



# WHAT'S ON TAP



OFFICIAL NEWSLETTER OF THE FOREST CITY BREWERS /// MARCH 2020

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## Monthly Style/Open Table Competition

### **Blonde Ale**

First place

Jerry Machula

Second place Tie

Trish Phillips & James Lindstrom

Honorable Mentions

Gus Chambers

Todd Henert

Russ Madeen

Michael Sears

Gary Kiely

Jason Sears

### **Open Table**

First place

Jason Kline – Raspberry Porter

Second place tie

Russ Madeen – Amber Lager w/ Rum  
Barrel Chips

Allan Novak – Schwartzbier

“Eye of the Schwartz”

Honorable Mentions

Mike Bohn & Ben Barr – Imperial IPA

Gary Kiely – Nut Brown Ale

Dave Benson – Belgian Blonde Strong Ale

James Lindstrom – American Amber Ale

Brent Shelton – Hop Forward Cali Lager

Jerry Machula – Hazy IPA

Scott Walker- Doppelbock

Joe Coldwate – American IPA

Chris Yerk – American Stout

**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 [fcbeersteward@gmail.com](mailto:fcbeersteward@gmail.com) and more information will be provided.

### ALL FCB EVENTS ON INDEFINITE HIATUS DUE TO COVID-19

After much discussion between the officers of the Forest City Brewers and in light of the recent mandate made by the Illinois governor to Shelter in Place until the end of April, the April meeting and tasting competition has been cancelled, with no plans to reschedule. All other Club events are currently on indefinite hiatus as well. Whenever things start to return to some sense of normalcy, the officers will reconvene and decide the best course of action in-regards to ramping up Club activities. At that time, we may also send out a survey to all members to get their feedback on how and when we should resume Club activities.

As this is a social club just as much, if not more than a homebrew club, we encourage everybody to stay in contact with each other via our Facebook page. The monthly meetings and other various Club events were a good way to relax and get your mind off day-to-day stresses and we'll no longer have that outlet. So if you post on there to relieve the boredom and cabin fever or to try to reduce some stress and anxiety that a lot of people are probably feeling right now, go for it. Maybe we'll get some ingredient trading or growler swaps going too.

And if you have the means, please try to support all the breweries, restaurants and homebrew stores that have supported our Club via various discounts and sponsored events over the years. Whether it's by stocking up on brewing supplies, getting takeout food, picking up growlers to go or buying a gift card to use at a later date. Some of our local favorite spots may not make it through this.

And if you're personally hit pretty hard by the quarantine, financially or emotionally, feel to reach out to us and we'll do what we can to help.

### IN CASE YOU MISSED IT: MARCH 2020 MEETING RECAP

President, Todd Henert, started off the meeting welcoming everyone. We had a couple of newcomers, Randy & Spencer.

Todd gave the current updates on the Day of the Living Ales bus trip, which took place on March 7<sup>th</sup>. See below for pictures of the event!

Jamie Funk from Shooters/Wild Onion Taproom spoke about the upcoming March Tasters Guild. He gave details on how the idea of the new taproom came about. Wild Onion, out of Lake Barrington had decided to expand their taproom to the Rockford area, offering taproom exclusive beers that, previously, could only be found in their brewery taproom. Other guest brews are also served in the Shooters Taproom. The Tasters Guild was originally scheduled for March 18<sup>th</sup> but Shooters was hosting a special tasting event with Lagunitas and Lena Brewing on March 11<sup>th</sup> and the club decided to move the Tasters Guild up a week. For pictures of the Tasters Guild, see below!

Todd then continued the meeting with updates and details on events like Rockford Melfest, Big Brew, Basset training, and Sensory Analysis classes. Unfortunately, all events have been either canceled or postponed until further notice due to Covid-19. If you would like to hear what those details and updates were, please head to the FCB website to listen to the podcast.

Vice President, Scott Walker, gave the latest updates on the clothing order and bulk grain buy. The clothing order deadline has now been extended due to the printer being shutdown because of the government mandate. This means you still have plenty of time to get your clothing order in! If you put in a bulk grain order, the Club will be emailing you details on how to pick up your grain.

Treasurer, Jerry Machula, finished up the meeting by giving the Club meeting attendees a quiz on common homebrew knowledge as his March Better Brewing presentation. Everyone really knew their stuff!

# Day of the Living Ales 2020 Bus Trip



## March Tasters Guild at Shooters Tap Room



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# HOME BREW WORD SEARCH

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BOTTLE	LAMBIC
BROWNALE	PALEALE
DOPPELBOCK	PILS
DUBBEL	PORTER
DUNKEL	STOUT
FOREST CITY	TRUB
GERMAN PILS	WATER
GROWLER	WHEAT
HOEGAARDEN	WITBIER
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