



Saccharomyces Journal

President's Message

Randy Desilet

March was a good month for NFBL. We finally got to drink the beer that our members had brewed at our last Club Brew. Betsy and Don Miller hosted our Spring Party on March 21. Club members were treated to delicious food, outstanding beer and a lot of stimulating beer talk. Thanks to Betsy and Don for being such gracious hosts and sharing their home for a memorable party.

Remember that we will be treated at our Fall Party to the

Barley Wine that Charles Howard and Sean Patronis brewed and are aging for us.

At our regular March club meeting, we had time to discuss with a brewer his use of sesame seeds in the Belgian beer he had brought for tasting. The discussion was very interesting and I hope we will be able to do more of this in the future.

The month of April will be busy for everyone with springtime and Easter. Hopefully brewing beer will also be one the activities. Good Brewing!



Treasurer's Report

Betsy Miller

Balance: The club's balance is **\$1,810.18** as of March 31, 2009. The club has **58** active members.

Membership renewals due April 2009

Christopher Sullivan, Jon Yeargan, and Justin Dunning

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Mike Hankin, Jerry Swerzick, Corrigan Loduha, Johann Pautz, Michael Johnson, Ross Beck, Brian and Jennifer Hall, Martin Brungard, Chris Sella, David Zinn

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 o f 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 \$10 each
 - Tan – 1 medium, 1 large
- Long Sleeve Tee\$10 each
 - 1 medium
- NFBL logo pint glasses\$3 each

Please see Betsy at the meeting for purchases.

Minutes

Jen Feltman

March 12 Brew Club Minutes

The styles of this month were English Pale Ale, American Pale Ale, and American Amber. Thanks to those who brought in homebrew for us to sample! Our raffle this month was won by a visitor, Mark Stoffan. There is nothing wrong with beginner's luck! Thanks to all for making it a good evening of learning about and tasting these classic styles.

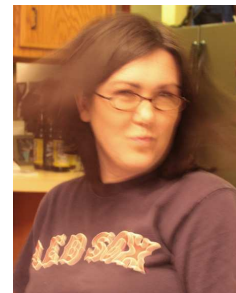
Homebrews

American Pale Ale	John Larsen
Robust Porter	Patti and Chris Born, Thomas Crawford
English Pale Ale	Mac
Sesame Pale Ale	Wade Feltman
Oatmeal Stout	Rick Savage

March 26 EC Meeting Minutes

Officers Present: Sarah Bridegroom, Randy Desilet, Denise Howard

We started off the meeting with officer reports, and Sarah revisited the idea of having some type of gathering at one of the new pubs in town. It was agreed that the best thing would be to simply meet at the pub for a "Happy Hour" type event and have some beers. We will be announcing a date for the Happy Hour in the very near future. We also discussed the upcoming Hogtown Brewoff and Highland Games, possible variations of our club meeting format, and progress of our online store for NFBL t-shirts and other apparel.



Open Calls, Happy Hours, and Brewing Around Town

Sarah Bridegroom

Hi there. There's been some brewin' and drinkin' going on in the last several weeks. We had a great time at the Spring party and the club brew. Please join us for the next club brew in May where we converge on Vince's brew place for the fun and glory of wort production.



Meanwhile, we have some other things on the horizon. Our style for this month is no style – perfect for us eh? It's one of two open call nights, during which we open the tasting for anything that you have that you'd like to share. If you're new to the NFBL tastings, and you want to bring beer, please do so through the back door entrance (off of the parking lot). Please do not bring beer through the restaurant.

Later this month, we'll meet over at PROOF – the beer bar on West Tennessee St. adjacent to the Liquor Loft. We're planning on a happy hour for Friday, April 17th. We'll probably see some beer deals while we're there. If that works out, I'll send everyone the details. We'll continue the happy hour gatherings during the summer months, switching places as we go.

Also this spring and summer we'll be bringing homebrewing to the masses. Or at least, we'll be bringing it to a few potential brewers. Between the Highland Games in May, a New Leaf Market presentation in June, and perhaps an impromptu brew demo here and there around town, we'll have a renewed presence in the community and a rejuvenated brewing agenda.

Brewing Calendar Quick Tip

Although it may seem counter-intuitive as the weather warms, consider brewing your spiced and holiday beers in the next few months. Beers that are brewed by the end of Spring can adequately age for serving in the Fall and Winter. You can make good, spiced beer in the Fall for Winter serving. You can make better, spiced beer for Fall and Winter serving if you make it in the Spring or Summer.

Shots of the Month

Check out these shots from our club party at Betsy and Don's.



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 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

Apr 9	NFBL Meeting: Open Call
Apr 12	Easter
Apr 23	EC Meeting at Homebrew Den
May 2	Club Brew at Vince's/National Homebrew Day
May 10	Mother's Day
May 14	NFBL Club Meeting: IPA's
May 16	Highland Games
May 16-18	tentative date for Hogtown Brewoff in Gainesville
May 21	EC Meeting at Betsy's

