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WHO MAKES THE BEST AUSTRALIAN BEER?

NSW & VICTORIAN BREWERS LEAD THE WAY

Beer drinkers take note, the results are in. Victoria's Matilda Bay Brewing Company and Sydney based brewer Redoak are the latest Aussie beers sure to impress connoisseurs of the beer world.

At the fourth annual **Sydney Royal Beer Competition** 83 Australian commercial and boutique beers were judged on criteria including: flavour, balance, aroma, palate, appearance and drinkability.

The **Champion Draught Beer** was awarded to Matilda Bay for their Alpha Pale Ale Garage Reserve. The Victorian brewer is the first to collect the prestigious award, after Champion trophy was introduced to the competition in 2009, but not awarded.

The strong Victorian performer, Matilda Bay also took home three Gold medals, two Silver and three Bronze for their range of lagers and ales.

RAS Fine Food Committee Chair, Lyndey Milan says this year's results have been both impressive and encouraging for the industry.

"The 2010 results truly highlight the great depth in the quality of Australian brewing and it is gratifying to see the standard rising. Across the board this year's beers were outstanding," said Ms Milan.

The **Champion Bottled Beer** was awarded to Sydney's Redoak for their IPA, entered in the Pale/Golden Ales class. A consistent performer at the Sydney Royal Beer Show, Redoak's beers also achieved three Gold, five Silver and five Bronze medals.

Attracting entries from all around Australia, the judging panel of talent industry experts were tasked with critiquing eight categories including Golden Lagers, Dark Lagers, Pale/Golden Ales, Amber and Dark Ales, Stouts and Porters, Wheat Beers, Strong Beers and Other/Speciality Beers.

Other notable medal winning exhibitors include Moo Brew in Tasmania, who picked up one Gold, two Silver and two Bronze medals.

Port Macquarie's The Little Brewing Company took home a total of eight medals, including one Gold, four Silver and three Bronze.

4Pines Brewing Company in Sydney's Manly picked up a Gold medal for their draught Kolsch and Silver was awarded to their Pale Ale.

Sydney's St Arnou took home a Gold for their Pilsner, along with three Silver and two Bronze medals.

Chairman of Judges Grahame Latham AM noted that exhibit numbers were slightly down compared to 2009, but the panel saw an increase in quality.

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“This is supported by the outstanding medal tally, the best we’ve seen since the inception of the competition. It was extremely pleasing to see two Champion Awards and multiple Gold Medals awarded this year, compared with no Champion or Gold Medals in 2009,” said Mr Latham.

Across the 83 entries, 86% received a medal. 10 Gold Medals were awarded along with 30 Silver and 31 Bronze Medals.

Gold Medals were won in 8 out of 20 categories – Pale/Golden Ales, Amber and Dark Ales, Stouts and Porters and Strong Beers.

The judging panel, lead by Grahame Latham AM, comprises senior brewing industry professionals from across Australia with both manufacturing and marketing expertise. Judges are unable to enter any beer from their company in the competition.

Championship status or a medal win at the Sydney Royal Beer Competition, the only competition to judge exclusively Australian commercially available domestic beers, represents excellence and innovation in beer production.

A list of Champion and Gold Medal winners is attached. For a full list of Medal winners please visit www.sydneyroyalshows.com.au

The Sydney Royal Beer Competition forms part of the Sydney Royal Fine Food Show. Other competitions include coffee, aquaculture, pasta and bread, cake and pie.

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SYDNEY ROYAL BEER COMPETITION

CHAMPION & MEDAL WINNERS

Champion Beers		
Matilda Bay Brewing Co	Champion Draught Beer	Melbourne VIC
	Alpha Pale Ale Garage Reserve	
Red Oak	Champion Bottled Beer	Sydney NSW
	IPA	
Gold Medal winners		
Matilda Bay Brewing Co	Alpha Pale Ale Garage Reserve	Melbourne VIC
Matilda Bay Brewing Co	Bohemian Pilsner	Melbourne VIC
Matilda Bay Brewing Co	Alpha Pale Ale Garage Reserve	Melbourne VIC
Redoak	I P A	Sydney NSW
Redoak	Oatmeal Stout	Sydney NSW
Redoak	Rauch	Sydney NSW
The Little Brewing Company Pty Ltd	Mad Abott	Port Macquarie NSW
ST Arnou Pty Ltd	Pilsner	Sydney NSW
Moo Brew	Pilsner	Berriedale TAS
4Pines Brewing Company	Kolsch	Sydney NSW

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