



## First Annual Lassen Ale Works Home Brewer Competition

**Attention home brewers of Lassen County:** the first annual Lassen Ale Works home brewers' competition is scheduled for Tuesday, Oct. 30 at 5 p.m. We're inviting home brewers to enter their finest homemade brew. Whether it's a bock, bitter, blonde, Belgian, stout, steam beer, schwartzbier, hefeweizen, IPA, lager, lambic or kolsch, our panel will taste and judge all entries.

Rules? Of course there are rules! See below. But what's really important is that if you win, you will brew your own recipe on our very nice half-barrel system alongside Lassen Ale Works brewmaster Erik Jefferts and have your name and your special brew promoted and poured from the shiny taps at the Pioneer Saloon. Plus, you'll get two custom tap handles that are yours to keep after we are done pouring all of your beer.

You don't have to be a brewer to be part of the fun: please join us on Oct. 30 at 5 p.m. for the panel tasting, judging and prize giving. We'll have special appetizers to go along with the tasting.

**WHEN:**

Tuesday, October 30  
Starting at 5 p.m.

**WHERE:**

Lassen Ale Works at the Pioneer Saloon  
724 Main St  
Susanville, CA 96130  
530-257-7666

### Home brewer competition rules:

- You must be a Lassen County resident and 21 years of age or older.
- Limit 3 beers per competitor.
- Any style acceptable.
- Deliver 64 oz. minimum to the Pioneer Saloon.
- You must drop off beers no sooner than 11 a.m. Oct. 25<sup>th</sup> and no later than 7 p.m. Oct. 29<sup>th</sup>.
- Beer must be delivered in sealed and labeled container(s). Glass growlers or bottles of any size OK. Smaller bottles will be combined in one pitcher for tasting.
- Each beer container must be labeled. Labels must include clearly legible brewer name and contact information, beer name, beer style, and approximate alcohol content.
- Brewer's comments are welcome. Comments sheet must include clearly legible brewer name and contact info, beer name, beer style, and approximate alcohol content.

### Tasting rules

Beers will be judged by a panel of 6-8 judges (TBD) each of whom will taste every beer.

- Beers will be kept chilled until 10 minutes before start of tasting.
- Each taster will get 4-6 ounces of beer to taste.
- Beers will be blind tasted—tasters will not know who brewer is or the name of beer, only the stated beer style.
- Beers will be tasted from lightest to darkest—from blondes and lagers to porters and stouts.
- Ties will be decided by brewmaster Erik Jefferts.

All entries will be judged and ranked on the following criteria:

- Appearance 0-25 points
  - Clarity
  - Color
- Aroma 0-25 points
  - Clean and fresh
- Taste 0-25 points
  - Balance of hops and malt
  - Mouth feel
  - Body
  - Finish
- Overall 0-25 points
  - Match to stated beer style
  - Taster's recommendations

## Prizes

The overall winner will have the opportunity to brew their beer on Lassen Ale Works' very nice half barrel system alongside Lassen Ale Works brewmaster Erik Jefferts. Their beer will join the Lassen Ale Works beers on the Pioneer Saloon's taps, where the beer maker and his or her creation will be credited and the beer will be promoted as one of our special "guest tap" beers. Custom tap handles will be created for the winning beer, which will become the property of the winning beer maker after we've served all their beer.

Other contestants will get the glory of having their beer named

- Most unusual beer
- Best beer name
- Truest to "style"
- Some other categories we will come up with before the day of the competition



## Lassen Ale Works Home Brewer Competition Entry Form

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Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_

Contact phone: \_\_\_\_\_

Date delivered: \_\_\_\_\_ Accepted by: \_\_\_\_\_

Beer name: \_\_\_\_\_ Beer style: \_\_\_\_\_ Approx. alcohol content: \_\_\_\_\_

Brewer's comments: \_\_\_\_\_

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