

NORTH SEA ALE

CHAMPION BEER OF BRITAIN

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Siren Brewery based in Berkshire has won the Campaign for Real Ale's prestigious Champion Beer of Britain award at the Great British Beer Festival In London,

Broken Dream Breakfast Stout (6.5% ABV) scooped gold thanks to its deep and complex blend of chocolate, coffee and a touch of smoke.

The silver winner this year went to Suffolk-based Green Jack's Ripper (8.5% ABV), a strong barley wine that is both dangerously smooth and yet well-hopped,

Bronze was taken by Tyne & Wear-based Mordue for their Workie Ticket (4.5% ABV). A complex and tasty bitter, this brew boasts plenty of malt and hops and a long, satisfying, bitter finish.

Siren Brewery founder Darron Anley said: "What a huge achievement that the Champion Beer of Britain is a heavy stout - we're absolutely delighted."

Category Winners

Mild

Gold
XX Mild, Greene King
Silver
Dark, Rhymney
Bronze
Orchid, East London Brewing Company

Bitter

Gold
Red MacGregor, Orkney
Silver
Captain Bob, Mighty Oak
Joint Bronze
Flat Cap, Bank Top
Barnsley Bitter, Acorn

Best Bitter

Gold
Workie Ticket, Mordue
Silver
1555, Bishop Nick
Joint Bronze
Tribute, St Austell
Darwin's Origin, Salopian

Strong Bitter

Gold
Revelation, Dark Star Brewing Co.
Silver
Devon Dumpling, Bays
Bronze
Half Centurian, Kinver

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PUB NEWS

First the bad news –certain outlets have stopped selling real ale, or even completely closed:-

Forbes Arms, Bridge of Alford has been closed for a few months and it is not known if it will open again

Colquhonnies Hotel, Strathdon is currently closed for a major refurbishment and is expected to be closed till 2020

Noose & Monkey, Rosemount, no longer stocking ale and the handpumps have now been removed

Gordons, Tomintoul is no longer a pub. The hotel is undergoing a major refurbishment and will eventually have its own bar

McNastys, Summer Street, Aberdeen handpump removed and no ale on sale as of mid January 2018

Cocket Hat was selling Deuchars IPA but on last visit (mid December 2017) had not stocked any for some time due to poor sales

Northern Hotel has now withdrawn the pumps from both bars - replaced by Punk IPA

Fortunately the good news outweighs the losses above:-

The Stag, McGintys Meal 'N' Ale and Number 10 Bar & Restaurant used to have an Inveralmond House Beer (latterly Inveralmond EPA at 3.9%).They are now stocking Ossian as a replacement.

Four Mile House, Kingswells is now selling a beer in the lounge, recently reported as Bitter & Twisted

Edwards, Inverurie is selling ale again following a change of ownership

Newton Arms, Newtonhill is now selling ale of varying brands until they find a favourite

Illicit Still, Broad Street, Aberdeen selling ale again on two pumps (Stewarts 80/- as Illicit Ale)

Three Kings, Cullen reopened in April 2018. Changed hours and no longer doing food.

Grant Arms, Cullen is now selling Timothy Taylor Landlord on handpump

Royal Oak, Cullen is open again and there have been reports of ale being available - need confirmation, please!

Hotel Square, Tomintoul is now selling ale

Rothie Inn, Rothienorman has been reported as selling Wychwood Hobgoblin on handpump

Station Hotel, Rothes is now selling a beer from the local Rothes Brewery

Crown Bar, Huntly now selling Wind-swept on key-keg. Being run by Harry Halkett, who many years ago had the Clifton in Lossiemouth in its glory days as a Real Ale outlet

Spiggie Hotel Shetland has reopened with 1 beer, but opening times are restricted, and not advertised on the pub door

Krakatoa is now operating as a workers cooperative known as the Black Cat Worker Collective. The bar will no longer operate for a profit, but any surplus funds will be ploughed back in to the local music scene. The aim of the cooperative is to secure the future of the live music venue.

The pub was recently awarded Aberdeen Grampian and Northern Isles Pub Of The Year.



