

July 8th, 2010
NFBL Meeting

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President's Message

Michael Johnson



First and foremost, I want to thank all of our wonderful brewers for their hard work and dedication in making Pints for Paws an unquestionable success. We had approximately 33 brewers set up at Market Square on June 19th offering 225 gallons of homebrew. Many of our brewers brought not just the single, five-gallon batch of beer that was requested, but multiple batches. We had a couple of stations with six different beers on tap! The time, effort, and expense you all put in for this event helped raise \$7,700 dollars for the Animal Shelter Foundation! Expenses will reduce this number by a few hundred dollars, but in the end, your efforts will have provided over \$7,000 to help improve the lives of many dogs, cats, rabbits, and other animals (not to mention their owners).

Second, and just as important, I want to thank Sarah Bridegroom and Jeff Nielsen for their hours and hours of hard work clearing the legal issues and laying the groundwork for this event. This was a HUGE undertaking on their part, and the work they did will make this event much easier to repeat in future years.

As a side note, I was asked by one of the Animal Shelter Foundation workers if we would consider holding this event twice a year. When I explained how much time and expense each brewer put in to a batch of beer, she understood why that would not be a reasonable expectation. Maybe she was just a little carried away by the success of the afternoon.

I'm also pleased to note that the event appears to have succeeded in its secondary task, that being to raise the public's awareness of home brewing and of the North Florida Brewers League. I had several people at the event ask me how to join, and I received one e-mail that same evening asking the same question.



Our next formal club event (other than our monthly meeting on July 8th), is the NFBL Summer Party. This will be held on July 31st at the home of Errin and Kari Pichard. Crank up those brewpots and let's all get together for a great time!

Michael Johnson
NFBL President

Mark Your Calendars	
July 8	NFBL Monthly Meeting
July 18	Executive Committee Meeting
July 31	NFBL Summer Party—Home of Errin and Kari Pichard
August 12	NFBL Monthly Meeting

Do you have pictures from Pints for Paws or other NFBL events? Would you like to contribute an article to the monthly newsletter? The EC is looking for newsletter submissions including pictures for the monthly newsletter. Please email articles or pictures to pubs@nfbl.org. Thank you!

Treasurer's Report

Balance: The club's balance is **\$1,911.94** as of June 30, 2010. The club has **71** active members.

Welcome new member Guy Thomas.

Membership renewals past due:

Will Chase, Brian and Jennifer Hall, Stuart Nagy-Kato, Chris Sella, Jennifer Stahl, August and Elke Ursin, Michael Zimmer, Garrett Goodman, Ian Salzberg, Justin Dunning, Kara and Karl Loewe, Roy and Ruth Ziegler, Bob and Shana Daugherty, James Hartman, Patrick and Jessica

Membership renewals due July 2010:

Darrell Thompson and Kris Bowler

Annual membership is \$20 for individuals and \$30 for couples. Please see an EC Member 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.

NFBL stuff for sale:

NFBL logo pint glasses \$3 each

We have merchandise for sale at Cafepress.com/nfbl. **Dog t-shirts are now available**, in addition to the usual t-shirts, hats, boxers, and thongs. If there is other merchandise on cafepress.com you would like to order, let Don Miller know and he can work on the design.

Please see Betsy at the meeting for purchases or samples

Betsy Miller



Pints for Paws Follow Up

Sarah Bridegroom



Thanks to everyone who participated in Pints for Paws. It was a busy and fun day. All of that fun generated a lot of opportunities for local, homeless animals in need. Our efforts generated \$7,500 in donated funds to the Animal Shelter Foundation – more than we had projected. That kind of community support for both our club and for the area's homeless animals is simply terrific. Our own donations of beer and time will give many animals a second chance of finding families. A few animals got a head start that weekend, and we're encouraged that there may be some adoptions in the works right now.

I received useful feedback from many participating brewers – thank you. The Animal Shelter volunteers are already excited about next year. I'm hopeful that participating brewers will return, and that members who were unable to join us this year will be able to do so next time around.

