



Official Newsletter of
the Forest City Brewers
June / July Edition

Next Meeting will be held at Prairie
Street Brewing Company

Wednesday, July 12th, 2023 @ 7:00 PM

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Monthly Style Table Competition

June Style Table – 5B Kolsch

Kölsch (German pronunciation: [kœlʃ]) is a style of beer originating in Cologne (Köln), Germany. A clean, crisp, delicately-balanced beer usually with a very subtle fruit and hop character. Subdued maltiness throughout leads into a pleasantly well-attenuated and refreshing finish. Freshness makes a huge difference with this beer, as the delicate character can fade quickly with age. Brilliant clarity is characteristic.

Scott Walker takes first place in this month's Style competition. Mark Davis came in second place.

June Open Table

Dave Benson placed in first in this month's Open competition with an Imperial Blonde Ale. Lesley Davis takes home second place with her Czech Dark Lager. Eric Javurek with his American Light Lager takes third place!

Upcoming Competition Styles

July – 29A – American Wheat with Fruit

August – 25B – Saison – Belgian

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 held at G5 Brewing in Beloit, WI. G5 Brewing is a 10 BBL Microbrewery and taproom offering an ever-rotating selection of craft beer and a full lunch and dinner menu. Perched on a hilltop with a nice sunset view over Beloit, G5 Brewing opened in May, 2019. It's located along Gateway Blvd. on Beloit's east side in a building with a modern design and lots of windows. At G5, the "G" stands for "Gunderson," the founding family. It's a family of five, so that tells you how the number came about. G5 is part of the FCB discounts and offers FCB members \$1 off all pints. It was great to see a very good turn out by our members.



The Tasters Guild for June will be at the Olympic Tavern Wednesday, 6/21/23 - 7pm to 9pm. Olympic Tavern is located at 2327 N Main St, Rockford, IL. Olympic is part of the FCB discounts and offers FCB members 50% Off any appetizer with purchase of 1 beer. Please come out and share a pint.

June 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

Brew's on First 2023 will be happening July 22nd, 2023 between 5PM and 9PM. 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.

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. Brewer space is limited, so let us know ASAP. There will be another homebrew club competition between all clubs going, details are still TBD by Chaos.

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 has invited FCB members to participate in a home brewers' competition, in the fall. 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, date TBD, most likely in the fall. Good Luck to All!!

Merchandise store is live on the website:

<https://www.cafepress.com/forestcitybrewers>

UPCOMING EVENTS

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June Tasters Guild is scheduled for Olympic Tavern.

June 21st 7pm – 9pm

UPCOMING CLUB EVENTS

Brew's on First

Rivets Stadium – July 22nd 5pm – 9pm

Great Taste of the Midwest Tickets

Madison – August 12

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

Chaos HomeBrew Fest

August 19th – Details TBD

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!

