

Motif's 2021 RI Drink Awards

Please join us for the Motif 2021 RI Drink Awards

Monday, September 13 from 6-9pm at R1 Indoor Karting, 100 Higginson Ave, Lincoln, RI 02865
Yes, there will be food trucks!



Our Beer & Spirits Awards are new. We asked our eats & drinks writers, and the planners of most local beer fests and the bartenders at a number of local craft-focused pubs, but the biggest contributors to these nominations were the brewers themselves. We asked each brewery to let us know their three favorites, and if they felt like it, three favorites from among the work of other locals. Amazingly, brewers were at least as likely to recommend others as to tout their own stuff. The sense of community and respect for other brewers was really remarkable, and it was clear that for most in this local industry, the shared love of great beer or spirits forged a bond stronger than any competition.

After we got all those nomination, we did a whole bunch of math, conferred with our writers, and you see the results here. And yes, every place makes IPAs, so we let that category fill to the brim. If you were a nominator and don't see something you sent in, we apologize - they couldn't all get in.

This year, we're also doing Food Truck Awards.

Both events are celebrations of these crowd-pleasing art forms. Vote! Take a look around at the other nominated goodies - maybe find inspiration for your next sampling night or meal. Pick your favorites, please, but the emphasis isn't on who wins, it's on recognizing how much amazing food and drink is being produced right here in our own backyard.

Here are the nominees:

beer+

BELGIAN

Belgian Quad with Black Currants by White Birch Brewing
Honey Hibiscus Wit by General's Crossing
Night Swim'Ah by Revival
Pineapple Wit by Malted Barley

DIPA+

All Seeing Eye by Long Live Beerworks
Captain's Daughter by Grey Sail
Dipahh by Malted Barley
Emu Wars by Proclamation
Grow by Tilted Barn
Rhode Rage by Newport Storm
The King Is Dead by Union Station
The Other One by Tilted Barn
Wanderer by Whalers

IPA

Cranston Thug Life by Union Station
F-Bomb IPA by Taproot Brewing Co.
Little Sister by Grey Sail
Object Permanence by Buttonwoods Brewery
Orange Belt IPA by BOE
Rhode Trip by Newport Storm
Something a Little More Interesting by White Birch Brewing
Tendrill by Proclamation
You Are Such an Ass by Ravenous
You Thirsty by Revival

KOLSCH

Handline Kolsch by Devil's Purse
Kolsch by Shaidzon
Kolsch by Trinity Brew Pub
Rhode Island Blueberry by Newport Storm

LAGER

Fest by Narragansett
Hang Loose by 12 Guns

Lawn Boy by Tilted Barn
Munich Madness by General's Crossing
Path Forward Amber Lager by The Guild
Proc Circles by Proclamation
Small Victories by Origin Beer Project
The Lightest Beer We Have by Beer on Earth

PALE ALE

Conanicut Pale Ale by General's Crossing
Federal Hill by Foolproof
Pale Remedy by Rejects Brewing
RISE by Whalers
Through the Prism by Origin Beer Project
Union Jack English Pub Ale by Bravo Brewing

PALE ALE: BLONDES & CREAMS

Day Tripper by Whalers
Debut Single by Moniker Brewery
Flagship by Grey Sail
Fresh Catch by Narragansett
The Meg by 12 Guns

PILSNER/PILSENER

Bohemian Pilsener by Buttonwoods Brewery
Bohemian Grove Pilsner by The Guild
Buffalo Czech Pilsner by Shaidzon
Flummox by Proclamation
Lenni by Six Pack Brewing
Peralta Pils by Rejects Brewing
Vineyard Pils by Taproot Brewing Co.
West Fountain St. Pilsner by Beer on Earth

PORTER

Bourbon Barrel Aged Porter by
Evaporator by Moniker Brewery
Jake by Six Pack Brewing
Raincloud by Foolproof
Winter Sol by Tilted Barn

REDS & BROWNS

Neapolitan by Crooked Current
Red Ale by Linesider

Tommy's Red by Trinity Brew Pub
West Kingston 12 by Shaidzon

SOUR

Be Fruitful Blueberry Sour by Smug
Blueberry Cobbler by 12 Guns
Hail Beary by Revival
Oakville Sour by Proclamation
Sense of Place by Buttonwoods Brewery
Vango by Foolproof

STOUT

Coffee Milk Stout by Ravenous
Dick's Irish Stout by The Guild
Fade into Darkness by Origin Beer Project
Holy by Long Live Beerworks
Jamaican Me Crazy by Trinity Brew Pub
Kiss the Night Goodbye by Long Live Beerworks
Mexican Hot Chocolate Stout by Crooked Current
Mole Stout by Rejects Brewing
My Name is Outis Pastry Stout by Long Live Beerworks
Sweet Spot Imperial Stout by Long Live Beerworks

WEISS & WHEAT

Blueberry Berliner by White Birch Brewing
Cooper by Six Pack Brewing
Fuzzy Distance by Moniker Brewery
I Am A Raspberry Donut Berliner Weisse by Beer on Earth
Pinky Swear by Revival
Raspberry American Wheat by Crooked Current
Screaming Viking by Trinity Brew Pub

MISC. BEER

Blueberry Bloem by Long Live Beerworks
Bock by Smug
Dreadnought Doppelbock by Bravo Brewing
Malted Barleywine by Malted Barley

SELTZERS+

Del's Rhode Island Hard Tea by Narragansett
Drift - Cucumber Lime by Whaler
Lemon And Ginger by Willie's Superbrew

other categories

FAVORITE LABEL ART

Clarity & Convergence by Long Live Beerworks
Crushable by Smug
Dinghy Party by Grey Sail
Fanny IPA by Revival
Heavy Metal Parking Lot by Beer on Earth
Mexican Paloma by Rejects
Rhodelo by Moniker
Shut It Down. by Proclamation

WHISKEY

Apple Flavored Whiskey by SOL
Cornucopia Whiskey by White Dog
Uprising by SOL
Whiskey by White Dog

GIN

Rhodium Forager's Gin by RI Spirits
True Born Gin by SOL
Ornamental Gin by ISCO

OTHER SPIRITS

Blue Velvet Bourbon by ISCO
Limoncello by RI Spirits
Puppy Bourbon by White Dog
Rhodium Black Coffee & Walnut Vodka by RI Spirits
Structural Vodka by ISCO

FAVORITE BEER FEST

Beervana (Cranston, October)
Craft Beer Races (Newport, July)
Newport Food Truck & Craft beer Festival (Newport, October)
RI Brew Fest (PVD, January)
Witches Brew Fest (Smithfield, October)

FAVORITE DRINKING SPACE

Beer on Earth (Slow Rhode)
Buttonwoods
Long Live Brewery
Revival Brewing

The Guild
Tilted Barn
Trinity Brew Pub
Union Station

FAVORITE POP UP

Guild Mobile
Little Bitte Artisanal Cocktails
RI Cruisin' Cocktails
Trinity Beer Tent

* Please note Ragged Island Brewery asked to not be included in this event.