

2026 NORTH CAROLINA BREWERS CUP COMPETITION

Check below to discover our 40 category winners for the 2026 NC Brewers Cup Competition! Winners for NC Brewery of the Year and NC New Brewery will be announced at our Industry Awards Banquet at this year's NC Craft Brewers Conference.

Award	Brewery	Beer Name	City
1. British Pale & Bitter Ale			
Gold	King Canary Brewing Company	The Great British Beak Off	Mooresville
Silver	Neoteric Brewing Company	Yarnburner	Huntersville
2. Scottish & Irish Beer			
Gold	Ghostface Brewing	Skull Cutter	Mooresville
Silver	Neoteric Brewing Company	Dawn of the Red	Huntersville
3. British-Style Porter & Brown Ales			
Gold	Blackbird Brewery	Simple Jack	Raleigh
Silver	Lost Province Brewing Co	Black Cat	Boone
Bronze	Diatribe Brewing Company	English Dark Mild	Asheville
4. American-Style Porter & Brown Ales			
Gold	Riverside Rhapsody Beer Company	Weather Re-Porter	Asheville
Silver	Birdsong Brewing Co	Lazy Bird Brown	Charlotte
Bronze	Ecusta Brewing Company	Points North Porter	Brevard
Honorable Mention	Compass Rose Brewery	Porter's Neck	Raleigh
5. American-Style Amber/Red Ale			
Gold	Triple C Brewing Company	Float On	Charlotte
Silver	Highland Brewing Company	Gaelic	Asheville
Bronze	Surf City Brewing Company	1908 Amber Ale	Hampstead
6. Stouts			
Gold	Eno River Brewing	Mile Marker	Hillsborough
Silver	Whalehead Brewery	Dark and Stormy	Corolla
Bronze	Mountain Layers Brewing Company	Oatmeal Stout	Bryson City
7. Imperial Stouts & Porters			
Gold	Diatribe Brewing Company	Imperial Stout	Asheville
Silver	Tobacco Wood Brewing Company	Black Forest Admiral	Oxford
Bronze	Bright Penny Brewing Company	Vices: Wildflower Honey	Mebane
Honorable Mention	Ecusta Brewing Company	Mongo Imperial Stout	Brevard
8. Strong Ale & Imperial IPA			

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Gold	North South Brewing Company	Great Scotch!	Fayetteville
Silver	Lost Province Brewing Co	Pillow Fight	Boone
Bronze	Olde Hickory Brewery	Forest Hills	Hickory
9. Session IPA & International Style Pale Ale or IPA			
Gold	Happy Valley Filling Station	Drop Bear Australian Pale Ale	Lenoir
Silver	NoDa Brewing Co.	Hop Drop Light	Charlotte
Bronze	Waterline Brewing Co.	She'll be Right NZ XPA	Wilmington
Honorable Mention	Americana Beer Company	Shaky Isles	Monroe
10. American Pale Ale			
Gold	Wilmington Brewing Company	Beach Time	Wilmington
Silver	Triple C Brewing Company	3C IPA	Charlotte
Bronze	Oklawaha Brewing Company	Dead West	Hendersonville
11. American-Style IPA			
Gold	Hoptown Brewing Company	Wedding Crasher	Mooresville
Silver	Foothills Brewing	JADE IPA	Clemmons
Bronze	Lenny Boy Brewing Co.	Frank the Dank	Charlotte
Honorable Mention	HopFly Brewing Company	False Alarm	Charlotte
12. Juicy or Hazy Pale Ale			
Gold	1718 Brewing-Ocracoke	Ramp 72	Ocracoke
Silver	Wilmington Brewing Company	Electric Camino	Wilmington
Bronze	Primal Brewery	Mist Hopportunity	Belmont
13. Juicy or Hazy IPA			
Gold	Swells'a Brewing	Gulls Gone Wild	Kill Devil Hills
Silver	NoDa Brewing Co.	Lil' SLURP	Charlotte
Bronze	Happy Valley Filling Station	Supernaut IPA	Lenoir
Honorable Mention	Hi-Wire Brewing	Hazy Pitch IPA	Asheville
14. West Coast-Style IPA			
Gold	Swells'a Brewing	Hatteras Vice	Kill Devil Hills
Silver	Edit Beer Co.	Cold Open	Raleigh
Bronze	Highland Brewing Company	Citranova IPA	Asheville
15. European Hybrid Styles			
Gold	Mountain Layers Brewing Company	ALTeration	Bryson City
Silver	Waterline Brewing Co.	Waterline Kolsch	Wilmington
Bronze	Oaklyn Springs Brewery	Kolsch	Fuquay Varina
16. European Wheat (and Related) Beer			
Gold	Green Man Brewery	Green Man White Beard White Ale	Asheville
Silver	Little Brother Brewing	Civil Rest	Kernersville

