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## The Prez Sez

by Ira Edwards



**W**ow, May was a great Month!!! It was like summer was already here, and we had more warm, sunny days than we have had in the last 2 years, and it is not even June yet. May started out with a bang at the Jade Street Brewery, aka the home of John and Rose Craig. After 20 some odd years of hosting the annual Brew-A-Thon, a fine event for the GNBC, the Craig's have decided to hang it up and retire from hosting this fun event. Everyone should take the time to thank them for the hundreds of thousands of Bratwurst sausages cooked on John's grill over the years and the great food spread organized by our fine hosts. And we all need to thank John for spending a whole week untangling garden hoses to make sure there is water for the beer and the chillers...Thanks John for a great job over the years! Of course that means we are looking for a new host for next year. If you or a friend have a big gravel pad and a place to set up a bunch of brewing stations and a BIG BBQ, we would be happy to hear about it. Heck, all we really need is a vacant lot and access to a water truck.

In May, I made a rare attendance at the GNBC Beer Dinner organized by Julie McDonald, and hosted by the Schmitt's. These are some amazing feasts put on monthly with a beer theme each month. Julie has been posting updated info on these great dinners on the GNBC FaceBook page, but she also has an email list, which is the best way to make a reservation on the next dinner or volunteer to host one yourself. May ended with another Great House crawl, organized by Pat Ryan. A great big thanks to Pat and her hosts for putting on a safe and super fun event filled with tasty snacks, fun games and a great time with old and new friends.

June is going to be another month of great times with the club. Fishing season on the Kenai opens in a week or so, just in time to catch some food for the Summer Campout on the 12th-14<sup>th</sup> of June at Eklutna Lake's Group campsite. Be sure to read further in Newsletter for details. Hopefully you have brewed up some tasty beverages to share. Be sure to bring a bike for a ride to the Glacier late Saturday morning, or go for a hike around the lake. Saturday night will be the group dinner and the Snow Goose Homebrew Competition awards

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This is a good time to remind everyone that we are starting up the summer GNBC activity schedule and are not meeting at the Snow Goose again until September. June's Monthly meeting will be at the group dinner on Saturday night at the GNBC Campout. July's meeting will be at the GNBC BBQ at Jeff Loughry's pad on Lake 'O the Hills right after the 4<sup>th</sup> of July, and the August meeting will happen at the GNBC BBQ at my house on a yet to be selected Saturday evening.

Take care out there in brewing up that next batch of Lawnmower or Fisherperson ale. Stay safe out there this month and enjoy those fine Beers, Meads and Ciders responsibly. We'll see you at the campout next weekend!



## GNBC Summer Campout

by *Tim Bisson*

Come and join your friends for a weekend of camping, beer and good times!

When: Friday June 12th noon – Sunday June 14<sup>th</sup> noon

Where: Eklutna Lake Group Site A (the old airstrip)

How much: Free

Please bring lots of **firewood!** Also, rumor is that picnic tables are somewhat scarce at the campsite so please a table for dinner on Saturday if you have one and room in your vehicle.

Dinner Saturday night will be a potluck. The club will provide roast beef. So, bring an appetizer, side dish, dessert, etc to share.

Also, after dinner on Saturday, there will be the first (and most likely only) **Lounge Off**. The rules are simple; sit and/or lie on a chair and do not get up or fall asleep. It's BYOC (Bring Your Own Chair) and chair is loosely defined as something to rest on between you and the earth. Now, what is the prize for winning such a silly slacktivity? A bottle of Midnight Sun's Sloth, of course. It's about two years old now and tasting great.

Hope to see you there! (Bring firewood!)



