

February 11th, 2010
NFBL Meeting

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President's Message Michael Johnson



Well, we survived the record-setting cold of January, and I for one really hope that February is more reasonable. Having grown up in Minnesota, you would think that the 'relatively' mild cold snaps we get down here in North Florida would be a piece of cake for me. You know, I moved away from Minnesota for a reason....

At any rate, by the time you read this, football season will be over. The Superbowl Champion will have been decided, and it will be time to settle in to the long, chilly remainder of winter. And to enjoy the variety of darker, bolder, winter ales that are now available.

The executive board met on January 24th and spent much of our time discussing issues related to the upcoming fundraiser we are planning to raise money for the Animal Shelter Foundation. Actually, we probably spent the most time, or at least the most enjoyable part, looking at suggested names for this as-yet-unnamed event. From a long list of submitted suggestions, we narrowed it down to five. Sarah will meet with the ASF people and share that list with them. It will be up to them to pick a final name, and hopefully, come up with a cute logo. Sarah is working very hard on this event, and I'd like to thank her for her efforts. Keep an eye out for regular updates from Sarah in this newsletter and at our monthly meetings.

While on the topic, you will hear me pushing the Animal Shelter Foundation fundraiser at our upcoming monthly meetings, but I wanted to get an early start. For this event to be successful, we need BEER. Lots of BEER. Our admittedly lofty goal is to get *every* NFBL member to donate one five-gallon batch of beer to share with the public. In addition to raising money for a very good paws, er – I mean cause, we see this as one of our best ways to introduce the public to the joys of homebrewing. With the Market Square Pavilion as our venue, and active publicity efforts, we hope to get a high volume of traffic. That means we will need to have a healthy supply of samples to pass out. Please start thinking now about what type of beer you would like to introduce to homebrew virgins. We recognize that this would be an investment of your own time and money, but the benefits to the animals and to our own club could be enormous. Think about it. Won't you? Please?

Michael Johnson



Mark Your Calendars	
Feb. 11	NFBL monthly
Feb. 21	Executive Committee Meeting
Feb. 27	Best Florida Beer Competition,
March 17	St. Patrick's Day
March 27	17th Annual Peach State Brew Off, Atlanta, GA
March 11	NFBL meeting



Treasurer's Report

Balance: The Club's account balance as of 2/1/10 is **\$1,896.71**. The Club has **73 active members**.

Welcome to our newest members, **Richard Abt and David Lundquist** who joined at our January meeting. Also, please welcome **Bob Williamson** who joined at the recipe formulation seminar at HomeBrew Den.

Membership renewals due February 2010:

Sarah Bridegroom and John Larsen
John Dickey
Michael Johnson
Joe Pignatiello
Allen Turnage
Alyssa Wiedenmayer

Membership renewals past due:

Vince and Amy George
Erinn and Kari Prichard

Matt Ruddell
Jessica and Sean Patronis
Larry Agee
David Schuessler
Shannon Black
Charles and Denise Howard
Jerry Swerczek
Rick Savage

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 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 HomeBrew Den. Only membership cards

Betsy Miller

of active NFBL members will be honored. If you are unable to locate your card, or do not have a recent one, please contact me at treas@nfbl.org or at the monthly meeting for a new card.



NFBL Stuff For Sale

We have NFBL pint glasses (\$3) available at our monthly meeting. To purchase, see Betsy at the meeting.

We also have merchandise for sale at www.cafepress.com/nfbl. Current merchandise includes t-shirts, hats, boxers, and thongs.

Amarillo American IPA

Background

The basis for this recipe was originally found on the homebrewtalk.com forums. After a few changes and the addition of some cultured yeast from a Bell's Two-Hearted Ale, this extract recipe took home Best of Show at the Kentucky State Fair Homebrew Competition. For those without the time or inclination to culture the yeast, two excellent commercial substitutes are listed.

Ingredients

3.50 lb Extra Light Dry Extract (3.0 SRM) Dry Extract
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 0.50 lb Caramel/Crystal Malt - 40L (40.0 SRM) Grains
 1.00 oz - Amarillo [8.00 %] (Dry H-op 10 days)
 1.50 oz - Amarillo [8.00 %] (60 min)
 1.00 oz - Amarillo [8.00 %] (15 min)
 1.00 oz - Amarillo [8.00 %] (5 min)
 0.50 oz - Amarillo [8.00 %] (0 min)
 1.00 tsp Irish Moss (Boil 15.0 min)
 1.00 tsp Yeast Nutrient (Boil 5.0 min)

Batch Size: 5.00 gal
 Boil Size: 2-3 gal
 Boil Time: 60 min

Directions

Steep grains 40 minutes at 160.0 F. Bring to boiling, cut heat, add 3.5 lb Extra Light Dry Extract. Return to boil, begin hops additions. Add hops, Irish Moss, Yeast Nutrient, and 3.5 lb ELD extract at appropriate times. Cool to recommended temperature for your chosen yeast, and pitch. After fermentation is complete, dry hop and age another 2 weeks. Carbonate to 12 PSI and serve at 52-60 F. Enjoy!



