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John Mitchell Award for Brewing Excellence  
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## The John Mitchell Award for Brewing Excellence Honours Tony Dewald as Inaugural Recipient

**VANCOUVER BC, September 18th 2023** – The prestigious *John Mitchell Award for Brewing Excellence* proudly announces its inaugural recipient, Tony Dewald, for the year 2023. This award, established to celebrate the remarkable contributions of outstanding individuals in the brewing industry, recognizes Tony Dewald's outstanding achievements and dedication to the craft of brewing.

### ABOUT THE AWARD

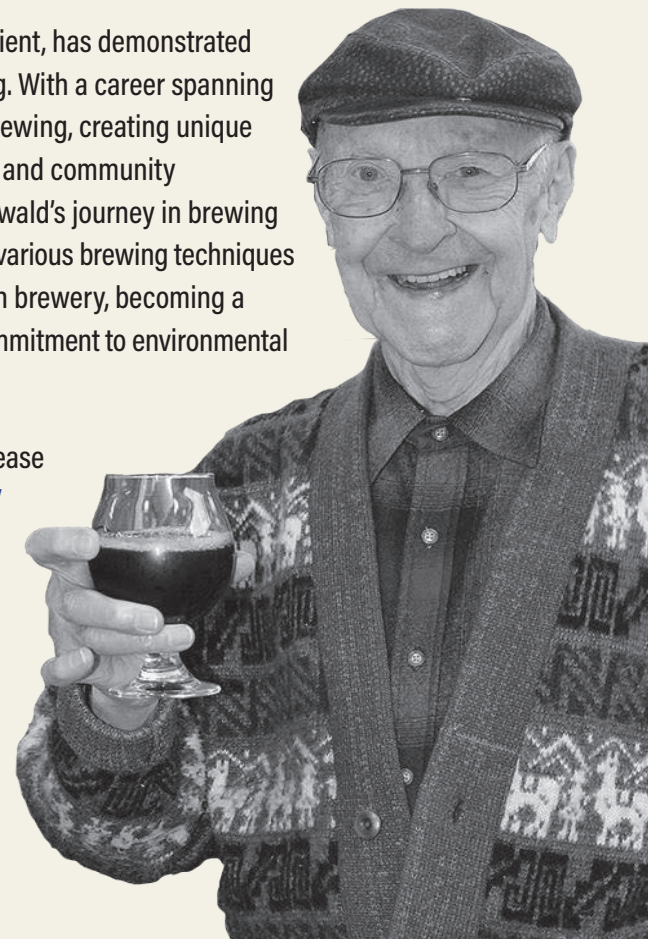
The John Mitchell Award for Brewing Excellence was created to honor the legacy of the late John Mitchell, Canada's original craft brewer and a pioneering figure in the craft beer movement who played a pivotal role in shaping the industry. In 1982, John Mitchell started an economic and cultural revolution when he pioneered Canada's first craft brewery in Horseshoe Bay BC. John Mitchell's dedication to innovation, quality, and community-building serves as an inspiration to brewers and beer enthusiasts worldwide. Today, we are honoring his legacy while celebrating the next generation of brewers who have made a major impact on Canada's craft beer industry. To learn more about the award, please visit <https://johnmitchell.beer/about-the-award/>.

### ABOUT THE RECIPIENT

Tony Dewald, the 2023 John Mitchell Award for Brewing Excellence recipient, has demonstrated an exceptional commitment to advancing the art and science of brewing. With a career spanning over two decades, Dewald has consistently pushed the boundaries of brewing, creating unique and memorable beer experiences. His passion for quality, sustainability, and community engagement has left an indelible mark on the brewing industry. Tony Dewald's journey in brewing began with humble roots in a small garage, where he experimented with various brewing techniques and ingredients. Over the years, he refined his craft and founded his own brewery, becoming a respected leader in the industry. His innovative brewing methods and commitment to environmental sustainability have set new industry standards.

For more about Tony Dewald's remarkable journey and contributions, please read his biography at <https://johnmitchell.beer/2023-award-recipient/>

John Ohler, Executive Director of the John Mitchell Award for Brewing Excellence, shared his enthusiasm for the inaugural recipient, stating, *"Tony Dewald embodies the spirit of John Mitchell, both in his passion for brewing and his dedication to fostering a sense of community within the brewing world. We are thrilled to honor him as the first recipient of this prestigious award."*



## THE PRESENTATION

The event will be held on Thursday, October 5th at The Barley Merchant Taproom & Kitchen located at 20090 91A Ave, Building B, Unit 101 in Langley near the Colossus movie theatre. The event kicks off at 3:00pm with a tapping of four student brewed beers from the Kwantlen Polytechnic University Brewing Program. The John Mitchell Lifetime Achievement Award for Brewing Excellence will be announced at 4:30pm.

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## About the John Mitchell Award for Brewing Excellence:

The John Mitchell Award for Brewing Excellence was established to recognize exceptional individuals who have made significant contributions to the brewing industry, embodying the spirit of innovation, quality, and community. Named in honor of the late John Mitchell, a pioneer in the craft beer movement, this award seeks to celebrate and perpetuate his legacy.

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