# FOAM BLOWERS OF INDIANA

Fueling Beer Investigation

Quarter 4 2022

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# **CALENDAR**

### **November**

- 2 Monthly Meeting-SaisonMashcraft, Fishers IN
- 5 AHA National Learn to Homebrew Day
- 12 Indy Brew Battle-Guggman Haus Brewing Co.
- 19 Fall Bottle Share-Porters & Stouts and Best Beer Competition

### **December**

- 7 Monthly Meeting-Belgian Dark Strong Mashcraft, Fishers IN
- 31 Pub Night Bring Back The Sun @ Broadripple Brew Pub
- TBD Holiday Party

# **DIRECTORS TAP**

I think the best thing about the club is all the social interaction that we get with other high-quality people. We have sampled and learned about nine different styles of beer that were highlighted at the monthly meetings. Our meetings have been well attended since we moved to Mash Craft, a more convenient location that everyone seems to enjoy. We set up the FBI bar and poured at several beer festivals to promote the club and share our homebrew and cider. We have had a lot of Pub Nights, and Bottle Shares and every one of them has been great fun. We're almost into the holiday season, more bottle shares and get togethers coming up. Overall, I think it's been a really good year with a lot of great friends



Charlie Wood

## 2022 Board Members

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

Contact the Board via email at foamblowerofficers@googlegroups.com

# **DEPUTY DIRECTOR- Danna Korak**

# **CALL FOR NOMINATIONS!**

As Deputy Director it is my duty to prepare a slate of officers for 2023. Some of our board members will be retiring at the end of the year after serving multiple years so, we have some key position that will be open.

- Treasurer
- Secretary
- Club Competitions Chairperson
- Membership Chairperson

Club Officers and Committee members are instrumental in shaping the future of the club and our continued success depends on the participation of ALL our members. So, I am asking YOU to consider serving as a voice on the Board. It's easy! We meet once a quarter to share a pint and discuss Club business and exchange ideas on how to promote the club to attract new members, and ways to maintain our membership base with an emphasis on fun!

You can nominate yourself as a Club Officer

or Committee Chair. No nominee's name may be included on the ballot without his/her express acceptance of nomination to a specific position on the Board.

Send your nominations to me before Dec.14.

Send your nominations to me before Dec.14, 2022 Elections will be held at the Annual Meeting <a href="mailto:dmkorak@gmail.com">dmkorak@gmail.com</a>



# **TREASURY NOTE - Eric Wiens**

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 has a two-year term limit so this will be my last year. The Treasures position is vital for the club to function, and I am hopeful that we can get a member that has an interest, to step up and take charge.

Eric Wiens

# **Brew Gear Garage Sale**



Guggman Haus Brewing generously donated the use of their space for our 1st **Inter Club Garage Sale.** This event provided an opportunity for local Homebrew Clubs to get together to socialize and swap or sell excess brewing gear. The event was also open to the public and allowed curious customers to ask questions about our hobby. FBI members that donated their profits to the club raised \$250.00

# **MEMBERSHIP -Steven Banach**

What I love about the club is that there is a variety of events for everyone:

- beer style focused monthly meetings
- casual pub nights & special events
- social monthly meetings
- media platforms to help brew better (plug network, Facebook, brewday collaborations)
- Speaker Series technical talk education sessions
- opportunities to sit on the board and engage in club decisions
- beer fest events (rock the junction, history on tap, Indiana Brewers cup, homebrew palooza)
- Events are insured

The old saying goes "you get out of it.... What you put in it"



Steven Banach

# **MONTHLY MEETINGS- Martin Brungard**

We have been meeting at Mashcraft, Fisher since February and while it's not as centrally located in the metro area, it's convenient to a lot of members. One thing I want to stress is that it's important for members to bring homebrews to share at the meeting whether the homebrew is in style or not. We want to give our members another reason to brew...and that is to share and become better brewers. The other thing that homebrews help with, is to illustrate good and not so good elements in beers so that we're better at recognizing, targeting, or correcting them. We all benefit from having homebrews at our meetings.



Martin Brungard

# **NOVEMBER WEEKEND SOCIAL**

# November Porter and Stouts Bottle Share and NEW Best Beer Competition

Saturday 11/19, 6-10 PM @ the Greg Kirkland Residence

The unique aspect of this event is that it's a People's Choice Award. All members in attendance will have the opportunity to sample the entries and cast their vote for their favorite beer. You are allowed to vote for your own. All voting will be completed within the first two hours followed by the award ceremony. Best Beer People's Choice Home Brew traveling trophy will be awarded to the winner. The winner will be expected to host next year's Best Beer Home Brew Competition.

