

## LOS ANGELES INTERNATIONAL COMMERCIAL BEER COMPETITION ANNOUNCES WINNERS FOR 2016 Council Brewing Co. of San DiegeoTakes Top Honors

Pomona, CA- April 19, 2016 – An English-style Old Ale took the top honors at the 2016 <u>Los Angeles</u> <u>International Commercial Beer Competition</u>. Earning a gold medal, Council Brewing Company, Gaderian took Best of Show among more than 1,000 entries.

According to Council Brewing, Gaderian is aged in oak barrels for one year with Brettanomyces. Gaderian is an old English word that means to bring people together embodying the Council Brewing spirit. The result is an incredibly complex, rustic beer with notes of figs, molasses, toasted bread and caramel with the Brettanomyces imparting woodsy and leathery characteristics. The rich silky mouthfeel keeps the flavors lingering on the palate.

Judged in early April, the beer competition drew entries from as far as New Zealand, Japan and Cambodia. Entries were up from last year, with beers submitted into 97 divisions. Many styles and price ranges were represented. Beers were tasted over two days by a 100-member panel comprised of BJCP certified judges, brew masters and beer industry officials.

This year, judges handed out 92 Gold medals, 91 Silver medals and 85 Bronze medals.

Other top gold-medal winners are:

- Intergalactic Beer, Shut Up Wesley Wheat American-Style Wheat Beer
- Mike Hess Brewing, Umbrix Imperial Stout
- Claremont Craft Ales, Grapefruit Dude Fruit Beer
- United States Beverage, Daura Marzen Gluten-Free Beer
- Point Beer, Point Drop Dead Blonde Golden or Blonde Ale

A complete list of winners can be found at <u>www.labeercomp.com</u>.

The public will get its first opportunity to taste the medal-winning beer at LA on Tap: the LA International Beer Competition & Festival May 7 at Fairplex. LA on Tap is a fundraiser benefitting <a href="The Learning Centers at Fairplex">The Learning Centers at Fairplex</a>. LA on Tap brings over 65 of the finest breweries to Fairplex, celebrating the brews of the Los Angeles International Beer Competition. Admission includes an LA on Tap souvenir tasting cup, more than 150 beers, access to purchase delicious foods and live music by the Chase Walker Band.

A selection of winners will also be available for tasting at the <u>LA County Fair</u>, Sept. 2 – 25. For tickets and information on LA on Tap, visit <u>www.laontap.beer</u>. For a complete list of beer competition winners, visit <u>www.labeercomp.com</u>.

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