

May 13th, 2010
NFBL Meeting

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President's Message Michael Johnson



About the time this newsletter hits your mailboxes [Editor's Note: I ran a little late on the newsletter, as you can see], we will be having our annual NFBL Spring Party, held on May Day this year. For those of you who are new to the club, our parties are a great opportunity to simply hang out with other brewers, sample several fine homebrews, and talk beer. As always, the club will supply a main dish (ham or turkey or some such), and we ask that brewers bring a nice variety of side dishes or deserts. Non-alcoholic beverages will be available for children, designated drivers, or others who simply want a break. More details will be provided via e-mail as the time gets closer.

Hopefully, by now you have all brewed up a batch of something special for our Pints for Paws fundraiser. The event takes place June 19th, and provides much needed support for an excellent cause – the Tallahassee/Leon County Animal Shelter Foundation. Even if you are unable to attend the event yourself, we encourage you to find a club member who can transport your donation to



the Market Square Pavilion and pour the samples for our eager public. Conversely, if for some reason you were unable to get a batch put together in time for the event, we still encourage you to participate by showing up and helping out other members. We are hoping for a great turn-out for this event.

Summer is just around the corner, and I know many of you have vacation plans (I

know I do!). If you happen to stop in to any breweries or brewpubs around the country, we encourage you to write up your experiences. Vince George supplied us with an excellent narrative of his adventures in Seattle last year. I'd love to read about similar visits made by other club members. You can submit your stories via email to pubs@nfbl.org.

I look forward to seeing everyone at our upcoming NFBL events,
Michael Johnson
NFBL President

Mark Your Calendars

May 13	NFBL Monthly Meeting
May 14-15	Hogtown BrewOff
May 15	BrewMasters Open, Alpharetta, GA
May 17-23	American Craft Beer Week
May 22	Club Brew (Location TBA)
May 23	Executive Committee Meeting
June 10	NFBL Monthly Meeting
June 19	Pints for Paws



Treasurer's Report

Balance: The club's balance is **\$2,015.50** as of May 1, 2010. The club has **69** active members.

Welcome new members: Gabe and Saralyn Grass, Adam Goodson, and David Grymonpre

Membership renewals due May 2010: Robbie Laub

There are many memberships past due – please make arrangements to pay your dues at the next meeting or mail them to the PO Box listed below.

Membership renewals past due: Matt Rudell, Sarah Bridegroom and John Larsen, Jason Dickey, Joe Pignatiello, Allen Turnage, Alyssa Wiedenmayer, Will Chase, Brian and Jennifer Hall, Stuart Nagy-Kato, Chris Sella, Jennifer Stahl, August and Elke

Ursin, Michael Zimmer, Chris and Patty Born, Justin Dunning, Garrett Goodman, Kara Loewe, Karl Loewe, Mark and Jean Stoffan, and Roy and Ruth Ziegler

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 or at the monthly meeting for a new card.

Betsy Miller

NFBL stuff for sale:

NFBL logo pint glasses \$3 each

We have merchandise for sale at Cafepress.com/nfbl. Current merchandise includes t-shirts, hats, boxers, and thongs. See Betsy at the monthly meeting for samples.

Please see Betsy at the meeting for purchases or information about ordering at NFBL's online store.



Pints for Paws Update

We're well into the swing of things for **Pints for Paws** – the homebrew tasting fundraiser for the Animal Shelter on **June 19**. Permits have been signed, paperwork filed, and approval granted. Exciting stuff. As we move into the fun part – the beer brewing – I have some information for you about the logistics of the event. If you haven't already indicated your participation in the event, please let me know if you'd like to join the fun. This event is a really exciting day and it's for a great cause. We understand that not everyone will be in town that day, or that you might have a conflict that prohibits you from brewing. If you would, let us know either way if you can help out or brew beer, so that we can either a) stop bothering you with questions about whether you can brew or b) can be sure that you have all the needed info to make things as easy on you as possible.

For those of you who have already committed yourself and/or your beer to the event – thank you, thank you, and thank you. Patrons will enjoy tasting it, and the animal shelter will be sincerely appreciative of your donating it. If you're monitoring your brewing schedule, we're at about the two-month-out mark (maybe six or seven weeks when you're reading this.) So if you haven't decided what to brew yet, now might be a good time to do so.

