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Hogtown Brewsletter...news you can use!

Welcome to the first issue of our new quarterly publication, the Hogtown Brewsletter. Here you'll find all sorts of interesting information concerning the lowdown in Hogtown. Expect to find a quarterly recap of what you may have missed the previous 3 months, plus a glimpse of some of the activities coming your way in the near future. From club news, competition timelines and medal updates, to pictures, member spotlights and event highlights, your Hogtown Brewsletter delivers. While we'll do our best to provide accurate, up-to-date information at the time of publication, please note that certain items may still be in planning and are subject to change. Please continue to refer to club emails, the HB website and official club calendar for best results.

"Extra Extra, Read
All About It!"



Club At A Glance

Current Membership: **208**

Certified BJCP Judges: **26**

Hello, My Name Is...

We hope everyone has noticed our push to have members wear nametags during meetings and events to help with the familiarization process. We also added an icebreaker question to make it fun and more interesting. A "thank you" going out to Paul for buying in to this initiative and volunteering to be our official "Walmart Greeter" at meetings to ensure this has an opportunity to succeed!

Next General Meeting: Saturday, July 13, 2019 @ Lauri and Courtney's lake house. Bring your bathing suits, towels, chairs, etc., and enjoy some time in and around the water following the meeting portion. Potluck begins at 1:30 p.m. w/ meeting expected to start at approx. 2:15 p.m.





2019 Charity Check Presentations

\$38,000 to charity you ask? Yes, you read that right, your Hogtown Brewers Homebrew Club donated \$38,000 to local charities following this year's Hogtown Craft Beer Festival. We've long prided ourselves on giving 100% of the HCBF proceeds to charity. To date, \$203,000 has gone back into our local community as a result of our HCBF efforts these past 8 years. Not too shabby for a bunch of homebrewers!

Recipients for 2019 include: Retirement Home for Horses, Climb for Cancer, Peaceful Paths, Lubee Bat Conservancy, Working Food, Humane Society, Alachua Conservation Trust, and Rebuilding Together.

Thank you to everyone who volunteered to make the 2019 installment of HCBF so successful. One of the many reasons our members are so awesome!

Competition News

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**“\$38,000 to
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 homebrewers!”**

Congrats to Allen Kent and Ron Minkoff for representing Hogtown well on the national stage! Allen and Ron submitted first-round entries to the Tampa judging site as part of the 2019 AHA National Homebrew Competition (NHC). Allen received a Silver medal in the Pale British Ale (British Golden Ale) category for his beer “Mr. Golden Sun” and Ron received Silver for “Generous Cherrywood, Not a Drop of Corn Syrup” in the Smoke-Flavored Beer (Classic Style Smoked Beer) category. Both beers were included in the final round of judging in Providence, RI during Homebrew Con in June.



(Photo courtesy of NHC)

Beer Education



Every other year, your Hogtown Brewers Homebrew Club offers a multi-week educational opportunity - a study group, if you will - for those members interesting in becoming a BJCP sanctioned beer judge. The course covers terminology, the history and overview of styles, judging techniques and strategy, identification of off-flavors, tasting elements, and test prep. This year, 10 people enrolled in the class. Our area's 2019 Beer Judge Certification Program exam will be held at Prairie Creek Lodge on Sunday, July 14. We look forward to welcoming new judges to the club! Big thank you to Matt Neilson for helping this year's class!

Big Brew

On Saturday, May 4, several Hogtown Brewers members schlepped their equipment over to the home of Tim Taylor to participate in this year's Big Brew festivities. Big Brew is an annual event promoted by the American Homebrewers Association (AHA) as a celebration of National Homebrew Day. On the first Saturday in May, brewers (and non-brewers who like to watch other people brew) gather

together to brew. There were 4 approved recipes to choose from and each member who participated received a stipend of \$25 for a 5 gallon batch or \$50 for a 10 gallon batch. Following Big Brew, the General Meeting for May was held onsite.



