

March 11th, 2010  
NFBL Meeting

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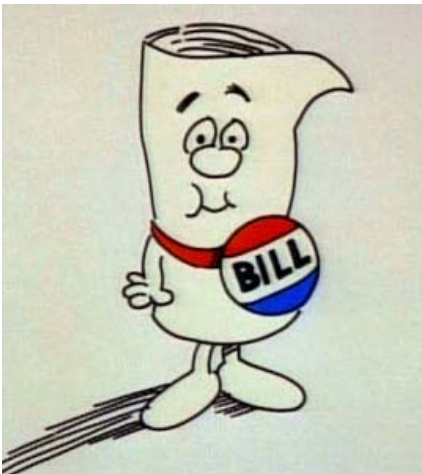
President's Message Michael Johnson



I've just been made aware of some interesting happenings in the Florida legislature as I sit down to write this article. Senate bill 2062 has been introduced by Senator Aronberg that:

*"Removes a provision limiting a vendor that brews malt beverages to the sale of the beverage to consumers only for consumption on the premises of the vendor or on a contiguous premises owned by the vendor. Removes a provision limiting the size of individual containers of malt beverages which may be sold or offered for sale by vendors at retail."*

In other words, this bill would allow brewpubs to sell their craft ales for off-premise consumption. An e-mail I received late this afternoon from the Florida Brewers Guild reported that Representative Mike Horner has been identified as a potential sponsor of a companion bill in the Florida House. However, he is hesitant to keep the provision that would allow brewpubs to sell for off-premise consumption.



Such a bill would have little immediate impact here in the Capital City, as we currently have no brewpubs in Tallahassee. However, such a bill could be a major boost to the brewpub industry in Florida, as it opens a door for more sources of income to the brewpubs. This greater profitability could in turn prompt some enterprising brewmaster(s) to jump back into our local market. We'll try to keep our members informed on these bills as they move through the legal process. We encourage each of you to write to your local legislators asking for their support.

On a more local note, the executive board has developed a schedule of NFBL events for 2010. Upcoming events, this month, include a Club Brew on March 13. The Club Brew will be held at my house at 4736

Tory Sound Lane, in Tallahassee, and we'll start at 11:00 AM. We also have a Happy Hour Rendezvous scheduled for March 23. We'll meet at Fermentation Lounge, 113 All Saints Street, at 5:00 for some good craft ales and conversation. Next month, we'll be having a special club brew on April 10 to get some tasty treats going for our Pints for Paws fundraiser. Lots of opportunities to get together with club members to trade tips, tastes, and good conversation. Don't miss out!

Mark Your Calendars	
March 11	NFBL Monthly Meeting
March 13	Club Brew
March 17	St. Patrick's Day
March 23	Happy Hour @ Fermentation Lounge
March 27	17th Annual Peach State Brew Off,
March 28	Executive Committee Meeting
April 8	NFBL Monthly Meeting



Happy Brewing,  
Michael Johnson

## Treasurer's Report

**Balance:** The club's balance is **\$2,081.44** as of March 1, 2010. The club has **75** active members.

**Welcome new members:** Matt Wingard, Jeff Bastian, Ron Fondo, and Corey Furbee

**Membership renewals due March 2010:** Will Chase, Randy and Pat Desilet, Brian and Jennifer Hall, Stuart Nagy-Kato, Chris Sella, Jennifer Stahl, August and Elke Ursin, Michael Zimmer

**Membership renewals past due:** Matt Rudell, Larry Agee, David Schuessler, Shannon Black, Charles and Denise Howard, Rick Savage, Sarah Bridegroom and John Larsen, Jason Dickey, Michael Johnson, Joe Pignatiello, Allen Turnage, and Alyssa Wiedenmayer

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 and bring your card with you to the Homebrew Den for the discount. 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 [treas@nfbl.org](mailto:treas@nfbl.org) 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 [www.cafepress.com/nfbl](http://www.cafepress.com/nfbl). Current mer-

## Betsy Miller



chandise 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.

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## Pints for Paws Update

Things are moving along with *Pints for Paws* - our homebrew club tasting event scheduled for June. As you'd expect, the usual building blocks of event planning are happening: meetings and conference calls to schedule, paperwork to file, forms to complete, follow-ups to make etc. All of that is plugging along. The permitting process is still "in process", but we expect to have that settled this month. So for our purposes, we're moving forward as though it's all going to come together. We're hopeful that everyone can participate on some level for the event. It will be a fun time, and a great fund-raiser for the local animal shelter.

I'll be sending follow-up inquiries to members about the event, your beer, and some logistics as they become available. E-mail updates are sent to the e-mail address that you have listed with Betsy Miller, NFBL Treasurer. If you have any questions about where your NFBL e-mails are going, please contact Betsy. If you have questions about the event, please contact me. Please put this event on your brewing calendar, and I'll be in touch.

