

# FOAM BLOWERS OF INDIANA

*Fueling Beer Investigation*

Quarter 1\_2022



## CALENDAR

### February

2 Monthly Meeting -Stouts  
Mashcraft, Fishers IN

12 Winterfest

### March

12 Heavy Hydrometer- TBA

2 Monthly Meeting-  
Imperial Stout

5 Liederkrantz Bockfest –  
Der Hoosier  
Braumeister  
Competition Rd #1  
-Ron Smith

### April

6 Monthly Meeting-  
Smoked Beer

TBA Frulingsfest Social  
-Martin Brungard

### May

6 Monthly Meeting-  
American Lager

7 Big Brew Day- TBA

21 Rock The Junction -  
Grand Junction Brewing  
Co

## DIRECTORS TAP

The Executive Meeting and Elections were held in person at Great Fermentations Dec 15, 2021, and the 2022 Slate of Officers was approved. I would like to recognize two new members to the Board, Joe Zimmermann, Events Chair and James Boehm, who is assisting on the Speaker Series Committee. Congratulations! I look forward to working together in 2022.

As a reminder, your membership dues pay for special events, attendance at beer festivals, meeting expenses, website hosting, insurance, etc. We offer an array of social and educational meetings with an emphasis on fun, and we participate in several local events that are meant to showcase the club and our homebrew.

As always, the FBI appreciates your continued support, and we hope to see you this year!



Charlie Wood

### 2022 Board Members

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

Contact the Board via email at [foamblowerofficers@googlegroups.com](mailto:foamblowerofficers@googlegroups.com)

## BREWS LETTER EDITOR- Danna Korak

The main reason I joined the FBI is to learn how I could make my beer better and receive unbiased analysis of my brews from experienced judges. I would say that over the past couple years my beer has improved but there is still more to learn. I am looking forward to working with Andrew and James in the coming year to present a series of sessions about malt sensory analysis and recipe design for the FBI Speaker Series. Is there a brewing topic you would like to learn more about? Let us know.

In addition to our other club activities like Volksmarch and Bikes & Brews, I would also like to organize an inter-club brew and wort share. I realize that some of you don't have portable brewing systems but that's okay, it's still a good time to collaborate and socialize.

We don't have a date or time, but Charlie Wood has offered to host a club brew day at Grand Junction in the coming year.

Recently, I also began discussions with THC, CCZ and IBU to organize a club-wide Swap Meet in the spring. Who else has boxes of homebrew equip that they would like to part with besides me?

If these ideas sound like something you would like to participate in or help organize contact me at [dmkorak@gmail.com](mailto:dmkorak@gmail.com)



Danna Korak

## COMMUNICATIONS

We strive to keep our calendars current and publicize our events every month over a spectrum of online sources including:

### GoogleGroup email:

[foamblowersofindiana@googlegroups.com](mailto:foamblowersofindiana@googlegroups.com)

### FBI website:

<https://foamblowers.com/newcal/>

### Google Calendar:

[foamblowersofindiana@gmail.com](mailto:foamblowersofindiana@gmail.com)

**Facebook:** [FoamBlowersofIndiana Facebook Group](#)

You can also find us on our **YouTube Channel:** [FoamBlowersHomeBrewClub](#)

If you are unable access our calendars, please contact the FBI board so we can assist.

To keep members up to date and provide more transparency, Jon Swain has diligently organized the FBI Google drive and has created a shared folder named **FBI Members**. As a member of Foam Blowers google group, you have access to this folder containing Meeting Minutes, Bylaws, Newsletters and other files. You can access the folder on your google drive "Shared with me" items. We intend to publish a tutorial that explains how to access this folder, soon.



Jon Swain

## TREASURY NOTE -Eric Wiens

The recently approved 2022 Budget will be made available on the Google Drive for Members to view.

This is a reminder that the deadline for membership dues is March 31st. Dues remain \$30 for a single member and \$40 for a family (couple).

You can submit payment by PayPal to [treasurerfbi@gmail.com](mailto:treasurerfbi@gmail.com) and use the **Sending to a friend** option or mail a check to:

Foam Blowers of Indiana  
Attn: Eric Wiens  
15188 Slateford Rd.  
Noblesville, IN. 46062

As many of you know, I have been Treasurer of the FBI from 2018 -2019 and 2021 to present. It's a Board position that requires a lot of time the first four to five months of the year but is vital for the club to function. This will be my last year being Treasurer and I am hopeful that we can get a member that has an interest, to step up and take charge.



