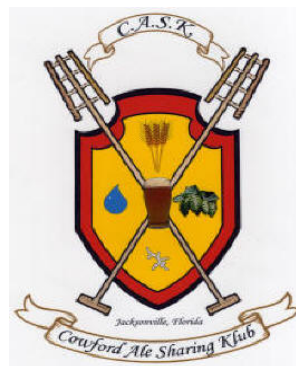


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<b>05:30</b>	<p><b>Registration for Interclub “Porter” Competition Began.</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Many members responded to CASK meeting agenda email requesting number of entries &amp; style being submitted. Thank you as this greatly assisted competition stewards in preparing and coordinating the judging.</li> </ul>
<b>05:40</b>	<p><b>Judges &amp; Stewards Gather for Judging Assignments</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Total of 9 judges and 2 stewards participated in Porter competition. Thank you all for donating your time and assistance!</li> </ul>
<b>06:00</b>	<p><b>InterClub Competition Judging Begins: Style = Porter</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Total of 14 entries. (4) Brown Porter, (7) Robust Porter, (3) Baltic Porter</li> </ul>
<b>06:01</b>	<p><b>Club Social Hour Began</b></p>
<b>07:10</b>	<p><b>CASK Meeting Called to Order (Jim)</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Welcome and Introductions</li> <li>• BJCP Region Election in April</li> <li>• Ron Bach, our current representative, not running for office. Recommending we endorse Phil Farrell. Voting will be in April.</li> <li>• AHA Representative Elections by March 31<sup>st</sup></li> <li>• 2008 AHA Governing Committee Election is at hand. Our current representative, Mark Tumarkin from Gainesville’s HogTown Brewers club, is up for re-election as our regional representative.</li> <li>• Please take the time to vote by going to the AHA Website by clicking the following link and follow the voting instructions. <a href="http://www.beertown.org/homebrewing/election.html">http://www.beertown.org/homebrewing/election.html</a></li> </ul>

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- BJCP Exam in Tampa Sunday March 30<sup>th</sup> 11am-3pm
- Please let Jim Predragovich know at [president@thecask.org](mailto:president@thecask.org) if you are going to take the exam so he can communicate the number of CASK attendees to Jeff Gladish the BJCP exam coordinator. This is to ensure Jeff has enough beer for the exam's tasting portion.
- Sign-In Sheet for members
- Your club needs you. Please indicate your interest, comments, suggestions, feedback regarding CASK activities.
- Congratulations to CASK member Mike Lentz who has achieved the rank of "National" BJCP Judge.
- Florida Homebrew Circuit "CASK Competition" Underway
- We need a name for our competition. Please submit your ideas either via the CASK Forum at <http://caskforum.thecask.org/> or via email to [president@thecask.org](mailto:president@thecask.org) . We would like to be in a position to select a name for our competition within the next 10 days.
- We need to determine the location for our Competition. Considerations include a venue that can handle the judging and an Awards banquet perspective. Doesn't necessarily need to be the same location to handle both. LOCATION, LOCATION, and LOCATION is our next step.
  - St Augustine was discussed as potentially the place to find a location as St Augustine is a natural destination place that would help with to attract more participants and judges. Several venues are under consideration
  - A warehouse was volunteered as a location for holding the judging portion of the CASK comp
  - UNF was suggested and is being investigated as a location
  - Members, we need your help with offering Comp Event location suggestions
- We need to plan and prepare to handle a comp with potentially 300-400 entries. This requires a lot of assistance from the members.
  - From a Florida Homebrewers Circuit schedule perspective, there is a big gap between AHA National Homebrew Competition/HogTown BrewOff competition time (May & June) to when our Comp (End August) will be held.
  - This gap in time may provide opportunity for Florida Clubs to have lots of

