



THE Northern Brewer

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The Prez Sez

by Peter Hall

This is an article of feast and of famine. There has been so much to feast upon this summer; hot days, bounty of fish, and very soon berries. Alas, this newsletter will be a bit short. Summer events are running a little thin as the days are now getting shorter again. We will very soon be right back into our new membership year and the list of events will stack right back up again.



All the warm days have made it a little difficult for me to brew. It feels funny to complain, even a little, about all the warm weather but I am biding my time for now. I'm thinking back to our last regular meeting with David Short, "The best thing you can do to improve your beer is control your fermentation temp." It went something like that. I still have a good stock on tap from a couple of spring brews and am looking forward to some home brewed IPA for National IPA Day.

I want to thank the Loughrey's for putting on our July BBQ at their beautiful hillside home. The sun was warm, the lake was glistening, the barbecue was hot, and the beers were cold. It was a great time. I always like to see the way the club gets together to share their food and beverages. Very soon we will all have an opportunity to do it again! Ira Edwards has offered to host us at his home on August 9 for our summer BBQ. He would like to host us from approximately 6:30 to 10:30 at 8800 Solar Drive, Anchorage, AK 99507.

Sorry to be the bearer of bad news, but the Anchor Town brew competition hit a little speed bump. Due to scheduling and coordination conflicts, the Anchor Town Invitational Home Brew Competition will be taking a leave of absence this year. But fear not, it will be back and better than ever next year. I very much appreciate your understanding.

Congratulations to Aaron Christ for winning Best of Show at the E.T. Barnette Homebrew Competition. He won with a chocolate doppelbock. The GNBC has been well represented for a number of out of town competitions now. Thanks to all the great brewers who head out to represent us (and maybe take a prize or two) at these competitions. Coming up very soon is the Valdez homebrew competition. They tend to reward their winners quite handsomely. I know that Valdez would be happy to welcome all who would like to attend. If you are however unable to make it in person, I'm sure that there will be opportunities to get your entries down there. I will update everyone as information becomes available.

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Also coming up before long is the Alaska Meadery Equinox competition on September 21st. There are a number of great meads that I have had the opportunity to sample from within the club. Here is the time to really evaluate your wares and show off your skills. So get those nicely aged meads out of whatever cool dark place you have them stored and get them entered.

The Craigs are again in a welcoming mood. John and Rose Craig have invited the club out to their Talkeetna property for Labor Day Weekend. Check out the article below for all the important details.

Last, but certainly not least, it's renewal time! The 2012-2013 membership year is coming to a close. Make post haste over to our website and get signed up for another fun filled and educational year with the GNBC! Thanks for everyone for their participation with the club. I look forward to seeing everyone at our next meeting. Keep your brews hot and beers cold. Prez Peter



Secretary's Corner

Kat Karabelnikoff

Is this summer for real??? Ok, wow this has to have been the sunniest and nicest summer in the record books... well at least in my lifetime in Alaska! Which makes it a good time for cold brews and back decks for sure and it has been quite a busy summer for being outside, fishing, camping or for some of us that must remain inside to stay cool (or work) in this HEAT that we have been experiencing. I unfortunately missed out on the fun at the 4th of July in Talkeetna at Moose Snort Saloon and the Summer BBQ at the Loughrey's place but I would like to extend my gratitude and Thanks to the Craigs and the Loughreys for hosting such wonderful events and opening your places to the club and our members. We couldn't do without are awesome members that contribute to the Club in many ways! Much thanks to all! Here is what we have in store for what's coming up!

Our next scheduled regular monthly meeting is September 17th, 2013. However we do still have a few great events planned for the remaining summer month(s? maybe... if it stays like this).

Old Business:

Membership Dues:

Dues have increased as of May 1st, 2013:

\$30 for an Annual Membership

\$350 for a Lifetime Membership

Just a reminder for NEXT MONTH!!!! If you renew before September's meeting you will be able to pick up your membership card at the meeting and get 3 free raffle tickets.

Yes, It is August and that means we have one month left and then we are officially back to having a regular monthly meeting so please RENEW your memberships now and you can pick up your new card at the September meeting! Contact Ross our Membership Coordinator at gnbc.membership@gmail.com or go online our website to renew there: <http://www.greatnorthernbrewers.org/membership.html>

Rules of Conduct:

All GNBC Members have been asked to sign an updated Rules of Conduct form. Please contact Ross/Membership Coordinator for a form or you can obtain a Rules of Conduct form at our next GNBC meeting. This implementation will continue at each meeting for existing members.