Eric Wiens

### 2022 Indiana Brewers Cup Judging

Tuesday, 7/5/22 6:00 PM - Saturday, 7/9/22 6:00 PM

Sign up NOW to be a judge or steward for the 2022 Indiana State Fair Brewers' Cup Competition. Register here [➡](#)

<https://bit.ly/3po7wXi>

## PUB NITES -Jake Keefer

The end of Pub Nites in 2021 brought an Oktoberfest at Primeval in September, with a great attendance and some freebie bags of malt supplied by Great Ferm. In October we had a strong showing at 18th Street Brewery, followed in November with a visit to the rotating tap-takeover of Perennial Ales from St. Louis at A Taproom. Finally, we finished out the year in December at the annual Bring Back the Sun Pub Nite on the winter solstice, the day with the least sunlight in the northern hemisphere. Our first Pub Nite of 2022 January 27th at Taxman CityWay was well attended.

Watch your email or Facebook for news concerning our next Pub Nite location.



Jake Keefer

### The 16th Annual Great Lakes International Cider and Perry Competition (GLINTCAP)

May 18-20, 2022 /Grand Rapids, Michigan  
Early registration closes on Monday February 28 at 11:59pm EST / Main registration closes on Friday April 15 at 11:59pm EST

GLINTCAP, the largest Cider and Perry competition in the world. What is Perry? Perry is an alcoholic beverage made from fermented pears, similar to the way cider is made from apples.

## COMPETITIONS NEWS- Jeff Jennings

The Foam Blowers filled the podium at the 1<sup>st</sup> Christkindlmarkt Bier Competition. Danna Korak took 1<sup>st</sup> place, Todd Cogswell 2<sup>nd</sup>, and Primeval (Tim Palmer & Nathan Compton) 3<sup>rd</sup>. Danna's winning entry was a spiced English Mild paired with Reindeer Poop, chocolate covered bourbon-soaked golden raisins served in a Santa boot. Congratulations, Danna!



**1<sup>st</sup> Round of the Der Hoosier Braumeister** will be held on March 5<sup>th</sup> in conjunction with **Liederkranz Bockfest**. Round 1 includes Kolsch, Altbier, Dunkel, and Schwarzbier. Watch for more details from Ron Smith.

Mark your calendars for the **Indiana Brewers' Cup**. This year marks the return of the in-person awards banquet. The banquet will be held on July 9<sup>th</sup>. Judging will take place, July 8-9<sup>th</sup>, with additional judging likely taking place earlier in the week. FBI heavily supports this event with judges and stewards, so please volunteer if you can. The entry deadline is June 22<sup>nd</sup>. Plan your brewing days accordingly and get your entries ready so we can continue our streak as Homebrew Club of the Year. Please contact me if you have any competition news that you would like promoted to the club.



Jeff Jennings

## BJCP Competitions

February 26, 2022 – **Bockfest** / Hamilton, OH / Entry Deadline February 19<sup>th</sup> / Entry Fee \$8

March 12, 2022 – **Drunk Monk Challenge** / Entry Deadline March 4<sup>th</sup> / Entry Fee \$10

March 12, 2022 – **Pitcher in The Rye** / Crystal Lake, IL / Entry Deadline February 11<sup>th</sup> / Entry Fee \$8

April 2, 2022 – **All American Homebrew Comp.** / Cincinnati, OH / Entry Deadline March 26<sup>th</sup> / Entry Fee \$8

June 25, 2022 – **National Homebrew Competition** / Pittsburgh, PA / Entry Deadline & Fee TBA

July 9, 2022 – **Indiana Brewers' Cup** / Indianapolis, IN / Entry Deadline June 22<sup>nd</sup> / Entry Fee TBA

## EVENTS -Joe Zimmermann

Guten Tag! I hope you all were able to enjoy a safe and fun holiday season with friends and family. The coming year will be a busy one in terms of events our club will be participating in. Volunteers will be needed to provide and serve beer as well as helping to set up and take down the club bar.

The first of these events is **Winterfest** at the Indiana State Fairgrounds on February 12th from 1-5. Great Fermentations has a booth at the event, where 6 local clubs will be serving their beers. Winterfest is always an awesome event. This year should be even better as we'll be serving (and sampling) alongside members from other clubs.

The next confirmed event is **Rock the Junction** on May 21st at Grand Junction. We'll want at least 8 kegs to serve. I'll send out reminders in early March on this so we can all get busy brewing! -Cheers,



Joe Zimmermann

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## Rock The Junction 2022

Grand Junction Brewing Co.