Ian Chapman presents the award for Aberdeen Grampian and Northern Isles Pub of the Year to Krakatoa

BREWERY NEWS

Bodachra brewery is a couple of retired guys in Potterton. The 50 litre kit is at one of their houses. So far they have only produced bottles, six different. Ales. The bottles are stocked in the local shop, in the local pub the Stead Inn, and at such places as the Westhill beer shop (in the petrol station shop), the Pitmedden Craft pub, plus The Redgarth took delivery of a batch last week. The brewery is named after the local farm where one of the two guys grew up. They get barley from that farm and malt it themselves.

They launched their first ever cask in the Stead Inn Friday 14th Sept. They have only produced one pin of it (36 pints) which is on gravity. Citrus Gold 4.6. They have also produced a pin of one of their other beers - Denbrew IPA. They haven't decided yet where that will be sold.

With a wife unhappy with the smell at home (especially of the oven roasting of the malt) they will move the brewery to the garage of the Stead Inn, probably taking that opportunity to upgrade to bigger-capacity kit.

The pub is under new management who are keen to re-establish it as a thriving community hub pub - they are eager to associate themselves with the brewery.

Lerwick Brewery management have taken the decision to cease trading cask and keg sales on the mainland and concentrate on the Shetland Isles and bottles sales.

They have recently introduced a black IPA called Blindsight in bottles.

Valhalla brewery has been transferred to the ownership of Alistair Morgan, Viking Mead Ltd, and is only brewing on an occasional basis at present. The brewery is expected to move to Isles road, Voe, ZE2 9PT later this year

Orkney brewery have introduced two new beers (Cliff Edge and Wave Breaker) and will be doing a special beer to celebrate 30 years of the brewery (XXX). Red MacGregor won gold in the bitter category at the Great British Beer Festival in London in August.

Burnside brewery has been sold and will relaunch in October

The **Craft Beer Clan** continues to have great success in exports, clinching a major deal with a major French importer for their Clan Brew beers produced by Williams Brothers. They are also pushing into China and the United States.

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Windwept brewery have opened a new brewery tap bar . Wolf was awarded winner in the Old Ale category of Champion Beer of Scotland.



Colin Youngson presents the prize winning certificate for Wolf.



Members present Aberdeen Grampian & Northern Isles Country
 Pub of the Year award to Stuart Singer at the
 Red Garth Old Meldrum

DIARY

When		Where	Why
Thu 27th Sept	8pm	No. 10	Branch Meeting
Sat 6th Oct	1pm	Carriages	Tasting training
Tues 23rd Oct	8pm	Carriages	Branch Meeting
Sat 17th Nov	2om	Grammar FPs club	AGM & Branch Meeting
Tue 4th Dec	8pm	Ferryhill	Branch Meeting
Thu 27th Dec	2pm	Start Grill	Festive social wander



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Sometimes there can be a simple typo on your record

CAMRA both nationally and locally is keen to keep in regular touch with all its members, to update them with developments and items of potential interest, and the easiest (and most cost efficient) way of doing this is by email.

If you have an email address we would like to request that this is added to your personal details held on file. You can do this by logging on to the national site at <http://www.camra.org.uk/> and then:

Click on “Edit your membership information”

Add your email address in the “Personal Details” tab

Go to the “Preferences” tab

Change the Optional Mail setting to “Yes”

Alternatively just send an email to our local Membership Secretary – IanRStew-art@Outlook.com – and he will update the record for you.

As well as saving CAMRA money, it’s much easier and less time-consuming for your local branch volunteer committee members, who would be able to keep you up to date with local developments, including pub news, socials, brewery visits etc., and for voting in the annual selection of local entries in the Good Beer Guide and Pub(s) of the Year.

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Below is a list of outlets that sell real ale which are known to the Aberdeen, Grampian & Northern Isles branch of CAMRA.

CAMRA is in no way recommending all of the pubs in this list. If you want a list of recommended pubs you will need to buy the Good Beer Guide. The pubs are placed in alphabetical order by location and then pub.

