



# The Final Draft

## Newsletter of the State of Franklin Homebrewers

Febrewary 2010

SoFH next Meeting Monday February 8th at  
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### On the Barstool

Hello pretty people. Welcome to the second month of 2010 (that's Febrew-ale-y in beer-geek speak.) This month brings a lot of change to the State of Franklin Homebrewers. There was a phenomenal turnout for the Executive Committee Meeting on the 28<sup>th</sup> of January. There were 15 members present to help decide how this year would be planned and how best to organize all the talent that is available within the superior organization to which we belong.

For some time now, SOFH has had several key members that seem to take care of all the details that make everything run smoothly. While this is marvelous, and those people have done remarkable jobs, it can only be a matter of time before they grow exhausted and politely stop offering their services. Couple this with the expansion in membership over the past few years and the possibility of its continued growth, it is only logical to develop functional committees that are to assume responsibility for the various parts that make SOFH a success.



Therefore, it has been decided to break up responsibilities into the following committees:

- Membership
- Competitions
- BJCP/ Brewing Education
- Club Events
- Program / Promotional

Anyone can request a seat on a committee and I **encourage more people to get involved**. There is no better way to pay back what you get from SOFH than to dedicate a small amount of your time to developing SOFH into the powerhouse it has the potential to become.

I will briefly describe the purpose of each committee and its current members. Each of these committees is to meet independently and discuss how they will spend their time and resources to achieve their goals as charged. Therefore, you will hear more about all this in the near future.

The **Membership Committee** currently consists of Glenda O'Neal as Chair (goddess), assisted by Jaime Maginnis and Donna Dingus. This committee is charged with:

1. Track payment of dues
2. Enrolling new members
3. Greeting visitors to meetings
4. Developing a nametag system
5. Maintaining a member database

The **Competitions Committee** currently consists of Steve Jones as Chair (naturally). He is looking for assistance on this committee. If you'd like to learn the inner-working of a competition this is a premium opportunity. This committee is charged with:

1. Holding at least one members only competition annually
2. Sponsoring and developing FranklinStein into a nationally recognized Homebrew competition.
3. (added by SJ ... Leigh Kassem and Greg Love have volunteered to serve as well)

The **BJCP/ Brewing Education Committee** consists of Ben Cowan as Chair, assisted by Steve Jones. This committee is charged with:

1. Assisting club members train their palettes to discern flavors and flaws common to homebrew.
2. Hold BJCP training courses as interest and resources become available.
3. Assist in Education & Discussion topics at monthly meetings (see Program committee below)

The **Events Committee** consists of Ernie Dunn as Chair, assisted by Patrick Monk and Glenda O'Neal. This committee is charged with:

1. Organizing Beer and Food Pairings with local restaurants.
2. Campouts
3. Teach-a-Friend
4. Pub Crawls

The **Program/ Promotional Committee** consists of Brent Dingus as Chair. This committee is charged with:

1. Organization of monthly meetings
  - a. Education topics as they have been for the last year, a separate group breaking off to discuss a homebrew-related theme.
  - b. Present "Styles Guidelines" (5-10 minutes of a speaker relaying information about a particular beer style and the methods employed to make a successful brew.)
2. Submit promotional material concerning SOFH to national publications
3. Organize events with other homebrew clubs in our region

Again, I ask that you would consider helping in any way you are able on a committee of your choosing. With your assistance, SOFH can shine as brightly as the BrewStars that are the composition of our membership.

On another note: Ernie Dunn has offered his assistance with the Franklinbrew website. Steve has integrated a Discussion Forum already (and it ROCKS!) More changes are in the works so get excited!

See y'all on the 8<sup>th</sup> at Kingsport Grocery. Until then ...

Peace, Love, Happiness and full carbonation,  
Sasquatch.

## February Discussion Topic

*by Brent Dingus*

This month's meeting discussion topic will be "Stepping up to All Grain". So be sure to bring all of your questions, stories, and experiences. I will bring a cooler/mash tun and demonstrate how to assemble the weldless fittings and also provide a high-level overview of the process. I am sure we will have some experienced brewers to expand on the specifics.

Let me know if you have any additional suggestions or ideas.

