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The Prez Sez

by Peter Hall

Oh, sunny days! I have been taking it all in while I can. The occasional rain shower can't bring me down now. I have gotten a solid dose of Alaska sunshine and can be easily thankful for whatever else comes this summer. There have been a few fun activities, but as usual this will be a little shorter newsletter. Summer has everyone fanning out in different directions, so the club slows down a little. Even if we do slow down it is still plenty to keep up with.



A few weeks ago, a team of GNBC members and their friends made it out to The Run for Women. It turned into a bit of a last minute collection of folks, but I'm very happy that the GNBC was still represented by the Brewbies. Thank you Ladies for going out and helping the GNBC look good. Coming up very soon will be The Run for Men. This run is open to men and women alike and will be on July 20. Check out <http://www.ustooak.com/mensrun/index.html> and come hang out with the Beer Nutz. Events like these are a ton of fun and represent the GNBC well. We are a great group of people and I like that we can show that off from time to time. If you have questions about joining in, contact me at president@greatnorthernbrewers.com

Coming up very soon is the GNBC Summer BBQ. The Loughreys have been amazing hosts for the last few years and have invited us back for another fun evening at their hillside home. There is a newsletter article below with all the details and I'm sure that y'all have seen an email or two about it also.

Keep an eye out for notifications on upcoming events. We will have another gathering in August and there will be Anchortown homebrew competition sometime in August or September. I don't have dates set quite yet but expect to hear from me soon.

I can sympathize with a busy summer and lack of interest in writing a newsletter article. Pressing as it may be, I would be overjoyed to receive an article from anybody that would like to send me one. I ask for submissions directly from the Board but I would also like to request articles from the rest of the club. I am really not picky; a beer recipe (brewing or cooking), beer related travels, beer experimentation, beer projects. It doesn't even really need to be directly related to beer. It would just ideally be something that members can relate to or want to join in with. We are a diverse

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bunch, so that leaves things pretty wide open. I try to be witty and conversational, but I really need help keeping this newsletter interesting. So, Help Me! Thanks!

I hope everyone is enjoying their summer and that the GNBC might also be contributing to their fun. Come out and join in and I'm sure we can all have a great time. Until next time...

Keep your brews hot and beers cold

Prez Peter



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Secretary's Corner

by Kat Karabelnikoff

I can at least say (and mean) WOW, what a summer we have had so far! It is amazing Mother Nature gave us snow in late May and now we have a record breaking of 17 consecutive days over 70 and some of those days were into the 80's for June. This is perfect beer drinking weather If you ask me. Let's hope July will continue this trend at least a little bit. It isn't often we have such nice weather during the summer, but I'm glad to get to enjoy/ suffer though it.

The annual GNBC Summer Camp Out was a blast and this year. I actually got to "rough it" in a RV, wow was that tough and the sun was shining. I think I got lucky because we didn't get eaten alive by mosquitos either. The Trail River campground was such a great place to hang out and drink brews, play games, or horse shoes or grill out. It was quite entertaining to sit by the campfire and enjoy the group discussions, homebrews and well some things (or jokes) that happen at the camp fire (you just had to be there) and well I think I have said enough about that, but I'm already looking forward to next year's campout for sure.





Our next scheduled regular monthly meeting is September 17th, 2013. However we do have some great events planned thought the summer months.

Old Business:

Membership Dues:

Dues have increased as of May 1st, 2013:
 \$30 for an Annual Membership
 \$350 for a Lifetime Membership

(New) 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.

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 –

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



Events:

The GNBC summer picnic at the Laughrey’s is set for July 9
 More details to come, check your email for more information or contact a GNBC officer to details. There’s an article about it later in this news-letter.

2013 Golden Days Beer Fest - Fox, Alaska

EVENTS

Every First Thursday
 Moose’s Tooth First Tap

Every Friday
 Midnight Sun Brewery Tours and
 Brew Debut: 6:00 PM 344-1179

09.....GNBC Summer Picnic
 Loughrey’s House
 6 pm - ??

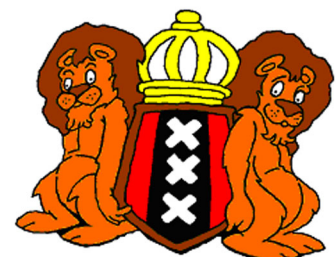
13.....Golden Days Beer Festival
 Fairbanks
 3-10 PM: \$20 pp

20.....E.T. Barnette Homebrew
 Competition
 Silver Gulch Brewing Company
 10:00 AM

2-3.....49th State Brewing Company
 Augtoberfest
 \$30 pp - 2 Day Pass

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

CAFE



AMSTERDAM

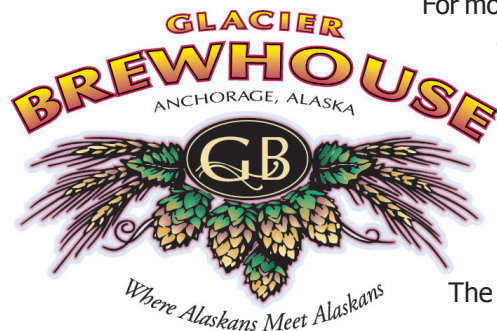
When: July 13, 2013

Location: Silver Gulch Brewing and Bottling Company's Beer Garden (2195 Old Steese Highway)

Time: 3:00 - 10:00 p.m.

