

May 10
NFBL Meeting

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President's Message

Matt Ruddell



Six hundred and fifty four beers later, some of us are still standing.

We are not the biggest homebrew club out there, and I think it's safe to say that we are the smallest to host a first round national competition, and yet we judged more beer in one weekend than any other first round site did over multiple weeks. That is right; the South had more entries than any other region. We rock! And once again we have shown the AHA and the rest of the Nation how to run a competition and provide top notch judging. If I'm

counting right we had 6 National judges, two Master Judges, and one Grand Master II judge in attendance to help us get through the 654 entries that we judged. In all over both days of judging we had 34 judges from Florida, Georgia, and Alabama.

This is the point where I reach into my coat pocket and get all teary while I take a moment to thank everyone for pulling this thing off.

I want to say a humongous THANK YOU to all the volunteers who showed up to help but especially to the staff, John Larsen – Judge Director, Michael Johnson – Head Steward, Denise and Charles Howard – Registrar/Cellar master team, and Sarah Bridgegroom – Gift pack coordinator. These guys worked their butts off for many many weeks to make this all happen. John somehow managed to keep all those judging sitting at the table and judging beer. Without his tireless efforts, we might still be judging. Michael made sure the stewards were where they needed to be and knew what they needed to be doing. Even short staffed at times he managed to shuffle people around and make sure the beers kept coming. Speaking of keeping the beers coming, team Howard somehow managed to keep track of all the entries and all the bottles and get them from the den, labeled, to the progressive center, in a cooler, and out to the table in a timely manner with no mix ups. Truly amazing work guys! And Sarah did what Sarah does best. Kept us all in line and made up some killer gift packs. Wow, you guys seriously kick ass.

Big thanks go out to the EC team as well who were instrumental in getting the little things done that needed to get done; thanks Vince, Corrigan and Randy for food runs, keeping up with the money and keeping things running smoothly.

Special thanks as well to the Tallahassee Progressive Center and the main man there Adrien for providing a wonderful location than suited our needs better than I could have imagined. Adriens Café was a cool hangout and traffic seemed to flow well there.

Extra special thanks to the Homebrew Den, for their donations to the gift packs and letting us eat pizza on their credit. The check is in the mail guys. No seriously, without the Den around, I'm not sure what kind of shape the NFBL would be in. The Den is always extremely generous with these events and I don't think they get nearly enough thanks for how much they help us out. The Den is an asset to our community and to our club and you guys have our most sincere thanks.

Now, we can move forward. Where do you want to go next?

Mark Your Calendars

May 5	Club Brew/Big Brew in celebration of National Homebrew Day
May 10	NFBL Meeting
May 12	Hogtown Brewoff competition in Gainesville
May 11 & 12	Judging for AHA Club-Only Competition (Extracts)
May 24	EC Meeting
June 14	NFBL Meeting

Upcoming Styles

- June: Hybrid: Kolsch, Alt, Steam, Wheat
- July: Light Lagers and American Light Ales
- August: Mead and Cider
- September: Stout
- October: Fruit, Veg, Spice Beers and Dark Lagers

Treasurer's Report

Randy Desilet



Welcome to new member Robbie Nelson. Make a point to introduce yourself to him and personally welcome them to our Club at the next meeting.

me at the next meeting with your dues or mail checks to NFBL, PO Box 3325, Tallahassee, FL 32315-3325. Attention Randy Desilet.

Membership renewals due May, 2007: Robbie Laub and Wesley Burch.

Membership Cards: Remember that it is important to keep current with your club dues. The NFBL card is used to identify members as being up-to-date with their dues and eligible for discounts at The HomeBrew Den. Only membership cards of active NFBL members will be honored.

Membership renewals due June, 2007: Joel Tedder, Paul Russo and Melissa Hooke.

NFBL Stuff For Sale

We have Club t-shirts (\$15) and Henley shirts (\$20) available at our monthly meeting. See Randy at the meeting for the selection.

Balance: The Club's account balance as of 4/30/07/07 is \$1899.07. We have a few outstanding charges to settle in connection with the AHA National Homebrewing Competition that we conducted on April 20-21. The Club has 51 active members.

Membership renewals past due:

Lee Marchman, Glenda Atkinson, Sue Higgins, Samantha and Jay Wells, Dan Marcelli, Derek Vollmer, Ross Beck and Jon Yeargan.

Annual membership is \$20 for individuals and \$30 for couples. Please see

April NFBL Minutes

Corrigan Loduha

Club Meeting- 12 April 2007

Officers Present: Matt Ruddell, Vince George, Randy Desilet, Michael Johnson, Corrigan Loduha.

The style for the month of April was Porters. Vince discussed points of the style while pouring the commercial examples he provided, a Rogue Mocha Porter and a Great Divide Saint Bridget's Porter. The month's style was also reflected in a few of the raffle and homebrew items contributed by members. Vince very generously provided some cider and semi-

sweet mead of his own which members sampled throughout the tasting portion of the meeting. YUM! Thank you Vince! We are always happy to help a member in need empty some kegs. That's just the kind of club we are.

