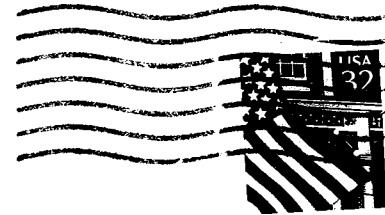
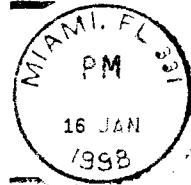


The Battle for the Coconut Cup

February 21st, 1998 Firehouse Brewery

- What:** This is a competition between members of FLAB (Fort Lauderdale Area Brewers), MASH (Miami Area Society of Homebrewers), and any Monroe County independent homebrewers ('cause we don't know if there's a club in the Keys) limited to a few select categories (see *Categories* below)
- When:** Saturday, February 21st, 1998. Entries accepted from 9:00am to 11:00am, judging starts at 12:00 noon, awards announced at 3:00pm. **Do not mail your entry** to the Firehouse. Ask your club representative, Jeff Jones at FLAB and Richard Pushaw at MASH, about entering your beer if you cannot bring them in yourself.
- Where:** Firehouse Brewery, 7902 NW 64th St., Miami, FL, located just west of the Palmetto Expressway and a few blocks north of the 58th St. exit.
- Categories:**
- 1: Pale Ales — Categories 5a, 5b, and 6a
 - 2: Porter/Stout — Categories 9a, 9b, 11a, 11b, 11c, 11d, and 11e
 - 3: Wheat — Categories 6c, 19a, 19b, 19c, and 19d
- Rules:** Each entry is \$2.00. Two bottles of beer are required. Each entry shall include a regular AHA form (name, club, category, etc.) and the bottles should have no markings on them (AHA rules). Each beer will be judged according to the category it was entered in. Wrong category, bad score. The beer awarded the highest total points in each of the three categories (1: Pale Ales; 2: Porter/Stout; 3: Wheat) shall be judged the winner and will be awarded 3 points. second place shall receive 2 points, and third shall receive 1 point. In addition, one of the three top beers shall be awarded Best of Show and receive an additional 3 points. The club winning the most points shall receive custody of the *Coconut Cup* until the next *Battle for the Coconut Cup* is held. All Rules are subject to change.

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FLAB STEALS 1st COCONUT CUP!

MASH Limited to 3 3rds

Mark Osowski, a member of Fort Lauderdale Area Brewers, was the big winner in the 1st Annual Coconut Cup Homebrew Competition. Not only did Mark win a first place in the Pale Ale category and a second in the Porter/Sout category, he also claimed the *Best of Show* award.

Hosted this year by the Miami Area Society of Homebrewers at the Firehouse Brewery in Miami the winners were:

Wheat Beers

- 1- Bill Julson & Bill Schnackenberg, (FLAB)
- 2- J-P-S (FLAB)
- 3- Darryl Hickey (MASH)

Pale Ales

- 1-Mark Osowski (FLAB)
- 2- John King (FLAB)
- 3- Mark Swenson (MASH)

Porter Stouts

- 1- Robert Gordash(FLAB)
- 2- Mark Osowski (FLAB)
- 3- F&G (MASH)

Thanks to all those who helped out with during the event, and especially to the Firehouse Brewing Company for donating their time and space for this event.

To even dream of beer was significant enough that by the 19th Dynasty (1306 B.C.), an entire volume appeared explaining the meaning of beer-dream symbols.

When he dreams of sweet beer, he will become happy.

When he dreams of bakery beer, he will live.

When he dreams of cellar beer, he shall have security.



President's Note

As you'll notice in other parts of this newsletter, our meeting place this month is the Thai Orchid Restaurant and Brewpub. Unfortunately, John hasn't been brewing at this location since the sale of the other location. But he is selling other beers as well as wine and liquor. We've decided to go back to the Thai Orchid because it has the quiet second floor where we can have our meetings with an educational program, something we've been lacking at other meetings. If you plan on having dinner, please allow enough time to eat downstairs in the dinning area before the meeting (its difficult on the waiters/waitresses to be shuttling between their regular diners and us upstairs).