## Second Annual Anchor Town Invitational Homebrew Competition

by John Trapp

Mark your calendars and fire up the brew kettles, there's still plenty of time to make a batch or two for the second annual **Anchor Town Invitational Homebrew Competition**. Ken and Shauna Pajak, of the famous Café Amsterdam, have graciously offered to sponsor and host this competition again. The judging will take place at Café Amsterdam on **Sunday August 9<sup>th</sup> at 3:00 p.m.** Notice the time change from our usual start. This is due to the fact that Café A is now open on Sundays, so we will work around their schedule. Entries will be accepted at Arctic Brewing Supply on Friday the 7<sup>th</sup> from 11:00 until closing. Do Not, I repeat Do Not show up at Café A to drop off your entries on Friday or Saturday. The good folks working there are busy enough serving awesome food and beer.

There will be no entry fee and all categories are open. What you'll need is three 12 ounce bottles, preferably in brown glass with a completed entry form. Please fill out as much as you can on the forms, there's nothing worse than telling the judges that you don't know what's in it – it just says "Category 21, Cabbage Ale". Actually, drinking that beer may be worse than telling judges you don't know what's in it. Also, I think this will be the last year I allow flip top bottles. I realize some of you still use them, but they are a pain in the ass for the coordinator, and most competitions don't allow them anymore. Save them for sharing homebrew with your friends.

The judging of this will be critical, and we'll need as many judges as we can get. So please plan on attending so we can knock this out in about 4 hours. Once again, if you see Ken and Shauna before the competition say thank you to them for their generosity and contributions, not only to the brew club, but the brewing community. I hope to see a lot of entries for our second annual competition. Good luck to all.



# EVENTS

Every First Thursday

*Moose's Tooth First Tap*

Every Friday

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

12- 14....*Summer Camp Out at Eklutna Lake*

18.....*Beer Wars: The Movie Downstairs at the Goose 6:00 PM \$5.00*

22.....*Entries accepted for the ET Barnette Homebrew Competition Silver Gulch Brewing Company \$5.00 Entry Fee*

24.....*Sleeping Lady Beer Tasting at the Whale's Tail (Captain Cook) 5:00 PM - 9:00 PM \$25.00*

11.....*ET Barnette Homebrew Competition Judging 10:00 AM Silver Gulch Brewing Company*

25.....*11th Annual Humpy's/GNBC Golf Tournament: 6:30 AM at Moose Run*

## CAFE



## AMSTERDAM

# 17<sup>th</sup> Annual Great Alaska Craft Beer and Home Brew Festival Winner's List

Here are the results from this year's festival down in Haines. Thanks to Kerri Canepa and Rachel Juzeler for getting us this information. Looks like our club members did well overall.

Thanks to Gourmet Alaska, Alaskan Brewing and Haines Brewing for donating prizes.  
102 entries — divided into 14 flights and combined into 4 divisions

Best of Show : Steve Pierce: Oktoberfest

Best of Division 1: Steve Pierce: Oktoberfest  
Best of Division 2: Sean Mather: American IPA  
Best of Division 3: Steve Pierce: Weizenbock  
Best of Division 4: John Trapp: Giggidy Giggidy Sticky Juice

## Division 1: *Light Lagers, Pilsners, European Amber Lagers and Dark Lagers:*

1st Steve Pierce Oktoberfest  
2nd Steve Pierce Maibock  
3rd Sara Stekoll McGinnis Marzen

## *Light Hybrids (cream ale, kolsch, blondes and american wheats):*

1st Jeremy Woodrow Seward's Ice Box  
2nd Rob Kreiger Solarbrau  
3rd Kevin & Cindy Rock you like a Hurricane Kolsch

## *Amber Hybrids, English Pale ales, Scottish and Irish ales:*

1st Kevin & Cindy Whiskey's ESB  
2nd Rob Kreiger Kreigerbrau  
3rd Eli Quisenberry Red Storm

## Division 2: *American Ales:*

1st Raymond Vinzant Mink-tail Amber  
2nd Sara Stekoll Ring of Fire  
3rd none



## *English Brown ales and Porters:*

1st Skye Stekoll Pinnalle Porter  
2nd Sean Mather Brown Ale N. English  
3rd Steve Pierce Robust Porter

## *Stouts:*

1st Raymond Vinzant Skookumchuck Stout  
2nd Sean Mather Stout Oatmeal  
3rd Michael/Amy Lamonica Neighborhood Stout

