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**Boulevard Unfiltered Wheat Beer Takes Gold at GABF**  
***Brewery brings home two medals from the nation's largest beer competition***

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KANSAS CITY, Mo., October 13, 2008 – Boulevard Brewing Company, the Midwest's largest craft brewery, won a gold medal for its 3.2 *Unfiltered Wheat Beer* at the 27<sup>th</sup> Great American Beer Festival (GABF), held October 9-11 in Denver, Colorado. The beer received top honors among 33 total entries in the category of *Session Beers*, defined as beers that balance stylistic character while containing alcohol of less than 4.1% alcohol by volume.

*The Sixth Glass*, a member of Boulevard's Smokestack Series line of artisanal beers, won a bronze medal in the Belgian-Style Abbey Ale category, in a crowded field of 52 entrants. This is the second award for Smokestack Series beers this year, with Boulevard *Saison* taking home a gold medal at this summer's Mondial de la bière in Montreal.

"Our Unfiltered Wheat Beer introduced the craft movement to a large number of Midwestern beer drinkers," said Boulevard founder and president, John McDonald. "We're honored to receive this recognition, and remain committed to brewing an increasing variety of extraordinary beers for those living within our selling territory."

This year's attendance at the GABF — the nation's largest beer festival — was estimated at 46,000, with almost 3,000 beers entered in 75 categories.

**About Boulevard Brewing Company**

Boulevard Brewing Company has grown to be the largest specialty brewer in the Midwest, dedicated to the craft of producing fresh, flavorful beers using traditional ingredients and the best of both old and new brewing techniques. Boulevard beers are available in a 14-state region including Missouri, Kansas, Nebraska, Iowa, Illinois, Oklahoma, Arkansas, Texas, Tennessee, North Dakota, South Dakota, Minnesota, Wyoming and Utah.

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