



Official Newsletter of Forest City Brewers September / October Edition

Next Meeting will be held at Prairie Street Brewing Company

Wednesday, October 4th, 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

October – 21B, Black IPA
ABV 5.5 % - 9.0%

November – 16A Sweet Stout (Milk Stout) British
ABV 4.0% - 6.0%

*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.

September Style Table – SMASH

Mark Davis takes first place in this month's Style competition.

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.

September Open Table

Lesley Davis placed in first in this month's Open competition with a Coconut milkshake IPA. Dave Benson takes home second place with a Braggot.

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

Link: [2021 BJCP Style Guidelines](#)

September 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-eight 2023 paid memberships. A new member joined – Zach Hill, let's all welcome him to the club!!

First we have the Screw City Beer Fest, which was on September 9th. We discussed information pertinent to the fest, arrival times, setup crews and tear-down. Cheers to everyone that made this a great event and how Forest City Brewers beers were a huge hit.

“Brewer’s Needed”!!!

Brew Bash at Shooters will be held on September 23rd. If you are interested in having your beer poured at Beer Bash Beer Fest, please email the club with your Name, Beer style, Beer name and ABV.

Taster’s Guild scheduled for September will be at Carlyle Brewing Company Oktoberfest on Saturday September 16th. Check the FCB website or Facebook for any last-minute additions to the schedule.

The Summer Picnic is going to be held on October 7th for this year. This will be more like an “Oktoberfest” look and feel.

Office Elections – Be prepared to nominate officers at the October meeting. Maybe you will want to run for office!!!!

Discussion of etiquette and behavior during the voting for style/open table. (Politicking and attempting to sway votes) Chips will be in the bags by 8:15 or the votes will not count. Officers of the club and stewards will refrain from comments, criticism, or observations about the available beers until 8:15 when the bags are collected.

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

The Tasters Guild for August was held at **Hairy Cow Brewing Company Wednesday, 8/17/23**. Hairy Cow Brewing Company is located at 450 E Blackhawk Drive, Byron, IL. Big thanks to everyone that came out!!



The Tasters Guild for September will be at the **Carlyle Brewing Company Saturday, 9/16/23 - 1pm to 8pm**. Hairy Cow Brewing Company is located at 215 E State Street, Rockford, IL. Let's get out and show our pride, Prost!!

UPCOMING EVENTS

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September Taster's Guild will be at Carlyle Brewing on September 16th 1 – 8 pm.

UPCOMING CLUB EVENTS

Beer Con Beer Fest

Date/Time: Saturday, September 23, 12:30pm - 5pm.

Location: Shooters on State, 4007 East State Street
Rockford, IL 61108.

The event is Steam Punk themed for this year.

<https://www.eventbrite.com/e/beer-con-8-tickets-637502877267?aff=oddtcreator>

Forest City Brewers Club Picnic / Oktoberfest At the Dave Benson's House

When: October 7th, 2023 11 am – 5 pm

Where: Dave Benson's House

6078 Canyon Woods Drive Rockford, IL 61109

Please bring a dish to pass, meat to be provided by the club

Urban Forest / FCB Brewer's Invitational

When: October 11th, 2023 5 pm – 10 pm

Where: Urban Forest Craft Brewing

6551 E Riverside Boulevard, Rockford, IL

Prizes: Brewery's Champion – Trophy & \$100 Gift Card
People's Choice – Trophy & \$50 Gift Card

Dells on Tap

When: October 14th, 2023 12 pm – 5 pm

Where: Severson Dells

8786 Montague Rd Rockford, IL 61102

Looking for brewers to donate beer and help serve at the fest. Contact the club with your name, beer style & ABV.

Barnstormer Pig Roast

When: October 21st, 2023 4 pm – 8 pm

Where: Barnstormer Distillery

6969 S Main St Rockford, IL 61102

Looking for anybody interested in putting a beer on tap to serve. Contact the club with your name, beer style & ABV.

Sensory Analysis "Barrel Effects on Beer"

Look for information of this happening in November

Around The Town (CHAOS)



**Are you looking for an emergency
CO2 fill on a weekend when everyone
else is closed?**

Please feel free to contact FCB member John Orosz