We will have some new procedures for our events and meetings. Our monthly meeting will now have a designated start and ending time, as well as a last call to serve homebrew at 9pm. Lights out, closed up and a final walk through will be conducted at 9:45pm by a GNBC officer/ board member.

-GNBC Glasses for sale –

Glasses are available for purchase for \$5each contact us and we will get you some!

Events:

BBQ at Ira's House

When: August 9th

Time: 6:30p to 10:30p.

Ira has graciously offered to host the club at his home for a family friendly BBQ. See newsletter article for more details or contact Ira Edwards at rooster.skier@gmail.com

The 3rd annual Kenai Peninsula Beer Festival

August 10th August 10, 2013

Location: Soldotna Sports Center (538 Arena Drive)

Time: 5:00 - 10:00 p.m.

Cost: Tickets are \$30 which gets you a commemorative glass and eight 4 oz samples. Tickets may be purchased in advance at St. Elias Brewing Company, Kassik's Kenai Brew Stop and Kenai River Brewing Company or at the Sports Center the day of the event. Tickets may also be purchased in Anchorage at La Bodega or at the festival. Additional samples may be purchased at the event, 2 samples for \$3 or 12 for \$15.

EVENTS

Every First Thursday

Moose's Tooth First Tap

Every Friday

Midnight Sun Brewery Tours and

Brew Debut: 6:00 PM 344-1179

9.....GNBC Summer BBQ 6:30-10:30
Ira Edwards House

10.....Kenai Peninsula Beer Fest
Soldotna Sports Center
4-6 pm: \$20 pp

17.....Moose's Tooth 17th Anniversary
Party
Bear Tooth Theaterpub
6 pm: \$40pp

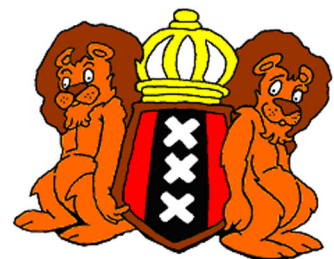
14.....Bodega-Fest 2:00-8:00 at
Cuddy Family Midtown Park
2-8 pm: \$25 pp

14.....Capital Brewfest 2013
Juneau Arts and Cultural Center
1-5 pm: \$30 pp

21.....5th Annual Equinox Mead Comp.

28.....Talkeetna Beer Festival
2-6 pm: Cost TBD

CAFE



AMSTERDAM

Description: A total of 16 breweries from throughout Alaska will be present with beers to sample. Live music will be provided by John Craggie, Yellow Cabin and Melissa Mitchell. Food will be available to purchase. Reduced Fare taxi service from the event is provided by AK Cab.

If you have any questions please contact Matthew Pyhala at matthew.pyhala@gmail.com. Additional information may also be found at: <http://www.facebook.com/KenaiPeninsulaBeerFestival>

Bodega-Fest - Anchorage, Alaska

September 14, 2013

Location: Cuddy Family Midtown Park (201 East 40th Avenue, Anchorage, Alaska)

Time: 2:00 - 8:00 p.m.

Cost: The cost is \$25.00 advance purchase (\$30 at the door) which includes admittance, a commemorative tasting glass and 15 sample tickets. Additional 10 sample tickets can be purchased for \$5.00.

Tickets are available online or at La Bodega in the Metro Mall (530 East Benson Boulevard) starting August 15th.

Description: There will be beer, mead and cider from Alaska, the Pacific Northwest and beyond available to sample. La Bodega's first ever beer, The Gladys Golden Ale, brewed in collaboration with Sleeping Lady Brewing Co., will be making it's first public appearance at Bodega-Fest! This event is a fundraiser for Alaska Public Media. Live music will be played all day from six different local bands. Strictly 21 and over. Good times and food will be available for purchase.

Miscellaneous

TAP (Training for Alcohol Professionals) Pre-registration is NOT required!

Upcoming TAPs classes held at CHARR's Charlie H. Selman Training Center located at 1503 W. 31st Avenue, Suite 101 Anchorage. Remember this is required if you plan to volunteer to steward at any fests or competitions or tastings this year.

Here's the latest schedule:

8/10	Saturday	11:00 am
8/13	Tuesday	5:30 pm
8/16	Friday	9:00 am
8/19	Monday	1:00 pm
8/23	Friday	9:00 am
8/27	Tuesday	5:30 pm
8/29	Thursday	1:00 pm
9/5	Thursday	1:00 pm
9/7	Saturday	11:00 am



Renewal certification is available at the CHARR office Monday through Friday 10:00am to 4:00pm.