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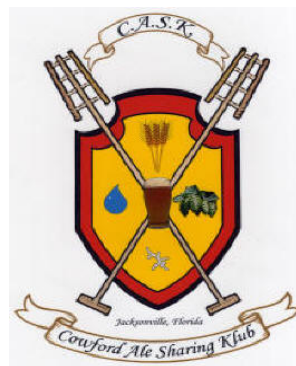
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	<p>entries for us plus we will be 4 -6 months before Commander SAAZ competition.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- A location with preexisting large cooler(s) would be a bonus. If our comp receives 300 entries then that equates to 900 beer bottles</li> <li>- Discussions held on arranging for a “Cooler Truck”. Walter will pursue his Champion Brand distributor about a truck</li> </ul> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• HogTown BrewOff (May 17<sup>th</sup>), is welcoming us to participate as much as possible for a learning experience. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Let’s see as many people as possible go to Gainesville to see a competition being run. At a minimum, please attend as a participant in the fun events.</li> <li>- Volunteers for judges and stewards. If we have a good turn out there they will help us out and have a good turn out here for our comp</li> <li>- We are requesting that members enter as many beers as possible into the HogTown BrewOff. Members do not need to ship their entries, either drop them off at Homebrew Shop or bring them to April CASK meeting.</li> <li>- For members who win medals at HogTown, the club will reimburse the winner’s entry fee for their winning beer(s)</li> </ul> </li> <li>• Results from Attending Florida Brewer’s League (Homebrew Comp Circuit) Meeting</li> <li>• CASK was voted unanimously to be accepted</li> <li>• Florida Competitions are getting big. 315 entries in Miami’s Coconut Cup and 350 in Tampa’s Best Florida Beer Championships.</li> <li>• HogTown Brewers are giving a prize to the club that accumulates the most judging points (points for judge participation) at Florida competitions other than there own. CASK currently has 2 points toward the judge point’s award. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Walter Rasco judged at Coconut Cup</li> <li>- Jim Predragovich judged at Best Florida Beer</li> <li>- We need CASK to have a large turnout at HogTown</li> </ul> </li> </ul>
	<p><b>Bourbon Oak Barrel Project (Dave)</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Update on current barrel (Russian Imperial Stout) status and plans</li> <li>• Has aged 3 months in barrel to date and seems about perfect. Plan is to transfer into cornie kegs then refill barrel with Scotch Ale brew</li> </ul>

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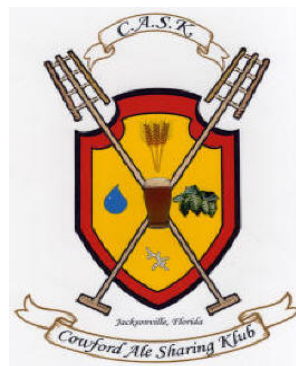
- 15 gallons of RIS are planned for sharing at the National Homebrew Conference
- Planning on having some of the RIS barrel available for sampling at the BigBrew (May 3rd)
- The RIS will be served as part of the upcoming Seven Bridges Food-Beer Pairing dinner (April 5)
- Update on current barrel (Scotch Ale) status and plans
- Most participants have already brewed the scotch ale and have it fermenting now
- More barrel participants are wanted. Just brew the Scotch Ale recipe by 3/15 so that it has time to ferment prior to the barrel selection & filling day (4/5)
- Walter reported that he still have Scotch Ale kits available. Just contact him at the Homebrew shop 904-381-1983 <http://justbrewitjax.com/>
- Planning underway for determining the beer style and dates to fill our 2<sup>nd</sup> barrel. Stay tuned to the [CASK Forum](#) for updates.

## **National Homebrew Conference is June 19th –21st**

- NHC Attendees
- Currently by show of hands, 7 members planning on attending.
- Several members driving to Cincinnati. Some members may want to split cost of driving to Cincinnati
- Some members may want to split a room to save \$\$ in Cincinnati
- NHC Club Night & Hospitality Suite
- Club will have booth to serving CASK brews at NHC Club Night
- CASK undecided at current time regarding participation in NHC Hospitality Suite

