



Saccharomyces Journal

President's Message

Randy Desilet

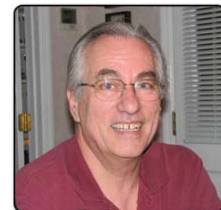
On January 8, the NFBL lost the battle with the BCS Championship football game. If you weren't at our January meeting, let me explain. When our members arrived at Beef O'Brady's, we found that the back room had been reserved for Gator fan game watching. Management was quite surprised and very apologetic for the double booking. Eventually they realized that when their regularly scheduled groups were moved from the 2008 calendar to the 2009 calendar, our regular 2nd Thursday monthly booking got transposed to the 3rd Thursday. Well the NFBL team decided to punt and cancelled the meeting. The football crowd would have drunk all our beer anyway. We're back on schedule for the 2nd Thursday of every month.

The Executive Committee met in January and has put together the schedule of events for the coming year. The coming events that you should be aware of are:

- Beer and Desert Pairing Seminar on February 10
- February Club Brew (brew beer for the Spring Party)
- Spring Party

For the Club Brew, we **need volunteers** to host and brew two batches of beer for the club during February (ingredients supplied by the Club). For the upcoming Spring Party we **need a volunteer** to host the party on one of following dates – March 7, 14, 21, or April 18. Contact me if you are interested in volunteering for any of the four opportunities. Remember we are a volunteer organization and we can't be successful without volunteers or simply put, everyone taking turns carrying the load.

One of my personal goals for the year is to get more participation in evaluating our home brews at the monthly meetings. One reason we all are members of NFBL is to get feedback on our humble brewing efforts. I mean feedback in a constructive positive sense. Last year we redesigned the evaluation form to make it useable for all levels of experience. Everyone should be able to make constructive comments. I have heard brewers in the past express disappointment with the amount of feedback being offered. If you want thoughtful evaluations on your brews, then you need to be an evaluator. Make a New Year's Resolution to evaluate every homebrew offered at our meetings.



Treasurer's Report

Betsy Miller

Balance: The club's balance is **\$1,762.25** as of January 8, 2008. The club has **46** active members.

Membership renewals due January 2009

Dan MacDonald, Mike Hankin, Jerry Swerczek, Corrigan Loduha, Johann Pautz, Rick Savage, Charles and Denise Howard

Membership renewals due February 2009

Alyssa Wiedenmayer, Jason Dickey, Chris and Joe Pignatiello, Michael Johnson, Allen Turnage

Membership renewals past due

R. Steven Coleman, Sean and Jessica 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 your checks to NFBL, PO Box 3325, Tallahassee, FL 32315-3325 Attention: Betsy Miller.

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 HomeBrewDen. Only membership cards of active NFBL members will be honored.

NFBL stuff for sale

Short sleeve tees – \$7 each

Blue – 1 medium, 2 large

Green – 2 large

Tan – 1 medium, 2 large, 3 X-large

Gray – 1 large

Short sleeve Henley (tan) – 1 medium, 1 large - \$10 each

Long sleeve tee – 1 medium - \$10

NFBL logo pint glasses - \$3 each

Please see Betsy at the meeting for purchases.

January 22 EC Meeting Minutes

Jen Feltman

The EC met at Randy's house and discussed and developed the upcoming schedule for the year over some Hennepin, provided by Randy, and it was realized that he is the sole guy on the EC this year! Sarah proposed a schedule of beer events, competitions, and styles for each month's club meeting. We discussed the upcoming dessert/beer paring, which will be on Feb. 10th (Look for an email from Matt for more info). Also on the bill was

a discussion of club brews and parties. All agreed that three club parties per year was a good number and we are currently looking for a club brew host for a Saturday in March. We decided to let the host determine the best Saturday out of the 7th, 14th, or 21st. If you are interested in hosting the Spring Club Party, please let an EC member know soon. Betsy gave an update on the club's finances, and our fundamentals are sound! Members who are past due on dues (kind of ironic, I know) are encouraged to bring a check to the next club meeting.

Officers discussed their new duties and a created a contact list of current EC members.

Dates and Such for 2009

Sarah Bridegroom

Open that spiffy, new calendar that you got over the holiday season and pencil in some dates. As new event dates become available, we'll post them on the web site and in the newsletter.

NFBL Tasting Schedule 2009

Below is the current tasting schedule for 2009's monthly membership meetings at Beef O'Brady's (second Thursday of the month). Some general information and reminders appear in the January newsletter, please take a peek at those when you can.

February	English Brown Ales: English Brown, Mild and Scottish Ales
March	English Pale Ales: English Bitters, American Pale Ales, American Ambers
April	Open Call
May	IPAs: English IPAs and American IPAs
June	American Light Ales, Cream Ales, Blond Ales, Wheat
July	Kolsch, Alt, Steam
August	Fruit, Spice and Vegetable Beers
September	Porter and Stout
October	Mead, Cider, Braggot
November	Belgians
December	Holiday Beers and "Best and Worst" of the Year

Brewing Observances

Historically, the NFBL has scheduled brew events on National Homebrew Day. If you would like to host an event in observance of any of these brewing-related holidays, please contact Randy.

- April 7** Brew Year's Eve
- May 2** National Homebrew Day Big Brew
- August 1** National Mead Day
- August 19** Women's Beer Day
- November 1** Teach a Friend to Homebrew Day

Other club related events

The club typically schedules three club brews and three club parties for the year. Historically, one of the club brews always occurs on National Homebrew Day (scheduled above). The others are usually scheduled in early spring and late summer. Parties are typically scheduled for Spring, Summer and Fall/Winter. Keep an eye on your inbox for messages from Randy regarding these events. If you're interested in hosting, please let him know.

- February 10** Beer and Food Pairing: Desserts

Community Events and Other Beer Club Events

The NFBL often participates in both community events around town as well as other beer club events across the state. Below are some tentative dates for these events. As the dates become confirmed, we will post that information.

- May 16** Tallahassee Highland Games at the Fairgrounds
- November** Second Harvest Festival at Lake Ella (date not yet provided)
- March 6-8** Best Florida Beer Championships and Festival in Tampa
- May 16-18** Tentative date for Hogtown Brewoff in Gainesville
- August 28-29** Tentative date for First Coast Cup in Jacksonville
- September 12-13** Tentative date for Commander Saaz Blowoff in Melbourne/Cocoa
- September 20-21** Alternative date for Commander Saaz Blowoff
- November 13-15** Tentative Date for Sunshine Challenge Festival in Orlando

Shots of the Month

If you have a photo you would like to post in the newsletter, please submit your JPEG to 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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Newsletter submissions should be sent by the Friday following the full membership meeting to denise.karnes@gmail.com

NFBL Calendar

Jan 24 - 25	Hogtown Medieval Faire weekend one in Gainesville
Jan 31 - Feb 1	Hogtown Medieval Faire weekend two in Gainesville
Feb 1	Superbowl
Feb 10	Beer and Food Session 3: Desserts
Feb 8	Entry deadline for Best Florida Beer Competition in Tampa
Feb 12	NFBL Mtg: English Brown, Mild and Scottish Ales
Feb 20 - 21	Pre judging for Best Florida Beer
Feb 26	EC meeting at Jen's
Feb 27 - 28	Pre-judging for Best Florida Beer