Congratulations to all those who helped out at the Coconut Cup. Everything went pretty smooth for our first time around. FLAB will be hosting the Coconut Cup next year, not because they won it this year, but because we will be rotating it. The event was also written up in the *New Times* magazine a few weeks ago. As most stories written in the *New Times*, it had a few embarrassing misquotes, a important name or two incorrect, and a slightly negative tone. Such is life! I'm sure many more people know we exist now than before and I think that is important to our survival and long term growth.

Let me know what you think and what you want the club to be,
Richard

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Homebrewers Flea Market

Independence Brewery has set aside some space for a "flea market" of homebrewers supplies and equipment during the upcoming Coconut Cup

Calendar

February 24 General Meeting, Thai Orchid
February 27 Coconut Cup, Independence Brewery
March 31 General Meeting, TBA

February 24th Meeting

7:30 p.m.
Thai Orchid Restaurant
317 Miracle Mile, Coral Gables, FL

Visit us at

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Opening Soon

Titanic Brewery
5813 Ponce de Leon Blvd
Coral Gables, FL
305-667-ALES
<http://www.titanicbrewery.com>

Competitions

Brew of the Month

February – English Style (Special) Best Bitter (7b)
March – Belgian Style Flanders Brown/oud Bruin (2a)
April – American Style Lager/Ale or Cream Ale (16c)
May – German Style Helles Bock/Maibock
June – American Style Pilsner (15c)
July – German Style Dunkelweizen (19c)
August – Sparkling Traditional Mead (25a)
September – Vienna Style Lager (17a)
October – English Style Dark Mild (4b)
November – Imperial Stout (11e)
December – Classic Style Herb and Spice Beer (22b)

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Coconut Cup

Now scheduled for February 27th, the **2nd Annual Coconut Cup Homebrew Competition** will be hosted by FLAB at the Independence Day Brewery in Fort Lauderdale. Brews must be submitted by 11:30a.m. the day of the event. Judging will start at noon and awards should be at 2:30 or so. There is a \$2.00 entry fee per beer (2 bottles, AHA bottle rules). The four categories are:

4d American Brown Ale
9b Robust Porter
17b Marzen/Oktobfest
18a Kolsch

Members who place (1st, 2nd, or 3rd) in any category will receive 5 points towards the *Homebrewer of the Year Award*.

1999 Homebrewer of the Year Points

F&G – 11 Richard Pushaw - 2
Joe Berryman - 3 Mark Swensom - 2

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March 31	General Meeting, Thai Orchid
April 1	Titanic Grand Opening, 6pm
April 14	Board Meeting
April 25	FLAB Picnic
April 28	General Meeting, Thai Orchid
May 1	Nat'l Home Brewers Day Picnic Toast at 2:00pm EST

March 31st Meeting

7:30 p.m.
Thai Orchid Restaurant
317 Miracle Mile, Coral Gables, FL

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English Special Bitters

Richard Pushaw

6.6 lb. Light Malt extract
1 lb. Pale 2 Row
1 lb. Crystal Malt 60° L
3/4 oz Chinook Hops (pellets) , 60 min
2 oz Cascade Hops (pellets) 10min.
1 tsp Irish Moss
Wyeast - 1056 starter

Steep grains at 160° in 1 gal water for 40 min.
Sparge with 170° water.
Ferment at 68° for 10 days. Keg.

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Joe Berryman - 13	Mark Swenson - 7
Steve Knauf - 1	Scott Ross - 5

Don't abuse alcohol . Don't drink and drive.

Coconut Cup a Success

The 1999 Coconut Homebrew Competition, hosted by the Fort Lauderdale Area Brewers (better known as FLAB) was held at the Independence Brewery in Fort Lauderdale. Although the FLABers won the Club Trophy with 16 points, MASH finished a close second with 11 points.

MASH took two first places, two second places, and one third place, finishing just two points behind FLAB. FLAB then took Best of Show to secured the victory.. MASH' members entered 28 beers, FLAB entered 40 beers, and West Palm Beach entered 3 beers but scored no points.

The 71 beers entered surpassed the 52 beers entered last year and MASH's 11 points greatly increased this year; from the 3 points in 1998.

Congratulations to Joe Berryman (F&G, Scott Ross, and Mark Swenson for their fine effort.