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6 Bears & A Goat Wins Medal at Great American Beer Festival

6 Bears & a Goat Brewing Co. (6B&G) of Fredericksburg was awarded a bronze medal at the Great American Beer Festival (GABF), the world's largest commercial beer competition.

6B&G's O'Dark Thirty Irish Extra Stout earned the bronze in the Classic Irish-Style Dry Stout category. GABF announced the results Saturday, Oct. 5, during the three-day festival in Denver, Colorado. 6B&G opened in January 2017 and was one of only 13 Virginia breweries to medal this year. The commonwealth is home to more than 200 licensed breweries.

O'Dark Thirty Irish Extra Stout is a flagship beer that is available year-round in the 6B&G brew house and in many area restaurants. It's midnight black in color and full-bodied without being thick or sweet. It features a complex roasted flavor with notes of coffee and dark chocolate and a smooth dry finish.

Competition for a GABF medal remains fierce for America's craft breweries. Judges examined and tasted 9,497 beers from 2,295 American breweries. Winning a medal from the Brewers Association-sponsored event can catapult a small brewery to greater notoriety and commercial success.

6B&G is a veteran-owned independent craft brewery named after the mascots of the founders' service branches. The six Bears are 20-year retirees from the U.S. Coast Guard, and the Goat is a U.S. Navy retiree. 6B&G's head brewer, a retired Marine Master Gunnery Sergeant, has both commercial and home brewing experience and is a certified beer judge. 6B&G is located at 1140 International Parkway off U.S. 17 in Stafford County.

Additional information

+GABF results may be found at: <https://www.greatamericanbeerfestival.com/the-competition/winners/>

+ 6B&G's O'Dark Thirty Irish Extra Stout also won a bronze medal in the 2019 U.S. Open Beer Championship.

+Virginia Eagle Distributing handles 6B&G beer sales in the region.

+6B&G's brew house features a full-service restaurant and bar as well as a private event space and outdoor seating and stage for live music.

+6B&G was voted the "Best Local Brewery" in 2018 and 2019 in The Free Lance-Star/Fredericksburg.com online competition and won "The Battle of the Brews," sponsored by Northern Virginia magazine in 2019.

+This Saturday, 6B&G will celebrate the Navy's 244th birthday in unique style with the "Running of the Goats." Five goats, one representing each branch of the armed military services, will race on a specially designed course on 6B&G's 4-acre property. Goats in need of a little encouragement will be herded by our "Bear" sheep dog. Bring the family for plenty of entertainment, beer--including O'Dark Thirty--food and music. Admission is free.

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