Hogtown Brew-Off

Hogtown Medal Winners by Style: **Danny Coenen**, Silver, German Helles Exportbier; **Amanda Kent**, Gold, Kellerbier; **Bill Edwards**, Gold, Doppelbock; **Ron Minkoff**, Bronze, Doppelbock; **Joe Gullett**, Gold, Best Bitter; **Jim Radtke**, Silver, British Brown Ale; **Kevin True** w/ co-brewer Ann Lane, Bronze, English Porter; **Ron Minkoff**, Bronze, Wee Heavy; **Jaclyn Rothberg** w/ co-brewer Mike Blackmon, Gold, English Barleywine; **Craig Birkmaier**, Silver, American Barleywine; **Kevin True**, Bronze, British Strong Ale; **Scott Brown**, Bronze, Specialty IPA; **Danny Coenen**, Bronze, Historical Beer; **Jaclyn Rothberg**, Gold, Fruit Beer; **Jim Radtke**, Bronze, Spice/Herb/Veggie Beer; **Jonathan Freedman** w/ co-brewer Terrie Vasilopoulos, Gold, Mixed Style Beer; **Craig Warner**, Bronze, Mixed Style Beer; **Bill Edwards**, Gold, Semi-sweet Mead; **Ron Minkoff**, Bronze, Spice/Herb/Veggie Mead; **Amanda Kent**, Gold, New World Cider; **Denise Brake**, Gold, Cider w/ Other Fruit.

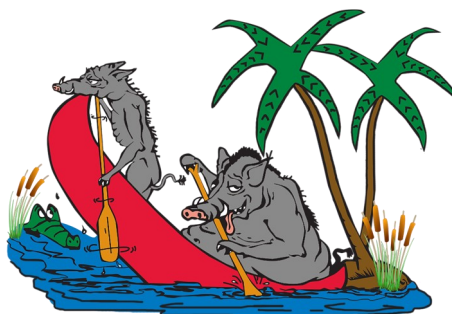
Best of Show—Mead/Cider: **Amanda Kent**, Bronze, New World Cider.

Heavy Medal Club Winner: **Hogtown Brewers** w/ 21 medals. 9 Golds, 4 Silvers and 8 Bronze.

May 24 & 25 was a busy time for many members of the Hogtown Brewers, as we presented the 2019 installment of the Hogtown Brew-Off at the Hippodrome Theater in Gainesville, FL. Entries from all over the state and beyond poured in...353 entries representing 32 Medal Groups were judged. When it was all said and done, Hogtown had one of its best showings in years and finally recaptured the overall top spot: 1st Place, Heavy Medal Club. (Received 21 medals total) Thank you to Jackie Rothberg for heading up the event and to all who entered and/or helped out!

Hogtown Regatta

On Saturday, June 22, members of the Hogtown Brewers took to the Santa Fe River for a relaxing day of canoeing, adult beverages, food and fun. Thanks to a generous subsidy from the club, our members only pay \$5 for their Regatta canoe rental. Just one of the many membership perks you receive as a member of the Hogtown Brewers!



Open Competitions

Hurricane Blow-Off Results: Kevin True received Gold in the British Strong Ale category, Terrie Vasilopolous and co-brewer Jonathan Freedman took Silver in Specialty IPA, and Amanda Kent racked up a Gold in New World Cider and Silver Best of Show in the Cider/Mead BOS division.

Sunshine Challenge Results: Jim Radtke received Gold in British Brown Beer for his “Beacons Bearing Brown Ale” (British Brown Ale); Terrie Vasilopoulos w/ co-brewer Jonathan Freedman received Silver in Fruit Mead for their “Who is Cyser Koze?” (Cyser); Amanda Kent picked up two medals, the first a Silver in Standard Cider & Perry for her “Hey Bozos” (New World Cider) and a Bronze in Pale Bitter European Beer for her “Porch Sipper” (Kolsch).

Congratulations to all of the above!!!

In progress: First Coast Cup hosted by CASK in Jacksonville, FL. Entries were due to Terrie and Jonathan by June 29 to meet the July 3 deadline in Jax. Prejudging takes place July 13 & 14 and July 20 & 21 at Intuition Brewing. Final judging is July 26 & 27.

Intraclub Competitions

Belgian Competition in partnership w/ Blackadder Brewing: Our Summer competition wrapped up recently and featured 6 entries from members. Of the 6, Kevin True’s Belgian Dark Strong, “Sugar Plumb Rides Again” took the lead and was awarded the medal. Congrats, Kevin! Kevin’s winning creation will be featured on draft at Blackadder soon...date TBA.

On Deck: Florida Weisse Competition in partnership w/ Swamp Head. Get to brewing those delicious, fruity and funky Florida Weisse beers, folks! The entry window for this competition opens August 17 and closes August 31. For details, see the email or visit the members only Facebook page.

