

BEST BAR NONE



AWARDS

dundee 2006

EVENT CALLING NOTE

BEST BAR NONE - ENTRANTS CONGRATULATED AND WINNERS ANNOUNCED

**Strictly embargoed until end of ceremony: 2.30pm, Wednesday August 30, 2006,
City Chambers.**

**(the winners will not know they have won until results are announced - ceremony
starts 1.40pm) You are invited to send a reporter/photographer**

Dundee pubs, clubs and bars are to be rewarded for their moves to achieve even higher standards for their customers at a special awards ceremony on Wednesday (August 30).

Lord Provost John Letford will present the first-ever Dundee 'Best Bar None' Awards for 2006 during an event at the City Chambers. Rachael Robertson from award sponsors Diageo and representatives of the Scottish Business Crime Centre will also congratulate the entrants on their success.

The scheme operates in other parts of the country like Glasgow and Manchester and is designed to reward and recognise pubs, clubs and bars which go the extra mile to promote social responsibility and customer safety.

A total of 21 establishments in Dundee entered following a launch earlier this year, and went through a rigorous system of checks carried out by Dundee City Council, Tayside Police and Tayside Fire & Rescue. Judging was then carried out by a special panel of experts.

The multi-agency backers of Dundee's 'Best Bar None' project are determined to build on the success of the DUNCAN (Dundee Co-ordinated Anti Crime Network) scheme's work to keep improving the night-time economy of the city centre. The 'Best Bar None' criteria are designed to be add-ons to the strict health and safety measures demanded by licensing conditions, and winners will be able to display a plaque indicating their 'Best Bar None' status for a year.

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All 21 establishments which entered 'Best Bar None' have all scored 100% under the 'essential' criteria to receive a bronze award.

The best in the 'pub', 'bar' and 'club' categories then receives a silver award. Following judging, the best of those three is decided as the overall winner of the gold award.

Lord Provost John Letford said: "I am delighted at such a healthy response to the first Dundee 'Best Bar None' awards, and by the fact that every entry has been awarded bronze status.

"The city of Dundee is continuing to enhance its reputation for the quality of its nightlife and these awards show how we are all determined to keep up this momentum for the benefit of the public and for the city's economy. I am glad to see that so many establishments have responded so positively to these awards and I am sure all will display their plaques with pride."

The Lord Provost added: "We are very proud of the strong partnership work carried out by the licensed trade, the council, police and other agencies and this is further highlighted by the success of 'Best Bar None'."

Chief Superintendent Ian Alexander, Dundee Divisional Commander, Tayside Police, said: "It is particularly encouraging that a higher percentage of applications was received in Dundee to join the scheme than on its launch in Manchester.

"That all applicants here have met the essential requirements is good evidence that the licensed trade values its customers and is prepared to raise standards to promote public and staff safety as encouraged by the BBN scheme.

"The winners have displayed particular innovation and should be proud of their achievements."

More follows.....

BRONZE AWARDS:

Pubs –

Globe Bar
The Fishermans Tavern Hotel
The Speedwell Bar
The Kittiwake
Trades House Bar
The Royal Arch Bar
The Fort Hotel
Drouthy Neebors
Deacon Brodies

Bars –

The Post Office Bar
Stobswell Sports and Recreation Club
The Capitol, Lloyds No 1 Bar
No 25 & Basement
The Social
Papa Jacques
Bar Rio
Club Bar
Clubs –
Déjà vu Nightclub
Fat Sams Nightclub
Dundee University Students' Association
Abertay Student Centre

SILVER WINNERS

Pub – The Fishermans Tavern Hotel

Bar – The Capitol, Lloyds No 1 Bar

Club – Dundee University Students' Association

GOLD WINNER

Dundee University Students' Association

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