ASF volunteers (Animal Shelter Foundation) are putting the finishing touches on the flyer, so when those are ready, we'll begin distributing them around town. The requested donation to enter the event is \$10. For that donation, patrons will receive a batch of tickets that they can use to exchange for a 3-4 oz serving of beer at your station. Patrons can donate additional funds to the shelter for more tickets. Since our tasting glass is in fact a tasting glass (in volume size), there won't be situations where the patrons will give you multiple tickets for a higher pour since a pour that exceeds 5 ounces won't fit anyway. And of course, you need some room for

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decent head retention.

The June newsletter, e-mails sent to participating brewers, and mailouts sent to participating brewers will contain many more details about what to bring day of show, so for now I'll focus on the broad strokes of information. Brewers will set up at tables that are already set up in the pavilion. Exact set-up times will be identified, but you can assume that it will be between 2PM and 4PM since we "pour at 4".

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Sara Bridegroom



Available table space to each brewer is about 4 feet wide. So think in terms of four feet of counter or table for materials, signs etc – whatever you want to bring with you to describe your beer to the patrons. Materials are not required, nor do they have to be fancy if you choose to use them. If you want a list of your beers for example, you can make a sign, make a little menu handout, or you can just tell them what you have to offer – whatever you want. The pavilion can be windy. Won't matter if the rest of weather forecast calls for wind – the pavilion is its own tunnel. Keep that in mind if you choose to use paper materials.

Regardless of what method of packaging you use (kegs, mini-kegs or bottles), please bring your beer ready to dispense. So for bottles, have your bottles chilled as you want them to be served, bring a bottle opener, and think about how you want to temporarily store the empties. For kegs and minis, have your beer pressurized, chilled as you want it to be served, set up to your own CO2, thump tap, cartridge system etc. The most common way for full keg brewers to dispense is the old-fashioned keg-in- a- trash can/bucket with ice, and a thump tap arrangement. You can use other methods if you choose, but keep in mind that we're trying to be as compact as we can to allow for more brewers and more patrons, so use that four feet space as your guide. You'll also have room behind you to set up (more than four feet deep), but your table-top space will likely be 4 feet across. Ice will be provided to top off throughout the day, but please prep your beer for initial chilling and dispensing with adequate ice.

On the note of being compact, think about what can serve double-duty. Tables will be provided, but brewers should bring their own chair. You'll want something, since you'll want to sit down now and again. But think about the space as well. If you have a cooler that can double as a chair, or if you have some chairs that take up less space than others, use that information in your decision-making.

A note to brewers who keg: You may consider serving your beer at a lower psi than usual. The tasting glasses used for the event are hard acrylic, not actual glass due to dangers that broken glass can pose to the pavilion and the patrons. Plastic and acrylic glasses lead to increased surface tension on a pour, which leads to more foam. The lower psi can mitigate some of that high foam. Also, kegging your beer sooner than the last minute will be a big help. If you're rushing the carbonation process, the beer will already be less stable. That will be exacerbated when you pour. So if you can, give yourself some room in your kegging schedule for the beer to settle down.

Those are the basics. A checklist will be provided as we move closer to date, and I'll be checking in with participating brewers as we go along.





PINTS FOR PAWS

June 19, 2010 4pm – 8pm
Market Square Pavilion • 1415 Timberlane Rd.

The North Florida Brewers League is proud to present the 2010 Pints for Paws beer tasting to benefit the Animal Shelter Foundation.

Join us and drink the finest and freshest handcrafted beer in Florida! Experience the taste of home brewed craft beer and talk with local home brewers.

All proceeds go to the Animal Shelter Foundation (ASF), which is a charity that supports the homeless animals in the care of the Tallahassee Animal Service Center.

Admission to the event is \$10, which includes tickets for six craft beer samples. Additional taste tickets may be purchased for \$1 each or as a package, twelve for \$10. Each sampling is approximately 3 – 4 ounces of craft beer.

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BENEFITTING



We request that attendees leave their pets at home in order to highlight our Shelter's furry friends.

Parking available at Market Square Shopping Center and surrounding area.