If you know of any pubs that sell real ale, in our area, which are not on this list, or any pubs on this list that no longer sell real ale please contact the editor. Your help is much appreciated

New Outlet

Seasonal

Aberdeen

Aitchies Ale House
Archibald Simpson's
Atholl Hotel
Blue Lamp
Bobbin
Brewdog
Brewdog (Union Street)
Cameron's (Ma's)
Carriages
Dutch Mill
Ferryhill House Hotel
Globe
Grays Inn
Grammar F.P. club
Grill
Howff
Illicit Still
Justice Mill
Krakatoa
Mains of Scotstown
Mariner Hotel
McGinty's
Number 10
Old Blackfriars
Prince Of Wales

Queen Vic

Slains Castle
St Machar Bar
Stag
Triple Kirks
Under The Hammer

Aberchirder

New Inn

Aboyne

Boat Inn

Alford

Forbes Arms
Haughton Arms

Ballater

Alexandra
Balmoral Bar
Deeside Inn
Glenaden

Banchory

Burnett Arms
Douglas Arms Hotel
Ravenswood Club
(British Legion)
Scott Skinners
Tor Na Coille

Banff

Market Arms

Braemar

Moorfield House Hotel

Brodie

Old Mill

Catterline

Creel Inn

Charleston of Aberlour

Aberlour Hotel

Mash Tun

Craigellachie

Craigellachie Hotel
(Copper Dog)
Highlander Inn

Cullen

Grant Arms

Royal Oak

Three Kings

Cults

Cults Hotel

Daviot

Smiddy

Dufftown

Stuart Arms

Dunecht

Jaffs

Dyce

Dyce Farm
Granite City
Spider's Web

Elgin

Against the Grain
Drouthy Cobbler
Muckle Cross
Sunninghill Hotel

Ellon

Dog Tap
Station Hotel
Tolbooth

Fettercairn

Ramsay Arms

Findhorn

Crown & Anchor
Kimberley Inn

Fochabers

Gordon Arms Hotel
Grant Arms

Forres

Carisbrooke Hotel
Knockomie Hotel
Mosset Tavern
Ramnee Hotel
Red Lion

Fraserburgh

Elizabethan
Saltoun Arms

Garlogie

Garlogie Inn

Garmouth

Garmouth Hotel

Glenlivet

Croft Inn

Gourdon

Harbour

Huntly

Crown Bar

Inverbervie

Queens Arms

Inverurie

Black Bull
Edwards
Gordon Highlander

Johnshaven

Anchor
Ship

Kingswells

Four Mile House

Lossiemouth

Beach Bar (Key keg)
Windswept Tap Room

Luthermuir

Sauchieburn Hotel

Maryculter

Maryculter House

Marykirk

Marykirk Hotel

Methlick

Ythan View

Muir Of Fowlis

Muggarthaugh

Netherley

Lairhillock

Newburgh

Newburgh Inn

Newtonhill

Newton Arms

Oldmeldrum

Redgarth

Pennan

Pennan Inn

Peterhead

Crosskeys
Harbour Spring

Pitmedden

The Craft

Portsoy

Boyne Hotel
Shore Inn

Roths

Seafield Arms
Station Hotel

Rothiemay

Forbes Arms

Rothienorman

Rothie Inn

Stonehaven

Belvedere
Marine Hotel
Ship Inn

Tarland

Aberdeen Arms
Commercial Arms

Tarves

Aberdeen Arms Hotel

Tomintoul

Glen Avon
Hotel Square

Richmond	Hoy	Stromness
Torphins	Stromabank	Ferry
Learney	Kirkwall	Stromness Hotel
Westhill	Albert Hotel	Sanday
Shepherds Rest	Auld Motor Hoose	Kettletoft Hotel
Broadstraik	Ayre Hotel	Westray
Whitehills	Helgis	Cleaton House
Seafield Arms	Kirkwall Hotel	
Orkney	Orkney Hotel	Shetland
Birsay	Reel	Lerwick
Barony	Shore Inn	Captain Flints
Burray	St Ola	Scalloway
Sands	Torvhaug	Scalloway Hotel
Evie	Ophir	Scousburgh
Mistra	Noust	Spiggie Hotel
Harrray	Rousay	
Merkister	Taversoe	
Holm	Stenness	
Commodore	Standing Stones	

Amber



Deliciously perfumed with hints of spiciness and toasted malts. Rich hop fruits giving way to a clean dry refreshing hop bitterness.

