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Oregon Breweries Win Eight Gold Medals at the 2009 Great American Beer Festival

PORTLAND, Ore. (September 28, 2009) – Thirteen Oregon breweries claimed a total of 24 medals at the 2009 Great American Beer Festival (GABF) held September 24-26 in Denver, CO. Eight of the 24 medals awarded to Oregon were gold. Along with the eight gold medals, Oregon breweries brought home 10 silver medals and 6 bronzes, placing the state third overall for the total number of medals won.

The GABF is the world's largest beer competition and recognizes the most outstanding beers produced in the United States today. The top three medalists in each of the competition's 78 beer-style categories were announced September 26th at the 28th Great American Beer Festival Awards Ceremony held at the Colorado Convention Center. The 2009 Great American Beer Festival Competition winners were selected by an international panel of 132 brewing experts from an impressive field of 3,308 entries received from 495 U.S. breweries.

The complete list of Oregon breweries receiving awards was:

10 Barrel Brewing, Bend

- Bronze: SINISTOR Black Ale

Barley Brown's Brew Pub, Baker City

- Silver: Shredders Wheat
- Bronze: Tumble Off Pale Ale

Bend Brewing Co., Bend

- Silver: Outback X

Cascade Brewing Co., Portland

- Gold: Bourbonic Plague
- Silver: Vlad the Imp Aler

Deschutes Brewery, Bend

- Silver: Mirror Pond Pale Ale
- Bronze: Deschutes Brewery Quad
- Bronze: Black Butte Porter

Full Sail Brewing Co., Hood River

- Gold: Session Black Premium Lager

Hopworks Urban Brewery, Portland

- Gold: Organic Ace of Spades Imperial IPA
- Gold: Organic Rise Up Red

Laurelwood Brewing Co., Portland

- Bronze: Organic Deranger Imperial Red
- Gold: Space Stout

MacTarnahan's Brewing Co., Portland

- Gold: MacTarnahan's Amber

Oakshire Brewing, Eugene

- Silver: Overcast Espresso Stout

Pelican Pub & Brewery, Pacific City

- Silver: Kiwanda Cream Ale
- Silver: Surfer's Summer Ale
- Bronze: MacPelican's Wee Heavy Ale

Pyramid Breweries, Portland

- Gold: Haywire Hefeweizen

Rogue Ales, Newport

- Silver: Imperial Chocolate Stout
- Silver: Mocha Porter

Widmer Brother's Brewing, Portland

- Silver: Hefeweizen
- Gold: W'10

For more information about Oregon's GABF award-winning breweries, along with photos and video reactions from the GABF awards ceremony, please visit: www.oregonbeer.org/gabf

About the Oregon Brewers Guild

The Oregon Brewers Guild is Oregon's non-profit trade association for the state's craft breweries. The Guild, which receives no state funding, comprises 65 brewing companies, 25 Associate or supplier members, and nearly 2,600 enthusiast members or S.N.O.B.s (Supporters of Native Oregon Beer). For more information, visit www.oregonbeer.org.