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Bronze	Pitt Street Brewing Co.	Baddies In The Bathtub Belgian-Style Wit Ale	Greenville
17. Belgian Ales			
Gold	The Glass Jug Beer Lab	Table Beer	Durham
Silver	Twin Leaf Brewery	Small Habit	Asheville
Honorable Mention	Trophy Brewing Company - Maywood	Earthly Remains	Raleigh
18. Saison			
Gold	Americana Beer Company	New Slang	Monroe
Silver	Trophy Brewing Company - Maywood	Petite Saison	Raleigh
Bronze	HopFly Brewing Company	Jalapeno	Charlotte
19. Belgian Strong Ale / Monastic Ale			
Gold	The Glass Jug Beer Lab	Primeval Atom	Durham
Silver	Oak City Brewing Company	Tripel	Knightdale
Bronze	Fishtowne Brew House	Net House	Beaufort
Honorable Mention	Raleigh Brewing	Hell Yes Ma'am	Raleigh
20. German-Style Pilsener			
Gold	Gilde 1546 (BCA Brewing Corp of Amer)	More than a Pils	Charlotte
Silver	Oklawaha Brewing Company	Bobby Beer	Hendersonville
Bronze	Divine Barrel Brewing	German Pilsner	Charlotte
Honorable Mention	Clouds Brewing	Precipitation	Raleigh
21. Czech-Style Pale Lager & Italian-Style Pilsener			
Gold	Brunswick Beer and Cider	Inczechtorgadget	Leland
Silver	Mad Mole Brewing LLC	Fire In The Mole	Wilmington
Bronze	Town Brewing Co	Quintessential Gambini	Charlotte
22. German-Style Oktoberfest/Festbier			
Gold	Salty Turtle Beer Company	Oktoberfest	Surf City
Silver	Booneshine Brewing Company	Overlook	Boone
Bronze	Outer Dunes Brewing Company	Dune Bräu Festbier Lager	Wilmington
23. German-Style Maerzen			
Gold	Incendiary Brewing Company	Ofest	Winston-Salem
Silver	Uwharrie Brewing	Morrow Mountain Marzen	Albemarle
Bronze	Hoptown Brewing Company	Oktoberfest Marzen	Mooresville
24. Light International Lager			
Gold	Leland Brewing Co	Leland Light	Leland
Silver	Outer Dunes Brewing Company	Más Elote Mexican style Lager	Wilmington
Bronze	Flytrap Brewing	Cerveza	Wilmington
25. Pale European Lager			

