



# Saccharomyces Journal

## President's Message

*Randy Desilet*

**H**appy New Year to all NFBL members!! I am looking forward to the New Year and what the wonderful world of beer will bring. The Club's new and outgoing officers met December 18 to officially have a changing of the guard. The Executive Committee said goodbye to President Matt Ruddell and Secretary Corrigan Loduha who have both served in their respective offices for the last two years. The Club is indebted to them for their very able service and leadership. As incoming President I am very much aware of the big shoes that Matt left and I know that with the help of all NFBL members, we can continue the high standard that Matt set.

Your new officers, Vice President Sarah Bridegroom, Treasurer Betsy Miller, Secretary Jenn Feltman, Publication Editor Denise Howard and I will be meeting January 22, 2009 to set the calendar for the coming year. Such things as meeting themes, club parties, educational seminars, club brews and charity in-

volvement will be addressed. All club members are welcome to join the officers at this meeting. If you have ideas for the club to consider, please plan on attending or share them with one of the officers before the meeting. It's your Club, so let the officers know your thoughts and ideas. Remember that the Club's mission is to promote the hobby of homebrewing and appreciation for hand-crafted and microbrewed beers.

As the outgoing Treasurer, I had the opportunity to summarize the financial activities of our Club and it was apparent to me, how indebted we are to the HomeBrew Den for their continuing support of the Club and its activities. Both Sarah and John are very active members in the Club and as proprietors of the HomeBrew Den support our activities through the discount they offer to NFBL members and supplies they donated. The NFBL would not be as rich an experience without their support. Thanks HomeBrew Den!



Thanks in advance for your support for the coming year.

## NFBL Minutes

*Corrigan Loduha*

### Club Meeting, 11 December, 2008 – Beef O' Brady's

**Officers Present:** Matt Ruddell, Sarah Bridegroom, Randy Desilet, Corrigan Loduha, and Denise Howard. December is a fun meeting because we have a chance to recognize club members who make the effort and find the time to give beer generously. The club gave four awards (cool gift certificates to New Leaf Market and Momo's Pizza and some hop plugs) to such outstanding people: Most Homebrews Brought to Meetings.....Allen Turnage Most Raffle Items Brought to Meetings.....Randy Desilet Best Beer of the Year.....Matt Ruddell for his Tupelo Mead



Worst Beer of the Year.....Johann Pautz for his Raspberry Bierdegarde

We also welcomed two new members at this month's meeting, and we hope to see them continue to attend. And we gave a big thanks to Vince and Amy for hosting a great Winter party this year. Sarah brought two beers to sample, Sam Adams Winter Lager, and Sierra Nevada Celebration Ale. YUM!! See y'all next year!

### EC Meeting, 18 December, 2008 – Matt's House

**Officers Present:** Randy Desilet, Matt Ruddell, Sarah Bridegroom, Corrigan Loduha, Betsy Miller, and Denise Howard. Also Presiding: Charles and River Howard, and Ethan Ruddell.

Randy provided the assembled officers with a year-end treasurer's report. Members discussed the third and final beer/food pairing event for desserts and penciled possible dates for the session to take place. Further ideas for future educational sessions were exchanged, and the official passing of the post office box key and presidential chalice were observed.

## Treasurer's Report

*Randy Desilet*

**Balance:** The Club's account balance as of 12/29/08 is \$1662.73. The Club has 46 active members. A big welcome to new members Shannon Black and David Schuessler.

**Membership renewals due January 2009:** Dan MacDonald, Mike Hankin, Jerry Swerczek, Corrigan Loduha & Johann Pautz, Rick Savage, Denise & Charles Howard

**Membership renewals due February 2009:** Alyssa Wiedenmayer & Jason Dickey, Chris & Joe Pignatiello, Michael Johnson, Allen Turnage

**Membership renewals past due:** Glenda Atkinson, Sue Higgins, Craig Mangum, Walter Liebrich, Lela Buttery, R. Steven Coleman, Jessica & Sean Patronis, Theo Francis

Annual membership is \$20 for individuals and \$30 for couples. Please see me at the next meeting with your dues or mail checks to NFBL, PO Box 3325, Tallahassee, FL 32315-3325. Attention Randy Desilet.

**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.

Half Price NFBL Shirt Sale	M	L	XL	
Short Sleeve Tee (blue)	\$7	1	2	
Short Sleeve Tee (green)	\$7		2	
Short Sleeve Tee (tan)	\$7	1	2	3
Short Sleeve Tee (gray)	\$7		1	
Short Sleeve Hendley (tan)	\$10	1	1	
Long Sleeve Tee	\$10		1	

See Betsy at the Meeting to purchase.

## Tasting Schedule for 2009

*Sarah Bridegroom*

As many of you know, we typically highlight a beer style each month during our monthly meetings. Over the years, we've rearranged the schedule, swapped out different beer styles, and in general mixed it up from time to time. Last year, we did so again, while also keeping a couple months out of the year open to all styles.

At the upcoming January executive committee meeting, the incoming officer team will discuss the schedule for 2009. If you have strong feelings about what beer styles you would like to have highlighted, please let us know and we'll incorporate that information into the discussion. After the schedule for the year is settled, we'll send it out to everyone so that we can plan the brewing calendar.

This January, we'll follow suit from last January and keep the assigned style open

to all styles. Feel free to bring what you have available for sharing. Doesn't matter what type of beer it is.

For the benefit of our newer members, here's some basic information about bringing beer to meetings.

- Bringing beer isn't required.
- If you have it available, bringing beer is always encouraged. Sharing homebrew keeps us going and keeps our gatherings interesting. Receiving feedback can be helpful to the brewer and giving feedback can be helpful to members who want to gain experience in evaluating beer.
- If you bring beer to the meeting, please use the back door entrance off of the parking lot. In deference to the management to Beef 'O' Brady's, please do not bring beer through the restaurant.
- In general, about five 12-ounce bottles of beer is enough to serve attendees. Granted, it is hard to predict from month to month how many people will attend each meeting. You can always take home the leftovers.
- We keep an eye on the overall number of homebrews provided in any given night. Beers that are considered "in style" for the style of the month are served first, then the remaining beers follow.
- If you bring your own beer to the meeting, it should be for sharing in the tasting, not for personal consumption at your table.
- Member guests are served during the tastings. As has always been the case, if you arrive more than twice with a guest, you're a couple, and your membership dues should be paid accordingly.

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## New Arrival

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*Denise Howard*

Sean and Jessica Patronis welcomed the arrival of a new baby girl on December 5, 2008 at 4am. Lorelei Grace Patronis weighed 8 lbs, 9 oz, and was 21.5 inches long. Congrats to Sean and Jess on their new bundle of joy!



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## Shots of the Month

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*Charles Howard*

These shots are from the Fall party at Vince's house on November 22. Big thanks to Charles for submitting these photos.



*If you have a photo you would like to post in the newsletter, please submit your JPEG to [denise.karnes@gmail.com](mailto:denise.karnes@gmail.com).*

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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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