

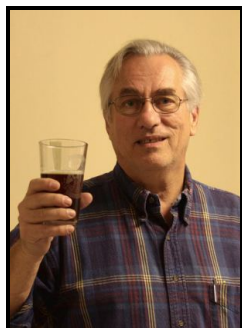


# Saccharomyces Journal

## President's Message

*Randy Desilet*

Congratulations to our newly elected club officers: President Michael Johnson; Vice President Wade Feltman; Treasurer Betsy Miller; Secretary Thomas Crawford and Publication Coordinator Don Miller. They will serve as officers for 2010.



It has been my pleasure to serve with

a super group of officers this past year. With Sarah Bridegroom educating and lubricating us with monthly tasting sessions, Betsy Miller keeping us financially sound, Jen and Wade Feltman writing everything down and Denise Howard's labor of love publishing the monthly Newsletter, the Club has operated smoothly and made NFBL a rewarding experience. My thanks to them for serving so ably this past year.

Patty Born and Thomas Crawford have done it again. Patty got a 1st (German Wheat) and Thomas got a 2nd (Light Lager) at the Sunshine Challenge. Congratulations!! Their accomplishments should inspire the rest of us to practice our brewing skills and to compete.

Summerfest is moving along. Tentatively we are looking at Saturday, June 5, 2010 as the event date. Start planning on brewing and serving at the event. Stay tuned.

The Winter Party is December 12 at my home. See the details in the enclosed article. I am looking forward to tasting the Barley Wine.

The December meeting theme is traditionally the Best and Worst. This means that club members bring homebrews to compete for the title of Best or Worst. So look in your coolers for the potential winner, either way, and bring them along. I know that we all have some winners.

Cheers!

## Treasurer's Report

*Betsy Miller*

**Balance:** The club's balance is **\$2,015.57** as of December 1, 2009. The club has 70 active members.

**Membership renewals due December 2009:** David Schuessler and Shannon Black

**Membership renewals past due:** Eric and Melinda Milles, Vince and Amy George, Erinn and Kari Prichard, Matt Ruddell, Jessica and Sean Patronis, and Larry Agee

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

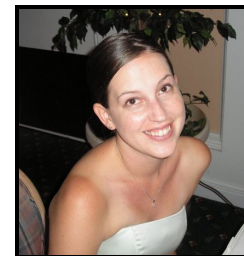
**Membership cards:** Remember that it is important to keep current with your club dues. The NFBL card is used to identify members as being up-to-date with their dues and eligible for dis-

counts at The HomeBrew Den. Only membership cards of active NFBL members will be honored. If you are unable to locate your card, or do not have a recent one, please contact Betsy Miller at [miller.betsy@gmail.com](mailto:miller.betsy@gmail.com) or at the monthly meeting for a new card.

### NFBL stuff for sale

NFBL logo pint glasses .....\$3 each

We have merchandise for sale at [Cafepress.com](http://Cafepress.com). Current merchandise includes t-shirts, hats, boxers, and thongs. See Betsy at the monthly meeting for samples. If there is other merchandise on [cafepress.com](http://cafepress.com) you would like to order let Denise Howard know and she can work on the design.



Please see Betsy at the meeting for purchases.

## November 12 Brew Club Minutes

*Wade Feltman*

The styles for this month's NFBL meeting were Belgians, definitely a treat for all members in attendance this month. With such a large variety to choose from for the style, the examples brought by many of our homebrewers certainly did not disappoint.



Most of the early discussion of the meeting was spent on an updated status of the Summerfest and electing new club officers to serve for 2010. In the matter of Summerfest, Sarah reported that the club is looking for a late Spring/early Summer venue. We are currently in discussion to partner with the Leon County Animal Shelter. The Animal Shelter gave some very positive feedback and will be approaching its board of directors in the near future with the proposal.

Another item under discussion during the meeting was the election of the club officers for 2010. Randy presented the nominations for the offices to the club members, and the following members were voted into the positions: Mike Johnson – President, Wade Feltman – Vice President, Don Miller – Publications Coordinator, Betsy Miller – Treasurer, Thomas Crawford – Secretary. The club members would like to congratulate all the officers for their willingness to serve this upcoming year. One final item discussed before the tasting was the matter of the NFBL

Winter Party. This year Randy Desilet has graciously opened his home for hosting the event. We will be serving a barleywine that has been aging for quite awhile now. The request is being made that all those coming to the event to please bring a side dish since the Club will be providing the main dish and homebrew.

We then moved on to the tasty homebrews and great commercial examples: St. Bernardus Abt. 12 & Delirium Tremens.

### Homebrews

Belgian Blond	Thomas
Belgian Pils	Jason
Kolsch	Thomas

### Raffle Items

Allagash Tripel Reserve	Sarah
Avery Ale to the Chief (President's Pale Ale)	Sarah
Delirium Nocternum	Chris
Delirium Tremens	Chris
Kirkland Amber Ale	Randy
Kirkland Hefeweizen	Randy
Old Faithful Ale	Jason
Monkey Face Porter	Jason
Bridgeport IPA	Jason
New Belgium Mothership Wit	Rick
Genessee Cream Ale	Rick
Magic Hat #9	Don Miller
NFBL Shirt & Bumper Sticker	NFBL
<b>Raffle Winner:</b>	<b>Rodriguez Nazario</b>

## The Beer That Makes the Meetings Go 'Round

*Sarah Bridegroom*

As we've mentioned during our meetings, it's membership contribution of beer and other items that help give our monthly gatherings their NFBL flavor. Without homebrewers' participation in the meetings, well, then we're just a bunch of people looking at each other. At the December meeting, we'll recognize members that have exceeded expectations with their contributions. Join us in thanking all of our members who have contributed throughout the year.

