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The Prez Sez

by John Trapp

May was an incredible month for drinking beer. Just about every month can fall under that statement, but I drank a lot of beer in May and had a pretty good month. Is this a coincidence? I think not. My game plan for the rest of the year is set.



We had a fantastic Brew-a-thon on a beautiful Saturday at Kevin Sobolesky's parents' home. Lots of beer was brewed, BBQ eaten and brewing techniques observed. Thank you Kevin (and your parents) for hosting us on Big Brew Day. Speaking of Kevin, he's due another thank you for wrapping up the BJCP class with the tasting exam that took place back on May 14th. There were seven or eight of us that took the exam and with a little luck we all passed or upped our rankings.

Here's the three month calendar of events.

June 10 – Alaska Run for Women, join the Brewbies. See Julie's article for more info.

June 16 - 18 – Summer Campout at South Rolly Lake Overlook Shelter. It's at the end of the Nancy Lake Parkway.

July 11 – Summer BBQ at Jeff and Cathy's house on Lake O the Hills.

July 15 – E.T. Barnette Homebrew Competition in Fairbanks (Fox, AK)

August 5 – Augtoberfest at 49th State Brewing Company in Healy, AK.

August ? – BBQ at a yet to be determined location.

The Brewbies are back. Julie McDonald is putting together a team for this year's Alaska Run for Women. Pay attention if you would like to participate in the fight against breast cancer. This event is on June 10 and raises money for breast cancer research. Please read Julies article on this.

The summer campout will be at South Rolly Lake Overlook shelter between June 16 and 18. I stopped in to see the site on my way back from Talkeetna last week, and it looks pretty nice. There's plenty of parking, five or six fire pits, two pavilions and room for tents.

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We are planning on having a shrimp boil on Friday evening as a welcoming meal, and then our Saturday evening potluck will feature different sources of protein (the club will provide three legs of lamb).

Bring the RV, travel trailer, pick-up truck or tent. It's right on the water and not too far from Anchorage. Take the Nancy Lake Parkway. In about six miles you'll find us on the left. Peter has an article on this with a map.

The July BBQ at Jeff Loughrey and Cathy Straub's house up on Lake O' the Hills will be on July 11. Head up O'Malley road and take a right on Stoneybrook Drive. At the stop sign take a left on Mountain Lake Drive and follow it around until it turns into Lake O' The Hills Circle. Bring Home Brew and something to throw on the grill. This kicks off at 6:00 and goes until 9:30.

July 15 is the E.T. Barnette Homebrew Competition in Fairbanks. Scott is always looking for judges and the quality of the beers is usually pretty good. This year the selected categories are pretty nice, so it's definitely worth a trip north. See Scott's article.

There's been some talk about heading up to Healy for Augtoberfest the first week in August. Yes, it's Oktoberfest celebrated in August. This event is always a great excuse for a road trip and camping out while drinking great beer at 49th State Brewing Company. Nothing has been organized yet, but it should be on your radar if you're looking for something to do that weekend.

This month's "Meet Your Local" article features Ken & Shauna Pajak, Owners of Café Amsterdam.

Remember, be safe and drink responsibly when out and about and keep those carboys filled. Until next month, Cheers.



Secretary's Corner June 2017

By Jim O'Toole

I couldn't resist taking a drive down Turnagain Arm on one of our incredibly beautiful sunny days recently. It's not the only drive I've taken in that direction; I've driven down to Potter's Marsh several times just to see what was flying on any particular day. This time when I stopped - I was pulling out the camera - when a Sandhill Crane slowly flapped its way over the windshield at about ten feet. It flew over and disappeared over the railroad tracks, so the great shot that was there has to just be one of those that I keep solely in my head and re-run back when I get to thinking about how lucky I am to live here.

So....."lucky." How do you define that? Can someone who our society considers successful just stumble around through life and find nothing but positives when they analyze what they have done, what they have now, and what they look forward to? Is that what "luck" is.