Only 1 beer per club member will be eligible for People's Choice Voting. Participants should arrive before 6 pm, and supply 2 bottles of beers with labels for judging.

# **EVENTS - Joe Zimmermann**

Our club has had a busy, but successful year of events that will culminate with Indy Brew Battle on November 12th. We have participated in 7 different events in 2022, sharing our hobby with the public. Next year is shaping up to be even busier as we add Noblesville Brewfest to our calendars.

In total, we had 18 different club members contributing 35 kegs (and several bottles) of beer, cider, and mead to Winterfest, Big Brew Day, Rock the Junction, History on Tap, Indiana Brewers Cup reception, Homebrew Palooza, and Indy Brew Battle. Special thanks go to Danna Korak and Eric Wiens who contributed 5 kegs each! Thanks also to Eric, James Boehm, Lydia Hlebasko, and Theresa Zimmermann for helping to transport our bar to and from Grand Junction Brewing.

We're hoping to get more participation from some of our newer members next year. For those interested in participating, you'll need (besides yummy beer) an Indiana Volunteer Employee serving permit. More information is available at: https://www.in.gov/atc/atc-online-services/

Cheers,



Joe Zimmermann



4th Annual Indy Brew Battle Saturday, November 12, 2022 4:00 PM - 7:00 PM EST Guggman Haus Brewing Co.

# **COMPETITIONS NEWS- Jeff Jennings**

Eric Wiens swept the FBI homebrew competitions winning both the Heavy Hydrometer and Light Hydrometer. WTG! When I asked Eric about his win he said, I just wanted an unbiased opinion about my beer, I didn't think I would win. Eric is going to be very busy next year as Competition Chair and Host.

# **Der Hoosier Braumeister Results**

It was a shoot-out between Todd Cogswell and Primeval Brewing for who would be crowned the 2022 Der Hoosier Braumeister, but Primeval Brewing prevailed in Round 5 as the overall winner. Also, congrats to Todd Cogswell for second overall. Prost!

# Indiana Brewers' Cup

The Brewers' Cup Staff would like to thank all the volunteer judges and stewards that make this competition a success.



# **PUB NITES -Jake Keefer**

Fellow Foam Blowers,

Pub Nights in 2022 have been a huge success with all of them being very well attended. If you skip the pub nights, you're missing out on brewery tours, hearing questions from other FBI homebrewers being discussed by the head brewers and some of the most experienced brewers in the club. We started the year at TaxMan CityWay, followed by Garfield Park and Field Brewing. Next up we checked out Wabash in June, and the freshly opened Kismetic, followed by the State Fair Brewers' Cup Champs Flix Brewhouse. Then we had the Indy Eleven Tailgate Pub Night, the only pub night where homebrew can be shared, and managed to take back the I-65 trophy from Louisville. Finally, our most recent pub night at Deviate Brewing was very well attended and we were given samples of their anniversary beer as well. Watch your email or Facebook for news concerning November's pub night, and as always December will be on the 21st at Broad Ripple Brewpub.

Cheers,



Jake Keefer





# **SPEAKER SERIES- Andrew Korty**

The FBI now has its own private Discord! Discord is a private chat server with more features, fewer limitations, and no ads. The FBI Discord isn't meant as a replacement for the mailing list or the Facebook group. But it's much more interactive than either of those, and it allows members to interact a little more freely and frequently. Several members have liveblogged their brew days on the Discord (and yes, you can go back and look at these threads even if you weren't there at the time). We can do the same with events, beer tasting experiences, etc.

You can use Discord from the web or download the app to your computer or mobile device — whatever works best for you. Here's an invite link for the FBI server if you'd like to try it out:

# https://discord.gg/nw4zJSKaRg

Once you join, you'll be directed to an area called rules that contains some introductory information. Wait there until one of the admins can grant you access to all the other channels and discussions. (This approach is for security purposes, to keep random people from joining and causing trouble.)

Hope to see you all on the FBI Discord!



# FBI LOGO GEAR

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

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

Password: TritonFBI

# **COMMUNICATIONS- Jon Swain**

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

# **FBI** website:

https://foamblowers.com/newcal/

# **Google Calendar:**

foamblowers of indiana@gmail.com

Facebook: FoamBlowersofIndiana

Facebook Group

You can also find us on our **YouTube Channel:** FoamBlowersHomeBrewClub

As a member of Foam Blowers google group, you also have access to a shared folder named **FBI Members** on your Google drive this folder contains Meeting Minutes, Bylaws, Newsletters and other files. If you are unable access any of these resources, please contact the FBI board so we can assist.



Jon Swain