

FOAM BLOWERS OF INDIANA

Fueling Beer Investigation

Quarter 4



CALENDAR

December

- 1 Monthly Meeting-
WINTER SEASONALS
- 15 **Annual Meeting and
Elections**
- 21 Pub Night- Bring Back
the Sun Event Broad
Ripple BP
- TBA FBI Christmas Party-
Ron Smith

February

- 2 Monthly Meeting
- TBA Heavy Hydrometer

DIRECTORS TAP

A couple challenges we have as a club is recruiting new members and engaging our current members. Reviewing the pictures of the past year's activities, I think we did a good job providing a variety of opportunities to socialize, learn, and share our joy of homebrewing but our participation is waning somewhat. In the future, I would like to organize more club brew days and organize a new club or inter-club competition.

Behind the scenes, the Board has been working on measures that add value to the membership. We have approved a stipend to reimburse volunteers that share their skill and expertise and take time to lead discussions about beer. We have also approved an outline of Officers and Standing Committee roles. The purpose of this document is to provide for a more efficient spread of responsibilities and to effectively recruit potential members to serve on the board.

In the coming year I hope that I can inspire you to take an active part and help shape the future of our club. One of the privileges of being in this club is learning from a diverse group of members that have a wealth of experience and knowledge.

Cheers!

Danna Korak, Director

2021 Board Members

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| ➤ Director | Danna Korak |
| ➤ Deputy Director | Charlie Wood |
| ➤ Treasurer | Eric Wiens |
| ➤ Secretary | Lee Daniels |
| ➤ Director Emeritus | Martin Brungard |
| ➤ Membership | -open |
| ➤ Weekend Meetings | Steven Banach |
| ➤ Monthly Meetings | Martin Brungard |
| ➤ Events | Jeff Jennings |
| ➤ Club Competitions | -open |
| ➤ Communications | Jon Swain |
| ➤ Pub Nights | Jake Keefer |
| ➤ FBI Speaker Series | Andrew Korty |

Contact the Board via email at foamblowerofficers@googlegroups.com

MONTHLY MEETINGS

As of June, we resumed in person meetings at the Liederkranz. As much as we hated Zoom, it did allow members outside of central Indiana to attend our meetings. Participation at our meetings has slowly dwindled for a variety of reasons, including but not limited to our meeting place location. After reviewing a map pinpointing the location of our members, it was determined that a location slightly north of central Indy would better serve members.

We will continue to meet at the Liederkranz until further notice.

If you know of a venue where we can meet at no cost or a very low, please contact us: foamblowersoffers@googlegroup.com.

We are looking for a venue that meets the following criteria:

- Private meeting space so that meaningful discussions could be held
- A selection of beers for sale
- Food offerings for sale
- Allow the club to bring in our beer for evaluation (both homebrew and commercial examples)

TREASURY NOTE

Our membership numbers remain steady, as most 2021 memberships were rolled over from 2020 COVID memberships. The membership year for FBI starts on January 1st and your 2022 dues will be payable via Check or electronic payment. You will be receiving a special reminder from the FBI Treasurer in a future email, or you can visit the FBI website for details <https://foamblowers.com/join-us/>

Membership dues pay for special events, attendance at beer festivals, meeting expenses, website hosting, etc. and insurance. New this year, the Board approved a stipend for members that donate beer to events, and the FBI Speaker Series. This is meant to help defray some of the out-of-pocket expense that it cost members to make the beer they donate.

WHO ARE THE FOAM BLOWERS?

The Foam Blowers of Indiana, Inc (FBI) is a diverse group of homebrewers located in Indianapolis metro and the surrounding areas. Our club provides fun and educational activities for the enjoyment of brewing and drinking fermented beverages. We are an American Homebrewer Association (AHA) sanctioned homebrew club, and we welcome brewers of any skill level.



Monthly Meeting at Liederkranz

EVENTS

Considering the circumstances of the past year, events like History on Tap, Rock the Junction, Great Fermentations 25+1 Anniversary, and Indy Brew Battle were well attended. Our members donated and served 24+ kegs at events this year. I don't know how that compares to the past but that is a very charitable contribution.

I appreciate those who donate your beer and your time to represent the club. These are high-profile events and are important to our club because it fosters comradery and allows us to interact with potential new members.

The Board recognizes that the beer donated to our events can become costly, especially when you donate several times a year, so we approved a Motion to budget a total of \$400 {up to 5 events} for {stipend of \$10 per person, up to 8 members, who brings at least 2.5 gallons to serve}.



Great Fermentation 25th Anniversary

FOAM BLOWERS SPEAKER SERIES (aka CIA Sessions)

For folks who don't know the history, many years ago Ron Smith started a study group to help people prepare for the BJCP exam. The study sessions were rigorous and fun, and we didn't want to give them up after the exam was over. So, Ron established the Central Indiana Alliance (CIA) of Beer Judges to continue these highly technical meetings on into the future. The CIA meetings continue today and while they don't always directly relate to judging, they remain technically deep.

