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## **NORCAL BREW FEST, AUGUST 4 AT THE FAIR**

*Unlimited Tastes of Over 50 Beers and Ciders, Plus All the Fun of the Fair!*

SANTA ROSA, CA – June 6, 2018– The Sonoma County Fair is thrilled to announce the return of the annual NorCal Brew Fest. Join us for a cold one at the Fairgrounds, August 4 from 1:00 pm to 4:00 pm during the 2018 Sonoma County Fair “Salute to Heroes.”

The NorCal Brew Fest is a competition and a festival for beer lovers. The NorCal Brew Fest began in 2017 at the Sonoma County Fair to provide beer makers from across the country the chance to shine and beer lovers the chance to savor. The NorCal Brew Fest includes unlimited tasting to over 50 beers and ciders, admission to the Sonoma County Fair, access to Wine Country Horse Racing, playing cornhole and Giant Jenga, listen to FREE live music at the Blues Festival, enjoy all the exhibits and so much more!

On April 28, 2018, the annual NorCal Brew Competition kicked off with judging of over 100 entries. Best of Show went to Island Brewing Company of Carpinteria, CA for their Starry Night Stout. Gold medal winners in each division were:

- Station 26 Brewing of Denver, CA – Colorado Cream – Standard American Ale
- Garage Brewing Company of Murr, CA – Rancho Lager – International and Czech Lager
- Local Brewing Company of San Francisco, CA – Bluxome Black Lager – European Lager and German Wheat Beer
- Redwood Curtain Brewing Company of Arcata, CA – Special Bitter – British Bitter and English IPA
- Island Brewing Company of Carpinteria, CA – Starry Night Stout – Scottish, Irish, Dark and Strong British Ale
- South Gate Brewing Company of Oakhurst, CA – James Brown – Amber and Brown American Ale



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- Gilman Brewing Company of Berkeley, CA – ‘Merican Stout – American Porter and Stout
- HenHouse Brewing of Santa Rosa, CA – HenHouse IPA – American IPA
- Mazama Brewing of Corvallis, OR – Juicy IPA – Specialty IPA
- Redwood Curtain Brewing Company of Arcata, CA – Strange Daze – Strong American Ale
- Mazama Brewing of Corvallis, OR – Blonde – Strong Belgian Ale and American Wile Ale
- Garage Brewing Company of Murr, CA – The Tow Truck – Trappist Ale
- Gilman Brewing Company of Berkeley, CA – Champ Rochaux – Fruit Beer
- South Gate Brewing Company of Oakhurst, CA – Oaktown Pecan Brown – Fruit and Spice, and Spiced Beer
- Garage Brewing Company of Murr, CA – Imperial Breakfast Stout – Smoked Beer and Wood Beer
- Gowan Cider of Philo, CA – Macintosh- Cider

Many of the winners will feature tastings at the NorCal Brew Fest at the Sonoma County Fair. Visit [NorCalBrewFest.com](http://NorCalBrewFest.com) for information on participating breweries from the competition.

Tickets (\$47 now or \$57 after August 1) are available at [SonomaCountyFair.com](http://SonomaCountyFair.com) for the NorCal Brew Fest on August 4 from 1:00 – 4:00 pm. You may purchase tickets at the Box Office, located at 1350 Bennett Valley Road in Santa Rosa. Pre-Fair Box Office hours are Monday – Friday 9:00 am – 6:00 pm. Tickets are not available by phone.

Join in a “Salute to Heroes” at this summer’s Sonoma County Fair from August 2 to August 12! In addition to tributes to the many heroes of Sonoma County, visitors to the Fair will find all the makings for a fun-filled family outing. A floral tribute to the beauty of Sonoma County, free entertainment and tasty fair foods are just the beginning. From the exhibit buildings filled with your neighbors’ works of art to the livestock in the barns; from the cheering horse race fans to the screams of excitement in the carnival, the Fair has something for everyone. For details, visit



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