



# P.C.C.A. NEWSFLASH



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## PCCA'S 10<sup>th</sup> Annual Pete McLaughlin Cupping Competition

Every year, the PCCA hosts a coffee cupping competition focusing on a single origin. This year, the producing county was Guatemala. The intent of the competition is twofold: to pay tribute to Pete McLaughlin for his enthusiasm and dedication to the PCCA for many years, and at the same time, feature a coffee producer and honor their efforts to bring us great coffee. This year, 25 samples were submitted and our panel of expert judges narrowed the field down to 10 to present to the membership. We are pleased to announce the top coffee selected by the PCCA cuppers at the event, followed by the list of the top ten coffees.

### FIRST PLACE PCCA TOP GUATEMALA COFFEE

#### SAMPLE #5

**BARRANCAS COFFEE** is grown in the San Marcos coffee region of Guatemala in the county of San Cristobal Cucho. Coffee is grown here in a series of ravines - big and little - that plunge into dizzying voids, accessible via a dirt road cut into the perpendicular mountains. This coffee was collected from a small family plots, from coffee trees of the Bourbon variety, some two and three generations old. Slow maturation at this high elevation (5500-6000 ft) results in one of Guatemala's most complex coffees.

#### SUBMITTED BY ATLANTIC SPECIALTY COFFEE

No. 2 Sample Cup #7 SHB EP Guatemala Submitted by Volcafe Specialty/ Waelti-Schoenfeld/Estate San Diego Buena Vista Geisha

No. 3 Sample Cup #9 SHB Guatemala Submitted by Unitrade Investment Corp/Unitrade Coffee, Estate/Finca Fina La Bolsa, Region: Huehuetenango

No. 4 Sample Cup #3 SHB EP Guatemala Submitted by Cafcom Estate/Finca Huitz Matig Region: Huehuetenango

No. 5 Sample Cup #10 SHB Guatemala Submitted by Coffee Resources/Fincas Zelaya (Zelcafe) Estate/Finca Buena Vista Region: Antigua

No. 6 Sample Cup #4 SHB EP Guatemala Submitted by Cafcom Estate/Finca Linda Vista Region: Fraijanes

No. 7 Sample Cup #8 SHB Guatemala Submitted by InterAmerican/Sertinsa Estate/Finca La Esmeralda Region: Acatenango

No. 8 Sample Cup #2 SHB EP Guatemala Submitted by Cafcom Estate/Finca Entre Volcanes Region: Antigua

No. 9 Sample Cup #1 SHB EP Guatemala Submitted by Walker Coffee/Transcafe S.A. Estate/Finca of Patzicia Chimaltenango

No. 10 Sample Cup #6 SHB Guatemala (Caturra Variety/Patio sun dried) Submitted by Café Especiales de Guatemala /Finca Los Caballitos, S.A. Region: Quiche

#### SPECIAL THANKS TO:

STEVE SLOAT AND THE ANNEX FOR ONCE AGAIN HOSTING THIS GREAT EVENT!

THE JUDGING PANEL: Tim Kallok, Doug Welsh, Hugo De La Rocha, Mike Mountanos, John Kane

DAVE WEBER & PONG DEEWARAT FOR ORGANIZING BOTH THE PREJUDGING AND THE CUPPING COMPETITION.

#### SPECIAL THANKS TO:

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EDUARDO AMBROCIA FOR HIS FANTASTIC PRESENTATION ON GUATEMALA

CIRQUA WATER/DAVE BEEMAN FOR DONATING THE WATER

MOUNTANOS BROTHERS FOR HOSTING THE PREJUDGING