

- December 2017 -

# Forest City Brewers

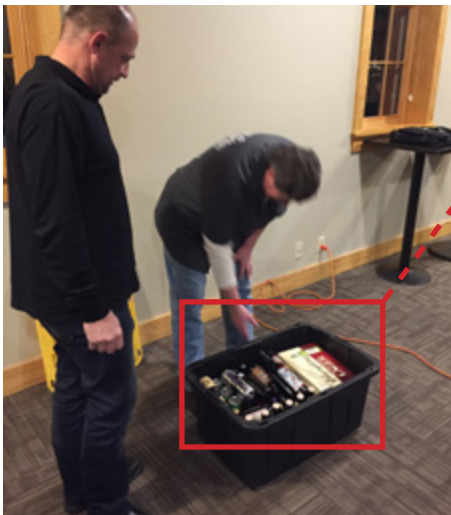
Monthly Newsletter



**Upcoming Style of the Month** > Jan: 14B Scottish Heavy | Feb: Young's Double Choc. Stout Clone

## Christmas Comes Early for Pres. Mike Sears

With the December meeting being the last meeting with Mike Sears as president- some of the club members secretly pitched in and got him one hell of a "thank you for your service" package.



Joe Mongan presented Mike with enough hard to find beer to get a herd of elephants schnockered.

Mike- thank you for all that you have done for the club! You've earned these tasty treats. Prost!

**Now accepting 2018 membership dues!**  
**\$30 for individual**  
**or \$45 for co-habitation.**

Pay your 2018 membership dues before they go up - maybe.

We discussed raising the dues for membership \$5 at the last meeting. We would like to increase the dues to \$35 for a single membership and to \$50 for cohabitation membership. The increase in dues was decided by the officers based on some costs of club responsibilities such as insurance (and other operating costs).

We would like to bring this up to a club vote to ensure everyone is 'OK' with this increase.

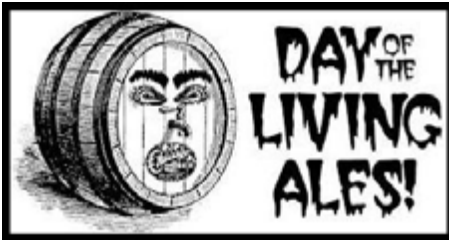
Payments can be made on the FCB website here: <http://forestcitybrewers.us/index.php/fcb-gallery/>

## The Open Table [Competition] Returns!

The controversial open table is back! Well technically it never really left, just the competition side of it did. There are a few changes we have made to make things easier on the stewards.

For your submitted entry to be voted on and to receive points you will have to include the following parameters.

1. Register entry by email - [FCBbeersteward@gmail.com](mailto:FCBbeersteward@gmail.com)
2. List the Style and BJCP Guideline # for the beer/mead/cider submitted
3. Basic recipe paper/card should list- grains, adjuncts, hops and yeast used. You can attach your actual recipe if you wish. Nothing wrong with more information
4. 1 Entry per person.
5. Group blended or group barrel beers are not allowed . Brewers Guilds or partner brewing is allowed.



## Day of the Living Ales Bus Trip

Tickets are now on sale for the Day of the Living Ales on Saturday March 3rd.

Cost for paid members is \$95, cost for non-members is \$105. This gets you admission into the event and a round-trip bus ride to the event. The deadline to pay for this event is January 20th. If we do not get 24 people signed up and paid by then- this event will have to be canceled.

There is a link on the website to pay with PayPal <http://forestcitybrewers.us/index.php/fcb-gallery> or you can bring money to the next meeting.

### *So what is this event all about?*

*"The national drink of Great Britain, cask conditioned ales have been served for centuries. Before brewers fell in love with artificial carbonation and filtering, beer was naturally conditioned by yeast in the cask, and served at a temperature warm enough to actually taste the beer. A properly served cask ale is neither cloudy, flat, nor warm; rather it is bright, with a gentle carbonation, and served at cellar temperature."*

*Last year there were about 30 Chicagoland breweries that participated, often bringing special, one-off beers that you can only sample during this event.*

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## The Absentee Voting By-Law Debacle

This past officer election we sent out an email stating we would allow absentee ballots, but were informed that we could not do this per the by-laws.

