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Restaurants, wineries let guests test their knowledge at regular trivia nights

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As the snow melts, many local bars and restaurants in the Susquehanna River Valley turn to trivia events to draw in crowds and create a consistent community. Every event is different, but all have the same result: an inviting atmosphere and good drinks.

Spyglass on the Ridge Winery & Restaurant — Sunbury

Once a family farm, Spyglass on the Ridge is a labor of love for Tom and Tammy Webb. When the couple purchased the property over thirty years ago, they planted over 20,000 grape vines that were sold to nearby winemakers. As they acquired more equipment, they slowly started producing wines of their own.

An 1815 barn became a multi-level venue for events and wine tasting, and the family recently expanded to include a full-service restaurant. “We look forward to providing our community a place to go that feels like family, with great food and company. We hope to see a lot of familiar faces and make some new friends,” Tom Webb said.

The venue hosts team trivia at 6:30 p.m. every Thursday. Each week has a different set of five categories with 10 questions each, with categories ranging from football and Valentine’s day to music and food.

First place wins a \$50 gift certificate, and Webb is proud to share that the winner changes each week. “We have about twenty to thirty regulars, but we’re able to mix it up enough that the competition is never dominated by one team. We love watching new crowds interact and join the fun,” he said.

The Spyglass on the Ridge restaurant remains open during events, and on Thursdays guests can purchase a dozen wings and a pizza for only \$20. “It’s an affordable evening with great food and fun for the whole family,” Webb said.

“All our drinks feature Pennsylvania products, and I think that’s really special,” he said. The menu includes Spyglass’s own wines, as well as wine-based soda, local craft beer, and mixed drinks, with different drink specials each week.

“Trivia has become so popular that we’re looking forward to starting competitive puzzle challenges on Sunday afternoons,” Webb said. “We have live music every weekend, and special

events frequently. We've even had regulars come visit to sled out back. It's a great community here."

Visitors can learn more about Spyglass on the Ridge Winery & Restaurant at <https://www.spyglassridgewinery.com/>.

Union Cellars — Lewisburg

Mark and Jillian Rogers bonded over traveling to wineries across the country, dreaming of building a venue of their own. Union Cellars opened in May 2020 with a goal of creating a place that is for gathering, not just tasting great wines.

The winery has quickly grown, with a popular tasting room that overlooks a stunning valley sunset. The venue now proudly hosts frequent music acts, and community events including trivia 1-2 times a month.

Union Cellars hosts a variety of trivia types, most often following a trivial pursuit resembling structure. Each night typically follows a theme, "from Harry Potter and Disney to Friends and everything in between," Mark Rogers said.

To participate, the venue asks teams to claim their free tickets on their website, union-cellar.com/party, ahead of time. While attendance varies, tickets help guarantee that everyone who attends will have a seat.

"I think it just gives our guests a good excuse to come out to the winery," Mark Rogers said, "A little bit of competition adds a little fun to an ordinary visit." Mark rotates host responsibility with Jared Moser, and hope to create a fun night for everyone, whether they are a regular or visiting for the first time.

"We are more than a place to drink wine," Mark Rogers said. "Union Cellars is a place to gather." Trivia nights, music bingo, live music nights, movie nights, or just hanging out are all part of their goal to create a welcoming atmosphere for everyone, whether you're a wine expert, completely new to wine, or just visiting.

"We're a locally owned winery, rooted in this community, and everything we do is about bringing people together and making memories worth coming back for," he said. Monthly events can be found on the Union Cellars monthly calendar at www.union-cellar.com/party.

Bot's Tavern — Selinsgrove

Some know Bot's Tavern for Monday night 90 cent wings and over a dozen sauce options. But college students and residents alike crowd the venue every Thursday night at 8 p.m. for trivia and tray night.

Located on Selinsgrove's Main Street along with several other popular bars, Bot's sells \$11 trays of alcohol to steal the show and keep their trivia crowd around all night long.

"Bot's is our go-to place," Susquehanna University student Jack Thon shared. "The close proximity to campus makes it easy to get there safely, and we get to play a role in suggesting the next week's theme."

Each week, the bar holds three rounds of 10 questions, with at least one question each round following themes from Spongebob Squarepants to geography. It's so popular among students and locals that it's nearly impossible to find an empty table without reserving one ahead of time.

"I see a lot of the same people each week, but the community is always growing," Thon said. "The trivia questions are so good that we keep coming back. The environment is exciting and you can always count on the regulars being there."

When the trivia ends, the tables are abandoned for the pool table and bar. Starting at 10 p.m. guests can purchase a tray of 10 drinks for \$11, catering to students on a budget.

"No matter who you are, you're going to have a good time," Thon said, "the locals have their crowds and we have ours, but everyone is there to have fun."

Bot's full menu and schedule can be seen at <https://botstavern.com/>.