## Website Upgrade

*By Steve Jones*

So who among you has never used a bulletin board on the web? I'll bet it isn't many ... and now you can use one created just for the State of Franklin Homebrewers! You may have seen an email that I recently sent to the mailing list, but I'll cover it again for those who didn't read it.

First, I have renewed our web hosting account with BlueHost for 36 months to the tune of \$270.20, which includes our domain name renewal. The Web subcommittee (consisting of me, Ernie Dunn, and Donna Dingus) agreed that there isn't any sense in changing just for change's sake, and we did determine that our host will support asp as well as php active pages.

Second, I installed phpBB3, a free php based bulletin board package, and set up **The State of Franklin Homebrewers Members Forum**. For now I have left registration open to make it easy for us to start using it right away (and as of now, 13 members have signed up, with 8 or 9 having already posted). However, at some point in the near future I will set registration to require approval, which will allow us to control who joins the forum. The registration process includes the captcha concept ... that funny image with letters and numbers that you have to type in ... to prevent bots from registering. So it should remain fairly spam-free. I would also think we would allow some non-members to join ... members of other area clubs, friends of members, etc.

This forum will probably go a long way toward replacing our mailing lists. I can create sub-forums that are only visible to specific people, so could have one for the Exec committee, the Competition Committee, the Membership Committee, etc. (I hope that Matt has already mentioned these ... I wouldn't want to let the cat out of the bag, cuz it is so damned hard to put it back in) and they would only be seen by those members. It will keep the mass emails out of the mailboxes of those who don't want to see them, but don't want to be removed from the list (although the delete button works rather well). Anyway, I'm still learning about this phpBB package, so be sure to let me know what you think of it.

So get out to the forum and sign up, even if you don't want to post right now. There is a new link at the bottom of the SFH site menu (Members Forums), or just go to <http://www.franklinbrew.org/forums>.

Ernie is looking at a blogging package that we could add to the site, too. I've been busy with the bb, so have not had a chance to look at it yet, but the site is going thru a stage of renewal, and you should see a lot of new capabilities over the next year.

## Upcoming Events

|            |                            |                  |                                      |
|------------|----------------------------|------------------|--------------------------------------|
| March 20   | SFH St. Pat's Party        | Kingsport, TN    | <a href="#">O'Neal Residence</a>     |
| March 31   | NHC Beer Comp entries open |                  |                                      |
| May 1      | Big Brew                   | Jonesborough, TN | <a href="#">Riverpark Campground</a> |
| May 15     | Racks by the Tracks        | Kingsport, TN    | <a href="#">Racks by the Tracks</a>  |
| June 17-19 | National Homebrew Confer.  | Minneapolis, MN  | <a href="#">NHC</a>                  |

Other events can be found at: <http://www.franklinbrew.org/events.php>

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| Bristol (5)       | State Line Bar and Grille, Fatz Café, Boomershine Pizzeria, Marketplace, Troutdale Bistro  |
| Gray (1)          | Runabout Café at Sonny's Marina  |
| Greeneville (2)   | Fatz Café, Party Haus  |
| Johnson City (24) | Acoustic Coffeehouse, Knights Sports Pub, Down Home, Gourmet and Company, The Office, Fanatics, Café One 11, El Toritos, Stir Fry Café, Beef O'Brady's, Krogers, Numans, Alley Kat, Amigo Mexican Restaurant, Cootie Browns, Crowbar, Earth Fare, Frieberg's German Restaurant, Halo's, Johnny Brusco's Pizza, Libation Station, Russo Orleans, Sahib's Fine Indian Cuisine, Wellingtons |
| Jonesborough (4)  | Main Street Café, Bistro #105, Amigo Mexican Restaurant, Ridges Golf and Country Club  |
| Kingsport (11)    | Kingsport Grocery, Madagascar Café, Bone Fire, Riverfront Seafood, Giuseppe's, Rush Street Grill, Krogers, Chop House, Stir Fry Café, Johnny Brusco's Pizza, Pacific Grill   |

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Depot Street Brewing T-Shirts for Sale <http://www.depotstreetbrewing.com/stuff.html>  
For sale or trade: 1 Jet style Cajun cooker burner, with hose and propane regulator. Make me an offer.  
Steve Jones, 929-7709 or [stjones1@gmail.com](mailto:stjones1@gmail.com)

Newsletter submissions should be sent in by February 28th to be included in the March issue

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