

Local homebrewers take award-winning brew to the next level

A pair of Acushnet homebrewers spent a recent fall morning brewing their award winning India Pale Ale in a commercial brew system for the first time.

Scott Stalter and Jeremiah Katz of Ole' Buzzard Brewing spent a chilly Wednesday morning brewing alongside Paul Mulcahy, brewer and owner of Black Hat Brew Works in Bridgewater. The group won the opportunity to brew on Black Hat's one-barrel system after taking first place in the homebrew competition at the first annual South Shore Farmers Brew Fest this September at the brewery.

It was a change of pace for everyone involved. Ole' Buzzard typically brews on a system half the size inside Stalter's shed, while Mulcahy's system has only ever been used to brew his own beers.



The longtime friends have been brewing together for over five years and Katz said the brew day experience was “definitely a motivator” to get into a brick and mortar location and begin brewing more seriously.

The homebrewers are hopeful of opening up a brewery in Acushnet or Fairhaven under the name Acushnet River Brewing within the next year or two.

Both will get a little taste of what it’s like running a taproom when their IPA “Chug of Darkness” is served up at Black Hat for the public on December 9th and 10th. The 13 $\frac{1}{2}$ gallon batch brewed will yield two kegs, one for each night.

Food will be provided on Saturday the 10th by “Mom on the Go” food truck. The beer will be first come, first serve both days so get there early.

All proceeds from the beer will go toward the West Bridgewater Firefighter’s Association. Both Stalter and Katz are firefighters in Acushnet.

If you go:

Dec. 9th 4-8:30 p.m., Dec. 10th 1-7 p.m.

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