



UPCOMING COMPETITION STYLES

January - Double IPA 22A

February - Brown Ale Kit Challenge

Please remember to preregister your beers to earn points for the Brewer of the Year contest by emailing fcbbeersteward@gmail.com

UPCOMING TASTERS GUILDS

January - Old Chicago

NEXT CLUB MEETING

January 8th - 7pm

Prairie Street Brewhouse

200 Prairie St
Rockford, IL 61107



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.

December Table Competition

Style Table

Wood Aged Beer

First place

Scott Walker - Oak aged Belgian Dark Strong Ale

Second place

Ben Barr - Spanish Cedar Pale Ale (no char)

Third place

Joe Mongan - Session IPA on Sassafras (med. char)

Honorable Mentions

Mike Bohn - American Strong Ale on American white oak spirals (light char)

Russ Madeen - American Barleywine on white oak

Todd Henert - Oak aged American Barleywine

Gus Chambers - Strong Copper Ale on oak chips

Open Table

First place

Mike Belden - "Quaffable Complexitous" NEIPA

Second Place

Brad Keister - American Coconut Porter

Third Place

Ben Chauvin - Sour Belgian Witt

Honorable Mentions

Scott Walker - Best Bitter

Russ Madeen - Double IPA

Tim Lundquist - "Citra Gal Down Mo..." NEIPA

Dave Benson - Imperial Pumpkin Ale

Great job everyone!

WHAT'S ON TAP



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NOW TAKING 2020 MEMBERSHIPS DUES!

\$35 SINGLE / \$50 COHABITATION

IN CASE YOU MISSED IT : DECEMBER MEETING RECAP

President, Joe Mongan, started the meeting off with welcoming everyone. There were no newcomers this month.

We first went over the club members possibly taking training classes to get their BASSET certification (Beverage Alcohol Sellers and Servers Education and Training). It is a certification program on how to serve alcohol responsibly and safely. Member, Mike Sears, went over the details of a past certification class he participated in and why he thought it was a good idea for club members to get certified as well. The club must have at least one certified member so pour at beer festivals but the more we have, the better. More details to come and if you are interested in participating, please email the FCB Gmail.

Treasurer, Jerry Machula, did a Better Brewing presentation on how to judge beer based on aroma, appearance, flavor, mouthfeel, and overall impression. He passed out the BJCP Beer Scoresheet as a reference for everyone.

Next, Joe updated the club on Bylaw changes that were discussed at a recent Officer Meeting. Some changes included the duties of the officers, how the club votes on certain subjects, and including the Chief Beer Steward as a chairman for the club. If you would like to take a look at the updated Bylaws, please visit the FCB website and a link can be found at the bottom of the page under "2019 Forest City Brewers - Bylaws".

Jerry Machula continued the meeting with a financial report for the club funds in 2019. To hear the full report, please refer to the December meeting podcast.

Joe spoke about the 2020 Day of Living Ales beer festival, which will be coming up March 7th. We have started selling tickets for this festival and can be purchased on the website. One member ticket will cost \$80 and they can purchase one additional ticket for a guest at \$80 as well (totaling \$160 for two tickets). This is a \$15 discount from 2019's price. This includes a seat on the bus to the festival and your ticket to enter. We need 24 tickets sold by February 6th or the trip will be canceled. There are a total of 40 tickets available.

The meeting concluded with the second round of voting for the 2020 FCB President. It was a close race and we are proud to announce that the 2020 FCB President will be Todd Henert. Scott Walker will continue to be the club's Vice President. It was a race well run and we look forward to having Todd as our next President.

WHAT HAS THE CLUB BEEN UP TO IN DECEMBER?

December Tasters Guild at Carlyle Brewing Co



FEATURED CLUB DISCOUNT



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

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