

Ohio Breweries Return to Form at National Competition

11 breweries combine for 13 medals at Great American Beer Festival

DENVER – Ohio craft breweries showed off their mettle at the 2021 <u>Great American Beer</u> <u>Festival</u> awards ceremony, held on Friday, Sept. 10. After bringing home a total of nine medals last year, the Ohio delegation scored a total of 13 honors at the nation's most prestigious brewing competition.

Cincinnati's <u>Brink Brewing</u> continued their medal streak with a gold for Father G's Bees in the Honey Beer category. The brewery has won at least one medal in each year of competition since its founding in 2017.

Six Ohio breweries scored their first medal wins in 2021. <u>Third Eye Brewing</u> from Sharonville won gold for Higher Purpose in the Sweet Stout or Cream Stout category. Port Clinton's <u>Twin</u> <u>Oast Brewing</u> becomes the first northwest Ohio brewery to earn a Great American Beer Festival medal, a silver for Oast House Reserve: Meet Your Maker in the Wood- and Barrelaged Strong Stout category. <u>Eighty-Three Brewery</u> brings a silver medal home to Akron for Berliner Nice! in the Specialty Berliner-style Weisse category. <u>The Brew Brothers Eldorado</u> <u>Scioto Downs Racino</u> and <u>Gemüt Biergarten</u> – both of Columbus – and Mason's <u>Sonder</u> <u>Brewing</u> each earned bronze medals at this year's competition, which featured 9,680 entries from 2,192 breweries across the nation.

Judges tasted 9,680 entries from about 2,200 breweries across the U.S. and awarded medals in 97 categories. The medals are usually awarded at the Great American Beer Festival, but the Brewers Association canceled it for the second year in a row due to the coronavirus pandemic. The Great American Beer Festival typically brings visitors from around the world to sample thousands of different American craft beers. Founded in 1982, it started with 22 participating breweries.

Since 1987, 56 Ohio craft breweries have combined to win 175 medals – 57 gold – at the Great American Beer Festival.

Brink Brewing: • Father G's Bees – Gold, Honey Beer

Third Eye Brewing: • Higher Purpose – Gold, Sweet Stout, or Cream Stout

Sonder Brewing: • French 75 – Bronze, Wood- and Barrel-Aged Sour Beer



Top 10 Breweries in 2021's U.S. Open Beer Championships

- 1. Toppling Goliath Brewing Iowa
- 2. Schulz Brau Brewing Tennessee
- 3. Motorworks Brewing Florida
- 4. Wellington Brewery Ontario
- 5. Big Ditch Brewing Company New York
- 6. Main & Six Brewing Company Florida
- 7. Oregon City Brewing Co Oregon
- 8. Barrel Chest Brewing Virginia
- 9. Fretboard Brewing Ohio
- 10. Niagara College Teaching Brewery Ontario
- 10. Sun King Brewery Indiana

U.S. Open beer judges always enjoy the creativity behind the names that breweries demonstrate for their products, selected subjectively – based on laughter volume — at the conclusion of the judging.

Top 10 Favorite Beer Names

- 1. Finely Aged Plummer's Crack Ale Bad Dad Brewing Company
- 2. I Hated Listermann Before It Was Cool Stout Listermann Brewing
- 3. We're Gonna Need A Bigger Pontoon Boat DIPA Pontoon Brewing
- 4. Tripel Dollar Bill Y'all Lexington Brewing & Distillery
- 5. Never Fight a Man with a Perm Barley Wine Lynwood Brewing Concern
- 6. Magic Carpet Rye'd Model A Brewing
- 7. Dank Poets Society Imperial IPA Riip Beer Company
- 8. The Cashmere Shrinkage Pale Ale 1840 Brewing
- 9. That's Wit she said Legacy Ale Works
- 10. Bitchin Kitchin IPA MPH Brewing



"It's a big achievement for us," said Adam Mills, head brewer. "In just our first year of being open, we earned three medals – gold, silver, *and* bronze, in a Top 3 beer competition, among more than 8,000 entries. We have a great team!"