So we did some looking into the by-laws as they are now and it turns out absentee voting is 100% acceptable.

**Article IX. Section 3.** *"... When a Club Member cannot attend a scheduled meeting, that individual may assign his voting rights by written proxy to another Club Member. Attending members may carry a maximum of two proxy votes. At the discretion of the Executive Committee, issues that require a*

*vote from general members may be deferred to electronic means. The votes will be tabulated via on line by the General Secretary utilizing website SurveyMonkey. The electronic voting is subject to a minimum of twenty-five (25) percent of Club Members in good standing participation in order for this to be deemed a Quorum."*

*So it turns out that those of you who did vote via email you could have had a say in this past election.*

We are considering revising some of this information to be less SurveyMonkey specific. For future voting on club issues we want all paid members to have the opportunity to have a voice.

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## Beer Stewards Needed

Tired of listening to the officers ramble on and on about upcoming events? Do you want first dibs on sampling open and/or style table beers? Well we have a job for you!

Our beer stewards collect, catalog, and pour all the beer that gets set out on the tables. They collect your \$2 donation, pass out cups and pour the calibration beer.

It's a pretty easy and fun responsibility.

It would be nice to give the current beer stewards who have been doing this for a while now an opportunity to take a month off and partake in the normal going-ons of the meeting/sampling session.

If you think you would like to help out please send an email to: [FCBbeersteward@gmail.com](mailto:FCBbeersteward@gmail.com)

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## Upcoming Club Events:

### **The After Christmahanakwanzika Holiday Party**

January 20th. Mike Coisman has volunteered to host the party again at his house. Please consider bringing a dish to share.

### **Homebrew Alley - part of the Fond du Lac Brewfest**

February 3rd. We currently have 4 brewers who have committed to going. Interested in pouring your homebrew and talking to people about it? Email the club if you think you would like to participate.

### **Day of the Living Ales - Bus Trip**

March 3rd. The club is offering a bus trip to this event for \$95 to paid club members. If we do not have a commitment of 24 paid people by January 20th this trip will have to be canceled.

## Upcoming Tasters Guilds:

Taster's Guild meets the third Wednesday of each month at a different location. Just brewers enjoying good times and craft beer (dinner optional). Please feel free to bring your spouses, friends or significant others.



### Carlyle

December 20, 2017 @ 6:30PM

215 E State St

Rockford, Illinois

[www.carlylebrewing.com](http://www.carlylebrewing.com)



### Lucha Cantina

January 17, 2018 @ 6:30PM

1641 N Alpine Rd

Rockford, Illinois

[www.lucharockford.com](http://www.lucharockford.com)



### Tavern On Clark

February 21, 2018 @ 6:30PM

755 Clark Drive

Rockford, Illinois

[www.tavernonclarkrockford.com](http://www.tavernonclarkrockford.com)

## Membership Discounts:

As a paid Forest City Brewers member you can take advantage of these great money saving discounts:



### Lucha Cantina

20% Off total food purchase of member & 1 guest



### The Olympic Tavern

50% Off appetizer with purchase of 1 beer



### Pig Minds Brewing Co.

20% Off total purchase (excludes merchandise)



### Prairie Street Brewing Co.

50% Off appetizer with purchase of 1 beer (excludes club night)



### Brew & Grow - Rockford

10% Off ingredients



### Farmhouse Brewing Supply

10% Off ingredients & equipment (excludes Blichmann & sale items)



### The Detour

15% Off total check of member & 1 guest



### NMT Drink

15% Off total check of member & 1 guest



### Tavern On Clark

50% Off appetizer with purchase of 1 beer



### Old Chicago

20% Off total food purchase of member & 1 guest



### Rudy's Cigars

10% Off Cigars



### Crosbie's Homebrew Supply

10% Off ingredients & equipment