



NORTH SEA ALE

CHAMPION BEERS OF BRITAIN

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The editor welcomes feedback and would be delighted to publish any correspondence, favourable or otherwise

Scotland was well represented at the Champion Beer Of Britain contest held at the Great British Beer Festival in August in London, with Jaguar from Kelburn Brewery in Barrhead taking overall Silver prize , William Brothers Black winning the Mild category and Highland Breweries Scapa Special coming second in the Best Bitter category Full results were as follows:-	Best Bitter Gold Silver Joint Bronze	Tiny Rebel - Cwtch Highland - Scapa Special Barnegates - Tag Lag Salopian - Darwin's Origin
Supreme Champions	Bitter Gold Silver Joint Bronze	Pheasantry - Best Bitter Acorn - Barnsley Bitter Purple Moose - Madog's Ale Timothy Taylors Boltmaker
Gold Silver Bronze	Golden Gold Silver Bronze	Kelburn - Jaguar Adnams - Explorer Blue Monkey - Infinity
Mild Gold Silver Bronze	Champion Bottle-Conditioned Beer Gold	Williams Brothers- Black Rudgate - Ruby Mild Great Orme - Welsh Black Harveys - Imperial Extra Double Stout
Strong Bitter Gold Silver Bronze	Silver Bronze	Dark Star - Revelation Salopian - Golden Thread Grain - India Pale Ale Fyne Ales - Superior IPA Mordue - India

A SUCCESSFUL FESTIVAL

First of all CAMRA would like to thank all of those of you who attended the 29th Great Grampian Beer Festival held at Pittodrie Stadium 4th - 6th June, 2015. We hope you enjoyed the event, found some beers, cider and perry that you enjoyed and will be back for more next year. Please don't forget that Real Ale is not just for beer festivals, get down to your favourite pubs and clubs and hustle the licensees to get some of your favourite beers in all year round.

We knew this year would be a challenge as we have to wait until after the football season is finished before we can hold the event and with no summer championships the season finished after the end of term times so the students who live locally were gone. Not being as busy as usual made it an ideal opportunity for those who do not want to take part in what can be a hectic Friday crush or if you are travelling from further afield.

The organiser's highlight of the week came on the Thursday evening when after 20 years of attempt we finally had all 100 beers on at one time. Never let it be said there isn't enough choice. We opened on the final day with 87 beers and thanks to some steady drinking it was whittled it down to 42 beers left at the close with a really good spread of beer styles. So much for the persistent reputation of "they always run out on the last day" which hasn't been the case for many, many years. However we'd love you all to come along and try to drink us dry next year. And with free re-entry if you bring back your commemorative glass why not come for more than one visit?

The next festival, the 30th Great Grampian Beer Festival is now being planned for 19th to 21st May 2016 See www.aberdeencamra.org.uk very soon for details.

Pubs of the year 2015

- Town Pub & Overall Winner - Moorings
- Country Pub - Marine Stonehaven

A PUBLICAN'S PERSPECTIVE

George Howie interviews Craig Adams – landlord of Krakatoa (formerly known as the Moorings)

Where were you born and brought up and when?

Born in Aberdeen in 1970 and have lived here all my life. My father was actually born and raised just a few yards from the bar, in a tenement on the part of the Shiprow where the Ibis Hotel presently stands. That block was demolished in the late 1950s. *A brief resume of your education (Schools, University, College, Evening Classes etc.)*

Graduated with a degree in Computer Science from the Robert Gordon University, although it was still called RGIT when I started there.

Brief resume of career before joining the Licensed Trade

On leaving college I founded an IT company, and supported myself by selling motorcycles at Shirlaws while it got off the ground. It grew to employ 250 people by the time I retired from it.

History of your career in the Licensed Trade

A friend and I were sitting in The Moorings on the 7th of January 2002. It was a Monday night and we were the only people in the place apart from Helen. Jokingly said to her that if John ever thought about selling the place, then I'd be interested. That's when I learned it had been on the market for a year already. That was 13 years ago, and my entire time as a publican has been spent here. I'd never even worked as a bartender before (and it showed).

What is your favourite food?

Brie and oatcakes, followed by dark chocolate.

What is your favourite drink (beer, preferably, but any others)

I'm an equal opportunities drinker. Mainly drinking tiki at the moment because it doesn't give me a hangover. Most other stuff kills me. Had pretty much consumed my entire lifetimes booze allowance by my mid thirties, so have to be careful now. If there was no tomorrow though, then I'd probably spend the rest of today drinking Janet's Jungle Juice... but if tomorrow came anyway then I'd be well and truly *****!