I love the Kentucky Derby and watch it live whenever possible. This year I enjoyed the spectacle of the horses running in deep mud; mud so deep that one of the horses broke from the gate, took about ten steps, looked up at the board, saw that it was a 20-1 shot, realized it was going to have to run up front to keep from getting mud splattered in his face, and just quit running. That poor jockey did everything to get that horse down the track but the horse was having none of it. Just, like many of us, that horse was not a mudder I guess.

I'm no horse expert and, in fact, if you wanted to find someone who horses despise more than they despise me, you would have to dig pretty deep. I've never understood it. I've loved looking at horses and the few opportunities I got to ride them growing up in a big city were enjoyable enough for me to want to do it again.

But they try to bite me now. Back in the navy days a few of us took a ride up into the mountains east of San Diego where we spent a couple of days at a ranch. We rented horses on a nice day and I asked for a gentle one. Even that old mare tried to take my head off by walking me under an overhanging branch. Then the mare just decided to head back to the barn walking through the deepest brush, just hoping I would give up and hop off of her.

At the county fair when I was growing up, I would look in the stalls of the horses. They always seemed to have their butts in my face and they would turn their faces to me and I would think they were going to kick the door. I'm not kidding.

So, I don't have a lot of luck with horses. But if you or I had bet \$2 US on a combination of six horses to finish 1 through 6, you would have won \$857 thousand. So, if you had three kids with birth dates that corresponded to the top six finishers and you threw a couple of bucks down..... was that luck?

I have no idea.

But, when I see Sandhill Cranes flying and the sun is shining and I can drive to Girdwood on a perfect day with the woman who has tolerated me for 20 years and a little dog who will go anywhere and hardly ever be a pain in the ass and the beer is good and the guys brewing it are all there and loving talking about what they have going there.....and the sun is blasting through the windows....and I see the most Alaskan collection of books on the windowsill with a ski boot as a bookend..... I can only believe that "luck" has had a lot to do with a lot.



My Alaska story started with a lot of luck years ago and I'm not sure if one of the latest chapters has anything to do with that. I saw my doctor a few days after we got back from Hawaii and I was assured that I am not going to die from anything he's been involved with any time soon. In fact, due to the fact that I've done what he told me to do, and that modern medical practices ain't what they used to be, I'm doing really well and most of the problem I was having for the last few years seem to be less and less of a problem as I stick with the program. Lucky??

There are a number of things that I can do now that he cautioned me before I went to Hawaii. I didn't hear him suggest total restrictions on anything, other than the normal MD cautions about "moderation" in everything, so I'm feeling a lot more positive about life than I did when I wrote my last column for this newsletter. Back then I was worried about someone saying I was going to have to lay off drinking beer.



When I started writing this a couple of weeks ago it was going to be an article about "neighborhood" beer joints. I was going to write about how having a couple of beers at Girdwood Brewing reminded me of traveling around western Virginia a year ago and finding a lot of people who were enjoying really good beers brewed right in their neighborhoods. The people brewing it were their neighbors who were hoping that what they love to do would let them do it without going broke. These people had no illusions of growing into a mega-brewery. They just like making beer and being able to sell it to people they know who love the idea of being able to walk to a place where they know there will be great beers and where they know everyone. At one of them, Big Lick Brewing in Roanoke, everyone who came in while we sat there said, "Hi, Harry," to the bartender/partner.....it was like being in an episode of "Cheers."

A couple of days ago, an old buddy of mine and I stopped by Resolution Brewing and I realized that this "neighborhood" beer bar thing is happening here to some degree and Resolution is one of the few places where we find it.

We tend to put our beer "joints" in industrial areas like Anchorage Brewing's place south of Dimond Boulevard and King Street north of there, but my buddy has lived in Mountain View for 40 years and, despite the fact that he's been a late bloomer regarding good beer, he was happy to find out that Resolution is a place close by that had beer at such a priority that it was the only thing it sold. Most of my friends like beer.



We have been very lucky here in Alaska, and especially in Anchorage where we have been able to take advantage of the efforts of a lot of people who have worked really hard to get to the point where craft beers are almost anywhere we want to go when we are out and about. Like many of us, though, I wish there was a place in my neighborhood that I could walk to for a beer.