Renewal testing is also available with proof of previous training following Saturday classes at 2:00pm

-Remember if you have ideas for educational segments or guest speakers, or beer/ homebrew related events feel free to post them on our Facebook page or contact me at kkarabelnikoff@gmail.com or for those who need to speak with me if you don't use e-mail or what not please call me (907) 947-7393 or I can get you in touch with any one of our board members or officers. All e-mail contact info can be found on the club's webpage and in each newsletter. Thanks for reading, hope to see you at some if not all of the great summer events and keep brewing!

2013 Homebrewer of The Year Categories

Fur Rendezvous HBC

- Category 3
- Category 5
- Category 14
- Category 19
- Category 23

Snow Goose HBC

- Category 2
- Category 7
- Category 8
- Category 15
- Category 21
- Category 22

Anchor Town HBC

- Category 1
- Category 6
- Category 9
- Category 11
- Category 12
- Category 17

Equinox Mead HBC

- Category 24
- Category 25
- Category 26
- Category 27
- Category 28

Humpy's Big Fish HBC

- Category 4
- Category 10
- Category 13
- Category 16
- Category 18
- Category 20



GNBC August BBQ

by Ira Edwards

There will be another BBQ scheduled for this summer. I have volunteered once again to host the event at my house this year. Families are welcome, as long as you don't let the kids feed my dogs too much beer... I know I've been getting out a lot this summer, so let's see what goods from the earth and water people have gathered up and want to cook... Any updated details can be found on our GNBC Facebook page. Bring your favorite dish, homebrew, and enjoy the company!

So here are the (CURRENT) details:

When: Friday, August 9th from 6:30pm to 11pm-ish. I have been told that "someone" will turn into a pumpkin after Midnight, so I have to get everyone out before that. Plus we need the weekend to go play...

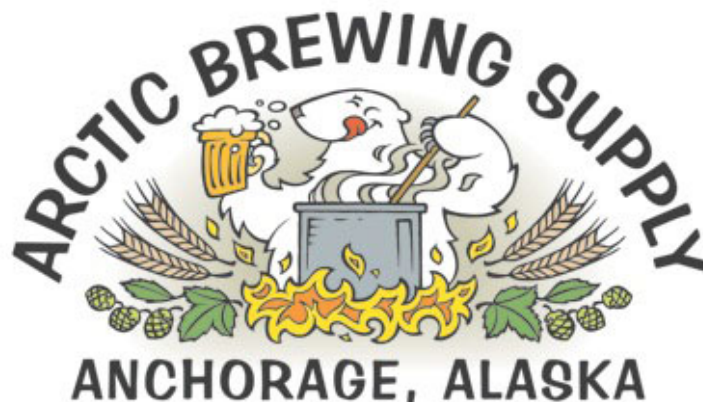
Where: Ira Edwards' home on 8800 Solar Drive, Anchorage, AK 99507 (put it into Google maps...) we have a big parking lot and wide circular driveway, but if you need to park on the street, please be courteous of our neighbors.

What: The Annual GNBC August BBQ, of course. There will be a grill to cook things on and some tables to place things on. If the weather turns, I have a pop-up tent to put out in the yard to keep the food safe and a house/garage to store people in. I also have a fire pit and a dwindling pile of old rotten wood, so prepare to sit around and chill out or do S'mores for the kids (young and old). If you also have some old wood, bring an armload!

Things to bring: BEER (or Mead, Cider, and Wine) to share, something for the grill, a side dish, bug spray (they have definitely come out due to awesome weather this summer!), and camp chairs to sit around the fire or in the yard.

If you have any questions or get lost on the way there, feel free to give me a call at 440-9112

Cheers!



Sud's Corner

by John & Rose Craig

Howdy, We had a super great weekend this 4th of July with members of our homebrew club. Rose and I would like to do the same this Labor Day weekend, to celebrate the labor of drinking beer. It's been a great summer with tons of sunshine and hope it will last until Thanksgiving. So come up to our cabin on the top of Yoder Hill and we can get wild and crazy or whatever turns you on in the woods. We also have a shuttle van from the cabin to Talkeetna for some beers and food. Also we have lots of tent space and room for campers and motorhomes on a first come first serve. Oh, and there is more space down the road if needed.



We will be at the cabin Friday evening through Monday please join us!

Here are directions to the cabin:

Take the Parks Hwy to Talkeetna Spur Rd. and Turn RIGHT,
Follow Spur Road to Mile 3 Turn RIGHT onto Yoder Road,
Follow Yoder Road for until you cross Montana Creek/Bridge
Continue for 2-3 miles to the Top of Yoder hill

Then Yodel really LOUD!

