Acushnet Homebrewers Take First Place at Inaugural South Shore Farmers Brew Fest

A local homebrew club took home first place in the first annual South Shore Farmers Brew Fest this weekend.

Scott Stalter, Jeremiah Katz and Marcos Anello of Ole' Buzzard Brewing, based out of Acushnet, won the homebrew competition with their India Pale Ale giving them their second first place win this year.

Ten local breweries from across the South Shore were invited to participate and served up countless samples of beer to nearly 1,000 attendees.

"It's crazy!" said Stalter about the win. "We'd been shopping it around to everyone like, 'Here try this, you like this?' and everyone was like 'Oh my God I want some!'"

The South Shore Farmers Brew Fest was planned and hosted by

Black Hat Brew Works in West Bridgewater. Ten local breweries from across the South Shore were invited to participate and served up countless samples of beer to nearly 1,000 attendees.

For taking the top prize, Ole' Buzzard will have the opportunity to brew a batch of their winning recipe at Black Hat Brew Works to be served in their tap room. All proceeds from sales of the beer will go to a charity of the group's choosing.

All proceeds of Sunday's festival will be donated to charity. Half will be given to the Bridge Center which offers programming to individuals with disabilities and the other half will be split among Bridgewater's police and fire departments.

Along with Ole' Buzzard, the Southcoast was represented by Buzzards Bay Brewing and Berkley Beer Company while local food truck Fancheezical served up some tasty plates.

Paul Mulcahy, owner of Black Hat, said the idea of the event was to get local craft brewers together to shed some light on the work being done in the pocket south of Boston that is often overlooked when thinking about unique craft brews. It also gave the brewers a chance to hang out and talk shop with one another during the after-party.

"Every one of these brewers are awesome," Mulcahy said. "What we have going on on the South Shore is awesome."

Black Hat is also nearing its one year anniversary of operation, so the festival was also a way to celebrate the past year's success.

The brew fest featured great microbreweries that are within a short drive for any craft beer lover on the Southcoast:

- 10th District Brewing Company (Abington)
- Berkley Beer Company (Berkley)

- Black Hat Brew Works (W. Bridgewater)
- Bog Iron Brewing (Norton)
- Buzzards Bay Brewing (Westport)
- High Limb Hard Cider (Attleboro)
- Independent Fermentations Brewing (Plymouth)
- Mayflower Brewing Company (Plymouth)
- Old Colony Brewing (Whitman)
- Shoveltown Brewery (Easton)

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