

THE BAR TOWEL LAUNCHES VOTING FOR 2008 GOLDEN TAP AWARDS

Gala awards event to be held Saturday, August 23rd at beerbistro in Toronto

TORONTO, July 7 - The Bar Towel, Ontario's Premier Beer Resource, is proud to announce the launch of voting for the 2008 Golden Tap Awards, the leading awards event recognizing the best craft beer achievements in Ontario.

Now in its sixth year, the Golden Tap Awards is a democratic awards event, with voting taking place online at www.goldentap.com until August 9th. Visitors to the web site can vote for any or all of the categories they wish, which include:

- Best microbrewery in the Greater Toronto Area (GTA)
- Best microbrewery in Ontario (outside of the GTA)
- Best beer brewed in the GTA
- Best beer brewed in Ontario (outside of the GTA)
- Best bar in the GTA in terms of draught beer selection
- Best bar in the GTA in terms of bottled beer selection
- Best bar in Ontario (outside of the GTA)
- Best brewpub or tied house in Ontario (including the GTA)

Complete nominations for each category including past winners can be found at the Golden Tap Awards official web site, www.goldentap.com.

Continuing this year will be a series of exclusive Bar Towel "Editor's Circle" awards, to be handed out for significant special achievements in the Ontario craft beer industry. Winners from last year included Roland + Russell, Michael Hancock, Volo Cask Days and the Great Lakes Brewery.

"The Golden Tap Awards have become one of the leading craft beer awards events in Ontario," says Cass Enright, founder and president of The Bar Towel. "With the general voting awards plus the Editor's Circle awards, I believe the best and most exciting achievements in the Ontario beer scene are recognized."

The Golden Tap Awards party will take place on Saturday, August 23rd at beerbistro, located at 18 King Street East in Toronto. At this gala event all winners will be announced at a special Ontario beer festival featuring only Ontario craft beers. There will also be a real-time Golden Tap Awards vote for the best beer available at the festival. More information on this event will be available at www.goldentap.com.

“The Golden Tap Awards are truly a celebration of Ontario craft brewing,” continues Enright. “Our province has a very dynamic beer scene that has been expanding and evolving over the past number of years. I’m confident that this year’s event will continue to honour the best in beer that Ontario has to offer.”

The Golden Tap Awards are presented by The Bar Towel, Ontario’s Premier Beer Resource. The Bar Towel is an online news and community web site dedicated to craft beer in Ontario. The Bar Towel can be found online at www.bartowel.com.

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