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**Cairngorm Brewery wins Champion British Speciality Beer
for the 2nd year running**

The Cairngorm Brewery scooped the prestigious Champion Speciality Beer of Britain award with their fine ale "Trade Winds" at the 2005 Great British Beer Festival held by CAMRA, the consumer organisation, at Olympia in London yesterday.

This is the second year running that Trade Winds has won this top honour and the company can now regard itself as one of Scotland's leading breweries being the only Scottish brewery to gain a placing in this UK competition.

The beer is noted as a speciality beer due to additional natural flavours being mixed in with the hops. Sean Tomlinson, Brewing Manager for Cairngorm describes the beer "as having a light golden colour with a high proportion of wheat and corn giving it a clean fresh taste, on top of which there is masses of hops, fruit and citrus flavours".

The brewery has built an outstanding reputation for quality. As well as winning the GB Champion Speciality category, the brewery has also won the Champion Beer of Scotland for two years running and also runner up position this year.

The brewery is based in Aviemore in the Highlands and Managing Director, Robbie Walker commented, "The number of quality awards that the brewery has received over the last 18 months is exceptional and really cements the reputation of the company for quality".

But it's not only the quality reputation of the company that's improving. Merlin Sandbach, Sales Manager commented "consumers, publicans and wholesalers alike demand quality and such success and exposure really creates a point of difference between Cairngorm and the competition." He

added that significant growth has been realised both for cask and bottled product.

Alternative titles

- Trade Winds, blowing in the right direction for Cairngorm
- Cairngorm sails home with Trade Winds

Images

Trade Winds – pump clip

Collection of award – images to follow

Award logo – from CAMRA

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2004	SIBA Scottish Champion Stout	Black Gold
2004	SIBA UK Bavarian Style Wheat Beer	White Lady

* GBBF – Great British Beer Festival.

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The Cairngorm Brewery



The Cairngorm Brewery Co Ltd has been trading since 2001 and is based in Aviemore within the Cairngorm National Park.

The brewery has a 10bbl mash tun and copper, 90bbls of fermentation capacity and 100bbls of conditioning capacity. All malts are milled on site and whole hop flowers are used; both aid in ensuring that consistent high quality is maintained. The majority of the beers are racked and leave the site in cask format.

The brewery has 14 different brews; some brewed all year round, others as seasonals. Six of the brews are also bottled.

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CAMRA stands for the **Campaign for Real Ale**
More information about this organisation can be found on their web site www.camra.org.uk

SIBA stands for the **Society for Independent Brewers**
This is a trade organisation for independent brewers and more information can be found on their web site www.siba.co.uk