Have a recipe you'd like to share? Send it to pubs@nfbl.org.

January Meeting Minutes

Thomas Crawford

CLUB MEETING—Thursday, January 14, 2010

Meeting was called to order at 7:40 p.m. at Beef O'Brady's.

President's report given by Michael Johnson. Thanks was given to outgoing Executive Committee and Welcome to New Members. There are many new and exciting opportunities in 2010 including Summerfest, Club brews and Club Parties.

Sarah Bridegroom, Summerfest Chairperson, gave a brief update on the progress of Summerfest. The Executive Committee and Sarah urge everyone to participate in Summerfest in some way. The best way to participate is to brew beer for the event! No beer will be turned down. However, kegs and 2-Liter plastic bottles are the preferred methods of packaging.

Treasurer's report given by Betsy Miller. The club has a balance of \$1,909. NFBL gear is available at Café Press including boxers and thongs. All items are made in the USA.

Wade Feltman led the tasting for this month. The style for January was anything goes. Commercial beers included Paulaner Premium Pilsner, a German style Pilsner and Stone Levitation, an American amber with modest alcohol.

Homebrews included:

Dry Stout - Thomas Crawford
Christmas Ale - Roy Ziegler
American Wheat - Rick Lindberg
Hefeweizen - Rick Lindberg
Scotch Ale - Rick Savage
Chocolate Stout - Jason Dickey

Raffle Items included:

New Belgium 2 Below – Wade and Jen Feltman
New Belgium Glass – Wade and Jen Feltman
Samuel Adams Noble Pilsner – Chris Sella
Baltika #9 Extra Lager – Chris Sella
New Castle Brown Ale – Eliezer and Caroline Rodriguez
Abita Turbodog - Eliezer and Caroline Rodriguez
Tommy Knocker Maple Brown Ale - Eliezer and Caroline Rodriguez

Russian River Growler – Chris and Patty Born
Russian River Pliny the Elder – Chris and Patty Born
Five Star Sanitizer – Trever Carnes
Upland Weizen – Rick Savage
Genessee Cream Ale – Rick Savage
NFBL Bumper Sticker and T-Shirt



Raffle Winner: Matt Wingard

Sarah Bridegroom mentioned that the Homebrew Den is holding a seminar on the basic principles of recipe formulation. The seminar will be held at the Homebrew Den on Sunday, January 31 at 4:00 pm.

A club "happy hour" is planned for sometime in February.

Meeting adjourned at 9:40 p.m.

EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE MEETING – Sunday, January 24, 2010

Meeting was called to order at 7:15 p.m. at the home of Michael Johnson.

Executive Committee Members Present:

Michael Johnson, President
Wade Feltman, Vice President
Betsy Miller, Treasurer
Don Miller – Publications
Thomas Crawford, Secretary
Sarah Bridegroom – Summerfest Chairperson

Treasurer's report given by Betsy Miller. The club took in \$81 in raffle income in January. Letters will be sent out to those members who are past due on their membership fees. The club's annual corporation fees are due.

Publication's report given by Don Miller. Newsletters will be posted online. A membership form will soon be available online.

President's report given by Michael Johnson. Michael gave some suggestions for articles to be included in the newsletter. Some suggestions included: a report if you attend a beer competition or an article on homegrown hops.

Vice President's report given by Wade Feltman. Scottish Ale is the style for February.

Sarah Bridegroom presented the executive committee with a list of names for Summerfest to be presented to the Animal Shelter Foundation. Some of the names include: Bark for Beer, Foaming at the Mouth, Pints and Paws, Barks and Barley, Fermentation for the Foundation, and Brew Paw-Paw.

Sarah Bridegroom presented an example mailer for Summerfest to be sent to club members. The mailer will be sent in an envelope to distinguish it from the newsletter.

The executive committee discussed how to handle the logistics of serving homebrew at Summerfest. If beer is donated to the event, the club will find a way to serve the beer.

The executive committee discussed how to handle those who want to join or re-join the club at Summerfest. Betsy Miller will be happy to take their membership fee at Summerfest.

The executive committee discussed the idea of having a club brew specifically for Summerfest. This suggestion will be tabled for review in the future.

Meeting adjourned at 8:40 p.m.

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 Beer is a wonderful thing.

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Newsletter submissions should be sent by the Friday following the full membership meeting to pubs@nfbl.org

Long Term Calendar

February 11—NFBL meeting

February 20—AHA Club-Only Competition - The Session Challenge-English Brown Ales, Kent, WA

February 27—Best Florida Beer Homebrew Competition, Tampa, FL

March 17—St. Patrick's Day

March 27—17th Annual Peach State Brew Off, Atlanta, GA

March 11—NFBL meeting

April 8—NFBL meeting

May 13—NFBL meeting

May 14—Hogtown Brew-Off (Tentative)

June 10—NFBL meeting

July 8—NFBL meeting

August 12—NFBL meeting

August TBD—Hurricane Blowoff, West Palm Beach, FL

This month's style:

Brown Ales: English and American Browns, and Scottish Ales



Be there or be square.