



# The Shipyard Brewing Company

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### **Shipyard Brewing Company's Old Thumper: Best in Show Los Angeles**

**PORTLAND, MAINE (September 27, 2004)** – The Shipyard Brewing Company's Old Thumper Extra Special Ale has been honored with top awards from two of the most prestigious California beer events.

The Los Angeles County Fair awarded Old Thumper Best in Show as well as 1<sup>st</sup> place in the English Bitter category. The LA County Fair is the largest county Fair in North America.

Last month, the California Brewers Festival awarded Old Thumper 1<sup>st</sup> Place among English Pale Ales.

“Old Thumper also won first place at the West Coast Brewers Festival earlier this year” noted Mike Carey, Shipyard's west coast sales representative. “The Shipyard brand is growing strong here in California and these awards have certainly caused more people to take notice.”

Additionally, *Celebrator Beer News* just announced a five star rating for Old Thumper.

“Old Thumper got our highest rating of five stars and joined an elite group of fine beers,” remarked publisher Tom Dalldorf. The results will be published in the October / November issue.

“This beer has been winning awards in England since I first began brewing it 20 years ago with Peter Austin at Ringwood Brewery,” said Alan Pugsley, master brewer. “I'm particularly proud that Shipyard's team of brewers has been able to consistently produce the same caliber award-winning ale that is brewed in England.”

Old Thumper Extra Special Ale is a British Grand Champion beer created in 1979 by veteran British brewer, Peter Austin, founder of Ringwood Brewery in Hampshire, England and mentor to Shipyard's Master Brewer, Alan Pugsley. After 15 years of being brewed exclusively by Ringwood, this non-traditional English bitter was introduced to America by The Shipyard Brewing Company in 1994.

Shipyard also just took home top awards from the LA County Fair for Sea Dog Bluepaw, which received a Bronze in the Fruit and Vegetable Beer category, and Shipyard IPA, which was awarded a Bronze in the English-Style India Pale Ale category.

For more information about Ringwood Brewery visit [www.ringwoodbrewery.co.uk](http://www.ringwoodbrewery.co.uk)

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