Since the winner of the Kentucky Derby failed to win the Preakness, taking some of the luster off of the fabled "Triple Crown" quest of those equine athletes, the people who rely on that horse for a living are just going to have to find another way to make their luck.

Many of us, on the other hand, don't have to rely on luck for what we want. It's all around us. Even in Mountain View.

Calendar

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See the Prez Sez for more



Meet Your Local

b.y Jim O'Toole

Anyone who has anything to do with good beer here in Anchorage knows Ken and Shauna Pajak, the proprietors/cooks/bartenders/janitors/bottle washers of the famous Café Amsterdam that has been in the mid-town Metro Mall for the last 18 years. Anyone who knows Anchorage beer knows how much they have done to promote quality beer. One of the primary reasons Ken and Shauna opened the place is because Ken got tired of getting served craft beers in a pint glass and decided that he would have to open his own place to experience beer in proper glassware.

The Pajaks opened Café Amsterdam on May 1, 1999. It's been an exhausting ride. Ask Ken or Shauna when they are taking some time off and they just look at you funny. When I mentioned something about San Diego to Ken he immediately brightened and said he had visited Stone Brewing's facility there but didn't get to any of the other 140 or so beer places in San Diego County because he only had a couple of days because he had to get back to work at the pub/restaurant in Anchorage.

Most people are unaware of what tremendous farmers the Pajak's are. They live in Eagle River, but I challenge anyone to produce a better crop of tomatoes on a sidewalk in front of a bar and just a couple of doors down from the best liquor store in town. If you haven't seen Ken's avocado plant ask him to show it to you and tell you how old it is.

Ken and Shauna are Alaskan transplants like many of us; Ken having been born in Massachusetts where he lived until his father's job was transferred to Florida in 1963. After considering moving the family to a far off place, he decided to leave the job behind and move the family to Alaska, where they had friends that they had visited before.

Some of Ken's early beer memories are of his father drinking Knickerbocker in the Massachusetts days but after they migrated to Alaska - when Ken was around 11 years old - his dad switched to Black Label and then to Olympia. It was 1963 and I imagine that Olympia was considered a gourmet beer.

Ken and Shauna's individual introductions to beer were different. Shauna remembers drinking her first beer after her son was born and remembers it was a Natural Light.

Ken was 13 and says he had a neighbor with a son about his own age and the parents allowed their son to drink beer. Ken found himself hanging out at their place where Schlitz was the preferred beer. Did he like it? "Man, I knew I was going to like beer from then on," he says. Much later in life, he remembers getting tired of drinking Schlitz and Lucky Lager and picked up a six pack of Lowenbrau (when it was still brewed in Germany) and he says, "My life hasn't been the same." Ken's epiphany is lucky for us.

Shauna says that she was working at the Millennium Hotel when they had a "Beer Of The Month" feature and when it turned out to be a Bird Creek Old 55, she was hooked.

Ken and Shauna met when they were both working in Eagle River at the old North Slope Restaurant. I forgot to ask the how long they've been married but their appreciation for good beer must have been a factor in the mutual attraction.

In 1992, Ken was wandering around Fur Rendezvous and he got to talking to John and Rose Craig at the Arctic Brewing booth where those sweet talkers convinced Ken and Shauna to buy a home brew kit. He got pretty good at it. After a few batches, the owner of the North Slope Restaurant suggested they start brewing beer to sell, so they contacted Ike Kelly from Bird Creek Brewing who steered them to Charlie McElervy, who started Red Hook Brewing, who got them on the path to a commercial brewing operation.



Ken was brewing from early morning until early afternoon when he would head home, take a shower, put on his kitchen whites, and cook at the restaurant until late at night. Eventually they would hire a cook to relieve him of the cooking duties so Ken could focus on the brewery which started pouring beer in July 1995 with - what became their flagship beer - Copper River Amber.