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- Walter is driving to NHC and volunteered to transport all CASK beer to Cincinnati. Estimate minimum 15-20 five-gallon cornie kegs
- Portable CASK Bar...thoughts?
- Membership asked about constructing a portable bar for CASK events. A bar that can easily be transported which will be used to serve and showcase CASK homebrews
- A decision was made to hold a “contest” for a CASK Bar design. Please submit your ideas to [vice\\_president@thecask.org](mailto:vice_president@thecask.org) or use the [CASK Forum](#) and attach your ideas to a posting.
- Folio Beer Festival (July) – CASK participation. Thoughts?
- CASK participation in the Folio Beer Festival by hosting a booth or participating in a booth with Just Brew It is a great way of getting exposure for the CASK Homebrew Club
- Other Festivals where beer is served would be good opportunities for CASK Homebrew Club exposure include:
  - Irish Festival
  - Scottish Highland Games Festival
  - Home & Patio Show
- Members: Please offer any ideas or suggestions for opportunities to provide more exposure for the CASK Homebrew Club

## **Announcements & Reminders (Marshall)**

- Announce Results of Tonight’s Interclub Competition – Perfect Porter Challenge
- A huge thanks to Judges David Poquette, Marshall Crews, Mitch Parrish, Peggy Parrish, Keith Oulson, Steve Cambell, Eric Eggenburg, Mark Olschner, Jason Wyatt, Ed Centanni and to Stewards Walter Rasco & Sherri Crews

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- Congratulations to Porter Challenge competition winners
  - 3rd Jack Geigo – Robust Porter
  - 2nd Jim Predragovich – Robust Porter
  - 1st Lucas Kluz – Baltic Porter
- Upcoming CASK Interclub Competition Styles:
- Reminder to all members: You are encouraged to drop off CASK Interclub competition entries in advance at the Homebrew shop. This will help us prepare in advance and better coordinate the competitions at the meetings
  - April 2008: Extract Beers
    - Beers submitted must have minimum 50% extract
  - May 2008: Open for all styles
  - June 2008: Open for all styles
  - July 2008: MEAD
    - Plenty of time to get a Mead ready for July competition
- Remind Members of Upcoming Florida Homebrew Circuit Competitions
  - Coconut Cup Comp - Miami – CASK results
    - Congrats to Marshall Crews for 3rd place Bronze for Vegetable Pepper Beer
  - Best Fl Beer Comp - Tampa – CASK results
    - Congrats to Walter Rasco for 3rd place Bronze for English Northern Brown Ale
  - Peach State Comp – Atlanta – CASK results
    - Congrats to Michael Payne for 1st place Gold for Belgian Saison and a 2<sup>nd</sup> place Silver for Belgian Specialty Ale
  - National Homebrew Competition – Raleigh NC – 3/31-4/11 entries due
  - HogTown BrewOff – Gainesville – 4/28 – 5/9 entries due
    - We like to see a big showing from CASK members with many entries at the HogTown BrewOff.
    - Plan and prepare your entries now. Entries can be dropped off at the Homebrew shop or bring your HogTown entries to the next CASK meeting
- Samuel Adams “LongShot” Homebrew Contest due 5/1.
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- Extended Stay America across the street. \$55 per night
- Cheap Flights Available from SkyBus from St. Augustine to Columbus, OH. Go to [Skybus.com](http://Skybus.com) for additional info.
- Many members driving to Cincinnati

## **CASK Financials (Keith)**

### • CASK Financial Report

February 2008

beginning balance \$3,452.28  
    expenses \$ 150.89  
    revenue \$ 614.13  
ending balance \$3,915.52

### • Email reminder to Members with Dues Renewal

• Members can expect a friendly email reminder when their dues are within 30-30 days of renewing

• Members are encouraged to renew via PayPal from CASK website

### • Fund Raising

• Looking for ideas from members to assist your club in raising additional funds to pay for CASK club events and activities

• Beer glasses with CASK logo will be ordered for sale to members and others. Let Keith know at [treasurer@thecask.org](mailto:treasurer@thecask.org) so we can get count of how many members are ready to purchase

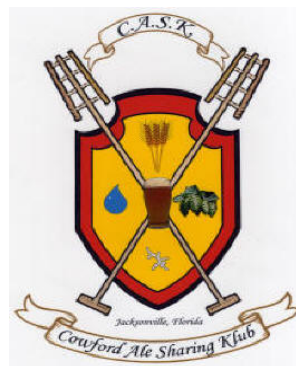
• Discussion of holding a CASK Garage sale where members would bring in / donate items for sale with the proceeds going to the club

### • Other

• CASK has finalized its 501C Tax Deferred status. This allows the club to be exempt from paying income taxes. Reminder to members that your annual dues are NOT tax deductible. Please check with your own tax advisor if you have questions.