## *IPA's:*

1st Sean Mather IPA American  
2nd Raymond Vinzant Avalanche IIPA  
3rd (tie) Sara Stekoll Three Sheets IPA  
3rd Raymond Vinzant Mud Duck IPA

## Division 3: *German Wheat and Ryes:*

1st Steve Pierce Weizenbock  
2nd Steve Pierce Weizen  
3rd David Wiechelman Penelope by Zenbock

## *Witbiers (Belgian and French category split):*

1st Steve Pierce Witbier  
2nd Eli Quisenberry Son of a Fitch  
3rd none

## *Belgian and French ales (excluding witbiers):*

1st Steve Pierce Biere de Garde  
2nd Michael/Amy Lamonica Strawberry Blondie  
3rd Scorch Saison de la Sorciere

## *Belgian Strong ales and Strong ales:*

1st Flash Lubitsch-White Leffe  
2nd Michael/Amy Lamonica Brussels Meets Rotoma  
3rd Brian Ross n/a



#### Division 4:

##### **Specialty ales:**

- 1st Jamie Matheson Frozen Hose
- 2nd Jamie Matheson Spruce Tickler
- 3rd Jeff/Cindy Tappe Risky Bees Knees

##### **Fruit, Herb, Spice, Vegetable and Smoked Beers:**

- 1st Skye Stekoll FPB Vanilla Stout
- 2nd Brandon Fox Raspberry Rick James
- 3rd Eli Quisenberry Hair of the Yeti

##### **Meads:**

- 1st John Trapp Giggidy Giggidy Sticky Juice
- 2nd John Trapp The Hawaiian Tickler
- 3rd Kevin & Cindy Cindy's Panty Peeler



## Brewathon Recap

*by John Craig*

This year's brew-a-thon was a blast. We had a great turnout of brewers and kept the kettles busy. The weather was awesome as we ran around in T-shirts, and the Bar B-Q and the pot luck didn't leave us starving.

We only brewed up a total of 175 gallons for the day. I remember years ago we brewed 450 gallons. I think the local breweries and liquor stores have made some of our home-brewers lazy over the years.

We have lots of good beer in this world so why not let them do the work. With 5000 breweries in the world and each one making 4 different beers, that's a total of 20,000 different beers. My goal in life is to explore all the beers of the world and I figure it will take me a lifetime. Life is too short to drink cheap beer, save the stuff for your mouth wash.

For this year's event I would like to thank Gary of Midnight Sun, Kevin of Glacier Brewhouse, and Clark of Moose's Tooth. Each brewery donated a 5 gallon corney keg for us to share; they saved the day. Without them we would have died of thirst. Seems like many of the members didn't bring beer to drink. Even at other club events, we need to share our homebrew with others. Do you part to keep the club rolling. Also, thank you to Pete and Lisa of Arctic Brewing Supply. Without the outhouse donation we would all stink. This year Rose donated all the food for the Bar B-Q and we would like to thank the people that brought crock pots and snacks to keep us well fed.

We truly had a wonderful day and lots of good times. It was fun being with friends. This will probably be the last brew-a-thon that Rose and I will sponsor due to us getting older and other health reasons, plus something that leaves Rose and I upset. Our last club survey results stated that some members think that the brew-a-thon is nothing more than a bunch of ROWDY DRUNKS. All these years we thought we had everything under control and seems like us members always took care of each other.

I remember in my younger days, the winter and summer campouts, even the golf classic. We always drank beer and had lots of fun. I am a true beer drinker and I have had my share of drunks in my lifetime. I try to keep it under control, but gee, as a club, let's keep an eye on each other or think about joining the Captain Cook Hotel's Tea Drinking Club; they meet the 3<sup>rd</sup> Saturday of the month.

Have a great summer. Cheers!

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## We need Judges!!

We need BJCP judges and/or experienced brewers to help judge the 2009 E.T. Barnette Homebrew Competition!!!