Hobbies outwith the pub trade

Boxing and motorcycling, but don't have time for much else. This isn't a job, it's a way of life.

Tastes in music

Everything from ABBA to Zappa, with a particular fondness for Patti Smith, rock 'n' roll, and 70s disco.

Favourite films?

After Hours. My New Gun. To Live & Die in LA. Dog Day Afternoon. Night Crawler. The Fighter.

Favourite TV programmes?

Hill Street Blues. The Wire. Mad Men. Frazier. My Name is Earl. Life on Mars.

Marital Status/Children/Dogs etc.

Divorced, one child, a cat and a Greenwing Macaw (obviously).

How do you think CAMRA is doing in supporting Real Ale, pubs and breweries?

It's doing a tremendous job, especially given that it's entirely run and staffed by volunteers.

Do you think that Real Ale is on the up or is it suffering from the 'craft beer' revolution?

In my experience it's benefitting from the renewed interest in beer and brewing. Tastes have changed a lot in the time I've been serving ale, with hoppy beers far more popular than any other style now, whereas we'd struggle to sell them a decade ago. Interestingly we sell both the craft beer in keg and cask ale, and the cask ale outsells the craft beer by quite a margin... but that's probably mainly due to the quality of the particular range of cask ale that we stock.



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Richard Jones presents Northern Isles Pub of the Year to Helgi's Bar Kirkwall

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- Anheuser-Busch InBev
- The Beer Consortium
- Black Eagle Brewery
- Black Sheep Brewery
- Brasserie Cantillon
- Carlsberg
- Diageo
- Enterprise Inns
- Fuller Smith & Turner
- Greene King
- Heavitree Brewery
- Heineken
- Holt, Joseph
- Hop Back Brewery
- Hydes Anvil Brewery
- Marstons
- McMullens
- Mitchells & Butler
- NewRiver Retail
- Punch Taverns
- Shepherd Neame
- Spirit Pub Co
- Thwaites
- Wadworth
- West Berkshire Brewery
- Wetherspoon
- Whitbread
- Young & Co



Ian Stewart and Jas Bagrath present the Club of the Year award to the Ravenswood (British Legion) Club in Banchory



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GREAT GRAMPIAN BEER FESTIVAL 2015

A hardy band of perennial volunteers and a smattering of new hands arrived very early at the Richard Donald Stand in the Pittodrie Stadium ready to receive all the deliveries and build the festival prior to the onslaught of the drinkers. It's perhaps as well they arrived early as so did many of the deliveries of beers and glasses. Over the rest of the day almost everything eventually turned up but there were some prolonged delays which meant the day finished with some frantic activity as all those beers need as much time to settle as possible. 2015 saw the repeat of bottled beers after reasonable sales again last year along with a cider and perry range to match last year's sales volumes. As is traditional there was the end of day treat of a few pints for the set-up crew although they were so tired sadly there were few takers.

Two physically less demanding, but very long, days of preparation followed including the small matter of testing all 100+ beers before unleashing them on the discerning drinker! It's a hard job but somebody has to do it.

Beers were sourced from all over the UK, Shetland in the north to Cornwall in the south, Isle of Skye in the west to Suffolk in the east. Grampian was represented with beers from Burnside Brewery and six°north both based in Laurencekirk together with Spey Valley from Mulben, Speyside Craft from Forres, Deeside of Banchory, and of course this year's featured brewery Windswept of Lossiemouth. The Aberdeen, Grampian & Northern Isles CAMRA branch area also has four breweries in the Northern Isles who do cask

beers, namely Valhalla from Unst together with Orkney and Highland from Quoyloo and Evie respectively. Lerwick Brewery was not represented as they had only just started brewing cask ale. Once again there were a lot of enquiries as to why there were no beers from the brewery in Ellon. To keep the records straight, beers were requested but once again they declined to sell us any, in fact they didn't even reply to any of our enquiries. There were 101 beers from 72 different breweries, including 71 beers and 31 breweries which had not been seen at the beer festival before. Whilst we do not select beers for the benefit of "tickers" it is an opportunity to try out the wares of the newer producers and with so many new breweries, particularly in Scotland, who are willing to supply to the festival, why not? Thanks to the hard working team who spent hours soaking towels in icy-cold water and wrapping up the casks. They battled against hard against frost bite whilst the beers were kept at cellar temperatures during the set up and throughout the event. Such are the efforts required to keep the beer at an ideal drinking temperature.

The festival's featured brewery was Windswept Brewery who had six of their beers Blonde, APA, Wolf, Tornado, Weizen and Marooned on offer. Scottish breweries having a first outing at the festival were Fallen from Kippen, Jaw from Glasgow, Pilot from Leith, Spey Valley from Mulben and WooHa from Nairn.