Sneak Peek: Best of Hogtown Competition will be in November. This comp is for ultimate bragging rights, as it is open to ALL STYLES including cider and mead! Details available as we get closer.

“Mark your calendars now: Homebrew Con 2020 is coming to Nashville, TN on June 18-20, 2020.”

National Homebrew Convention

This year’s AHA Homebrew Con was held June 27-29 in Providence, RI and the Hogtown Brewers contingent was there! Attendees had access to a plethora of educational sessions and seminars, a massive Homebrew Expo featuring goods and services geared toward today’s homebrewer, and the homebrew party to end them all, Homebrew Con Club Night. In addition to participating as attendees, the Hogtown group featured a member who was a panelist at one of the seminars. Our own Ron Minkoff was one of the speakers for the session titled: “Would I Lie to You? Homebrewing Advice Demystified as Legit or Myth!” As you can see below, sessions were packed.



JULY 2019

Schedule of Events

SUN	MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI	SAT
	1	2	3	4 Happy 4th of July!	5	6
7	8	9	10	11	12	13 General Meeting
14 BJCP Exam	15	16	17	18	19	20
21	22	23	24	25	26 FCC Judging	27 FCC Judging
28	29	30 Executive Meeting	31			

- 7/13 — General Meeting; 1:30 p.m. to 3:30 p.m. @ Lauri & Courtney’s lake house.
- 7/14 — BJCP Exam; 2:00 to 3:30 p.m. @ Prairie Creek Lodge.
- 7/26 & 7/27 — First Coast Cup Judging in Jacksonville.
- 7/30 — Executive Meeting; 6:30 to 8:30 p.m. @ Mike & Jackie’s

Special Events Coming Up Rapidly:

Florida Weisse Intraclub Competition entry window runs Saturday, August 17 thru Saturday, August, 31. Entries can be dropped off at the home of Amanda and Allen Kent (cooler on front porch) or Hoggetowne Ale Works. Winner will have the opportunity to brew with Swamp Head and have their beer on tap at the brewery! For more information, see the HB members only page on Facebook or contact Allen and Amanda.

Mead Day will be held at Alix Freck’s house on Saturday, August 3 beginning at 9:00 a.m. In addition to making mead, we’ll also be hosting the August General Meeting beginning at noon. There’s also going to be a 100 ft. slip-n-slide, so interested parties should dress accordingly or bring a swimsuit.

Annual Pub Crawl, which is more of a brewery crawl, will take place on Saturday, August 31. Members will travel by chartered motorcoach to Tallahassee, with several stops planned there, as well as a visit to Halpatter in Lake City on the way back. ***Only a handful of seats remain*** Full details are available on the Facebook HB members only page and the HB website under the “Event Calendar” tab.

Join me in congratulating members Kiffin and Kristie Ayers on the opening of their new brewery in High Springs!!! (Aptly named High Springs Brewing Co.) They are planning a Grand Opening for July 27, so if you’re in the area and in need of a brew — or just want to say “hi” and check out the new digs — stop on in. Info and hours can be found on their Facebook page and website. Cheers!

Hello, New Members

Please join us in welcoming our new members to the Hogtown Brewers! Those joining the club during the first quarter of our current fiscal year are:

Eric Dietrich (referred by Art Watson)
Shelby Dingman (referred by John Dingman)
Ken Fort (anonymous referral)
John Fox, Jr. (referred by John and Rebecca Fox)
Heather Lehman (referred by Steve Brosius)
Debra and Bill Logeson (referred by Steve Brosius)
Zach Logeson and Jessica Golden (referred by Bill Logeson)
Kari and Bill McGinn (referred by local pub/shop)

AUGUST 2019

Schedule of Events

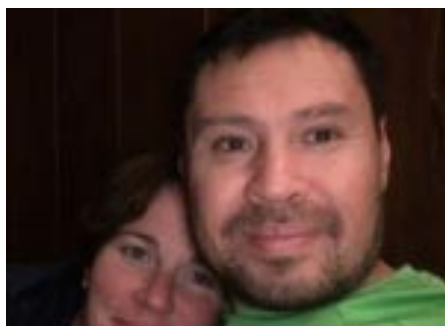
SUN	MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI	SAT
				1	2	3 Mead Day & General Meeting
4	5	6	7	8	9	10
11	12	13	14	15	16	17 Intraclub window opens
18	19	20	21	22	23	24
25	26	27 Executive Meeting	28	29	30	31 Pub Crawl & Intraclub due

- 8/3 — Mead Day @ Alix Freck's Home. 9:00 a.m. to 12:00 p.m.
- 8/3 — General Meeting @ Alix Freck's Home. 12:00 p.m. to 1:30 p.m. (Members are invited to stick around and enjoy the slip-n-slide)
- 8/17 — Florida Weisse Intraclub Competition drop-off window opens.
- 8/27 — Executive Meeting; 6:30 to 8:30 p.m. @ Casa de Brock
- 8/31 — Pub Crawl to Tallahassee. 9:00 a.m. to 10:00 p.m.
- 8/31 — Florida Weisse Intraclub competition window closes.