Ken and Shauna knew there was a market for good beer in Anchorage when they opened Café Amsterdam on May 1, 1999. Shauna said that they knew "people loved trying different beers with great, big flavors from unusual locations" and when they opened Café Amsterdam they insisted on making it a place where people could sit, converse over a good beer that's served properly. If patrons are hungry, they can order from the extremely eclectic menu and are served some food that might be familiar to those who have traveled in good beer areas of Europe. The loco moco breakfast also indicates some familiarity with closer "foreign" places.

CAFE



There are a lot of things on the walls at Café Amsterdam. How many photos of Dr. Fermento ARE there? There's plenty of visual jazz at Café, but one thing you won't see is a television. I can't think of another bar in Alaska or just about anywhere that can claim that, but it was probably a consideration for why the Brew Dogs TV show people named Café Amsterdam "The Best Beer Bar In Alaska" a couple of years ago.

It was kind of funny when the Alaska show aired as the Pajak's had to bring a TV in and set it up on the bar so a bunch of us could watch it and cheer like crazy when the "Best Bar" announcement was made.

AMSTERDAM

Recently there have been some changes at Café Amsterdam as the result of a personnel situation that put Ken and Shauna in the position of having to work even more hours or cutting the restaurant's hours back a little. They've eliminated the dinner hours and are now only open for breakfast and lunch.

This puts a little damper on the lives of those of us who used to like to stop in for a couple of beers at the end of a work day, but we have to give them this one. I asked Ken if the reduced hours gave them more free time and he laughed. "I don't get out of here until 7:30," he says and seems a little weary when he says it.

There were a couple of things the Pajaks wanted known; Café Amsterdam is not going anywhere and both Ken and Shauna are extremely appreciative of the support they have received from GNBC members over the years.

The bar has been visited by some notable beer celebrities like Michael Jackson, Charlie Papazian, Ken Grossman, Tom Dalldorf, Greg Noonan, and many others, but the local people is where the Pajak's aim their highest appreciation. They know that it has been the local fans of good beer who have helped them keep the taps flowing for 18 years.

And, if we keep going there, they will try to keep them flowing for a long time.



2017 Alaska Run for Women

by Julie McDonald

Registration is open now for The Great Northern Brewers Club walk/run team, The Brewbies, in the 25th Annual Alaska Run for Women slated for June 10, 2017. See our Facebook event page here: <https://www.facebook.com/events/204603863376179/>

The Alaska Run for Women is Alaska's premier women's running event that raises money for breast cancer research and support, detection and awareness programs. Although it's women who are doing the walking and running, men are encouraged to participate as volunteers, cheerleaders or phantom donors.

If you haven't participated in the event in the past, this is the year to get involved! You don't have to run, you can walk, or you can run some and walk some, you can stroll leisurely with your friends. Check out this info for more detail:



2017 START TIMES

We start in waves to help decrease congestion along the course.

- 8:30 a.m. 1-mile run/walk start / Corral at 8:10 a.m. (walking or running with small children or don't want to commit to 5 miles)
- * 8:45 a.m. 5-mile TIMED run/walk start / Corral at 8:15 a.m. (competitive either with others or yourself, looking to break that 5 mile PR, working towards your Triple Finisher Patch)
- * 9:00 a.m. 5-mile untimed run/walk start / Corral at 8:30 a.m. (not competitive by a little more serious about your effort than the Party Wave accounts for)
- * 9:10 a.m. 5-mile untimed PARTY WAVE & STROLLERS / Corral at 8:40 a.m. (leisurely walking/strolling/jogging with friends or anyone that is pushing a stroller...strollers are not permitted in any of the other categories)

To register: www.akrfw.org, click "Register". *Be sure to indicate The Great Northern Brewers Club Brewbies under the team selection.

*YOUR ENTRY FEE IS A DONATION!

Your Entry Fee is a donation only. In order to include all women regardless of economic circumstances, there is no set registration fee. There are also no participant processing fees, so more of your donation can continue to be used to help all women and men in the fight against breast cancer. We encourage you to consider a donation at any level to help in the fight against this disease. The recommended registration donation is \$25

****NOTE: While men may not register to race, they are certainly welcome to come as observers and support their racers on course or at the stadium, they can also volunteer (see the link below)!

