

Forest City Brewers
30th Anniversary Newsletter
(November Meeting Recap)



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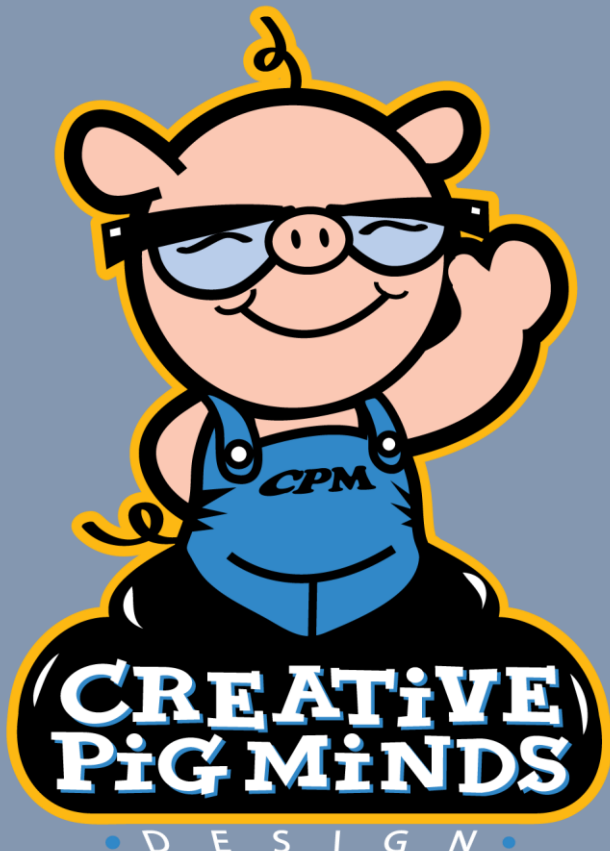
Clothing order items were all handed out. If something is wrong or if you didn't attend and still need to pick up your items, let us know. We can make arrangements outside of regularly scheduled events to get you your items.

Steven & Anita Robinson, email us your mailing address, and we'll get your items shipped out to you. Thank you for your continued, out of state support.

Scott Brean and Chuck Maloney, we still have clothing items of yours from the 2020 order!

Shoutout to Stew at Creative Pig Minds for working with us, always giving us a good deal, and dealing with the all the supply chain issues from the last 2 years.

And yes, THAT, Pig Minds. Not only do they make excellent beer, but they also do marketing, screen printing, t-shirts, etc. Look them up the next time you're in the market.



BULK HOPS

Just about all the hops were handed out from the Citra/Mosaic bulk hop buy, 20 pounds total. At just under \$1 per ounce, it was a bargain you'll only get with being a member of a homebrew club.

Thanks again to Rock County Brewing Company for setting this whole thing up. And thanks to Farmhouse Brewing for helping us repackage the hops in smaller quantities for our members at no additional cost.

Make sure to stop up there and support both places. With less than a 10-minute drive between the two, you almost always have to visit both places anytime you're in Janesville.

Officer Elections

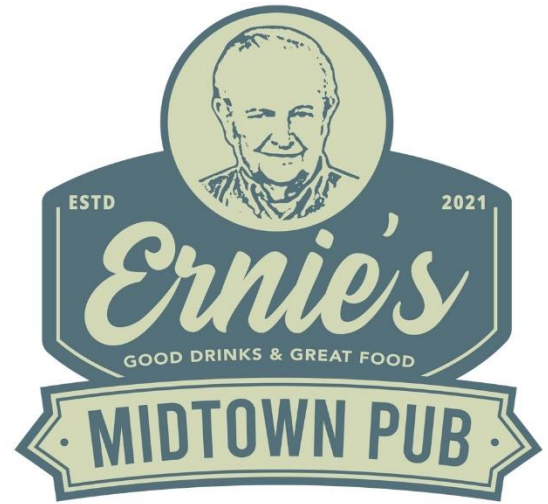
November is Officer election month; however, no voting took place this month as everybody ran unopposed. We did have two officers step down as well. Your 2022 Officers will look like this:

- President: Ronald Derry (2nd Term)
- Vice President: Scott Walker (4th Term)
- Treasurer: Jerry Machula (4th Term)
- Technical Director: Ryan Petty (1st Term)
- Secretary: Jeff Leuzinger (1st Term)

All the officers volunteer their time to make the club run, so if you've ever been to an event or meeting and enjoyed your time, make sure to thank them and buy them a beer the next time you run into them. Especially since the health hurdles of the last 2 years have made it extremely difficult on the officers. (Profiles of Out Going Officers continued on the next Page.)