Welcome Back

We say, “Welcome Back!” to these former Hogtowners who have recently renewed their memberships:

Erin Condon and Jose Huguet



Sandy and Mike Sauls



SEPTEMBER 2019

Schedule of Events

SUN	MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI	SAT
1	2	3	4	5	6	7
8	9	10	11	12	13	14
15 General Meeting & Party	16	17	18	19	20	21
22	23	24 Executive Meeting	25	26	27	28
29	30					

- 9/15 — General Meeting & Member Appreciation Party; 1:30 to 4:00 p.m. @ Cypress & Grove
- 9/24 — Executive Meeting; 6:30 to 8:30 p.m. @ TBA



Hogtown Brewers
Homebrew Club
Gainesville, FL

We're On The Web!

Remember to visit the website regularly for all your HB needs:

www.hogtownbrewers.org

Members Only Facebook Page

Join our members only Facebook Group to conveniently keep up with all things Hogtown! Click the logo below, request to join, and an admin will approve you pending verification of membership status.



The Hogtown Brewers, established in 1985, is an American Homebrew Association (AHA) sanctioned homebrew club. We are dedicated to promoting a better understanding of the art of brewing and also to the appreciation of the many, varied styles of beer from around the world. We hold potluck-dinner style, monthly General Meetings, as well as numerous annual events. We invite all members to attend meetings regularly to learn how they can get the most out of their Hogtown Brewers membership. Our meetings are 3 parts social to 1 part business, and we try to blow through the business portion quickly so that we can get to the fun stuff...beer! We are a charitable group: many of our members donate their time to worthy causes, while the club as a whole donates vast sums to local charity partners. (\$35,000 to \$40,000+ annually is not unheard of) Our members are amazing and we're happy you're here! For more information on the club, please visit our website and Facebook page.

Member Spotlight

Your leadership and Member Engagement team realizes it's a daunting task to meet everyone in an organization our size. Moreover, you may know faces and names, but little else about your fellow members. To combat this, we're pleased to announce a new initiative: the Member Spotlight. Periodically, we're going to introduce you to new members and a few veteran, long time members. Our hope being that this will assist all parties, both veteran and new, with the familiarization process.

To start it all off, your current 2019-20 elected officers:



Steve Brosius, your Hogtown Brewers Primary (President). Five factoids about Steve: 1) Favorite beer: almost anything other than barleywines. Loves IPA's, pastry stouts and sours; 2) Grew up in Gainesville, but has visited or spent time in all 50 States, as well as Asia; 3) Avid Florida Gator, former president of local UFAA Gator Club and works with former football letterwinners; 4) First brewed in 2013 on Swamp Head's pilot system; 5) Served as Primary for Hogtown Brewers 2017-18. Hopes the second time is a charm!



Paul Brake, your Hogtown Brewers Secondary (Vice President). Five factoids about Paul: 1) Favorite beer: pastry porters & stouts; 2) Dedicated Boy Scout Leader who tent camps more than 30 nights per year; 3) Avid, although infrequent, poker player; 4) Favorite club event: Beer Fest b/c of the charitable aspect; 5) Is a Subway Franchisee & has worked for them for 22 years. Oh, yeah, and he's married to our Scribe!



Denise Brake, your Hogtown Brewers Scribe (Secretary). Five factoids about Denise: 1) Favorite beer: darks & sours; 2) Native Floridian who grew up in Key West & has lived in Florida her entire life; 3) Loves to dance, so became a Zumba instructor in 2011 & has been instructing ever since; 4) Hates to admit she was a "Bud Light girl" for the longest time, but a trip to Stubbie's changed that; 5) She's a huge gym goer (a gym rat). She's also married to the guy above sharing her last name.

New members who joined the club during the first quarter of the club's fiscal year can be found on the preceding pages.

Please join us in welcoming our new members!!!