During the winter of 2022-23 Buffalo once again won two snow-related awards! With a seasonal total of 133.6 inches, Buffalo was the snowiest city in New York State (Golden Snowball Award) and the snowiest city (100,000+) in the United States (Snow Globe Award).

Stephen Vermette (Department of Geosciences at Buffalo State University) serves as custodian of the trophy while in Buffalo: vermetsj@buffalostate.edu.

A commemorative beer (snow is the secret ingredient) is being brewed in Buffalo (Buffalo Brewing Company) in honor of Buffalo’s recognition. “Golden Snowbeer” will be available by mid-July.

The Golden Snowball trophy and Golden Snowbeer are more than just about snow. Both recognize that snow has been, and continues to be, very much a part of Buffalo and WNY (engrained in our DNA) – whether one is drawn to its beauty, snow sports, or curse the burdens it brings. It is certainly a Buffalo identifier for folks living outside of WNY. Both the good and bad of snow is what binds our city and region and exemplifies why we are a “City of Good Neighbors”.
The Mayor didn’t want this, so we thought it would look nice in our case.

Introducing The Golden Snowbeer! 🍻
Brewed exclusively for the snowiest city in upstate NY, this cream ale is a tribute to Buffalo, reigning champ of snowfall records two years in a row. 🏆

Join us at Myrtle Tap room this Thursday at 4pm to taste this golden delight dry hopped with cascade hops. 🌬️ Don't miss out on the 5.5% ABV snow-inspired refreshment! Let's raise a glass to winter wonders! 🍻
The 2023-24 Golden Snowball Trophy Tour

May 1st to July 27th
August 4th to 20th
September 8th to 30th
October 3rd to 29th
November 2nd

November 14th to 30th
December 1st to 15th

Buffalo Brewing Company, Buffalo
Art’s Café, Springville
Blueberry Treehouse Café, West Falls
Becker Farms, Gasport
Buffalo State Faculty/Staff Research & Creativity Fall Forum
Hamburg Public Library, Hamburg
Campus House, Buffalo State University

When you get a call asking if your business would be interested in hosting the Golden Snowball Trophy for a few weeks…. you say yes! Awarded annually to the New York State city with the most snow - Buffalo is on a two-year winning streak! Come check it out.

Welcoming the trophy at the Art’s Café.

The pairing of Golden Snowbeer and the Golden Snowball trophy works well at the Blueberry Treehouse Café, West Falls.

Display at Becker Farms. The cobwebs doesn't mean it has been there forever, rather, just caught up in the Halloween fun.
The trophy found itself in an academic setting, at the Buffalo State University Faculty/Staff Research & Creativity Fall Forum, accompanying a poster titled “Is There Snow in Buffalo’s Future?” The content of the poster was published in a January 2023 issue of Buffalo Rising.

The Hamburg Library is currently a display location for The Golden Snowball trophy! Buffalo was awarded the snowiest city in NYS and the U.S. for the past two years. Stop in and see the trophy this month, on top of our Home Improvement shelves.

The trophy returned to its host – Buffalo State University – currently greeting guests at the University’s Campus House (a culinary teaching lab and campus social club).

Golden Snowball is referenced in the Winter 2023 edition of the AAA Magazine (page 6)
The Golden Snowball Trophy Comes to Buffalo!

During the winter of 2021-22 Buffalo won two snow-related awards! With a seasonal total of 97.4 inches, Buffalo was the snowiest city in New York State (Golden Snowball Award) and the snowiest city (100,000+) in the United States (Snow Globe Award).

https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Golden_Snowball_Award
https://goldensnowball.com/
https://goldensnowglobe.com/

Story of Trophy’s Arrival in Buffalo (click logo)

WNY Tour (2021-22)

August 31st
September 3rd & 4th
September 17th
September 18th
October 8th to December 5th

November 4th
December 7th to 25th
January 13th
January 21st

January 25th to February 1st
February 18th
February 25th
March 18th to 31st
April 4th to 25th

Buffalo State College Bookstore
2022 National Buffalo Wing Festival (Wingfest)
NY Geog. Alliance meeting, Lockport Locks & Erie Canal Cruises
Weather presentation at Kenmore Presbyterian Church
Buffalo Museum of Science. Accompanying the exhibit “Snow: Tiny Crystals, Global Impact”
National Weather Service (NWS) Winter SKYWARN training
Vidler’s 5 & 10 Store (window display), East Aurora, NY
Winter Faire, Aurora Waldorf School, West Falls, NY
Winter Wonderland Ecology Day at Beaver Meadow Audubon Nature Center
BFLO Store, Transitown Plaza, 4199 Transit Rd.
Brewski at Knox Farm State Park. 42North Brewing Company
Off Beat Cinema, WBBZ-TV, Midnight (Movie showing: Night Tide)
Russell’s Steaks, Chops, and More (selfie area)
The Buffalo & Erie County Central Public Library (Downtown)

See a few photos on next page

Mayoral offices of winning cities receive temporary possession of the Golden Snowball trophy for the year. In 2018-19 Buffalo won the award but became the first city to refuse the trophy. To avoid a repeat refusal this year, the Department of Geography & Planning at SUNY Buffalo State is hosting the trophy on behalf of the City of Buffalo. Stephen Vermette serves as custodian of the trophy: vermetsj@buffalostate.edu

Thank you: Patrick DeCoursey who keeps the snow tallies on his website https://goldensnowball.com and helps keep the contest alive; to Jay Tokasz (Buffalo News) who helped nudge the trophy to Buffalo; to Sean Kirst (Buffalo News) who conveyed the true meaning of the trophy, to Niagara Awards (Kenmore, NY) which engraved Buffalo's plaque (paid for by Mr. Warren Glover), to Mary Perrelli who keeps this page active, and to the many of you who were involved in displaying the trophy and/or conveying to me your appreciation that the trophy is back in Buffalo.
Russell's Steaks, Chops, and More

Brewski at Knox Farm State Park.
42North Brewing Company

Buffalo's Downtown Library

Buffalo Wing Festival