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Gold	Oaklyn Springs Brewery	Fray	Fuquay Varina
Silver	The Bier Garden	Hundert	Asheville
Bronze	Whistle Hop Brewing Company	Munich Helles	Fairview
Honorable Mention	Bull City Burger and Brewery	RDM Dortmunder Lager	Durham
26. Amber European Lager			
Gold	Incendiary Brewing Company	Cloak & Dagger	Winston-Salem
Silver	Fullsteam Brewery	Lucky's Lager	Durham
Bronze	The Glass Jug Beer Lab	Bunsen	Durham
27. Dark European Lager & German-Style Bock			
Gold	Pilot Brewing Company	Late Czech Out	Charlotte
Silver	Seaboard Brewing	Zuganator	Matthews
Bronze	Riverside Rhapsody Beer Company	Baltic Porter	Asheville
Honorable Mention	Compass Rose Brewery	Northside Black Lager	Raleigh
28. North American-Style Lager			
Gold	Little Brother Brewing	Small Fires	Kernersville
Silver	Salt Face Mule Brewing Company	Maize Runner	Asheville
Bronze	HopFly Brewing Company	Leisure Suds	Charlotte
Honorable Mention	Lenny Boy Brewing Co.	Uno Mas	Charlotte
29. Pilsner-Style & Hoppy Lager			
Gold	Buck Bald Brewing NC	Buck's Frosty Balls	Murphy
Silver	Salt Face Mule Brewing Company	Mosey On Over	Asheville
Bronze	Edge City Brewery	Forever Thirsty	Charlotte
Honorable Mention	Atomic Clock Brewing Company	Breweries Make It Better	Durham
30. North American-Style Amber & Dark Lager			
Gold	Brunswick Beer and Cider	She Sells Seashells by the Sea Schwarz	Leland
Silver	Cape Side Brewing	La Vida Coastal	Southport
Bronze	The Bier Garden	Bier 4 Dads	Asheville
Honorable Mention	Tar Banks Brewing Company	Maverick's Afterburner	Louisburg
31. Other American Pale Lagers & Ales			
Gold	Little Brother Brewing	User Friendly	Kernersville
Silver	Hoptown Brewing Company	Sweet Wings	Mooresville
Bronze	Lost Worlds Brewing Company	Euchre	Cornelius
Honorable Mention	Cabarrus Brewing Company & Towel City Tavern	Cotton Blonde	Concord
32. Fruit Beer			
Gold	Ghost Harbor Brewing Company	Stella Blue	Elizabeth City
Silver	NoDa Brewing Co.	Carolina Quencher	Charlotte

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Bronze	Clouds Brewing	Sky Lime	Raleigh
33. Sour Fruit or Field Beer			
Gold	Edge City Brewery	Thanks Ma	Charlotte
Silver	HopFly Brewing Company	Black Hole Blender	Charlotte
Bronze	North South Brewing Company	Bluebie McSourface	Fayetteville
Honorable Mention	Leland Brewing Co	Tie-Dye Sky: POG	Leland
34. Coffee Beer			
Gold	Oak City Brewing Company	Cawfee	Knightdale
Silver	Diatribe Brewing Company	Coffee Stout	Asheville
Bronze	Raleigh Brewing	Roasted	Raleigh
Honorable Mention	Wrightsville Beach Brewery	Pretentious Coffee Lager	Wilmington
35. Field & Spiced Beers			
Gold	Lenny Boy Brewing Co.	Lager for a Sushi Restaurant	Charlotte
Silver	Twin Leaf Brewery	The Fire Within	Asheville
Bronze	Surf City Brewing Company	Vantablack #3	Hampstead
Honorable Mention	Lower Left Brewing Company	Heat Seeking Pickle	Charlotte
36. American & European-Style Sour Ales / Brett, Mixed Culture & Wild Ales			
Gold	Ponysaurus Brewing Co.	Gose	Durham
Silver	Pitt Street Brewing Co.	The Way Life Gose Kettle Sour Ale	Greenville
Bronze	Cellarest Beer Project	Sapling Jack	Asheville
Honorable Mention	Cellarest Beer Project	Sisu	Asheville
37. Wood and Barrel-Aged Beer			
Gold	Atomic Clock Brewing Company	Bossloper	Durham
Silver	Olde Hickory Brewery	Bluegrass Walker	Hickory
Bronze	Brewery Bhavana	Saison Blanc	Raleigh
Honorable Mention	Oaklyn Springs Brewery	BBA Morningstar	Fuquay Varina
38. Specialty Beer			
Gold	Diatribe Brewing Company	Dark Rye Lager	Asheville
Silver	bmc brewing	Rye Of Passage Barley Wine Ale	Pittsboro
Bronze	Black Mountain Brewing and Distilling LLC	Unspoken Oath	Black Mountain
Honorable Mention	Surf City Brewing Company	Shuckin' Off	Hampstead
39. Historic Beer & Smoke Beer			
Gold	Fishtowne Brew House	Talk Derby to Me, Kentucky Common	Beaufort
Silver	Lost Province Brewing Co	Lost In Bavaria	Boone
Bronze	Bearded Bee Brewing Company	Smokeback Browntain	Raleigh
Honorable Mention	Little Brother Brewing	Pleasing Tony Italian Pilsner	Kernersville
40. NC Home-Grown			

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Gold	Hoptown Brewing Company	Wobbly Giant	Mooresville
Silver	Mountain Layers Brewing Company	Berry My Troubles in Cheesecake	Bryson City
Bronze	Steel String Brewery	Oaks Lime	Carrboro