



# WHAT'S ON TAP



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## UPCOMING EVENTS

Club meeting: Nov 4<sup>th</sup> - Virtual Meeting  
Please see your email with Zoom link details

## Monthly Style/Open Table Competition

### Style Table

#### MARSEN BEER

##### First place

Scott Walker

##### Second Place Three-way Tie

Mark Huston

Russ Madeen

Todd Henert

##### Third Place

Jerry Machula

### Open Table

##### First place

Scott Walker – Scottish Ale w/ Oats

##### Second place

Russ Madeen – Baltic Porter

##### Third Place

Dave Benson – Belgian Tripel

##### Honorable Mentions

Mark Huston – American IPA

**Great job everyone!**



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

The October meeting started out with President, Todd Henert, giving an update on the November 14<sup>th</sup> bus trip. With the new restrictions put in place for Region 1 in Illinois, Todd reached out to the bus company to see if our trip would be considered a “party bus” which would be prohibited by the restrictions. The bus company confirmed that they are a charter service and do not host party busses. Therefore, they would still allow and charter our trip. At the time of the October meeting, 20 tickets had been sold with 10 tickets still needed to secure the bus. For a more recent update on the bus trip, please see your emails from FCB or the FCB Facebook page.

Vice President, Scott Walker, continued the meeting with details of an Oktoberfest Party at Dave Benson’s house. This occurred on October 10<sup>th</sup>. This was a bottle share/brewers guild type get together with a BBQ going and a variety of German style meats. Dave brewed an Old Ale with pumpkin and honey on his new Anvil system. It was small gathering but still lots of fun!

The meeting moved onto the discussion of the Officer Election. The open positions were President and Secretary. Ron Derry accepted a nomination for President during the meeting and Todd Henert accepted a nomination for Secretary via email a couple of days after the October meeting. The current VP, Treasurer, and Technical Director would be staying on in their positions if no other nominations were accepted. The cut off for nominations was October 21<sup>st</sup>. At the close of the nomination process we ended with all positions having one and only one candidate. As such, there will be no election held during the November meeting. Todd also mentioned the need for volunteers for the Beer Steward table. Chief Beer Steward, Deb Machula, will be stepping down for 2021. If anyone is interested in the position of Chief Beer Steward, please email the FCB officers.

The discussion of 2021 club membership was up next on the agenda. As of right now, the club has 122 members for 2020. This could change, however, in 2021 due to the pandemic and inability to go out to restaurants and bars to use the club member discounts. There are still some vendors honoring their discounts with the club. Member, Ron Derry, suggested printing up flyers or something of the sort to have hung up at local breweries and restaurants advertising the club. If there are any more suggestions or ideas for retaining the club’s current members and recruiting new members, please do not hesitate to share them with the officers.

Next, the 2021 beer styles were announced. This list was discussed and decided on by the officers. Since some of the styles for 2020 had to be cancelled, a couple of these styles will be held in 2021 instead.

For the October Taster’s Guild, we were hoping that the newly reopened Rathskeller restaurant would be a good option. Unfortunately, at that time, they were limiting their menu which did not include beer. With the new restrictions in place in our region, the club decided to move the Taster’s Guild to G5 Brewing in Beloit because the restrictions in Wisconsin were a little more relaxed. A group of about 12 showed to the October Tasters Guild so it was still a small and safe gathering. G5 had just had their year and a half anniversary and there was still some great limited edition beers on tap.

Todd ended the meeting with a quick recap of the officer elections and the bus trip. Member, Mike Adams, gave a quick suggestion of breweries for the bus trip that he has been to that the club had not initially thought of yet. Thanks Mike! And that concluded the October meeting! Cheers everyone!