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The Aberdeen, Grampian & Northern Isles branch of CAMRA would particularly like to thank the following organisations for their help with the festival: First and foremost this year's showcase brewery Windswept Brewery and our hosts at Pittodrie, Aberdeen Football Club plc. Also Flying Firkin, all the supplying breweries, Hallam Cider and Deeside Drinks Emporium who supplied the beers, cider and perry. Also thanks to Gordon at Arrowdown for the beer vouchers and volunteer shirts, Alex at Meuhlhan Industrial Services (Maritime Scaffolding) who support us both literally and figuratively with the scaffolding, Paul at Agility Logistics & Dave at HSS for storage, transport and equipment loans and Richard at APAL. We would also like to thank all those individuals, far too many to list individually, who gave their time, help, knowledge, experience, energy and passion to enable this festival to go ahead.

Heroes

The following people put a lot of time and effort into making the festival a success. Without volunteers like these there would be no festival. On behalf of CAMRA we thank you and hope there are even more volunteers next time.

Iain Andrew, Neil Andrew, Steve Armstrong, Tessa Armstrong, Jas Bhagrath, Ron Buchan, Mike Burton, Ian Chapman, Gordon Crosher, Marie Donald, Richard D'Souza, Neil Evans, Arthur Findlay, Euan Fraser, Bob Frost, Bruce Goldie, Jamie Grant, Neil Harrison, Vince Hilton, George Howie, Alan Jardine, Paul Johnston, Alex Johnston, Steve Kinnaird, Keith MacKay, Norman MacKenzie, Dougie MacKinnon, Nick Marshall, Edward Michaluk, Eric Mills, Ian Mullin, Bill Mutch, J. Mutch, Arthur Newton, Joe Pakenham, Nick Pashley, Alan Ramsden, Alisdair Read, John Rettie, Jim Ross, Lin Sanderson, Amy Sheldon, Jim Sheldon, Carol Simmonds, Lesley Thomson, Nicole Thomson, Nigel Tiddy, Ray Turpie, Jo Whyte, Scott Wilson & the man with the plan Richard A. Jones

Whilst we're thanking people we'd like to acknowledge all those of you who put up posters to advertise the festival particularly those pubs who allow us to "borrow" their customers for the weekend.

PRIZEWINNER

As usual the Great Grampian Beer Festival had its own competition for the customers favourite beer. This year's winner was Fallen Brewery's Just The Ticket whilst Windswept's Marooned, which was the fastest selling beer, was runner up. In joint 3rd place came Bingham's Hot Dig Chilli Stout & Chimera's IPA.

The lucky winner of the voter's prize was Paula Sochanik from Aberdeen. Lucky Paula got to enjoy a mixed case of bottled beers kindly donated by Windswept Brewery for her efforts.



Gary and David Metcalfe - Burnside Brewery owners at the first Laurencekirk Beer Festival

ARCHWAY—FESTIVAL CHARITY

As usual the 29th Great Grampian festival played host for a local charity to raise funds. This year it was the turn of Archway, who collected nearly £1,400 in cash and unused beer token donations, to be spent helping all those in need of respite care for young adults with learning difficulties. On their behalf we would like to thank all those who generously donated



PUB & BREWERY NEWS

Number 10, Queens terrace has reopened after a major expansion in to the basement of number 9, to provide a restaurant area.

Ma Camerons has reopened after a refurbishment program. Initial plans sparked a furious campaign to prevent changes to the snug bar.

The Highland Brewing Company of Orkney is to rebrand all its beers including Island Hopping and Scapa Special, as being products of the Swannay Brewery, to emphasis its Orcadian origins and heritage. The rebranding is backed by a £120,000 investment by Highlands and Islands Enterprise.

Lerwick Brewery have started brewing cask ale. Most is currently being sold in the central belt, but they are intending to try to get more real ale into pubs in Shetland. Real ales available are :-

Lerwick IPA 5% - a darker 80/- style ale
Tushkar Oatmeal Stout 5.5%
Shetland Pale Ale 3.8% a - golden style beer
Azure 4.3%.— A golden grapefruity hoppy bitter.

Brewdog have recently brewed what is claimed to be the worlds first transgender beer.— called No Label . The 4.6% bottled beer is produced using hop from plants with both male and female flowers. Usually only female hop flowers are used in the brewing process as male flowers fail to fully develop.

The Learney Arms in Torphins is currently closed , having been recently purchased with a view to conversion to a residential property. Aberdeenshire council have refused planning consent for the conversion after receiving more than one hundred and seventy letters of objection, mostly from local residents, but also including an objection from the local CAMRA Branch.

