



# Forest City Brewers

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## The Barley Whispers

*Official Newsletter of the Forest City Brewers*

*January 2010 Edition*

Next meeting will be held at Thunder Bay Grille

Wednesday January 20, 2010 - 7:00 PM

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## Meeting Notes:

We will be starting the meeting at 7:00 PM sharp. Please plan accordingly. If you have style or open category entries please submit them no later than 6:45. Our beer steward will be most grateful.

Yes, it's time for payment of our yearly dues. Membership to the club is \$25 per person, or \$38 per couple. Payment can be given to our Treasurer, Steve Hall at the January meeting.

The club Christmas party at Chuck Nolen's house is scheduled for Saturday, January 9<sup>th</sup>. Chuck will be cooking up a honey ham so bring a dish to pass and your favorite glass.

Money is due at the January meeting for anyone planning on attending the September 11<sup>th</sup> trip to Milwaukee to see the Brewers/Cubs game. (Tickets for group sales are available starting February 5<sup>th</sup>.) Based on 40 people the cost would be \$60.00 for members - \$70.00 for non members. Cost will include transportation to and from the game, a ticket to the game and a tailgate party including food & beer before the game.

Also on the trip agenda is the Wisconsin Micro-Brewers Beerfest in Chilton, Wisconsin. The event is on Sunday, May 16<sup>th</sup>. Cost will be \$50.00 for members, \$60.00 for non-members.

The idea of a trip to Chicago was discussed, starting in Harvard and catching the train to go downtown. Maybe for Night of the Living Ales? More to follow.

For our February meeting, Coiz is planning on bringing in samples of several batches of beer that he has split and used a different yeast to ferment each half. Should be an interesting demonstration of how different types of yeast can change the flavor of a beer. If anyone else has some samples they would like to bring, please let Mike know.

The AHA club only competition for Jan/Feb 2010 is English Brown Ale (category II styles). Club members need to submit entries for this competition to Brew & Grow before February 19<sup>th</sup>. You will need two 12-ounce bottles to enter the competition. If your entry is chosen, you will need an additional 2 bottles for entry into the AHA

competition. Entries for the AHA must be in brown or green glass bottles between 10 and 14 ounces in size. Also, you must obliterate any and all words or pictures from the bottle caps with a black permanent marker.

The Olympic is still hosting a beer tasting on the first Thursday of every month. Cost is \$10 per person. Tasting starts at 7:00 pm. Give them a call if you need more info.

Mark your calendars. The 2010 AHA Conference (National Homebrewers Conference) will be held in Minneapolis, MN next year. That's only a 6 hour drive, folks. If you've never been, this may be the perfect opportunity to check it out. The conference will be June 17-19, 2010.

Tasters Guild schedule is as follows:

January - Northwoods Grill & Bar Loves Park IL (used to be Figli's and Cannova's).

February - CRU

**Anyone entering beers in next month's competition, please bring a copy of the recipe to the meeting with you. We would like to have them available for people to view. Thanks!**

## Monthly Contest Results:

Style Contest - Robust Porter

1. Sam Barcelona
2. Alex Cando
3. John Bocce

Honorable Mention: Rick Norman, Mike Sears, Jim Deming, Chris Yerk, Ken Schulz

## Open Contest

1. (tie) Matt Berthiaume - Appey Tripel
1. (tie) Steve & Anita - Mixed Fruit Mead
3. Dave & Pat - Kona Chocolate Oatmeal Stout

Honorable Mention: Alex Cando-Cream Ale, Linda Hunt-Christmas/Winter Spice Ale, John Bocce-Standard Bitter, Mike Coisman-Oktoberfest, Mike Sears-Indian Brown

**Thanks to everyone who participated. What a great batch of brews! Winners, don't forget to SUBMIT YOUR RECIPES so they can be posted on the website.**

## Upcoming Styles:

Janbrewary - AG English Brown Ale Experiment  
Febrewary - American Stout  
March - American Pale Ale  
April - Dunkelweizen  
May - Bohemian Pilsener

## Competition Corner:

January 29, 2010

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February 27, 2010

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