Just a reminder, in your post-event unpacking and cleaning, if you find anything that belongs to another person, please bring it to the next beer club meeting for claim. See you soon.

The shelter takes in approximately 50 animals a day, and typically has as many as 350-400 animals at any given time. Many find homes; many do not. Unfortunately, pet overpopulation is a significant problem, and thousands of animals are euthanized. Please visit tallyasf.org for more information about how you can continue your support of ASF, and your help for the area's animals. Read their incredible stories and take a peek at the online kennel.

My appreciation to all of you for your generosity.



Monthly Meeting—June 10th, 2010

The monthly meeting started at 7:45 pm and was led by Thomas Crawford. Sara gave an update on Pints for Paws and opened up the floor for any questions. Thomas then started the monthly tasting, the style for the month was American Light Ale, Blond and Cream Ale, and Wheat. Thank you to the brewers who brought in beer for tasting:

Sean Patronis—American Wheat
Dan Macdonald—Boysenberry Wheat and Peach Wheat
Don Miller—Pomegranate Wheat
Trevor Carnes—Northern English Brown Ale
Rick Lindberg—American Pale Ale
Adam Goodson—Miccosukee IPA

The raffle was drawn and Don Miller was the winner. Thank you to everyone who brought in items for the raffle:

Adam Goodson—6 pack of Highland Cattail Peak
Sarah Bridegroom—Five star sanitizer
Corey Furbee—Stone Imperial Russian Stout
Mark Stoffan—Ranger India Pale Ale
Rick Lindberg—4 pack mix including Terrapin Rye Ale, Sam Adams Raspberry Wit, and Miller Light
Karl Loewe—Key West Southernmost Wheat

EC Meeting—June 27th, 2010

The meeting started at 6:05 pm, Sunday June 27th at Michael Johnson's house. EC Members in attendance were Michael Johnson, Wade Feltman, and Betsy Miller.

Sara Bridegroom was also in attendance to provide a Pints for Paws update. Sara stated that the final dollar amount raised will be available Monday, however, it should be around \$7,500. Overall, everyone had a good time and the patrons seemed to really enjoy the event. The Animal Shelter Foundation is very thankful for all our hard work. She stated that she has received some feedback, but if anyone has any further feedback to please email her at sarah@homebrewden.com. Further discussion was held about the event.

Betsy provided a treasurer update and discussed the current month's newsletter. The meeting adjourned at 7:45 pm.

In Memoriam

Sarah Bridegroom

It's with a sad heart that I report that one of the NFBL's founding members, Marc Gaspard, passed away this Spring. He was 57.

After living in Tallahassee for several years, he moved to Kansas City, Missouri for the latest in many life chapters. Over many years, Marc had battled cancer and the numerous struggles that accompany it. He was always active in his local brewing community, volunteered for several charitable organizations and events, and personally donated thousands of hours to community service.

In 2000, he was a winner in the Masters Championship of Amateur Brewing (MCAB) – an invitation only competition comprised of winners of qualifying competitions. His winners circle company included the likes of author George Fix, Jim Layton, and Joe Formanek - perennial winners and well-regarded brewers. His love of lambic (and just about all things Belgian) was unwavering, and he always had one to share.

Personally, I'll remember Marc as a fun guy who was completely engaged in everything he did and everyone he knew. He put a lot of emotion into his daily life and was a generous and hospitable person. He'll be missed.

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

July 8—NFBL meeting

July 18—EC Meeting

July 31—NFBL Summer Party

August 12—NFBL meeting

August 22—EC Meeting

August 24—Happy Hour @ Proof

September 9—NFBL Meeting

September 19—EC Meeting

October 8—NFBL Meeting

October 19—Happy Hour @ Fermentation Lounge

October 23—Club brew (tentative)

October 24—EC Meeting

November 11—NFBL Meeting

November 21—EC Meeting

December 9—NFBL Meeting

December 11—NFBL Winter Party (tentative)

December 19—EC Meeting

This month's style:

Kolsch, Alt & Steam



Be there or be square.