## Sara Bridegroom



## February Meeting Minutes

Thomas Crawford

### CLUB MEETING – Thursday, February 11, 2010

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

#### Executive Committee Members Present:

Michael Johnson, President  
 Wade Feltman, Vice President  
 Betsy Miller, Treasurer  
 Don Miller – Publications  
 Thomas Crawford, Secretary  
 38 total members present

#### Reports:

- President’s report given by Michael Johnson. Welcome to New Members. The executive committee will work on setting dates for Club brews and Club Parties.
- Sarah Bridegroom, Summerfest Chairperson, opened the floor for questions about “Pints for Paws”. Advertisement for the event will be limited to fliers located in various retail establishments. The Foundation will set the price for admission. The goal is for every club member to brew a beer. The event will be held from 4 pm until 8 pm on June 19, 2010.
- Treasurer’s report given by Betsy Miller. The club has a balance of \$ 1,896. Betsy

will work on updating the e-Mail address list of club members.

- Wade Feltman led the tasting for this month. The style for February was anything Brown Ale. Commercial beers included Smuttynose Old Brown Dog Ale – a classic example of an American Brown Ale—and Rogue Hazelnut Brown Nectar—a nutty twist on a traditional European Brown Ale.

#### Homebrews:

Irish Ale - Rick Lindberg  
 Northern English Brown Ale - Rick Lindberg  
 IPA - Thomas Crawford  
 IPA – Mark Stoffan  
 Wet Hop IPA – Wade Feltman  
 Southpaw Porter – Ron Foudo  
 IPA – Jason Dickey  
 Dog and Crown Pale Ale – Jeff Bastain  
 Nut Brown Ale – Kennon Toney  
 Red Rye Ale – Sean Patronis

#### Business:

- Raffle Items included:  
 Gorden Biersch Blond Bock – Randy Desilet  
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 Smuttynose Farmhouse Ale – Darrell Thompson  
 Domaine DuPage French Style Country Ale – Sarah Bridegroom

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 IPA – Corey Furbee  
 Tupelo Peach  
 Mead – Errin Pichard

**Raffle Winner:**  
 Jerry Swerczek

**Meeting adjourned at 9:40 p.m**



### EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE MEETING – Sunday, February 21, 2010

Meeting was called to order at 6:10 p.m. at the home of Thomas and Melissa Crawford.

#### Executive Committee Members Present:

Michael Johnson, President  
 Wade Feltman, Vice President  
 Betsy Miller, Treasurer  
 Thomas Crawford, Secretary

#### Reports:

- President’s report given by Michael Johnson. The official name for Summerfest, the Animal Shelter Foundation fundraiser, is “Pints for Paws.”
- Treasurer’s report given by Betsy Miller. Raffle income was \$87.

- The style for March is English Pale, Bitters, American Pale Ale.

*Tentative* dates for NFBL events in 2010 are as follows. Times and locations are subject to change.

March 13th - Club Brew  
 March 23rd - Happy Hour  
 March 28th – Executive Committee Meeting  
 April 8th – Club Meeting  
 April 10th – Informal Club Brew for “Pints for Paws”  
 April 18th – Executive Committee Meeting  
 April 27th – Happy Hour @ Momo’s  
 May 1st - Spring Party  
 May 13th – Meeting  
 May 22nd – Club Brew  
 May 23rd – Executive Committee Meeting  
 June 10th – Club Meeting  
 June 19th - “Pints for Paws”  
 June 27th – Executive Committee Meeting

July 8th – Club Meeting  
 July 18th – Executive Committee Meeting  
 August 12th – Club Meeting  
 August 14th – Club Party  
 August 22nd – Executive Committee Meeting  
 August 24th – Happy Hour @ Proof  
 September 9th – Club Meeting  
 September 19th – Executive Meeting  
 October 14th – Club Meeting  
 October 19th – Happy Hour @ Fermentation Lounge  
 October 23rd – Club Brew  
 October 24th – Executive Meeting  
 November 11th – Club Meeting  
 November 21st – Executive Meeting  
 December 9th – Club Meeting  
 December 11th – Holiday Party  
 December 19th – Executive Meeting

**Meeting adjourned at 7:20 pm**

**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](mailto:pubs@nfbl.org)

## Long Term Calendar

**March 11**—NFBL Meeting

**March 13**—Club Brew

**March 17**—St. Patrick's Day

**March 23**—Happy Hour @ Fermentation Lounge

**March 26-April 9**—Entry Window for Hurricane Blowoff in West Palm Beach, FL

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

**March 28**—Executive Committee meeting

**April 8**—NFBL meeting

**April 10**— Informal Club Brew for

Pints for Paws

**April 18**—Executive Committee Meeting

**April 23-24** – Hurricane Blowoff, West Palm Beach, FL

**April 27**—Happy Hour @ Momo's

**May 1**—Spring Party (Tentative)

**May 13**—NFBL meeting

**May 14**—Hogtown Brew-Off (Tentative)

**May 22**—Club Brew (Tentative)

**June 10**—NFBL meeting

**June 19**—Pints for Paws

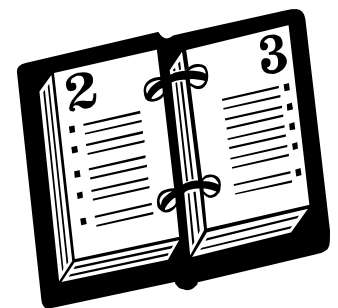
**July 8**—NFBL meeting

**This month's style:**

English Pale, Bitters, American Pale Ale.

**August 12**—NFBL meeting

**August 14**—Club Party (Tentative)



*Be there or be square.*