Former Officers

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TASTERS GUILD

Tasters Guild for October was at Ernie's Midtown Pub. A HUGE turnout. 32 people. We took over the entire pub. At one point, everybody in the place was there because of the club, except for two women who were there waiting for Jim Didier...but Jim was only coming because of the club event, so that still counts. If you weren't able to make it out, definitely put it on your short list of places to check out.

The Tasters Guild for November will be at Urban Forest Craft Brewing, Wednesday, 11/17/21 – 6pm to 9pm. A bunch of club members have already made it their second home and don't need another reason to go, but we're going anyway. Urban Forest isn't normally open on Wednesdays, but Alex and Keith are opening up just for our club, so let's pack the place. And bring anybody outside of the club as well, as anybody is welcome to come and enjoy their beer that day.



Learn to Homebrew Day

"In 1999, Learn To Homebrew Day was established by the American Homebrewers Association to promote the most rewarding, and delicious activity of all time — homebrewing. On the first Saturday in November, thousands of people celebrate Learn to Homebrew Day. Homebrewers worldwide brew beer and learn about the hobby of homebrewing."

This year, Dave Benson hosted the Learn To Homebrew Day at his house. The weather turned out amazing for November, 65F. Perfect fall weather to drink and brew beer in your driveway. Turnout was decent and plenty of great beers were shared. And Dave had his turntable spinning those records as well.

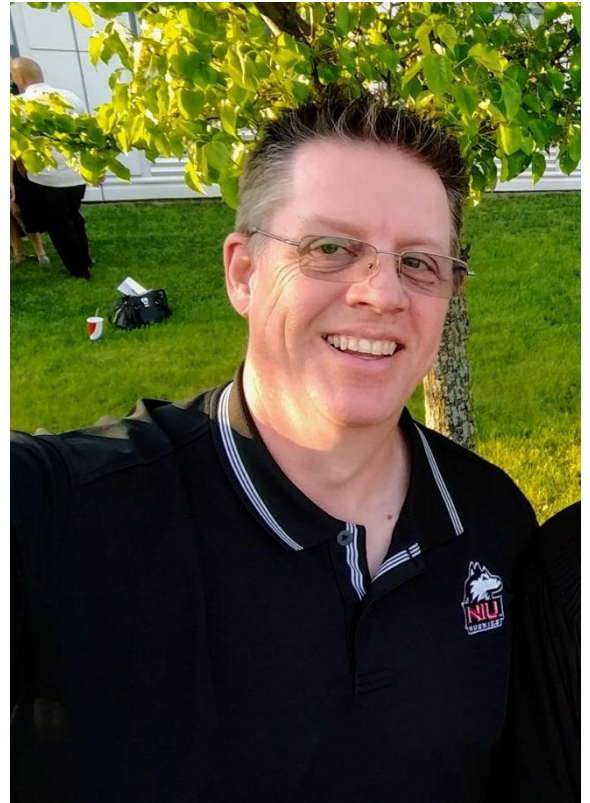
Shoutout to Dave for hosting and thanks to Jerry Machula for bringing his system out and brewing as well.



Outgoing Officers

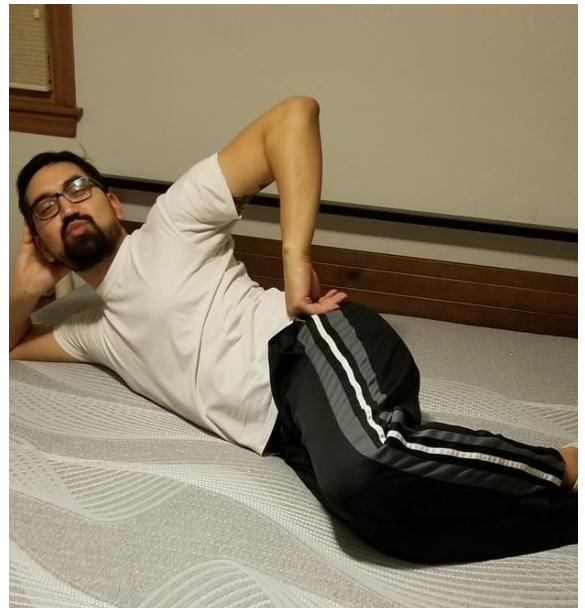
Todd Henert

Served 1 year as president and 1 year as secretary.



