



Golden Snowball Trophy

The Golden Snowball Trophy Stays in Buffalo (It's a twopeater!)

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: vermettsj@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.

Stories about the competition (click logo) →



Stories of 'Golden Snowbeer' (click logo) →



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". It's a WNY Thing. We live it!



Adding the snow



Good mojo from trophy



Extracted "wort" – a first look at the quality



A collectable can!



Buffalo Brewing Company

July 10 at 10:19 AM · 🌐

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! ❄️



Buffalo Brewing Company

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The Mayor didn't want this, so we thought it would look nice in our case.



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

January 13th

January 25th to February 10th

February 14th to 18th

February 21st to March 6th

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

Aurora Waldorf Winter Faire, Aurora

West Seneca Public Library, West Seneca

42 North Brewing Company, East Aurora

Duff's Famous Wings, Amherst



Welcoming the trophy at the Art's Café.



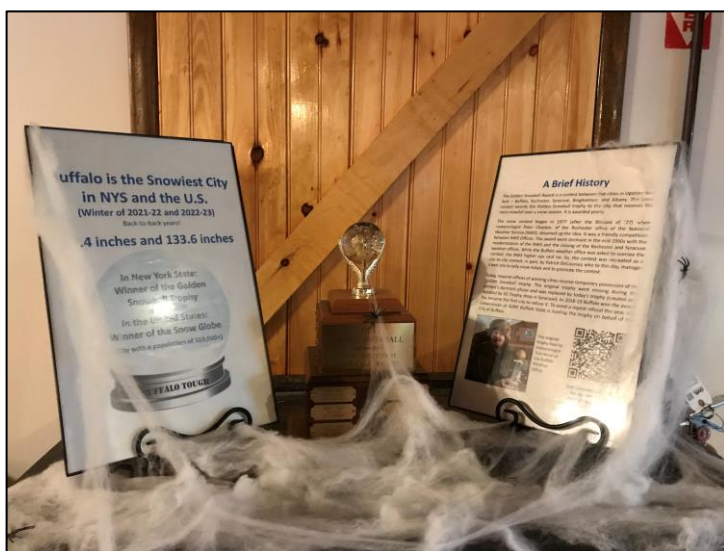
Art's Café - Springville, NY

August 9 at 5:05 PM · 🌐

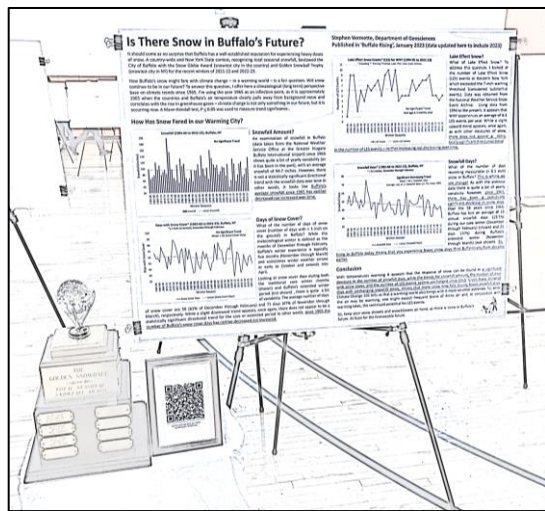
When you get a call asking if your business would be interested in hosting the Golden Snowball Trophy for a few weeks.... you say yes! Awarded annually to the New York State city with the most snow - Buffalo is on a two-year winning streak! Come check it out.



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.



BUFFALO STATE
The State University of New York

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](#).



Hamburg Public Library

November 13 at 6:00 PM · 📍

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).



A fun time of crafts and story telling. We Just beat out the winter storm!

The trophy's second visit to the Aurora Waldorf School. Thank you for the invite.

Golden Snowball is referenced in the Winter 2023 edition of the AAA Magazine (page 6) showing last years winning total.



You'll want to pack items like a first aid kit, flares, matches, reflective triangles, a flashlight with extra batteries, warm clothing, blankets, a cell phone charger, bottled water, and non-perishable snacks. A shovel and ice scraper can really come in handy to clear a path to your car or clear ice from your windshield.

Yes, winter driving can be scary, but we're from Western and Central New York! We've got this. And always remember AAA's number one winter driving tip: if the roads are treacherous and you don't have to go out, just stay home!

The Golden Snowball
is a contest based on which Upstate New York city gets the most snow.
Check out last winter's accumulation results:

TOTAL SNOWFALL	City	Snowfall (inches)
★	Buffalo	133.6"
	Syracuse	65.6"
	Binghamton	61.5"
	Albany	55.0"
	Rochester	50.4"

Buffalo also had the distinct pleasure of winning the Golden Snow Globe as the snowiest city in the United States with a population of 100,000 or more. That's one championship title the city is eager to lose!

The trophy on display at the West Seneca Public Library. Given West Seneca's snow accumulation from the mid-January storm, the trophy is well deserved. Love the snowballs and the mittens holding the trophy! Love the spirit!



Duff's Famous Wings

We humbly accept and host The Golden Snowball Award on behalf of the City Of Buffalo ... As Buffalonians though it only felt appropriate to replace the ball with blue cheese and a hot wing 🏆🏆🏆



Previous year (2021-2022) Golden Snowball Trophy tour shown on following pages.



Golden Snowball Trophy

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: vermettsj@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

Vidler's 5 & 10 Store



BFLO Store

Russell's Steaks, Chops, and More



Off Beat Cinema, WBBZ-TV

Buffalo Wing Festival



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Buffalo's Downtown Library