Cost: The cost is \$20.00 which gets you a total of 10 samples and a tasting glass. Tickets may be purchased in advance at Silver Gulch's retail store or at the gate on July 13. - Note that the cost and number of tickets one receives has not been confirmed and is based upon last year's event. This page (<http://www.mosquitobytes.com/Den/Beer/Events/Events.html>) will be updated when that information is available. This note will be removed when the information is updated or confirmed.

Description: There will be over 150 beers available for sampling. Note that multiple tickets may be required to sample some of the rare or harder to find beers. Food will be available to purchase.



For more information contact Silver Gulch at (907) 452-2739.

E.T. Barnette Homebrew Competition - Fox, Alaska

July 20, 2013

This is an AHA/BJCP sanctioned competition.

The Grand Prize for Best of Show is \$500!

Prizes will also be awarded for 1st, 2nd & 3rd places.

Entry Fee: Please include a check or money order for \$5.00 per entry. Checks or money orders should be made out to Scott Stihler.

Number of bottles required: Three 12-16 oz. brown or green bottles per entry. Crown topped bottles are preferred but flip-top (i.e. Grolsch type bottles) are okay. The bottles should be free of any ink, paint or labels. Entries with labels will be disqualified and the corresponding entry fees will be considered donations to the prize fund! Entries will be accepted: June 24 to July 17, 2013 at 5:00 p.m. - No Exceptions!

Judging will take place on Saturday, July 20th at the Silver Gulch Brewing and Bottling Company located in Fox, Alaska (a small mining community ~11 miles north of Fairbanks).

Starting at about 10:00 a.m. The seven judged categories will be: European Amber Lager (3A-B), English Pale Ale (8A-C), American Ale (10A-C), Porter (12A-C), Stout (13A-F), India Pale Ale (14A-C), and Fruit/Spice/Herb/Vegetable Beer (20 & 21A)



Palmer, Alaska

Note that depending upon the number of entries in each of the seven categories it may be necessary to consolidate two underrepresented categories or subcategories into a single one.



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

Entry Shipping: Entries should be shipped by FedEx, UPS etc. to the following address:

ETBHC

c/o Silver Gulch Brewing and Bottling Company

2195 Old Steese Highway

Fox, Alaska 99712

(907) 452-2739

There is no mail delivery to the above address! Items mailed to that address go to a post office not frequented by the folks at Silver Gulch. Aside from the legalities (or lack thereof) of sending entries via the U.S. Postal Service, doing so more than likely will result in them not being picked up in time

for the competition. Please do NOT use the U.S. Mail for shipment of your entries!!!

Entry Drop off: Entries may also be dropped off at the Silver Gulch Brewing and Bottling Company's retail store after 4:00 p.m. on week days and after 11:00 a.m. on weekends. Please have the entries in six-pack carriers and/or boxes (i.e. make the entries as self-contained as possible).

Need experienced judges to help out with the judging on July 20!!!

For more information about this competition please go to the following URL:

<http://www.mosquitobytes.com/Den/Beer/Events/Events.html#ETB>.

If you are interested in helping out please contact us at stihlerunits@mosquitobytes.com

or (907) 474-2138

Augtoberfest - Healy, Alaska

August 2nd & 3rd

49th State Brewing

Day 1 of the 2-day, Bavarian style, outdoor beer festival.

John Craigie: With timeless melodies and insightful lyrics—interspersed with witty storytelling—his songs take many poetic turns before bringing you back home. - johncraigiemusic.com/ Trampled by Turtles: "Supercharged songs with a hooky playfulness and white-knuckle power..." —Esquire "Lit up and charged...four-part harmonies that are close to being crystalline." —Daytrotter \$20 | 21+ only (\$30 for a 2 day pass)



Day 2 of the Bavarian style outdoor beer festival. Alaska Blaskapelle: Based out of Anchorage, Alaska Blaskapelle sets the scene with perfect pitch playing traditional German music in the Bavarian style. alaskablaskapelle.com Mighty High: Mighty High is a fusion of sounds and genre-spanning dance music. - www.reverbnation.com/areyoumightyhigh The True Spokes: The True Spokes have developed that rare, magnetic combination of radio-ready songcraft and transportive instrumental chops. Theirs is a musical ethos that's both timeless and totally of the moment.

