

something's BREWING in the tri-lakes

Craft beer is growing by leaps and hops. The New York State's Tri-Lake's Region, Lake Placid, Saranac Lake and Tupper Lake, boast six alone. These breweries are owned and operated by independent beer lovers, from vast backgrounds, who have one goal, transforming the way the region enjoys beer. Here's a look at the cool craft beer places in the region.

BIG TUPPER BREWING

Tupper Lake

12 Cliff Ave., Tupper Lake, NY 12986

Owner: Jim LaValley

The motto for Big Tupper Brewing is "If it isn't fun, it isn't worth doing." Well Big Tupper Brewing is doing something right and having fun at the same time.

The brew-pub opened its doors in December 2016, but Big Tupper's beer, which has been made by Adirondack Brewing in Lake George, had been in circulation four years earlier.

Jim entered the craft beer industry about 10 years ago as a way to promote the Tupper Lake community and the surrounding region. Since that time, he and his head brewer, Rickey LaFlamme, have tried to stay focused on their French-Canadian heritage. That's why you'll see beers from his 10-barrell system like the IPA "Eh" Ale which Jim says you "say like a Frenchman and drink like an Adirondacker," the "Lumberjack approved" Touk or their Summer Ale, which is a blend local favorites strawberry and rhubarb.

Since opening the brew-pub, Jim has also remained focused on community. He's held