Dave Setiawan

Served 2 years as Technical Director



Return of Brewer of the Year

Brewer of the Year & The Style Table are back for 2022. Both items were suspended the past 2 years due to the current health hurdles, but all the officers agree that it's time to bring them back. Just to recap how the competitions work, every month, we'll have two different tasting tables, a Style Table, and an Open Table.

Style Table – Every month, a different, predetermined BJCP style will be represented on the table. All beers on the style table are to be brewed as close to style as possible, based on the BJCP Guidelines. Voters should be extremely critical when placing a vote for a beer on this table. Even if the beer is extremely tasty, if it's out of style, it shouldn't get a vote. The style will be discussed briefly before the tasting, and if applicable, a classic, commercial example of the beer style will be shared with everybody in attendance to get them more familiar with the style.

Open Table – Any style is acceptable. This, Is, Thunderdome! All entries are still required to specify a BJCP style number. We encourage all voters to not only vote for the best beer on the table, but to vote for the best beer as it fits the indicated style.

We understand nobody has all the BJCP guidelines memorized, so while you're tasting the beers, if you don't know the specifics of a style, ask the person next to you. And if they don't know, ask someone else. Eventually, someone at the meeting will have some more insight into that specific style. We encourage discussion of all the beers and styles during the tasting, as we're all there to learn and get better as brewers and tasters. Just be aware that the person you're talking to might have brewed the beer you're drinking. Constructive criticism is always welcome, but being an asshole helps nobody.

Beers for each table will be scored using the below scoring system.

1st place – 10 points

2nd place – 8 points

3rd place – 6 points

All other beers entered – 3 points.

Ties are scored slightly differently, and yes, we do give points just for participation. Planning, brewing, fermenting, packaging, donating, and transporting a beer isn't a simple or cheap task, so we feel anybody who brings a beer to the meeting should be rewarded.

Monthly scores are recorded and can be tracked throughout the year on the [contest points section of our website](#). At the end of the year, all points are totaled and a winner of each table, The Open Table and The Style Table, is declared. The winners are recognized at the January meeting the following month, and some sort of physical trophy/award is handed out.

Starting in 2019, Prairie Street Brewing extended the opportunity to our Club where the Brewer of the Year for the Style Table, would get to collaborate with them to brew a beer on their pilot system, and then have it be served on tap in their tap room. Ben Barr was the Brewer of Year for 2019 and the inaugural brewer of this award. He brewed a Black IPA with Prairie Street in early 2020 and it sold out pretty quickly. Obviously, a lot has happened in the last 2 years, and we can't guarantee anything for the upcoming year, but we have an excellent relationship with Prairie Street, and we'll reach out to them and see if that opportunity will be available for the Style Table, Brewer of the Year for 2022.

2022 Styles

JAN	Cider (Any BJCP Style)
FEB	19A American Amber Ale
MAR	15C Irish Extra Stout
APR	27 Historical Beer: Roggenbier
MAY	34A Clone: Sierra Nevada Pale Ale
JUN	25A Belgian Blond
JUL	12B Australian Sparkling Ale
AUG	Fruit Beer Challenge (Details TBD)
SEP	Kviek Yeast Strain Challenge (Details TBD)
OCT	10B Dunkles Weissbier
NOV	9C Baltic Porter
DEC	34A Clone: Wild Onion
JAN	17D English Barley Wine

!!! Sticker Alert !!!!

We discussed ordering stickers earlier this year, and we tried to have them available for Screw City, but it didn't happen due to various reasons. The last time we had FCB branded stickers was 5 years ago, at our 25th anniversary.

It wasn't mentioned at the meeting, but FCB branded stickers will be available to all members at the December meeting. We'll have 3 sticker types available, as noted below. Free of charge to all members.

Different Stickers