Buy tickets at: <http://denalidiscounttours.com/brewery/index.php/event-tickets-gift-cards.html>

The 3rd annual Kenai Peninsula Beer Festival

August 10th

This fundraiser for the Rotary Club of Soldotna is usually held both indoors and outside in a country fair or Saturday market atmosphere with live music, food booths, crafts and plenty to explore with a great local beer in hand. More details to come but save the date.

AnchorTown Homebrew Competition

Anchor-Town is being moved from August to September...No New Details yet

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:

7/10	Wednesday	9am
7/12	Friday	1pm
7/18	Thursday	5:30pm
7/20	Saturday	11am
7/23	Tuesday	9am
7/25	Thursday	1pm
7/30	Tuesday	5:30pm
7/31	Wednesday	1pm
8/7	Wednesday	1pm
8/10	Saturday	11am

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 any one of our board members or officers. All 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!

GNBC Summer BBQ at the Loughrey's

By Julie McDonald

The Great Northern Brewers Club is lucky enough to have members that graciously open their homes to welcome our members for outside events that feature the best of what our club has to offer: good friends, good beer and a good time.

The Loughreys, long-standing members of our club, have invited homebrewers to the spacious home on the Upper Hillside in Anchorage for a summer barbeque on Tuesday, July 9th. This event is family-oriented and invites not just the brewers but their families to enjoy an evening the (hopefully) sun for outside recreation in a pristine setting with enough activities to keep everyone occupied. Jeff's back yard opens to a lake with paddle boats and a recreation area where volleyball, horseshoes, fishing and expansive views are the norm.

Come prepared to let the kids run around and enjoy themselves while you share a few bevies with friends, and be summer-time merry like can only happen in Alaska in July. Bring everything you need to be comfortable, including something to throw on the grill for you and your family, homebrew to consume and share, and you favorite Frisbee, volleyball, catcher's mitt, or whatever to engage others in good, vibrant outdoor fun. This year's event will begin at 6 pm and last until whenever you and your family get worn out.

To get to the gig, head up O'Malley and look for Stoneybrook Road on the right, towards the top. If you get to Hillside Rd., you have gone to far. Go to the end on this short road and take a left on Mountain Lake Drive. This will quickly turn into Lake O' The Hills Circle. The lake will open up on your right. Follow this around toward the end, and Jeff's place is at the end. His address is 7051 Lake O' The Hills Circle if you want to put it into Google maps. Please respect other homes when you park because it can be crowded. Come and enjoy a good time we hope to see everyone there.

Kick Start the Canning Line

Warning!! The following is a shameless plug and solicitation for financial help.

Todd Rock (Former GNBC member and good friend of many current members) is in the midst of building a meadery in Buffalo, MO and he needs your help. The meadery is named Leaky Roof Meadery. They are focusing on 6.5% ABV sessionable carbonated mead in draft and can form. Building construction is underway, recipes are formulated and the project is funded with one notable exception.

It turns out the Leaky Roof crew underestimated their canning needs. So, in order to meet expected local demand, they started a KickStarter campaign in hopes of raising \$25,000 for a faster more automated line than originally budgeted for. So, please help a brewing brother out and give what you can. An additional incentive is that they will send some neat Leaky Roof merchandise to each donor.

KickStarter is a crowdfunding website for creative projects. It's been around since 2009 and connects projects with those who want to support it. Crowd funding is basically a way for individuals to pool their money to support worthy efforts. (Like a canning line.)

The KickStarter campaign can be found at: <http://www.kickstarter.com/projects/638486373/leaky-roof-meadery>

The Leaky Roof Meadery website can be found at: www.leakyroofmeadery.com

They also have a very active Facebook page so you can track the construction progress.



Judges we REALLY need You!!!

by Scott Stihler

We need BJCP judges and/or experienced brewers to help judge the E.T. Barnette Homebrew Competition!!!

The results of the first call for judges on April 24 was...not overwhelming.

Since then we've slowly heard from some folks who have expressed interest in judging but we are still short of the number of judges we would like or feel comfortable with.

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Once again out of town judges can pre-register and hand carry their entries thereby saving on the shipping costs. All they need to is fill out the Entry forms and mail it to us along with the corresponding fee payment. On the day of the competition the judges simply show up with their chilled entries in hand. Be sure to attach Bottle IDs to each of the bottles with rubber bands so we can distinguish which entry is which.

Please mail your pre-registration materials to:
Chérie Stihler

P.O. Box 84988
Fairbanks, AK 99708

Please mail in the pre-registration information etc. early enough so that it is received no later than the entry deadline (i.e. July 17). This will allow us to register those entries along with all the others and be ready when you show up with beers in hand.

I hope you can help us out with judging or being a steward for this year's the E.T. Barnette Homebrew Competition.

For more information about this competition please go to the following URL: <http://www.mosquitobytes.com/Den/Beer/Events/Events.html#ETB>.

If you are interested in helping out please contact us at stihlerunits@mosquitobytes.com or (907) 474-2138.

Please help us out if you can!

Cheers,

Scott & Chérie Stihler



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