Thank you to everyone that contributed beer to our monthly tastings:

Larry Agee, David Schussler, Wade Feltman, John Larsen, Jason Dickey, Allen Turnage, Chris Born, Thomas Crawford, Patti

Born, Dan MacDonald, Rick Savage, Roy Zeigler, Chris Sella, Ian Salzberg, Martin Brungard, Vince George, Will Chase, Don Miller, Sean Patronis, Garrett Goodman, Mark Stoffan, Randy Desilet, Darrell Thompson, Stuart Nagy-Kato and Trever Carnes.

Thank you to everyone that contributed to our monthly raffles: Sarah Bridegroom, Allen Turnage, Chris Born, Randy Desilet, Jennifer Feltman, Wade Feltman, Bob Daugherty, Martin Brungard, Jerry Swerczek, Roy Ziegler, Mark Stoffan, Rick Savage, Vince George, Kari Pichard, Errin Pichard, Thomas Crawford, John Larsen, Jason Dickey and Don Miller.

Thanks to Wade for compiling this data. Please excuse any inadvertent omissions. We did our best to include everyone.



## November 19, 2009 EC Meeting

*Wade Feltman*

Officers Present: Randy Desilet – President, Sarah Bridegroom – Vice President, Don Miller (in place of Betsy) – Treasurer, Denise Howard – Newsletter Editor, Wade Feltman – Secretary

This month's EC meeting met a week early to account for the upcoming Thanksgiving Holiday. The EC met at Wade & Jennifer's home to discuss business over a selection of snacks, commercial beers, and to critique Wade's new Saison.

Starting this night's agenda was the officers' reports with nothing new to report from those present. We moved onto the next item in the agenda, Summerfest 2010. Sarah gave the other officers a very helpful status update where we stand with the partnering charity – Leon County Animal Shelter. The Animal Shelter has been contacted, and we've received some very positive feedback. According to Sarah's report after talking with Kate & Jeff from the Animal Shelter Foundation, they brought the proposal before the Animal Shelter Foundation's Board of Directors on November 18. At the time of this meeting, we are still waiting to hear back from them. The Animal Shelter is also in the process of inquiring about the event insurance needs and necessary permits. Currently, the club is working on securing space for the event at Market Square. According to the property management business for the facility, it appears we might need sponsorship from a Market Square business to be allowed to have the event in the common area. The EC would like to ask any club members who might know an owner in Market Square

to contact him or her to see if this could be possible for the Summerfest event. Please contact a member of the EC if anyone has any questions about this. Also, it was communicated during the meeting that the club is looking to host the event around the 1st weekend in June of next year.

The next item on the agenda centered around acquiring a commercial beer for our upcoming NFBL Winter Party. This would allow for a little more variety to be offered by the club at the event than just serving up a barleywine. Don & Betsy Miller will be making inquiries into an available keg and the prices.

Awards for the December Club Meeting was the next item on the agenda. These prizes would consist of the awards for best and worst homebrew of the year and awards for the person who brought the most homebrew, and an award for the person who brought the most raffle items. The EC has made the decision that the awards for the above listed categories will be gift cards from local area businesses.

Another subject brought up during the meeting, was the possibility of having a contact form on the NFBL Website. This would allow someone reviewing the information on our website to get in contact with the Executive Committee. This subject will continue to be explored by the EC.

Final item on the agenda was the discussion of the recent 2010 NFBL EC Officer elections. The current EC will work out a transition plan for the incoming officers for the month of December & January. Also, the EC would like to congratulate all the upcoming officers serving the club: Mike Johnson – President, Wade Feltman – Vice President, Betsy Miller – Treasurer, Don Miller – Publications Coordinator, and Thomas Crawford – Secretary.

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## Winter Party - Saturday, December 12, at 5 pm

*Randy Desilet*

Randy and Pat Desilet will be hosting the club Winter Party at their home at 2001 Versailles Ct. It is located in the Lafayette Oaks subdivision on the east side of town. The Club will provide turkey and ham entrées and paper goods. Members are asked to bring an appetizer, salad, vegetable or dessert. The party will start at 5 pm and we will eat at 7 pm. The Barley Wine from the Club Brew and a commercial beer will be on tap. Any additional

beer is always welcomed.

Directions:

The subdivision gates will be programmed to open automatically. If coming into the Mahan Dr. Entrance to Lafayette Oaks Turn left on Touraine Dr. (immediately after the gate) 2nd left on to Ile de France (across from pond) 1st left on to Versailles Ct. Welcome to 2001 Versailles Ct.

If coming into the Edenfield Rd. Entrance to Lafayette Oaks Turn right on to Ile de France (bear to the right after the gate) 1st right on to Versailles Ct. Welcome to 2001 Versailles Ct.

If you have a problem, call Randy at 216-2204.

**Remember** when bringing homebrews please use the back door of Beef O'Brady's

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### NFBL Calendar

Dec 5	Walk the Line Barleywine Fest in Dunedin, FL
Dec 5	Celebration of Lights, downtown Tallahassee
Dec 10	NFBL Meeting: Holiday Beers and “Best and Worst” of the Year
Dec 12	Fall/Winter party at Randy & Pat Desilet’s
Dec 17	EC meeting
Dec 24	Christmas Eve
Dec 25	Christmas
Dec 31	New Year’s Eve