To make this a little clearer we've decided to retire the CIA moniker and adopt a new name: the **Foam Blowers Speaker Series**. This name reflects the robust nature of these talks, doesn't tie them to judging, and ought to make it clear to newcomers what to expect.

We've had three excellent sessions so far this year, on Coolships (John Allison), Bochet Mead (Dean Steuerwald), and Kveik Yeast (Todd Cogswell). Despite our early success in garnering speakers, we have no further dates scheduled yet this year.

That's where you come in! As I've said before, you don't need to be an expert to present on a topic presenting is how you become an expert. So, if there's an aspect of brewing or judging you've always wanted to know more about, please contact Andrew K. and volunteer to present on that topic. As an added value, the Board approve a motion to increase the CIA stipend for presenters, "up to \$40 of actual expenses"

Andrew Korty, Speaker Series Director

COMPETITION SCENE

HEAVY HYDROMETER COMPETITION SAT, FEB 27

Looks like we are heading to Lafayette next year for the Heavy Hydrometer meeting! Congrats to Todd Cogswell for winning with a great, 40+ pt Imperial Stout! Eric Wiens took both 2nd and 3rd with American Barleywines! Thanks to ALL for entering and participating. We had a good, usual turnout of beers. Thanks to Jeff Jennings and Ron Smith for judging and a huge Thanks to Tracey Williams Smith for being the Steward

LIGHT HYDROMETER COMPETITION SAT, AUG 21

We only had 5 entries in the competition, but we had plenty of food and beer to satisfy everyone. Thanks to Andrew Korty and Steven Banach for judging and Julie Wiens our flight attendant. The winners were: Theresa Zimmermann, Dark Mild 1st Place, Todd Cogswell, Gose 2nd Place, Eric Wiens, British Brown 3rd Place.



Summer Picnic and Light Hydrometer Competition

INDIANA BREWERS CUP

It was nice to return to the Indiana State Fair for Indiana's premier beer competition. Congratulations to ALL the Brewers Cup winners and to an impressive list of FBI members that won the 2021 Homebrew Club of the year! BRAVO! I'm proud to be a part of the FBI, and among some of the most honored Homebrewer's and Pro's in the Midwest. This is a link to the Award Ceremony video <https://youtu.be/1x8SlgBlwss>

From my observation, there are an enormous amount details that go into the organization of this competition. Sandy Cockerham and her team were able to make the 2021 event a success even with the added complications of the pandemic. It's fun being a part of this event, renewing friendships and working together with other enthusiast.

Mark your calendars and consider entering or stewarding at next year's event

2022 Indiana Brewers Cup July 8– July 9

COMMUNICATIONS COMMITTEE

Joe Werner, aka the Ol' Geezer has stepped down as Communication Chair due to household health issues. Joe has been a part of this club for many years. He has served as a Board member in many different positions and his contributions have been instrumental in shaping the FBI club. Best regards to Joe and Sue.

In the wake of Joes retirement, Jon Swain has stepped up to be the new Communications Chairperson. Jon is continuing to improve our branding and messaging across our online platforms. I invite you to explore the website and our YouTube Channel

[https://foamblowers.com/
FoamBlowersHomeBrewClub](https://foamblowers.com/FoamBlowersHomeBrewClub)



FBI LOGO GEAR

New shirt color options are now available from the Lands' End store. [Lands' End FBI Store](#)
Password: TritonFBI

BARREL PROJECT

Eric Wiens recently organized a club barrel project. The barrel is a 53 gal. Old Hammer barrel. The barrel was donated by SoBros for a one-time use. We will have to give the barrel back when we are finished. Eleven people contributed and managed to fill the barrel with 53 gal. of Imperial Stout. The barrel is being stored at Andrew Korty brewery.

Eric is hoping to have another barrel share next year if we have the interest and funds.

Imperial Stout Recipe

1. 14 lbs. 7.7oz Pale Malt 2 row
2. 4 lbs. 12oz Borlander Munich Malt
3. 1 lbs. White Wheat Malt
4. 14.4 oz Caramel Malt – 60 SRM
5. 14/4 oz Chocolate Malt – 350 SRM
6. 14.4 oz Roasted Barley – 300 SRM
7. 10.9 oz Black Malt – 2 Row 500 SRM
8. 1.5 oz Nugget 13% -Boil 90 min.
9. .25 oz Galaxy 14% - Boil 60 min.
10. 1 oz Willamette 5.5% - Boil 30 min.
11. 1 oz Willamette 5.5% - Boil 15 min.
12. Darkness (Imperial Yeast #A10)



SOCIAL OUTINGS | PUB NIGHTS | BOTTLE SHARES | BIKES AND BREWS