Judging will take place on Saturday, July 11th starting around 10:00a.m. at the Silver Gulch Brewing and Bottling Company located in Fox, Alaska

The seven judged categories this year will be: Pilsner (2A-C); 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).

Once again judges will be allowed to save money of shipping by pre-registering their competition entries. All they need to do is fill out the Entry and Bottle ID forms and include the proper entry fee (i.e. \$5 per entry) and mail it to us. Then on the day of the competition you simply show up with your entries in hand and you're good to go.

Please send your pre-registration materials to:  
Scott Stihler  
P.O. Box 84988  
Fairbanks, AK 99708

I hope you can help us out with judging 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>.

I hope you can help out!

If you are interested in judging or have any questions please contact me at [stihlerunits@mosquitobytes.com](mailto:stihlerunits@mosquitobytes.com) or (907) 474-2138.

P.S. Note that the idea of the pre-registration is to allow the Registrar to log the entries before hand. Therefore, the pre-registration information and payment should be received prior to competition day (i.e. before Saturday, July 11th).





*Humpy's / GNBC  
Golf Tournament  
11th Annual*



**Tournament Date: Saturday, July 25, 2009**  
**Moose Run Hill Course**

**W**e welcome you and your friends to join us at the Moose Run Hill Golf Course on July 25, 2009 for the 11<sup>th</sup> Annual Humpy's/Great Northern Brewers Club (GNBC) Golf Tournament. Continuing with the tradition of donating proceeds to a charitable organization, we are very proud to announce our affiliation with The First Tee Alaska program. Proceeds from our tournament will go directly to First Tee Alaska to benefit thousands of kids within our state to learn about golf and life. If you don't know much about the program, please check them out at [www.thefirstteealaska.org](http://www.thefirstteealaska.org). We anticipate a long and lasting relationship with our new partner and are very excited to be able to assist them in this great cause.

This year we anticipate a full field of 144 golfers, so please sign up and get your entry fees paid early. A post tournament barbeque is once again provided by the awesome chefs from Humpy's Great Alaskan Alehouse. Last year's Kahlua Pig was super! There will be lots of great prizes for best teams, longest drive, closest to the pin, red lantern, etc., along with drawings for numerous fantastic door prizes.

The tournament is a four-person team scramble. Form your own teams or sign up individually and we will match you up with some teammates. We will have a couple of fun holes as well as the usual Bloody Mary Hole and the Jager Hole.

Shotgun start will begin at 7:00 am. Check-in is between 6:00 am and 6:30 am.

So, here's what you get for a hundred bucks: Green fees, cart, prizes, BBQ lunch, and BEER! We will again be providing beer carts and beer stations around the course. This is the best deal and best tournament around, so register early.

**If you plan to drink, plan a ride home with a designated driver!**



NAME: \_\_\_\_\_ Day Phone #: \_\_\_\_\_

ADDRESS: \_\_\_\_\_

E-MAIL: \_\_\_\_\_

**4-Person Teams**

TEAM NAME: 1. \_\_\_\_\_  
OTHER PLAYERS: 2. \_\_\_\_\_  
3. \_\_\_\_\_  
4. \_\_\_\_\_

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ENTRY FEE: \$400.00 per team (includes carts, green fees, prizes, trophies, food and BEER!) or  
\$100.00 per person (if you don't have a foursome)

Pay by cash \_\_\_\_\_ or check \_\_\_\_\_ (Payable to: Great Northern Brewers Club) and return to:

GNBC Golf Tournament  
c/o Treasurer  
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Anchorage, AK 99503

Or pay with a credit card via Pay Pal. Find the link on our GNBC website located at:

[www.greatnorthernbrewers.org](http://www.greatnorthernbrewers.org)

If you would like to sponsor a hole for \$100, and have your business name and number displayed on a tee box, please fill out and mail this portion of the form and remit a check (or mail the form and pay via Pay Pal at the GNBC website). Donations of any form are also gladly accepted.

Business/Contact name(s): \_\_\_\_\_ Phone number: \_\_\_\_\_



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