

Monterey Beer Festival showcases talent of peninsula breweries

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MONTEREY, Calif. — Beers from over 80 breweries — four of which are from the Monterey Peninsula — poured at the [Monterey Beer Festival](#) last Saturday, June 13. The 14th annual festival took place at the [Monterey County Fairgrounds](#), featuring an assortment of local food vendors, live music and craft breweries from across the United States.

Ticket holders received a mini-mug souvenir to sample unlimited pours of the beer available at the festival. Bigger craft breweries, such as [Lagunitas](#), [Sierra Nevada](#), [Firestone](#) and [Abita](#), were pouring their flagship and seasonal brews, but perhaps the most unique highlight of the Monterey Beer Festival were the offerings from local Monterey Peninsula breweries.

Pacific Grove-based brewery, [Craft Artisan Ales](#), showcased their Nebulous Imperial India Pale, Stay Connected and Ricketts Lab India Pale Ale. The brewery is working on opening a taproom in the near future, but beer drinkers can find their pungent, hoppy blends at local craft beer bar, [Post No Bills](#), and [Grove Market](#).



Alvarado Street Brewery, a local brewery and gastropub located in Old Monterey, was in attendance, pouring their Minesweeper IPA, Dank Sauce IPA, and the juicy hop bomb of a beer, Triple Cone Imperial IPA. The brewery puts out a rotating selection of craft brews that can be found at their aptly located brewpub on Alvarado Street.

Showcasing their quality British-style beers, Marina-based **English Ales Brewery** was pouring samples of their Pendragon Strong Ale and Bad Bobby IPA. Local beer drinkers can enjoy English pub fare and the brewery's classic brews at their pub in Marina.

Peter B's Brewpub, a Monterey staple located at the Portola Hotel and Spa, brought along a Belgian, Raspberry Wheat, Lager and IPA, as well as a special cask-conditioned version of their 40 Acre Pale Ale dry-hopped with Mosaic hops. Four of Peter B's beers are always on tap at the **Portola Hotel** brewpub.