Then turn RIGHT on to S. Southfork Road we are a 1 ¼ miles down the road to the Moose Snort Saloon & Beer Garden (see map, next page)

Hope to see you there!

-Enjoy Suds



Fifth Annual Equinox Competition — Meads and Ciders!!!!

by Breck Tostevin, M.B.

I am proud to announce the Sixth Annual Alaska Meadery Equinox Competition is Saturday, September 21. Open to meads and ciders. Get those entries ready!

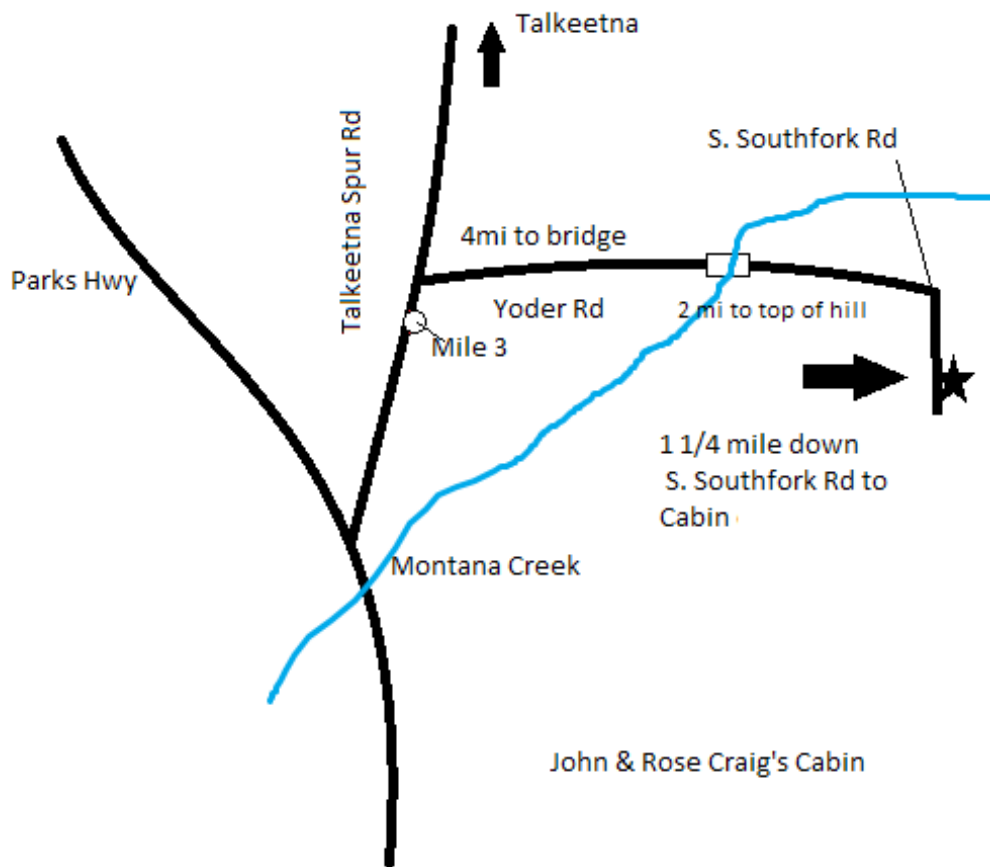
Entries will be accepted at Celestial Meads/Alaska Meadery on Friday, September 20 from 5:30-7:30 pm. Please bring two 10 to 14 oz bottles or one 750 ml bottle and an AHA/BJCP recipe entry form for each entry. You can find the form on the AHA or BJCP webpage. Entries shipped from out of town must arrive at Celestial Meads, 600 W. 58th Ave., Suite B, Anchorage 99518 by Wednesday, Sept. 18th.

You can enter more than one mead or cider per subcategory. The Equinox Competition is an official Brewer of the Year Event. The Best of Show entry may be made by Celestial Meads – The Alaska Meadery or the Alaska Cider Company as deemed appropriate by Meadmaster Mike Kiker.

We need judges and stewards. If you are interested in learning the differences in judging mead and cider, or you are simply a mead or cider lover, this is the event for you. We can team inexperienced judges up with more experienced judges. If you are interested in judging, please send me an email.

Judging will be held at Celestial Meads, 600 W. 58th Ave., Suite B, in Anchorage from 10:30 am to 3 p.m. on Saturday, September 29. Please contact Breck at 884-1819 or keegan@gci.net for more information.

Map To John and Rose Craig's Cabin Moose Snort Saloon and Beer Garden Labor Day Weekend Event



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