

And The Winners Are...: 2021 Food Truck and Drink Awards



Monday evening, beer flowed, fries sizzled, waffles crisped and music drifted in the breeze at the 2021 Motif Food Truck and Drink Awards ceremony. Over 220 culinary fans made the trek from all corners of RI to the R1 Entertainment Center parking lot to celebrate and raise a glass to some of the best mobile food, and the tastiest drinks from around the Ocean State.

The biggest winners? **Frisky Fries** and **Revival Brewing**. But really, there were so many other notables... Scan the winners list to find out where to next nosh and eat. (If your fave's not there, next year get out the vote!)

We want to thank the tremendous positive vibes from our musical entertainment, **The Unlikely Strummers**, a ukulele band that wrote custom serenades for some of their own favorite trucks, and **Man & Wife**, the Americana duo of Kris and Tara Hansen who recently won Favorite Americana Act in the 2021 RI Music Awards.

We'd also like to thank our generous sponsors who make everything possible: **R1 Indoor Karting**, **Blackstone Valley Brewing**, **Jerry's Artarama**, **Barnaby Castle**, **Miravella** and the generous town of **Lincoln**.

Our amazing volunteers included **Rico Lanni**, **Gary Janczynski**, **Jade Sisti**, **Bradly VanDerStad**, **Mark Binder**, **Paul Rochford**, **Katelyn Van Pelt**, **Ken Bowdish**, **Pieter Martens**, **Francie Eannarino**, **Caitlin Howle**, **Shawn Tetrault**, **Deven Vussey**, **Amadeus Finlay** and **Michael Bilow**. Presenters who braved the pronunciation of RI food and brew names included **the Unlikely Strummers**, **Frank Mullin** of PVD Oyster Fest, brew writer **Gina Mastrostephano**, **Gary J**, **Mark B**

and **Rico L, Laura Afonso** from Buns & Bites, **John Kelly** from rho.delicious and **Patty J** from PattyJ.com. And of course, our MCs **Eric Weiner** and **Jenny Currier**.

Finally, thank you to the brewers who provided samples, including **Narragansett, Foolproof, Buttonwoods, Beer on Earth, Union Station Brewery, 12 Guns** and **Sowams Cider Co.**, to the trucks who served, including **Haven Brothers, Bonetown, Atomic Blonde Ice Cream, Poppy's Waffles** and **Juice Junkie**, and to all the brewers and food truckers who came out to support the cause!

Here are your favorites - thank you for voting, if you were able to!

food truck awards

FAVORITE BURGERS

Bonetown BBQ & Burgers

FAVORITE HOT DOGS/SAUSAGES

Haven Brothers

FAVORITE BBQ

Bonetown BBQ & Burgers

FAVORITE FRENCH FRIES

Friskie Fries

FAVORITE GRILLED CHEESE

Championship Melt

FAVORITE CHICKEN WINGS/FRIED CHICKEN

Ming's Asian Street Food

FAVORITE SANDWICH-LIKE OBJECTS

Twisted T's

FAVORITE SEAFOOD

Blount Seafood

FAVORITE OTHER ETHNIC TRUCK

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FAVORITE TACOS

Paco's Tacos

FAVORITE LATIN INFLUENCED TRUCK

La Guaguita Del Sabor

FAVORITE ASIAN INFLUENCED TRUCK

Ming's Asian Street Food

FAVORITE ITALIAN INFLUENCED TRUCK

Bird's Nest Italian Street Food

FAVORITE VEGAN/VEGETARIAN

Like No Udder

FAVORITE BREAKFAST & BRUNCH

Poppy's Waffles

FAVORITE COFFEE

Presto Strange O Coffee

FAVORITE DESSERT

Black Dog Donuts

FAVORITE DESSERT: CUPCAKES

Jo Jo's Cupcakes

FAVORITE DESSERT: FROZEN

Del's Lemonade

FAVORITE FOOD TRUCK WITH STOREFRONT

Friskie Fries

FAVORITE GRAPHICS

Friskie Fries

FAVORITE NEW TRUCK

Black Dog Donuts

FAVORITE MENU ITEM NAME

Basil & Bunny: MMMBop Tarts

ALL WEATHER WARRIOR

Poppy's Waffles

UNIQUE OFFERINGS

The Hot Potato

FAVORITE LOCATION/FESTIVAL

Food Truck Friday Carousel Village

FAVORITE POP-UP

A Guy and His Pie

FAVORITE PORTABLE NOT-QUITE-TRUCK

Tricycle Ice Cream

FAVORITE FORMER TRUCK

Rhody Roots

FAVORITE OUTDOOR TREAT (NOT A TRUCK)

Iggy's Doughboys (Various)

FAVORITE LOCALLY PRODUCED FOOD

Venda Ravioli lobster ravioli

FAVORITE NEW RI FOOD PRODUCT

Butterbang croissants

FAVORITE BELOW THE RADAR CATERING

401 Gourmet

FAVORITE FARMER'S MARKET

Farm Fresh RI

OVERALL FAVORITE TRUCK

Friskie Fries

drink awards

FAVORITE BELGIAN

Night Swim'Ah by Revival

FAVORITE DIPA+

Captain's Daughter by Grey Sail

FAVORITE IPA

Object Permanence by Buttonwoods Brewery

FAVORITE KOLSCH

Rhode Island Blueberry by Newport Storm

FAVORITE LAGER

The Lightest Beer We Have by Beer on Earth

FAVORITE PALE ALE

RISE by Whalers

FAVORITE PALE ALE: BLONDES & CREAMS

Debut Single by Moniker Brewery

FAVORITE PILSNER/PILSENER

Bohemian Pilsener by Buttonwoods Brewery

FAVORITE PORTER

Raincloud by Foolproof

FAVORITE REDS & BROWNS

Tommy's Red by Trinity Brew Pub

FAVORITE SOUR

Be Fruitful Blueberry Sour by Smug

FAVORITE STOUT

Coffee Milk Stout by Ravenous

FAVORITE WEISS & WHEAT

I Am A Raspberry Donut Berliner Weisse by Beer on Earth

FAVORITE MISCELLANEOUS BEER

Blueberry Bloem by Long Live Beerworks

FAVORITE SELTZERS+

Del's Rhode Island Hard Tea by Narragansett

FAVORITE LABEL ART

Heavy Metal Parking Lot by Beer on Earth

FAVORITE WHISKEY

Uprising by SOL

FAVORITE GIN

Ornamental Gin by ISCO

FAVORITE MISCELLANEOUS SPIRITS

Limoncello by RI Spirits

FAVORITE BEER FEST

RI Brew Fest (PVD, January)

FAVORITE DRINKING SPACE

Tilted Barn

FAVORITE POP UP

Trinity Beer Tent

Critics' Choice: Liquor

White Dog, Cornucopia Whiskey

Critics' Choice: Beer

12 Guns, The Meg Blonde Ale

Critics' Choice: Wine

Newport Vineyards, In The Buff (unoaked chardonnay)

Overall Favorite Brewer

Revival Brewing