



Official Newsletter of
the Forest City Brewers
April / May Edition

Next Meeting will be held at Prairie
Street Brewing Company

Wednesday, May 3rd, 2023 @ 7:00 PM

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Monthly Style Table Competition

April Style Table – 3B Czech Premium Pale Lager

Commonly associated with Pilsner Urquell, which was first brewed in 1842 after construction of a new brewhouse by burghers dissatisfied with the standard of beer brewed in Plzeň. Bavarian brewer Josef Groll is credited with first brewing the beer.

Mark Davis takes first place in this month's Style competition. Russ Madeen came in second place and Scott Walker third place. Honorable mention to Eric Javurek.

April Open Table

Lesley Davis placed in first in this month's Open competition with a Blackberry Marshmallow Pastry Sour. Mike Sears takes home second place with his Milk Stout with coffee. Dave Benson with his Belgian Blonde takes third place!

Upcoming Competition Styles

May – 4C Helles Bock (Maibock)

June – 5B Kolsch

The highlight of the meeting is our homebrew sampling session. We ask for a \$2 donation for the sampling session. The beer sampled is supplied by club members and is set out on one of two tables, the Style Table or the Open Table. During the sampling session we vote on the best "to style" beer on each table and the winner receives a small award. Everyone who submits a beer receives points based on how well they scored. At the end of the year the points are tallied and a Brewer of the Year award is given to the winner of each table.

*Please remember to preregister your beers to earn points for the Brewer of the Year contest by emailing

fcbbeersteward@gmail.com

or

<https://forestcitybrewers.us/index.php/pre-register/>



TASTERS GUILD

Taster's Guild was at Urban Forest on March 15th. Urban Forest is a Microbrewery and taproom offering small batch, high quality craft beer and is located on East Riverside Ave. It was great to see a very good turn out by our members.



The Tasters Guild for April will be at Pig Minds Thursday, 4/20/23 - 6pm to 9pm. Pig Minds is located at 4080 Steele Dr., Machesney Park, IL

April Meeting Minutes

President, Ron Derry, started off the meeting welcoming everyone. He reminded all members that 2023 memberships can be renewed and there are currently sixty-two 2023 paid memberships. Membership payments are accepted at the meeting or by visiting the FCB website.

Next, we talked about the events for the Forest City Brewers. This included the Bus trip to Milwaukee, Great Taste tickets and Brew's on first.

The spring bus trip will be to Milwaukee on April 15th, bus tickets are set up for purchase at \$40 per person (current member plus 1 guest = \$80), non-members \$45. All can be paid via PayPal on the FCB website.

Brew's on First 2023 will be happening May 20th, 2023 between 4PM and 8PM. We're trying to get a head start on Beers and volunteers.

Let us know if you are interested in brewing for the event or volunteering to pour. There will be 20 tables so we would like 25 to 30 volunteers. (This will allow for bathroom breaks) They don't have to be club members to pour for the club at this event. Volunteers - We will need First and Last names and shirt sizes

Then we have the Great Taste of the Midwest, which will be on August 12th. The club is looking into tickets for this events and current ticket prices would be \$70 for just fest tickets and \$100 for bus ride and event ticket. Tickets will be offered to paid members till June, then opened-up to the public.

We had a zoom call with former FCB president Joe Mongan and discussed his beer that he brewed with [7venth Sun Brewery](#) down in Florida. The beer is called "Fals3 R3adings" and is a Hyperbolic IPA. It's a concoction of a Brute and Milkshake IPA utilizing Kviek yeast, lactose and dry-hopped with Citra and Mosaic. Congratulations Joe!!

Urban Forest has invited FCB members to participate in a home brewers' competition, currently with an entry time in July. FCB decided the beer entries will be an American Wheat with fruit. Alex and Heath will be the judges and the winning brewer's beer will be brewed and served at Urban Forest. Good Luck to All!!

Brewers Guild

The first Brewer's Guild of the year was held at George Tauscher's House in Belvidere. George recently got a 3 vessel brewing system and wanted the club to help him break it in. We brewed in George's garage, had a great bottle share and tweaked on George's system.



Brewer's Guilds are events where club members go over to somebody's house and watch them brew from start to finish. This is a good time to experience the brewing process first hand if you're new to the hobby or pick up an extra tip or two if you're a seasoned veteran, since every brewer has their own unique setup with their own little tricks

UPCOMING EVENTS

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April Tasters Guild is scheduled for Pig Minds.

April 20th 6pm – 9pm

UPCOMING CLUB EVENTS

Forest City Brewer's Spring Bus Trip

Milwaukee – April 15th

FarmHouse Brewing Supply Bottle Share Night

Janesville – May 4th 6pm – 8pm

Brewers Guild – Bottle Share

At Scott Walkers' House for the "Big Brew" Day

When: May 6th, 2023 12:00

Brew's on First

Rivets Stadium – May 20th 4pm – 8pm

Great Taste of the Midwest Tickets

Madison – August 12

<https://forestcitybrewers.us/events/great-taste-2023-trip/>

Looking for brewers willing to share their brew day, equipment and stories. So the next time you brew, we would like to stop by and see what you have going on, share a beer or two and get to know you, just please let us know!



Bottle Share Night at Farmhouse. They will be staying open late 6pm to 8pm Thursday, May 4th to share your fermented creations. Beer, wine, and mead, all fermented beverages welcome.

Will you be part of the next club event?

In April, we are planning a bus trip to Milwaukee WI on Saturday 4/15/23. We plan on visiting at least 7 Breweries and 1 Distillery in the Milwaukee area. The time frame is still being worked out, but plan on being gone around 10 AM to 10 PM. Tickets are \$40 for paid members and 1 guest (\$40 for member, \$40 for guest). Tickets for non-members will be \$45. Payments can either be made via PayPal on the FCB website, <https://forestcitybrewers.us/events/milwaukee-bus-trip-spring-2023/> or in person at a club meeting or event.

When: Saturday, April 15th, 10 AM to 9 PM

Pick-up: Old Kmart Parking lot – 5909 E State St and Fas Fuel – Manchester Rd, S Beloit

Where: Milwaukee Breweries

Who: Members and Non-members

Cost: \$40 members plus 1 guest, \$45 non-members.

Brewery list has been finalized. And it will be the most places we've ever stopped at.

Central Waters

Explorium Brewpub

Supermoon Beer Company

New Barons Brewing

Component Brewing

Torzala Brewing Company

Twisted Path Distillery

Indeed Brewing