Black



Ripe fruity, chocolate aroma nose, with flavours of dark Chocolate, dried fruit, figs and nuts from the combination of roasted malts and rich hops

Gold



Refreshing citrus flavours dominates the palate, with hints and fresh bread, giving way to a clean refreshing hoppy aftertaste



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49 BUS - BEER SCENES INSIDE THE GOLDMINE

The ability to enjoy a good pub-crawl outside the city is generally kind of restricted when one has no access to a tame and sober car owner. Even when hostelries are fairly close together a linking bus route with times to match opening hours are often more a pipe dream than pint dream. On other occasions the round-trip could result in the keen beer drinker spending more time on the bus than the bar.

So on this occasion I'm happy to present and recommend the No.49 as a gem to try out over the Summer for anyone fancying a beer orientated (and potentially disorientated) excursion with a difference. The 49 runs from Ellon to Inverurie and takes in a variety of cask ale outlets enroute. In April approximately one dozen drouthy branch members road-tested this route as a branch social. In this instance the branch decided to show some support to one of our newest outlets the Craft Bar in Pitmedden at 1130 one Saturday morning (50p/pint discount to current CAMRA members) approximately 1 hour later we returned to a bus stop and at 1315 hours were imbibing in the Redgarth Oldmeldrum which conveniently closed at 1500 hours providing the necessary incentive to rejoin the bus and move onto Inverurie where visits to Edwards, the Gordon Highlander, and the Black Bull helped to round off the day. It is technically possible to visit all the outlets enroute as the more determined toper can then catch the last bus to Ellon and still manage to visit the Tolbooth and Station hotel. Whether, however, one would then be able to catch a bus home from there might be more down to disposition than the actual bus schedules!

Anyone wishing to check this out in their own time can do so by catching the appropriate bus to Inverurie, Oldmeldrum, Pitmedden and Ellon and sorting out a schedule to suit their bespoke needs and obligations. A Zone 3 buspass covers all destinations mentioned and at Pitmedden the bus route varies so make sure you are standing at a stop that the 49 will be passing! (All of them stop at the one mentioned in the timetable)



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Golden

Gold

Oracle, Salopian

Silver

Hop Twister, Salopian

Joint Bronze

Moonshine, Abbeydale

Knight of the Garter, Windsor &

Eton

Speciality

Gold

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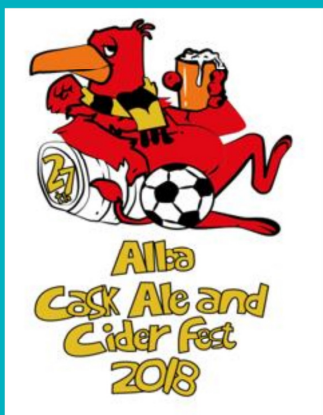
Colchester

Silver

Red Rocker Cromarty

Bronze

Cleopatra, Derventio



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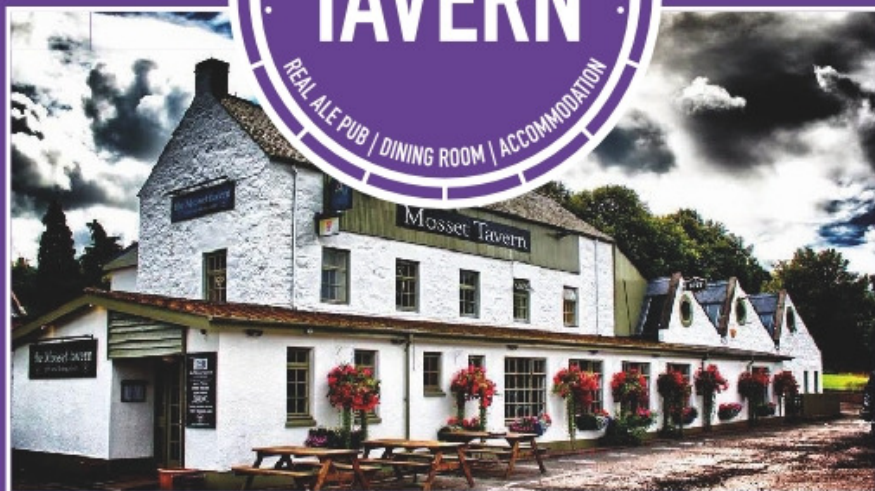
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