This is a 21 and over event. Age verification will be required.

Cash or check accepted

For more information: pintsforpaws@comcast.net

April Meeting Minutes

Thomas Crawford

CLUB MEETING – Thursday, April 8, 2010

Meeting was called to order at 7:35 p.m. at Beef O’Brady’s.

Executive Committee Members Present:

Wade Feltman – Vice President

Betsy Miller – Treasurer

Don Miller – Publications

Thomas Crawford – Secretary

Reports:

- Vice President’s report given by Wade Feltman. Michael Johnson is enjoying Spring Break. Welcome to new members. Please renew your membership if you are up for renewal.

The next Club happy hour will be held at Momo’s next to Homebrew Den on Tuesday, April 2th at 5 pm.

- Sarah Bridegroom opened the floor to discussion about “Pints for Paws”. All permits have been obtained and the event is legal. “Pints for Paws” will be held from 4 pm until 8 pm on June 19,

2010 at Market Square Pavillion off of Timberlane Road. Setup will begin at 1:30 pm with first pour at 4 pm. Pours will be limited to 4 oz. Shelter dogs may be available for adoption at the event. We need brewers to donate beer and volunteers to pour the beer on the day of the event. Ticket availability and price are to be determined in the near future.

- Treasurer’s report given by Betsy Miller. The club has a balance of \$ 1,965.
- Wade Feltman led the tasting for this month. The style for February was open call. Commercial beers included Southern Tier 422, a Pale Wheat Ale and Great Divide Hoss, a Rye lager brewed in the Marzen tradition..

Homebrews included:

Micosukee IPA – Ron Fondo

Raspberry Lambic/ Hefeweizen Blend – Thomas Crawford

Pale Ale – Richard Abt

Brown Porter – David Grymonpere

Maibock – Gabe Grass

Double IPA – Karl Loewe

Business:

- Raffle Items included:

Lagunitas Wilco Tango Foxtrot – Rick Lindburg

Lagunitas Cappuccino Stout – Rick Lindburg

Fuller’s Bar Towel – David Grymonpere

Gorden Biersch Maibock – Randy Desilet

Brooklyn Brewery Glass – Wade Feltman

Trappist Rochefort – Sarah Bridegroom

Spaten Munich Dunkel – Sarah Bridegroom

Raffle Winners: John Larsen and Paul Putman



Meeting adjourned at 8:55 p.m

EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE MEETING – Sunday, April 18 2010

Meeting was called to order at 6:40 p.m. at the home of Don and Betsy Miller.

Executive Committee Members Present:

Michael Johnson – President

Wade Feltman – Vice President

Betsy Miller – Treasurer

Don Miller – Publications

Thomas Crawford – Secretary

Reports:

- President’s report given by Michael John-

son. We need a host for the Spring Party which is scheduled for May, 1. Several executive committee members will be absent from the next two meetings.

Thomas Crawford will be responsible for procuring the commercial beer for the May meeting. Also, Thomas Crawford will be the only EC member present at the June meeting. The club will have to endure his antics and may never be the same.

We are scheduled to have a club brew on May 22. We need a host and brewers.

The next EC meeting will be at the home of Wade and Jen Feltman.

“Pints for Paws” will be held from 4 pm until 8 pm on June 19, 2010 at Market Square Pavillion

- Treasurer’s report given by Betsy Miller. The club has a balance of \$ 1,965. Sarah Bridegroom has offered to auction a brewstand. The proceeds of this auction will be donated to the club. The EC will work on exactly how to auction the brewstand.

Meeting adjourned at 7:55 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.

Tallahassee, FL 32315

PO Box 3325

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

Long Term Calendar

May 1—Spring Party

May 7 — Deadline for Hogtown Brew-Off Entries

May 13—NFBL meeting

May 14-15—Hogtown Brew-Off

May 22—Club Brew (Tentative)

June 10—NFBL meeting

June 19—Pints for Paws

July 8—NFBL meeting

August 12—NFBL meeting

August 14—Club Party (Tentative)

September 9—NFBL Meeting

October 8—NFBL Meeting

November 11—NFBL Meeting

December 9—NFBL Meeting

This month's style:

India Pale Ales (American and English)



Be there or be square.