🌟Tickets Are LIVE🌟

<https://event.ontaptickets.com/.../rock-the-junction...>

Don't wait to buy - we are only selling a certain number of early-bird tickets. Once they sell out the prices will increase for both GA and VIP.

## SPEAKER SERIES- Andrew Korty

As the chair of the FBI Speaker Series (formerly the CIA meetings), I have the responsibility of arranging at least four (4) presentations per year with the goal of improving the technical prowess of the membership. I took this role because I enjoy the technical aspects of brewing and believe it's important for the FBI to stay at the forefront in this area. Only three (3) presenters stepped up in 2021, but they were excellent talks! We had:

Coolships with John Allison

Bochet Mead with Dean Steuerwald

Kveik with Todd Cogswell

The quality of these presentations exceeded my already high expectations, and although we didn't meet our quota of 4 last year, I intend to rectify that this year, with your help.

You don't need to be an expert on a topic to lead a CIA session on it but preparing for and presenting on it could make you an expert! So, if there's a topic you know well or would like to know better, take this opportunity to improve your knowledge and everyone else's. I'm also happy to suggest some topics to you. Either way, please contact me at [andrew.korty@icloud.com](mailto:andrew.korty@icloud.com) to discuss further. - ajk



Andrew Korty

## WHO ARE THE FOAM BLOWERS?

### Member Highlight- Eric Wiens

It was around 1996 when I caught the bug. I was in the Navy and stationed on Okinawa Japan. My problem was I couldn't find any beer other than a Pilsner on the island. So, I decided to make my own. How difficult can it be? I started with Mr. Beer kits that turned out over carbonated and very wine like. Not exactly what I was expecting but the feeling of pride about making my own winey acidic beer sent me down the rabbit hole of making the best home brew I could make. Many years and home brew later my product and skills improved.

I remember the second time I entered in Brewers Cup competition and noticed that the Foam Blowers were kicking butt and going home with all the bling. At that point I knew I needed to join a club to improve my skills to brew better beer. I ended up joining about six years ago and have been brewing better beer since.



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## MONTHLY MEETINGS

**Please note that our Feb. 2<sup>nd</sup> meeting will be at MashCraft Fishers IN**

In the new year we will be exploring different meeting venues slightly north of central Indy that would better serve members and 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 homebrew and commercial beer examples for evaluation

Watch your email or Facebook for news concerning our meeting location.



## MEMBERSHIP -Steven Banach

I would like to introduce myself, Steven Banach. I have been a homebrewer for 12 years and Foam Brewers of Indiana is more than just an organization, but a family that we all rely on for support with, but not only limited to home brewing, cider and mead making, judging, and overall wellness within the home brewing community. We hope to see you soon, and please reach out to me (219) 781-6392 so I can get you acquainted with our membership directory and help excel your hobby growth, interests, and fraternal order of our group. As the new membership chairperson, my responsibilities; understanding and executing marketing efforts, welcoming new members, engaging membership, and acting as a liaison between local, home brewing community with our Club, Foam Blowers of Indiana



Steven Banach

## FBI LOGO GEAR

New shirt color options are now available from the Lands' End store.

<https://business.landsend.com/store/fbi/>

Password: TritonFBI

## WEEKEND MEETING-Steven Banach

Our first Weekend Social and **FBI Heavy Hydrometer** is set for March 12<sup>th</sup> @ Tom Wallbank residence hosting/honoring Todd Cogswell win in 2021

Save the date - more details to follow

## Holiday Bottle Share- Ron Smith

Thanks to all who attended the FBI Holiday Party last month! The bottle /can kill shot says a lot about the fun that was had (not pictured are 3 kegs, multiple growlers, duplicates, some whiskey, etc.). 😊 We also sampled a Kurt Schilling mead from 1997 (Kurt was in the club and used to make some great meads and ciders back in the 1990's). It still tasted great! We also raised a toast to Marvin, who passed away recently. We kept everything outside and, in the garage, and had some ventilation as well, so we tried to keep it a safe gathering. It got a little chilly as it got late, but the earlier start helped, and we really got lucky with the weather (mid 40's on Jan 1st). I made some changes to my Belgian beef carbonnade recipe and process, and it was one of my best yet! Merci to all that attended, and brought beer and food, and a huge Thanks to Tracey for helping with the frites (and prep, and clean up, etc.). Here's to a great 2022! Cheers