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## **CASK EVENTS**

- Beer-Food Pairing with Seven Bridges
- Seven Bridges Beer-Food Pairing currently scheduled for Saturday April 5<sup>th</sup>
- A 5-course meal with each course paired with an appropriate style of beer (3 of Eric's Seven Bridges beers, 2 from Gordon-Biersch (Seven Bridges corporate owner) and rumor has it the barrel aged Russian Imperial Stout will make an appearance. The menu will be finalized 3/18 with price yet to be determined (estimate \$35-\$40 plus tip for wait staff)
- Seven Bridges is planning for 30 seats. 10 seats have already been reserved so please, if you are interested, please let Keith know at [treasurer@thecask.org](mailto:treasurer@thecask.org)
- Cowford & Savannah Brew Clubs Get-Together - 4/18 & 19 (Peggy)
- Two events planned, Beer Dinner Friday (4/18) in Brunswick, gathering Saturday on St. Simons Island (4/19), anyone interested can go to either, or both.
- **Beer Dinner** hosted by [Cargo Portside Grill](#) in Brunswick, GA tentatively 7:30pm on Friday April 18<sup>th</sup>
  - Consists of a five-course meal with each course paired with and appropriate style of beer for the dish. Estimated \$65-\$75 per seat (still finalizing cost)
  - Hotel in Brunswick, Country Hearth Inn & Suites, arranged under a CASK group rate at \$49 per night. Transportation between hotel & event being arranged at \$10 per person. For more information, go to the CASK Forum at <http://www.thecask.org/phpBB3/viewtopic.php?f=12&t=76> and review the attached document that includes the menu and other information
- **Homebrew Clubs Gathering** at [Southern Soul BBQ](#) on St. Simons Island at Southern Soul's Hideaway (8 rotating taps of our kind of beer) on late Saturday afternoon April 19<sup>th</sup> 5:00ish till late
  - Cowford Ale Sharing Klub and Savannah Brewing League Club will bring homebrew to share together
  - Live music Bluegrass-Folk-Acoustic

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- Big Brew – Saturday May 3<sup>rd</sup>
- Bob Emery is the 2008 Big Brew coordinator for CASK
- Ken will confirm with landlord that CASK can brew as usual in from of [Just Brew It Homebrew Shop](#)
- Big Brew is great fun and camaraderie. Also a learning opportunity for new brewers to witness different brewing options (extract, partial mash & all-grain) or seasoned extract brewers looking to learn more about all-grain brewing

## **CASK EDUCATION**

- [BJCP Education Info Keith Oulson](#)
- Keith addressed Judges prior to start of Interklub competition regarding the judging process
- [Recipe design – Ed Centanni](#)
- An extremely informative presentation with reference handout on beer recipe design. Big thanks to Ed for creating and presenting this useful information for brewers of all experience levels!

## **Open Floor for Members to Offer New Ideas, Commentary, Suggestions and Other Items of Interest for CASK**

- Joe Cruz is offering his welding services for CASK members. Joe can assist with brewing sculpture design, pump layout & flow rate, etc. Joe can be contacted at [honormarine@yahoo.com](mailto:honormarine@yahoo.com) for any questions.

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- Just Brew It Homebrew Shop update: Walter Rasco
  - Received some new beers from Rogue and Boulder Beer
  - Hop rhizomes should arrive this week. Please contact Walter at [info@justbrewitjax.com](mailto:info@justbrewitjax.com) for any extras.
  - Internet sales are up and running via the [Just Brew It Jax](http://JustBrewItJax.com) website. When using the website to order, please contact Walter to receive your club discount. Just Brew It will be working on modifying the online sales to properly capture CASK member's discount.
  - For those members who currently don't belong to the American HomeBrewers Association (AHA) or those who need to renew their AHA membership, contact Walter

## **CASK Social Activities Resumed**

Reminder: CASK Resources  
CASK Forum at <http://caskforum.thecask.org>  
CASK Website <http://www.thecask.org>