Raffle Items:

- Guinness- Thomas Crawford
- Sam Adams Brown Ale- Thomas Crawford
- Dogfish Burton Baton IPA- Randy Desilet
- Sierra Nevada Porter- Darrell Thompson
- Porter Kit- Homebrew Den
- Raffle Winner: Jason Dickey

Highlighted Homebrewers:

- Brian Hall- Maple Porter
- Thomas Crawford- Smoked Porter
- Hazelnut Coffee Stout- Jason Dickey



NFBL February EC Meeting Minutes

Corrigan Loduha

EC Meeting, 26 April 2007

April's committee meeting was a short one; we were tired. We were tired of each other. We were tired of beer (ha ha, no we weren't!). We hope that we were able to make all of the attending judges happy, show them a good time, make them want to come back. We all expressed

hope that the AHA will ask us to host again. Everyone did such a great job, and it was so cool to see so many members drop their weekends to come out and show their support and work so hard. We talked a little about the upcoming Hogtown Brew-off in Gainesville, too. Randy has offered to personally courier entries to the competition, and we agreed that

we would feel good about returning some favors and showing some support to our beer buddies hosting down there May 12. Anyone who is interested in offering their services as steward or some other kind of beer-ish-slave in Gainesville that weekend should ask Matt for details.

May Style of the Month

American Ales: American Pale Ale, American Brown Ale, American IPA

Vince George

Finally May is upon here and although I love English Ales, there is just something a little American to this month's styles: American pale ale, American brown ale, and American IPA. Compared to the previous month's styles these are bigger, bolder and brassier. The following is taken from the BJCP guidelines for American pale ales, "An American adaptation of English pale ale, reflecting indigenous ingredients (hops, malt, yeast, and water). Often lighter in color, cleaner in fermentation by-products, and having less caramel flavors than English counterparts." And for American brown ales, "Can be considered a bigger, maltier, hoppier interpretation of Northern English brown ale or a hoppier, less malty [Brown Porter](#), often including the citrus-accented hop presence that is characteristic of American hop varieties" and "A strongly flavored, hoppy brown beer, originated by American home brewers. Related to American Pale and American Amber Ales, although with more of a caramel and chocolate character, which tends to balance the hop bitterness and finish. Most commercial American Browns are not as aggressive as the original home-brewed versions, and some modern craft brewed examples. IPA-strength brown ales should be entered in the Specialty category." And finally, for the American IPA's, "A decidedly hoppy and bitter, moderately strong American pale ale." "An American version of the historical English style, brewed using American ingredients and **attitude**." Now that's what I'm talking about!

This month's educational session will coincide with the American Homebrewer Association Big Brew day. What's that you ask? It's when over 3000 homebrewers will brew the same beers simultaneously on 7 continents and raise their glasses for a toast at 1:00 EST. Here is a snippet from the AHA web site beer-town.org.

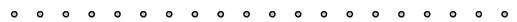


"Boulder, Colo. – April 25, 2007 – BIG BREW X (10) celebrates a 10 year tradition of a worldwide simultaneous toast to homebrewing and the enjoyment of great beer. No homebrewer should miss it. This exciting and popular event on May 5 will have 3,000 homebrewers worldwide savoring and singing the praises of a hobby that has been around thousands of years. Organized by the American Homebrewers Association (AHA), BIG BREW celebrates National Homebrew Day, honored each year on the first Saturday of May."

Now for the educational session. The gloves are coming off for this one. Thomas "The Mauler" Crawford goes up against Vince "Big Dog" George in the first ever competition of fly sparging vs batch sparging. You're not going to want to miss this one as we demystify the mystique surrounding batch sparging and fly sparging. Catch a rare glimpse of the Big Dog in action as he brews up Griffin Spit IPA using all Summit hops weighing in at 18.1% alpha acids! The Mauler might be brewing up a California Common. I promise it will be a good time and you just might learn something. If you are interested in attending please e mail me at vincegeorge@yahoo.com before Friday so I can have enough handouts and such. We will be starting at noon, bring homebrew to share, snacks and if you want something to grill. See ya!

Beer is a wonderful thing.

*Mission Statement: The North Florida
Brewers League is committed to
sharing, promoting, and teaching the
hobby of homebrewing to both
beginners and experienced brewers
through community involvement,
regular meetings, and the Big Bend
Brew Off.*



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Newsletter submissions should be sent by the Friday following the full membership meeting to mdjohnson472@earthlink.net

This month's style:
American Ales: American Pale Ale, American Brown Ale, American IPA

Long Term Calendar

May 5—Club Brew/Big Brew in celebration of National Homebrew Day

May 10—NFBL meeting

May 12—Hogtown Brewoff competition in Gainesville

June 14—NFBL meeting

June 22-24—National Homebrew Conference in Denver

July 12—NFBL meeting

August 4—National Mead Day

August 9—NFBL Meeting

August 19—Women's Beer Day

September—AHA Club Only Competition: Bock (date to be announced)

September 13—NFBL meeting

September 28-30—Great American Beer Festival

October 11—NFBL meeting

November 3—Teach a Friend to Homebrew Day

November 8—NFBL meeting

December 1—Walk the Line Barleywine Festival in Dunedin, FL.

December 13—NFBL meeting



Be there or be square.