
**Bronze:** Boston Beer Co Samuel Adams Cream Stout  
**Bronze:** Deschutes Brewery Black Butte Porter  
**Bronze:** Stone Brewing Co Stone Smoked Porter

**Class J: Wheat & Other Grain Styles**
**Silver:** Sierra Nevada Brewing Co Sierra Nevada Weizenbock  
**Bronze:** Pelican Pub & Brewery Winema Wit

**Class K: Flavoured & Aged Styles**  
* (incl. Fruit/ Spice/ Herb/ Honey/ Smoke)
**Gold:** Boston Beer Co Samuel Adams Black & Brew  
**Gold:** Boston Beer Co Samuel Adams Honey B's Lavender Ale  
**Silver:** Rogue Ales Chocolate Stout  
**Silver:** Maui Brewing Co Coconut Porter

**Class N: Specialty, Experimental, Aged, Barrel & Wood-Aged, Reduced Alcohol, Reduced Carbohydrate & Gluten-free Styles**
**Gold:** Boston Beer Co Samuel Adams Utopias 2011  
**Gold:** Rogue Ales John John Dead Guy Ale  
**Silver:** Rogue Ales Hazelnut Brown Nectar  
**Bronze:** Boston Beer Co Samuel Adams Blackened Hops  
**Bronze:** Boston Beer Co American Kriek  
**Bronze:** Stone Brewing Co Stone Sublimely Self-Righteous Ale  
**Bronze:** Uinta Brewing Co Cockeyed Cooper Bourbon Barrel Barley Wine Ale