

The Forest City Times

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

Monthly Style Table Competition:

November Style Table: 33A Wood Aged Beer.



And the winner on the table this month was Mike Belden with a French Saison aged on French Oak. There was a three-way tie for second place between Brent Shelton, Mike Bohn & Scott Walker.

With Mike Belden taking first place, it appears that he has safely secured the position of 2017 FCB Homebrewer of the Year. Atta'boy Mike!

December Style Table: [22C American Barleywine.](#)

January Style Table: [14B Scottish Heavy.](#)

If you haven't already brewed this, don't fret. This is not to be confused with a Scottish Strong Ale or 'Wee Heavy' that most of use are accustomed to (per 2008 BJCP guidelines). This is a low gravity beer; OG is 1.035~1.040.

MONGAN WINS!

With Mike Sears hanging up his presidential hat— we were left with big shoes to fill.

Thankfully two club members stepped forward and expressed interest in running for the position of president of the club.

Matt Berthiaume and Joe Mongan each took a few minutes at the November meeting to discuss why they are running and their plans for the club.

With approximately 36 paid members in attendance we handed out ballots and the winner was Joe.

We did send out an 'Absentee Ballot' email, but were informed that the current club By-Laws do not allow for doing this. Maybe this will be something to be addressed at a later date; allowing members to vote on club



happenings even if they are absent (?). We apologize for any confusion we may have caused.

Mike Sears, you have done an outstanding job as president and I am sure the club is in great hands moving forward. Congratulations Joe!

Send in the Clones

With the first Clone Style of the Month coming up in February; Young's Double Chocolate Stout, I suggest tracking down a bottle of this beer as part of your recipe building.

I have not looked yet, but I am sure there is an abundance of recipes on the interwebs- some good and some not so good.

It is supposed to be 5.2% ABV and is described



as "Luxurious and at the same time with a hint of decadence, Young's Double Chocolate Stout has it all, delivering a satisfying, indulgent taste without ever becoming overly sweet."

Pale Ale and Crystal malt, Chocolate Malt, a special blend of sugars, Fuggle and Golding hops, real dark chocolate and chocolate essence are combined to deliver a stout of with real credentials"

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.



Thunder Bay

November 15, 2017 @ 6:30PM

7652 Potawatomi Trail

Rockford, Illinois

www.thunderbaygrille.com/rockford



Carlyle

December 20, 2017 @ 6:30PM

215 E State St

Rockford, Illinois

www.carlylebrewing.com



TBA

January 17, 2018 @ 6:30PM

We'll keep you posted.

Do you have a place in mind?

Upcoming Club Events:

The After Christmahanakwanzika Holiday Party

No set date or location as of yet. If you think you might want to host this years club party please send an email to: forestcitybrewers@gmail.com or volunteer at the next meeting.

Day of the Living Ales - Bus Trip

No official announcement yet on when this will be. Based on past years events this might be on March 3rd. Last year the trip cost members \$88 (ticket to event + bus to and from). Is there interest in attending? We will let you know more details when they become available.

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