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### **Cairngorm Brewery Champions again!!**

On Thursday night at the Scottish Traditional Beer Festival The Cairngorm Brewery in Aviemore retained the CAMRA "Champion Beer of Scotland" award, but this time with their Scottish Stout "Black Gold".

Not content with gold, the brewery also scooped the silver award with one of their speciality beers Trade Winds, which won the same event twelve months ago.

Sales Manager Merlin Sandbach and brewers Ewan Grant and Gordon Smith were at the Assembly Rooms in Edinburgh to bring back to Aviemore the trophy they had just returned.

Elated Managing Director, Robbie Walker commented, "I am delighted for the staff at the brewery. They are consistently producing quality product and winning the award two years running; and picking up both gold and silver this year is a credit to them and they deserve it."

He followed by adding " the brewery is gaining an enviable reputation with awards not only coming from consumer organisations. In April "Black Gold" was also acknowledged by the brewing industry when it won the SIBA UK Champion Stout award."

Sean Tomlinson, the Head Brewer describes 'Black Gold' as having "a rich dark colour coming from the higher proportion of roasted barley's whose underlying flavours come through in the after tastes. There is a traditional smooth sweetness that marries well with the small quantities and balance of Challenger and Fuggles hops.

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## Notes:

### The Cairngorm Brewery



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

The brewery employs eight full time staff, 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 over 14 different brews; some brewed all year round, others as seasonals. Six of the brews are also bottled.

### Recent notably awards

2005	CAMRA Champion Beer of Scotland	Black Gold
2005	Runner up to CAMRA Champion Beer of Scotland	Tradewinds
2005	SIBA UK Champion Stout	Black Gold
2004	CAMRA GBBF* Champion Speciality	Tradewinds
2004	CAMRA Champion Beer of Scotland	Tradewinds
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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CAMRA stands for the **Campaign for Real Ale**  
More information about this well-established organisation can be found on their web site [www.camra.org.uk](http://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](http://www.siba.co.uk)