



Official Newsletter of
the Forest City Brewers
July / August Edition

Next Meeting will be held at Prairie
Street Brewing Company

Wednesday, August 2nd, 2023 @ 7:00 PM

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Forest City Brewers

**Welcome to the Forest City Brewers!!
If you're interested in learning about homebrewing
for the first time or already have years of brewing
experience – this is a great club to apart of.**

We assemble each month to promote the hobby of homebrewing by learning more about brewing, sharing our brewing experiences and our beers amongst our members. Each month during our meetings we start with a welcoming of new faces.

We discuss information about the club and the status of club functions and upcoming events.

Usually there is a presentation or discussion on “Better Brewing” that helps further our knowledge of the art of homebrewing. The style of the month will be the last item discussed before the tastings.

The highlight of the meeting is our homebrew sampling session. We ask for a \$2 donation for the sampling session. The beers being sampled are supplied by club members and is set out on two tables, the Style Table and 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.

Upcoming Competition Styles

August – 25B Saison – Belgian
ABV 3.5% - 9.5%

September – S.M.A.S.H. Beer (Single Malt, Single Hop) Malt & Hop type must be specified when entering.

*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/>

Monthly Style Table Competition

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.

July Style Table – 29A American Wheat with Fruit

There was a total of four beers on the Style table this month. Eric Javurek takes first place in this month's Style competition. Joe Coldwate and Mark Davis tied for second place. Honorable mention to Scott Walker.

Open Table – The Open table is anything that is NOT that months style. 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 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 be constructive.

July Open Table

Dave Benson placed in first in this month's Open competition with his Very Cherry Berry. Lesley Davis takes home second place with a Honey Kolsch. Jerry Machula with a Honey Bock and Russ Madeen with a Munich Helles tied for third place!

NOTE: For the “BEST” beer put the right chip into bag.
OPEN Table = Red Chip
STYLE Table = White Chip

Link: [2021 BJCP Style Guidelines](#)

July 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 Seventy-one 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 Great Taste tickets and Brew's on first, Chaos HomeBrew Fest and Screw City Beer Fest.

Brew's on First 2023 will be happening July 22nd, 2023 between 5PM and 9PM. Let us know if you are interested in brewing for the event or volunteering to pour. 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 tickets are \$100 for bus ride and event ticket and there are 6 tickets left.

Chaos HomeBrew fest is August 19. FCB still has a couple spots open for brewers to donate beer and represent the club at the event. There will be another homebrew club competition between all clubs going and FCB beer entries will be voted on at August meeting.

'Anything That Floats' race returns to the Rock River. The racecourse is 1.65 miles in length and will take place Sunday, August 20, 2023 (rain date is Sunday, August 27) from 11:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m

Barrel Projects: Wee Heavy beer is currently soaking in the barrel. The Imperial Stout will be added to the second barrel later this month.

Urban Forest Homebrewer's Throwdown, bring your beer to an event hosted there, Alex and Heath will be the judges and the winning brewer's beer will be brewed and served at Urban Forest on tap. Any beer style is welcome, October 11th, Good Luck to All!!

Merchandise store is live on the website:
<https://www.cafepress.com/forestcitybrewers>



TASTERS GUILD

Taster's Guild was held at Olympic Tavern, it dates back to 1945, when Rotello's grandfather, Anthony, bought a small tavern on the northwest side of Rockford after serving in the Marines in World War II. Rotello's father, Tom, eventually took over the restaurant, which has gone through several extensions and remodels. Zak is Tom's oldest child, and "the only one crazy enough in the family to continue doing this," he says. He always felt a pull to the restaurant, from the time when he was twelve years old helping make salads and run food to tables. After a stint in Portland, Oregon when he learned to brew beer, he decided to come back to Rockford and work at the restaurant instead of trying to compete with the explosion of craft breweries in Chicago. "I'm just happy to run the fun bar and restaurant that's a good beer destination in our neighborhood," he says. It was great to see a very good turn out by our members.



The Tasters Guild for July will be at the **Rock County Brewing Company** Wednesday, 7/19/23 - 5pm to 9pm. Rock County Brewing Company is located at 10 N Parker Drive Suite 160, Janesville, WI. Rock County Brewing Company is part of the FCB discounts and offers FCB members 10% Off purchases. Please come out and share a pint.

UPCOMING EVENTS

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July Taster's Guild will be at Rock County Brewing on July 19th 5 – 9 pm.

UPCOMING CLUB EVENTS

Brew's On First Beer Fest

When: July 22nd, 2023 5 - 9 pm

Where: Rivets Stadium

4503 Interstate Blvd, Loves Park, IL

<https://www.facebook.com/events/3170711269896216>

Great Taste of the Midwest Tickets

Madison – August 12

C.H.A.O.S. Homebrew Festival

When: August 19th, 2023 2 – 7 pm

Where: C.H.A.O.S. Club

2417 W Hubbard St, Chicago, IL

<https://www.facebook.com/photo/?fbid=654139263406410&set=a.548199334000404>

Rock River Anything that Floats Race

When: August 20th, 2023 10 – 6 pm

Where: Rock River

Race Begins at the Auburn Street Bridge

<https://rratfr.com/>

Screw City Beer Festival

When: September 9th, 2023 11 – 5 pm

Where: Riverview Ice House

324 N Madison St Rockford, IL

<https://www.screwcitybeerfest.com/>

Are you looking for an emergency C02 fill on a weekend when everyone else is closed?

Please feel free to contact FCB member John Orosz

Around The Town