****NOTE: DONATIONS from non-racers are accepted by going here: <https://www.akrfwregistration.org/donate/> and when you get to the "support a team" section, find Great Northern Brewers Club Brewbies in the drop down menu.

For anyone that cannot run/walk but would like to volunteer, here is the link to volunteer sign up: <https://www.akrfwregistration.org/volunteer.php>

Please check out the race website, especially the race day information. It has info for shuttles and other things you may want to know.

If interested, contact me, Julie McDonald, juzy@gci.net, 907-240-3688 for more information.

Julie McDonald
GNBC Alaska Run for Women team leader - The GNBC Brewbies

2017 E.T. Barnette Homebrew Competition Event Announcement

by *Scott Stihler*

The 21st Annual E.T. Barnett Homebrew Competition is scheduled for Saturday, July 15, 2017 and will take place in conjunction with the annual Golden Days Beer Festival. The competition and festival are being held at Silver Gulch Brewing Company in Fox, Alaska, 13 miles north of Fairbanks. Judging starts at 10:00 and the beer festival runs between 3-10 pm, so plan on coming up for a great weekend of sudsy fun in the midnight sun.

Entries will be accepted between June 19 and July 12 this year. Be sure and get your entries here early enough to be included. See entry details below.

This is a AHA/BJCP sanctioned competition. The grand prize for Best of Show is \$500.

Aside from the grand prize, other great prizes and custom medals will also be awarded to the 1st, 2nd and 3rd place winners of each of the seven judged categories.

Enter in any or all of the seven judged categories this year:

- Dark European Lager (8A-B)
- British Bitter (11A-C)
- Dark British Beer (16A-D)
- Pale American Ale (18A-B)
- Amber and Brown American Beer (19A-C)
- Belgian Ale (24A-C)
- Fruit/Spice/Herb/Vegetable Beer (29A-B and 30A).



Entry fees: Submit three 12-16 oz brown or green crown capped bottles and a check or money order for \$5.00 for each entry in U.S. funds.

More information as well as Entry and Bottle ID forms may be found at: <http://www.mosquitobytes.com/Den/Beer/Events/Events.html#ETB>

We could certainly use your judging prowess to make the competition go smooth and to give the entering brewers the best evaluation of their beer. Even if you plan to enter, you can still judge beers in the categories that you don't enter. Get your beer up here, get your palate up here and come and share a great day in Fox.

Should you have any questions or are interesting in judging contact Scott Stihler at stihlerunits@mosquitobytes.com or (907) 474-2138.



E.T. Barnette Homebrew Competition Call for Judges

By *Scott Stihler*

Beer Judges we need You!!

We need BJCP judges and/or experienced brewers to help judge this year's E.T. Barnette Homebrew Competition. Your judging experience will contribute greatly to this noteworthy annual event in Fox, Alaska.

We also need an intrepid steward to help make things run smoothly.

Judging will take place on Saturday, July 15 at Silver Gulch Brewing and Bottling Company located in Fox, Alaska (a small community ~ 11 miles north of Fairbanks).

The seven categories to judge include:

- Dark European Lager (8A-B)**
- British Bitter (11A-C)**
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- Belgian Ale (24A-C)**
- Fruit/Spice/Herb/Vegetable Beer (29A-B and 30A).**

Once again, out of town judges can pre-register and hand carry their entries thereby saving on shipping costs.

All judges need to do is fill out the Entry forms and mail it to us along with the corresponding fee payment. On the day of the competition, 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.

