



# Forest City Brewers

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## The Barley Whispers

*Official Newsletter of the Forest City Brewers*

*May 2010 Edition*

Next meeting will be held at Thunder Bay Grille

Wednesday, May 19, 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.

We are looking for volunteers for Beer Steward at the monthly meetings. Remember, this is no longer a year long obligation, only a 3 or 4 month commitment. Chris Yerk has agreed to help us out again from September thru December, but we still need someone to fill in over the summer months.

We are now on Facebook! This is just one more tool for us to use to communicate with our members. Mike will also continue to use e-mail to keep us all up to date with club events, etc.

The 2010 AHA Conference (National Homebrewers Conference) is quickly approaching. The event will be held in Minneapolis, MN this year. That's only a 6 hour drive, folks. If you've never been, this may be the perfect opportunity to check it out. This is an excellent event. You will have the opportunity to meet some of the most knowledgeable people in the Homebrewing community. The conference will be June 17-19, 2010. Thursday night is Pro-Brewers night. Friday is Club Night (this one is tons of food and fun) and Saturday is the Grand Banquet. Hotels fill up extremely fast, so if you are planning on attending, you need to book it ASAP.

Jim Didier's trip to The Great Taste of The Midwest is sold out. Anyone who would like to be added to the waiting list in case he gets a cancellation, please contact Jim. The fest is on Saturday, August 14<sup>th</sup> and cost this year is \$56 per person.

The club is organizing another Sensory Perception class. The class will be held on Sunday, June 6<sup>th</sup> at Mike Coisman's house. Cost is \$15 per person. The kit will accommodate about 20 people for the class and there are only a couple of spots left. If you would like to participate, contact Mike right away.

We are always looking for any ideas and/or opinions for improving our club and our meetings. There was some discussion about having more monthly presentations or a bring your favorite brew gadget meeting. Some people liked things just the way they are. Share your thoughts at next month's meeting!

The AHA Club Only Competition for March/April was American Ales (BJCP category 10 styles). We once again entered a brew on behalf of the club. A judging was held at Brew and Grow and Ken Schultz's APA was selected. Hopefully we will have the results from this competition by next month's meeting.

The AHA Big Brew was on Saturday, May 1<sup>st</sup>. Matt Berthiaume graciously volunteered to host this event. We brewed an American Wheat that will be served at our summer picnic which is scheduled for Saturday, July 17<sup>th</sup> at Polish Falcons Park. The club will also provide the meat for this event. Just bring a dish to pass, a lawn chair and enjoy.

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. Also, they are hosting several beer pairing dinners in the near future. Here's a list:

May 27<sup>th</sup> - Two Brothers  
June 24<sup>th</sup> - Bell's  
July 22<sup>nd</sup> - Sierra Nevada  
August 26<sup>th</sup> - Sam Adams  
September 23<sup>rd</sup> - Lagunitas  
October 28<sup>th</sup> - New Belgium

Thunder Bay is also hosting a beer dinner with Bell's Brewery on Thursday, May 27<sup>th</sup> at 6:30 p.m.

Tasters Guild schedule is as follows:

May - Carlyle Brewery

June - Der Rathskeller

July - Oasis

August - Olympic Tavern

**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 - Dunkelweizen

1. Alex Cando
2. John Bocce

Open Contest

1. Matt Berthiaume - Brown Porter
2. Alex Cando- Black IPA (tie)
2. Steve & Anita - Apricot Quince Mead

Honorable Mention: Matt Brugger - American Cream Ale, Pat & Dave - Hefeweizen, Mike Sears - American Wheat, Brian States - Pale Ale, Matt Brugger - Red Ale, John Bocce - Devil Bock, Dan Dickinson - Wheat Porter, Chris Yerk - Belgian Dubbel

**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:**

May - Bohemian Pilsener

June, July, August - No Style Competition

## **Competition Corner:**

### **May 2010 - AHA Club Only Competition**

#### **Extract Beers**

Entries are due Saturday, May 1, 2010. Judging will be held Saturday, May 22, 2010. Entry fee is \$7. Make checks payable to American Homebrewers Association.

#### **Entry Shipping:**

AHA COC

c/o Flying Bison Brewing Company

491 Ontario St

Buffalo, NY 14207

Hosted by Ric Cunningham and the Niagra Association of Homebrewers of Buffalo, NY, this competition covers all BJCP beer categories (1-23).

For more information, contact Ric Cunningham at [wilypig@gmail.com](mailto:wilypig@gmail.com).

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### **Longshot American Homebrew Contest- Chicago Region**

Entry Deadline: 05/28/2010

Phone Number: (630) 761-8386

Location: Lisle, IL, US

Contact Email: [lufitz@comcast.net](mailto:lufitz@comcast.net)

Organizer: Luann Fitzpatrick

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**Mundelein American Cup**

Entry Fee: \$7 /\$5 each additional

Entry Deadline: 06/26/2010

Phone Number: (847) 566-8012

Location: Mundelein, IL, US

Contact Email: [thedirs@att.net](mailto:thedirs@att.net)

Organizer: Bruce Dir

**August 2010 - AHA Club Only Competition**

**Mead**

Entry deadline is TBD. Judging will be held TBD. Entry fee is \$7. Make checks payable to American Homebrewers Association.

Hosted by Deborah Lee and Hop Barley & the Alers of Boulder, CO, this competition covers BJCP categories 24, 25, and 26 styles.

For more information, contact Deb Lee at [queenbee@gotmead.com](mailto:queenbee@gotmead.com).

**September/October 2010**

**"Pucker Up" Sour & Wild Ales**

Entries are due September 9, 2010 and judging will be held September 19, 2010.

Entry fee is \$7. Make checks payable to American Homebrewers Association.

**Entry Shipping:**

AHA COC

22836 Ventura Blvd, #2

Woodland Hills, CA 91364

Hosted by Drew Beechum and the Maltose Falcons Home Brewing Society of Woodland Hills, CA, this competition covers BJCP Category 17 styles, plus American Wild Ales, and Specialty Wild Ales.

For more information, contact Drew Beechum at [dbeechum@gmail.com](mailto:dbeechum@gmail.com).

**November/December 2010**

**Strong Ale**

Entries are due TBD and judging will be held TBD. Entry fee is \$7. Make checks payable to American Homebrewers Association.

Hosted by Jim Brischke and the Greater Everett Brewers League of Everett, WA, this competition covers BJCP Category 19 styles.

For more information, contact Jim Brischke at [j.brischke@comcast.net](mailto:j.brischke@comcast.net).

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**Land of the Muddy Waters**

Entry Fee: \$8 for first entry, \$6 each thereafter, \$6 for MUGZ members

Entry Deadline: 11/06/2010, Organizer: Richard Toohill

Phone Number: (563) 391-8828

Location: Rock Island , IL, US

Contact Email: [nrtoohill@mchsi.com](mailto:nrtoohill@mchsi.com)