



WHAT'S ON TAP



OFFICIAL NEWSLETTER OF THE FOREST CITY BREWERS /// AUGUST 2019

MEMBERSHIP DUES ARE NOW HALF OFF!
\$17 – SINGLE // \$25-CO-HABITATION

IN CASE YOU MISSED IT : AUGUST MEETING RECAP

The August meeting started out with Treasurer, Jerry Machula, giving a Better Brewing presentation on Full Body Beers. He spoke about what makes some dark beers, like brown ales and stouts, considered full-bodied.

The meeting then moved on to the continued discussion of starting an FCB clubhouse. A new survey was emailed to members and also posted on the FCB Facebook page prior to the meeting. This survey focused on how the membership tiers should be structured. A small group of members had a clubhouse committee meeting to discuss the specifics of what it takes to start the clubhouse. It was determined that it would cost the club about \$20,000 a year to operate a clubhouse. This is based on the highest estimates we were given for rent and insurance. A possible clubhouse location next door to the new 815 Brewing store was discussed. This would give members easier access to the brew supplies needed. The owner of 815 Brewing would also taking into account what supplies we use the most and try to have them in stock as much as possible. More ideas are still being discussed for the clubhouse. If you have any suggestions, please email them to the FCB Gmail and they will be taken into consideration.

Next we talked about the upcoming events for the Forest City Brewers. This included the Anything that Floats Race, the summer picnic, Screw City Beer Fest, Great Taste of the Midwest.

The Anything that Floats Race took place on August 18th. The FCB raft took home 9th place in the DIY category! Good job and thank you to everyone that helped donate supplies, build the raft, and help it float down the Rock River!

A date for the summer picnic was voted on but later changed after the meeting. The official date will be announced at the next club meeting.

So far for Screw City Beer Fest, FCB will have 30 beers on tap and two tents set up. If you will be attending the event, be sure to stop by and get some good homebrew and say "Hello!"

The meeting continued on with some more small discussions which included digital membership cards on your phone, a Good Bad or Ugly beer, and an explanation of the month's style table beer, a Blue Moon Clone.

UPCOMING COMPETITION STYLES

September - 34C Experimental
 October - 16B Oatmeal Stout
 November - 8A Munich Dunkel
 December - 33A Wood Aged Beer
Please remember to preregister your beers to earn points for the Brewer of the Year contest by emailing fcbbeersteward@gmail.com

NEXT CLUB MEETING

September 4th - 7pm
 Prairie Street Brewhouse
 200 Prairie St
 Rockford, IL 61107

Monthly Style Table

Competition

Style Table

Blue Moon Clone 24A

First place

Russ Madeen

Second place

Ryan & Heidi Petty

Third place

Ben Barr

Honorable Mentions

Todd Henert, Gus Chambers, Mike Bohn, Mark Huston, Mark Davis, & Scott Walker

Open Table

First place tie

Gus Chambers - Raspberry Ale
 Hayley Dickinson & David Setiawan - Peach Rhubarb Blonde

Second place

Ryan & Heidi Petty - Belgian Specialty Ale Amber

Honorable Mentions

Russ Madeen-Elderberry Brut IPA
 Jon Croak-French Saison
 Scott Walker-Barrel Aged Session
 Belgian Dubbel
 Tim Lundquist-Brut IPA - Jai Alai Clone 2.0 Brut Version
 Ben Chauvin-Brett Saison 28A

Great job everyone!

The Forest City Beer Stewards need volunteers!!

Duties include checking in table submissions before the meeting, pouring beers and refilling pitchers, and getting first dibs at the tasting tables! Two to three volunteers a meeting is preferable. To volunteer, please email Deb Machula at fcbbeersteward@gmail.com and more information will be provided.



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FEATURED CLUB DISCOUNT



50% off appetizer with the purchase of a beer
 (Excludes club night)

A herd of buffalo can only move as fast as the slowest buffalo. And when the herd is hunted, it is the slowest and weakest ones at the back that are killed first. This natural selection is good for the herd as a whole, because the general speed and health of the whole group keeps improving by the regular killing of the weakest members. In much the same way, the human brain can only operate as fast as the slowest brain cells. Excessive intake of alcohol, as we know, kills brain cells. But naturally it attacks the slowest and weakest brain cells first. In this way, regular consumption of beer eliminates the weaker brain cells, making the brain a faster and more efficient machine. That's why you always feel smarter after a few beers." - Cliff Clavin

2019 MEMBERSHIP DISCOUNTS

**see website for exact details*

- Aero Ale House - 50% off appetizer
- Detour Bar & Grill - 15% off total check
- Dog Haus - 25% off total food purchase
- Farmhouse Brewing Supply - 10 % off
- Lucha Cantina -20% off food bill
- NMT Drink - 15% off total check
- Old Chicago - 20% off total check
- Olympic Tavern - 50% off appetizer
- Pig Minds Brewing - 20% off total check
- Prairie Street - 50% off appetizer
- Tavern on Clark - 50% off appetizer
- Rudy's Cigars - 10% off cigars
- *CJ's Lounge - \$3 craft pints on draft
- *Chili Pepper Bar & Grille – 20% off total check
- *Bad Ash Cigars- 15% off cigars
- *Alchemy - 20% off total check
- *Graystone Grill - 20% off total check
- *Legacy Char Spirits Lounge - 10% off total check
- *Rock County Brewing - 10% off purchases
- *G5 Brewing Co - \$1 off beers
- *new discount for 2019!*