

# Winners - 2026 Between The Bluffs Homebrew Competition

## Table 1: Standard / International Lagers (13 entries)

Place	Brewer	Entry	Style	Club
1st	Guy Grady	Raised In A Bohemian Lifestyle...	Czech Pale Lager	Central Arkansas Fermenters
2nd	Ben Nelson	'Murica	American Lager	
3rd	Haven Schultz	Bud Leicht	German Leichtbier	The Bru Club

## Table 2: Premium Pale / Amber Lagers (15 entries)

Place	Brewer	Entry	Style	Club
1st	Bryant Jurgensmeyer	Driftwood	Kolsch	The Bru Club
2nd	Ben Nelson	Bootlegger	Pre-Prohibition Lager	
3rd	Andy Collett	What's Your Favorite Color	German Pils	
HM	Ben Nelson	Czech Amber	Czech Amber Lager	

## Table 3: Amber / Malty European Beers (14 entries)

Place	Brewer	Entry	Style	Club
1st	Holland Andrew	Archer's Altbier	Altbier	
2nd	Rich Vander Ploeg	Fun In The Sun	Munich Helles	Johnson County Brewing Society
3rd	Bryant Jurgensmeyer	What In The Helles	Munich Helles	The Bru Club

## Table 4: Dark / Strong Lagers (7 entries)

Place	Brewer	Entry	Style	Club
1st	Tim Miehle	Eis Eis Baby	Eisbock	La Crosse Area Grain Enthusiasts and Related Specialties
2nd	Chris Gerold	Nightfall Pivo	Czech Dark Lager	La Crosse Area Grain Enthusiasts and Related Specialties
3rd	Robert Cummings	Lagging Behind	International Dark Lager	The Bru Club

## Table 5: British Bitters / Pale Ales (12 entries)

Place	Brewer	Entry	Style	Club
1st	Harley Hopkins	Woking Up Late	British Golden Ale	The Bru Club
2nd	James Faircloth	Wise Owl ESB	Strong Bitter	C.H.A.O.S. Brew Club
3rd	Javier Murillo	Best B III	Best Bitter	The Bru Club

## Table 6: Brown, Scottish, and Irish Ales (7 entries)

Place	Brewer	Entry	Style	Club
1st	Todd Rieck	Moors Or Less	Wee Heavy	La Crosse Area Grain Enthusiasts and Related Specialties
2nd	Nathan Koeppel	Winter Sunburn	Irish Red Ale	Rapid River Mash Masters
3rd	Aaron Mathieu	King Kenny	Scottish Heavy	The Bru Club

**Table 7: American Pale / Amber Ales (9 entries)**

Place	Brewer	Entry	Style	Club
1st	Bryant Jurgensmeyer	Blonde Hair Blue Eyes	Blonde Ale	The Bru Club
2nd	Dick Wallace	Avg Bru Tiny Bottom Pale	American Pale Ale	The Bru Club
3rd	Tim Miehe	Kentucky Chugger	Kentucky Common	La Crosse Area Grain Enthusiasts and Related Specialties

**Table 8: IPAs (16 entries)**

Place	Brewer	Entry	Style	Club
1st	Ross Stuart	Double IPA	Double IPA	The Bru Club
2nd	Todd Rieck	The Anvil	Black IPA	La Crosse Area Grain Enthusiasts and Related Specialties
3rd	Ryan Kuhn	Bruges To Brussels	Belgian IPA	

**Table 9: Porters / Stouts (10 entries)**

Place	Brewer	Entry	Style	Club
1st	Brent Langdon	Ode To Great Fermentations	Oatmeal Stout	The Bru Club
2nd	Holland Andrew	Thor's Porter	American Porter	
3rd	Rod Swerman	Schultz's Big Fear	Baltic Porter	La Crosse Area Grain Enthusiasts and Related Specialties

**Table 10: Wheat / Belgian Ales (8 entries)**

Place	Brewer	Entry	Style	Club
1st	Alex Zwerdling	Garden Party	American Wheat Beer	The Bru Club
2nd	Rich Vander Ploeg	Monk's Reserve	Weizenbock	Johnson County Brewing Society
3rd	Chris Gerold	Sunlit Wit	Witbier	La Crosse Area Grain Enthusiasts and Related Specialties

**Table 11: Trappist / High Gravity (8 entries)**

Place	Brewer	Entry	Style	Club
1st	Nick Hebda	Big Energy	Wheatwine	The Bru Club
2nd	Todd Rieck	Quadsimodo	Belgian Dark Strong Ale	La Crosse Area Grain Enthusiasts and Related Specialties
3rd	Adam Reynolds	Bruges Bright	Belgian Single	Miami Area Society of Homebrewers (MASH)

Place	Brewer	Entry	Style	Club
HM	Brian Carpenter	3 Monks	Belgian Tripel	Brewing Innovators and Enthusiasts of Rhinelander (BIER)

**Table 12: Sour / Specialty Beers (13 entries)**

Place	Brewer	Entry	Style	Club
1st	Jonathan Rollins	Fossil Kriek	Fruit Lambic	The Bru Club
2nd	Haven Schultz	Thunderhorse	Specialty Wood-Aged Beer	The Bru Club
3rd	Yvette Steyn	Smoke On The Prairie	Specialty Smoked Beer	Boneyard Union of Zymurgical Zealots (BUZZ)