

Ginger Explosion is crowned Champion Bottle Beer of Scotland

Ginger Explosion from TSA (Bridge of Allan) was voted Champion Bottle Beer of Scotland at Geordie's Byre, Ayr on Sunday, 11th November 2007. This superb speciality beer flavoured with ginger pipped Black Isle Brewery's Hibernator III by just one point in the judging!

Ten bottled real ales from five Scottish breweries were judged in the competition. TSA (Bridge of Allan, Stirlingshire), Black Isle (Ross-shire), Arran (Strathclyde), Tryst (Stirling) and Hillside (Aberdeenshire) were all represented.

CAMRA's competition organiser Lindsay Grant said, "There was a real variety of beer entered into this year's competition. They ranged in colour and style from very dark to pale straw, from milds through to standard bitters. It was also great to see speciality beers in the final which were flavoured with ginger, raspberries and brambles. Six judges, including local CAMRA members, licensees and a press representative, presided over what proved to be a very close run competition with only 1 point separating the top 2 beers."

Mr Grant continued "I would like to thank all of the breweries that took part in the final and supplied such excellent beers but our congratulations go out to TSA for their amazing Ginger Explosion which fully deserved this year's Champion Bottle Beer of Scotland Award."

Judges described the winning Ginger Explosion, 5% ABV, as being pale gold and very clear in appearance and having a superb strong aroma and taste of ginger.

Overall results:

1st - TSA (Bridge of Allan), Ginger Explosion

2nd - Black Isle, Hibernator III

3rd - Arran, Milestone