



Saccharomyces Journal

President's Message

Randy Desilet

The Club enjoyed the last installment of our Beer and Food Seminars in February conducted by Matt Ruddell and hosted by Denise and Charles Howard. We experienced the pairing of delicious desserts and outstanding beers. If you remember Matt had paired various foods and cheeses in the previous two seminars. Our thanks to Matt for conducting the seminars and Amanda Ruddell, Betsy Miller, Justin Dunning and Denise Howard for providing the desserts for this installment.

The pieces of our Spring Party are coming together. The Howards hosted the Club Brew where Charles Howard and Sean Patronis brewed 5 gallons of Barley wine and 10 gallons of a Bitters using an over 40 pounds grain bill. It was a treat to watch this quantity of beer being brewed with Charles and Sean's hi-tech gadgetry. Thomas Crawford brewed a batch of American

Pale Ale on his own because of work conflicts. The Club now has 15 gallons of beer (Bitters and American Pale Ale) for the Spring Party and 5 gallons of Barley Wine for our Fall Party. The final piece of the Spring Party puzzle is the date and host for the party. I have had inquires but no definite commitments. The possibilities for the Spring Party are March 14, 21 and April 18. The time and place will be announced in the very near future.

On a personal note, I want to thank the members who made the extra effort to fill out more evaluation forms at our February meeting. I know the brewers appreciated it.

The March NFBL meeting should be memorable. The styles English Pale Ales, English Bitters, American Pale Ales and American Ambers should generate a lot of interest because of the their popularity. I am looking forward to the homebrews which will be brought to share. Good Brewing,

Randy Desilet



Treasurer's Report

Betsy Miller

Balance: The club's balance is \$1,749.71 as of March 3, 2009. The club has 46 active members.

Welcome new members: Will Chase, Stuart Nagy-Kato, Michael Zimmer, and Jennifer Stahl

Membership renewals due March 2009: Ross Beck, Brian and Jennifer Hall, Martin Brungard, Chris Sella

Membership renewals past due: Sean and Jessica Patronis, Theo Francis, Mke Hankin, Jerry Swerzick, Corrigan Loduha, Johann Pautz, Michael Johnson, Allen Turnage

Annual membership is \$20 for individuals and \$30 for couples. Please see me 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 discounts at The HomeBrewDen. Only membership cards of active NFBL members will be honored.

NFBL stuff for sale

- Short Sleeve Tees\$7 each
 - Blue – 1 medium, 2 large
 - Green – 2 large
 - Tan – 1 medium, 2 large, 3 X-large
 - Gray – 1 large
- Short Sleeve Henley \$10 each
 - Tan – 1 medium, 1 large
- Long Sleeve Tee\$10 each
 - 1 medium
- NFBL logo pint glasses\$3 each

Please see Betsy at the meeting for purchases.

February Minutes

Jen Feltman

Feb 12 NFBL Meeting

The theme of this month’s meeting was English Brown Ales. We had a few homebrews in style and some tasty out-of-style beers.

The highlight of the evening was the beer quiz, put together by Sarah, and the mystery beer game, where club members tried to identify two unknown beers based on taste. Rick Savage correctly identified the culprits as being Old Milwaukee and Bass Ale. Allen Turnage also had us guess the secret ingredient in his ever so yummy mead. This, of course, proved impossible for club members. Who would have thought it was lactose-free milk? Surprisingly good!

Big thanks to those who brought raffle items:

- World Wide StoutSarah
 - Waxed "old-school" case boxesSarah
 - Kasteel Trippel Sarah
 - Party Pig Dispenser Allen
 - Two Terrapin Coffee Oatmeal Stouts Chris
 - Road Dog PorterRandy
- Winners were Allen and Chris.

Homebrews:

- English Bitter Larry Agee
- Porter John Larsen
- Holiday BeerDavid Schussler
- Belgian Hefe IPA Wade Feltman
- Kitchen Sink Beer Jason Dickey
- GruitAllan Turnage

March Showcases Classic Beer Styles

Sarah Bridegroom

Our beer styles for March encompass some very popular and somewhat traditional styles: English Bitters, American Pale Ales and American Ambers.

In the wake of the IPA explosion, it’s actually getting harder to find different American Pale Ales in the commercial beer marketplace. This beer style used to be the largest selling beer category in craft brewing market segments. Recently, seasonal beers have surpassed Pale Ale sales. And, when new breweries unveil beer lineups, you’re more likely to see an IPA than a standard Pale.

English Bitters are scarce in the commercial brewing world. I’ve often found that to be a bit odd since it’s a traditional style, one that can be brewed successfully without enormous amounts

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Feb 26 EC Meeting

Members present:

- Randy Desilet, President
- Sarah Bridegroom, Vice-President
- Denise Howard, Publications
- Jennifer Feltman, Secretary

The EC met at Jen Feltman’s house and the club officers gave reports. We discussed the upcoming spring party and the recent club brews. Thanks to all our brewers: Thomas – American Pale Ale, and Charles and Sean – ESB (made from the second run of the mash for the Barleywine that will be for the fall party). We are still looking for a spring party host. If you are interested in hosting the party, contact one of the EC members.

We discussed success of the beer and dessert pairing. Thanks go to Matt organizing, Denise and Charles for hosting, and all of the dessert makers for some tasty desserts. Due to the popularity and success of our past two events we discussed the possibility of having another beer/food pairing event in the future.

We also discussed the new NFBL T-shirt designs (and possibly NFBL thongs – yes, you read that right) that will be available for order soon. Finally, we discussed the need for pictures and recipes in the newsletter. You all probably noticed the blank white space in last month’s newsletter. Please help us to fill it with pictures, stories, or recipes of beer interest! Send your contributions to Denise Howard at denise.karnes@gmail.com



of hops (which as we know are more costly than they used to be), and Bitters have unlimited possibilities with food pairing.

American Ambers are increasing in popularity in the US and in market share. This malty counterpart to the American Pale Ale often uses lots of crystal malts and various base malts to contribute a malty, sometimes toasty or bready flavor.

All of these beers are easy to reproduce on a homebrew scale and can be brewed successfully with all-extract, all-grain or partial mash methods. Most recipes will use a combination of crystals, some black or chocolate malt in the specialty grain bill. Commonly used hops include Challenger, Fuggles, Goldings, Styrian Goldings, and Willamette. If your temperature allows for it, all of the English strains will produce a good Bitter.



Shots of the Month

Pictures from the Beer & Dessert Pairing and the Club Brew



Matt leads the Beer & Dessert pairing at Charles and Denise's.



Sean Patronis, doing the "monster mash."



Shelby the Great Dane, a non-critic.



The most integral component of any club brew, the Peanut Gallery.

If you have a photo you would like to post in the newsletter, please submit your JPEG to denise.karnes@gmail.com.

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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 Brew-Off.

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Newsletter submissions should be sent by the Friday following the full membership meeting to denise.karnes@gmail.com

NFBL Calendar

Mar 6-8	Final judging at Best Florida Beer
Mar 12	NFBL Mtg: English Pale Ales
Mar 17	St. Patrick's Day
Mar 26	EC Mtg at Denise's
Mar 28	Springtime Tallahassee
Apr 4	Tentative date for Hurricane Blowoff homebrew competition in West Palm
Apr 7	Brew Year's Eve
Apr 9	NFBL Mtg: Open Call
Apr 12	Easter
Apr 23	EC Mtg at Sarah's
May 2	Club Brew/National Homebrew Day