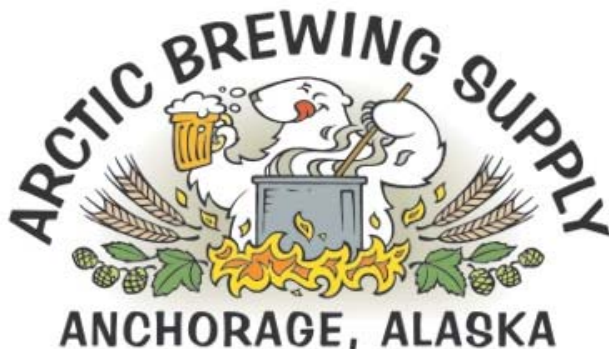
Please mail your pre-registration materials to:

Chérie Stihler
P.O. Box 84988
Fairbanks, AK 99708

Please mail in the pre-registration information early enough so that it is received no later than the entry deadline (July 12). This will allow us to register those entries along with all the others and we'll be ready when you show up with beers in hand.

This year's E.T. Barnette Homebrew Competition will once again take on that same day as the Golden Days Beer Fest. Since the beer fest takes place 3:00-10:00 p.m. there should be plenty of time to judge beer and enjoy the festivities associated beer festival.

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



Suds Corner

By John Craig

Happy – Happy – Happy; I love life in the woods at our camp site in Talkeetna. We are known in our neighborhood as the outhouse people. With four places to do your business, the walls are insulated with old menus, beer posters, post cards and other funky stuff to keep you entertained during your exciting moments in life.

I was doing my early morning business and later pulled up my jeans, cinched my belt and took one step. It was a bear trap, right? My leg went through the floor board up to my crotch, while my left leg was spread out above the remaining floor. My right hiking boot missed the poop by inches. It felt like my right leg was broken. This was the outhouse that is deep in the woods. Beware of bears! And, with no beer handy, I could die of thirst. I did notice a lot of empty cheap beer cans in the hole. This was not a good way to start the day.

As I lay on the ground, I could see the cabin near the weed eater. Rose couldn't hear me yelling for help. My dog Brewer came over and was licking my face, which did make me feel a little better. I sure wished I'd have doused myself with bug spray that morning. The pests were having a field day as I lie there helpless.

Luckily, I fell in the doorway and was finally able to pull myself up the jamb and out of the hole. Thank the beer Gods that this didn't happen in the middle of winter when it was 20 degrees below zero at night with my Coleman lantern. You would have found me in the spring time.

Later, with a visit to Providence ER, they rolled me out in a wheelchair. I was the first patient they had that ever fell and got hurt in an outhouse. Luckily, I'm a light weight guy. Some of my friends could still be in the hole. Beware of outhouse floors!

With the Fourth of July weekend around the corner, Rose and I would like to invite Club members to our Talkeetna camp site for a weekend get together at our place.

We have lots of room for tent camping, limited spaces for RVs and campers, and three outhouses with reasonably safe floors to keep everyone happy. You're on your own in the outhouses; just yell for help if you fall through.

As Rose and I get older, we could sure use a helping hand around camp. Now days, we have a hard time doing things. We just don't have the energy we had in our younger years.

My new project is building Grizzly Beer Camp. A short way from our main cabin is Moose Snort Saloon and beer Garden. The trails to Growler Creek and Beer-Ass Camp could use some trail work. Chain saws are welcome to gather firewood. ATVs are welcome, but go slow and save our trails. We love our dogs and kids, so please stay under control.

On Saturday afternoon we'll have a BBQ. It's an open grill, and we treat the event as a pot luck and enjoy our grub and grog around the campfire. Normally we share a breakfast brunch on Sunday to start the day, and during the weekend we often make trips in to Talkeetna for the extra fermented treats and entertainment there.

Last year, we Club members built a beer float for the 4th of July parade in downtown Talkeetna. It was a blast and we hope to do the same this year, depending on the collective effort of everyone attending for the weekend. It's always a great fiesta time for everyone as we get wild and crazy in the quaint little town.

Our place is easy to find. Head north out of Anchorage, through Wasilla – feel free to stop in for growlers at any of the many Valley breweries – and get on the Parks Highway. Take the Talkeetna Spur Road. Go past the Denali Brewery – stop in for a growler or six - and at Mile 3, turn right on to Yoder road. As you yodel your way along, travel down the road about six miles to the top of Yoder Hill. Turn right on S. Southfork Road, go another mile and a half. From there, just follow the white paper plates and you won't get lost. I hope to see you on the 4th.