The brewery's new hardware includes a bronze medal for Hollow Point Hibiscus Ale (Tea Beer), silver for Up the Hill Munich Helles (Muenchner Helles, Light), and gold for Smokestack Smoked Golden Lager (Smoke/Rauch Beer). Like Sip Trip Kölsch, Hollow Point and Up the Hill are on tap now, too, with Smokestack to follow in the coming months.

Keep the Pint is back as well.

Just LOOK at that gorgeous footed goblet, featuring a collection of vintage cartridge labels. Best of all? For every glass purchased, we're donating \$1 to the <u>Gary Sinise Foundation</u>, a nonprofit supporting and honoring our defenders, veterans, first responders and their families. Just \$14 gets you the glass filled with a draft of your choice (but act fast, these beauties will go fast – we've only got a limited supply). This one's close to our hearts – part of our commitment to building community while supporting those who inspire, educate, and strengthen us all.







Auto Show & Mobility Expo at Big Ash Brewing! Saturday, Sept. 18, 2-5pm

Come see some of the most sensational cars in the region, plus mobility devices for people with disabilities that are so cutting-edge you don't need to have a disability to appreciate them!

There will be live music, and Big Ash Brewing will serve its award-winning craft beer, bourbon, and food. Skyline Chili will have a booth, and there will be a raffle for a \$1,000 gift card to Tire Discounters that includes a consultation with a Tire Discounters performance expert who can assist with tires, custom wheels, and performance accessories.

Tickets to attend are just \$5! To exhibit a car is just \$20, and all proceeds benefit May We Help, a non-profit that provides custom, one-of-a-kind devices for people with disabilities.

To purchase tickets to attend the show, or to exhibit a car in the show, click here: <u>https://givebutter.com/EtbBB7</u>.

Online car registration extends through September 17th, or you can register the day of the show between 11am-1pm. Attendees can also purchase tickets at the show.





Our Beer List is as follows: 23 different beers.

Rhinegeist Cheetah, Rhinegeist Truth, Rhinegeist Glow, Fretboard Vlad Pilsner, Blue Stallion Dunkel, Pabst Blue Ribbon, Shiner Oktoberfest, Yazoo Gerst Amber, Hofbrau Oktoberfest, and Ciderboys Grand Mimosa Apple Cider, Angry Orchard Crisp Apple, Blue Moon, Miller High Life, Miller Lite, Warsteiner Oktoberfest, Warsteiner Dunkel, Budweiser, Bud light, Corona, Country Boy Shotgun Wedding, Michelob Ultra, Sonder Oktoberfest, Sonder Voss Seltzers & Hard Lemonade: White Claw - natural lime, raspberry, black cherry, ruby grapefruit. Blake's Blueberry Lemonade & Blake's Strawberry Lemonade & Mikes Hard Lemonade

Largest Octoberfest south of the Ohio! Duck Races

Live music: Friday Second Wind Saturday Grateful Dads & Southern Accents (Tom petty tribute band- they are awesome!) More music on Sunday with Live local bands and special features for the kids on Sunday. Figleaf Beer - Guest Taps - Food - Live Music - Stein Hoist



Saturday, Sept 18 Noon - Midnight

Figtoberfest returns for 2021! Grab your lederhosen and dirndls and come drink some Oktoberfest beers with us!

We will have our Oktoberfest available alongside some guest taps and live music! Stay tuned for the full details.

Various Oktoberfest Beers from these Local Breweries: FigLeaf Cellar Deweller Country Boy Warped Wing

Music Christian Glass 5:30 - 6:45 Jake Davis 7:00 - 8:15 Trauma Illinois 8:30 -10:30

Food We will have our pizza kitchen open, and Hunger Paynes Food Truck will be here from 4pm-8pm!