The Moorings Bar has been relaunched and renamed as Krakatoa.

Several local brewers have joined with wholesaler JW Filshill of Glasgow to form the Craft Beer Clan. The clan is initially targeting sales in the Asia Pacific region, with the aim of pushing international sales to £2.5 million per annum. USA , Russia and Scandinavia will also be targeted. A website in Mandarin Chinese has been created.

Twenty two breweries and four craft distilleries are involved in the consortium. Local breweries involved include Brewmeister, Deeside, Lerwick, Speyside Craft, Windswept, and Nairn based Wooha brewery.

Burnside brewery in Laurencekirk now has a brewery shop onsite, featuring their extensive range of bottled ales.

The brewery recently organised the first Laurencekirk beer festival The festival featured 30 craft ales, together with artisan wines and spirits. All profits from the festival will be split between two community groups:- Mearns Allsorts (which supports children with additional needs) and the Thursday Group in Banchory (which supports people with Multiple Sclerosis).

REAL ALE OUTLETS

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

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Carriages
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Globe
Grill
Illicit Still
Justice Mill
Krakatoa
Mariner Hotel
McGinty's
McNastys
Noose & Monkey
Northern Hotel
Number 10
Old Blackfriars
Prince Of Wales
Queen Vic
Six degrees North
Slains Castle
St Machar Bar
Stag
Triple Kirks
Under The Hammer
Wig

Aberchirder

New Inn

Aboyne

Boat Inn

Alford

Forbes Arms
Houghton Arms

Ballater

Alexandra
Balmoral Bar
Glenaden

Balmedie

Cock and Bull

Banchory

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

Banff

Aul Fife
Market Arms
Ship Inn

Braemar

Moorfield House Hotel

Brodie

The Old Mill

Catterline

Creel Inn

Charleston of Aberlour

Aberlour Hotel
Mash Tun

Corgarff

Allargue Arms

Craigellachie

Craigellachie Hotel
(Copper Dog)
Highlander Inn

Cullen

Three Kings

Cults

Cults Hotel

Daviot

Smiddy

Dufftown

Commercial
Royal Oak
Stuart Arms

Dunecht

Jaffs

Dyce

Granite City
Spider's Web

Elgin

Drouthy Cobbler
Muckle Cross
Sunninghill Hotel

Ellon

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

Gourdon

Harbour

Glenlivet

Croft Inn

Huntly

Gordon Arms

Inverurie

Black Bull
Edwards
Gordon Highlander

Johnshaven

Anchor
Ship

Kingswells

Four Mile House

Kinloss

Abbey Inn

Lossiemouth

Beach Bar
Clifton Bar
Coullard Hotel
Skerry Brae Hotel

Luthermuir

Sauchieburn Hotel

Macduff

Old Moray

Marykirk

Marykirk Hotel

Methlick

Ythan View

Monymusk

Grant Arms Hotel

Muir Of Fowlis

Muggarthaugh

Netherley

Lairhilllock

Newburgh

Newburgh Inn

Oldmeldrum

Redgarth

Pennan

Pennan Inn

Peterhead

Crosskeys

Portsoy

Boyne Hotel
Shore Inn
Station Hotel

Roths

Seafield Arms

Rothiemay

Forbes Arms

Stonehaven

Belvedere
Hook & Eye
Marine Hotel
Ship Inn

Strachan

Feughsiide

Strathdon

Colquhonie Hotel

Tarland

Aberdeen Arms
Commercial Arms

Tarves

Aberdeen Arms Hotel

Tomintoul

Glen Avon
Richmond
Gordons (Balfour Manor)

Westhill

Shepherds Rest

Whitehills

Seafield Arms

Orkney

Burray

Sands

Birsay

Barony

Evie

Mistra

Harray

Merikister

Hoy

Stromabank

Kirkwall

Albert Hotel
Auld Motor Hoos

Ayre Hotel

Helgis

Orkney Hotel

Reel

Shore Inn

St Ola

Torvaugh

Ophir

Noust

Raasay

Taversoe

Stromness

Ferry

Stromness Hotel

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Kettletoft Hotel

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Ian Chapman presents the Country Pub of the year award to the Marine Hotel Stonehaven



FUTURE EVENTS

When	Where	Why
Sat 14th Nov, 2pm	Grammar FP Club Queens Road	Branch AGM Nominations, please, for all branch posts
Wed 2nd Dec, 8.30	Triple Kirks	Branch Meeting
Wed 30th Dec 8pm,	Grill	Festive social
Tues 12th Jan 8.30	Northern Hotel	Branch Meeting