Summer Camp Out!!!

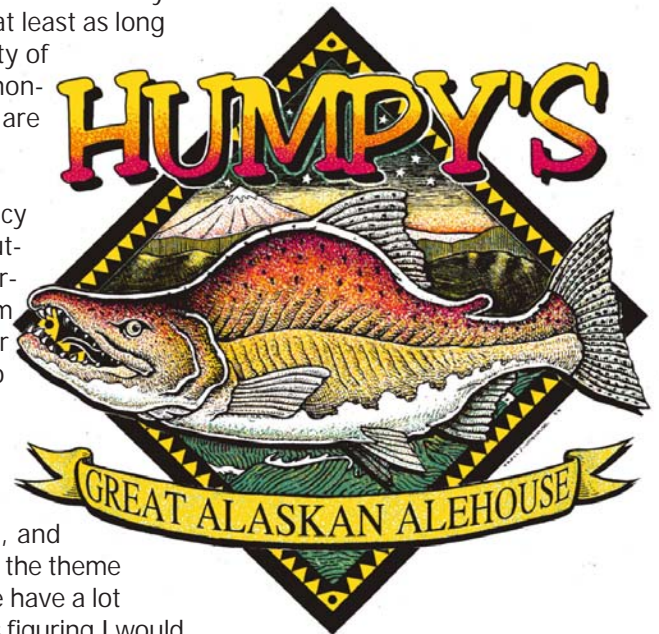
by Peter Hall

The snow is melting and I'm sure I'm not the only with an itch to get outside and recreate. You have a solid opportunity to recreate with all of your brew club friends in the middle of June.

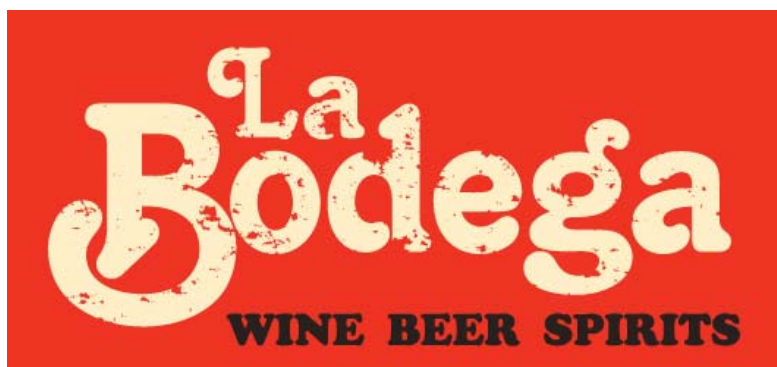
I worked to try and find some new avenues for the brew club summer camp out and the South Rolly Lake Overlook came to the top of the options. I'm personally excited to have a weekend planned in the Nancy Lake State Rec Area. My family has been using this area for weekend fun for at least as long as I've been around. There are a ton of lakes, streams, and variety of fish to find in the area. There are small lakes to take the your non-motorized crafts on very nearby, and within just a few miles there are large lakes to take the jet ski's or to do a bit of water skiing.

The space that we have reserved is a large pull out just off of Nancy Lake Parkway. There are two picnic pavilions and a large vault out-house. It should easily accommodate all those that would like to participate. I was expecting around 35 or 40 people, but there is room for at least a few more. We may be a little close, but that has never dampened our fun before. I think I'm one of the few crazy ones who prefers to be in a tent anyway.

Please come have fun with the GNBC summer camp out on June 16-18 at the South Rolly Lake Overlook shelter. Our group will be able to coalesce Friday evening, you will have all Saturday to recreate, and then we can share a potlach dinner on Saturday night. I was hoping the theme to be less common proteins. Let's avoid chicken, beef, or pork. We have a lot of proteins available to us that I hope we can experiment with. I was figuring I would get some yak meat.



I'm looking forward to a summer full of sun and cold Alaska water. I hope to see you all at South Rolly Lake.



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**NEXT MEETING:
Tuesday, June 16 at Rolly State Campground (Summer Camp Out)**