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Washington Brewers Bring Home Awards from World Beer Cup

Washington State beers prevailed at the World Beer Cup in San Diego this past weekend, bringing home a total of five awards, including three golds. Bellingham's Boundary Bay Brewing took a gold for their Imperial India Pale Ale and tacked on a bronze with their Imperial Stout. The Yakima area also struck gold with Sunnyside Pale Ale from Snipes Mountain Brewing and Bert Grant's Lazy Days from Yakima Brewing. Elysian Brewing of Seattle was awarded a silver for Bete Blanche Belgian-style Tripel.

Judges from around the world judged over 1500 submissions from 40 countries, giving awards in 82 categories ranging from the lightest tropical lagers to the heaviest ales. The results were announced at the gala awards dinner staged as the culmination of the Craft Brewers Conference on Saturday, April 17 2004. Both events were conducted by the Association of Brewers of Boulder, CO, the same organization known best for its administration of The Great American Beer Festival, another arena of success for Washington brewers over the years.

Another honor for a local brewer kicked off the Craft Brewers Conference a few days earlier. Dick Cantwell of Elysian Brewing in Seattle was presented with the Russell Schehrer Award honoring innovation and brewing excellence and long-term service to the craft brewing industry. The award has been given annually since 1997, and is named for the late head brewer and co-founder of Wynkoop Brewing Co.