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Prez Sez

by Dennis Sessler

Come on fall, I'm all ready for you. Summer didn't make much of an appearance so might as well get on with it. I've got all my favorite things lined up for the next 2 months. I'm waiting for that first frost so I can start picking my boat load of black currants. I guess that is one thing a lot of rain is good for, they are very plump and juicy, and after the first frost they will concentrate all the wonderful sugars in each of the little berries. Towards the middle of this month I will be getting ready to pick apples, not sure on the quality of the crop this year, with the poor amount of daylight they are pretty small, but I don't care, they all get smashed and pressed anyways. As long as the flavor is good, it will make great cider, cysers and syrup. Come the end of the month Dena and I will be picking Lingonberries also know as low bush cranberries. On a little scouting trip last week, we noticed all the rain has done these little berries a lot of good. The low lying meadows are packed with them this year. If you have a chance venture out and get some of the wild fruit growing all over the meadows, and mountain sides. Every one of them will make a great addition to any mead.



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I'm writing my article on the eve of our last summer picnic event. As I scramble to get the newsletter article submitted and the house ready for the club members, the weather seems to be cooperating lately, and we are planning on a bounce house for all the children attending, I have the fire pit all ready to fire up to keep all the stories flowing into the evening. I'm predicting that Thursday August 26th will have been a great time for all members to celebrate the good times with friends. I hope that everyone who attended had a great time.

I am looking forward to the start of the new membership year, yes that's right! Our fall/winter/spring seasons will begin on September 21st. Start time is always 7pm and meeting will be held monthly on the third Tuesday of every month except December and January. December 11th we will celebrate our Christmas or Holiday party or just PARTY depending on whichever route you prefer to take. And in January of 2010 we will be having our meeting on the Thursday January 13th. This month our meeting coincides with the Great Alaskan Beer and Barleywine Festival. You best mark your calendar for this event, January 14th and 15th. After that we will resume our normal third Tuesday schedule thru the month of May.

In terms of past events, The ET Barnette Homebrew Competition was held on July 31st. I won't get too involved on all the particulars. I have copied and pasted a bunch of info that Scott Stihler posted to the web. A big congratulations go to Steven Jayich for

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winning best of show with his Robust porter. I'm not sure if anyone other than Steven has repeated as a BOS at this competition, but he pulled it off. His reward was a cool \$500.00.....Hope you enjoy it Steve. Also congratulations and thanks to all GNBC members who entered and judged this event. I had the greatest intentions of taking the family up north for the weekend. I had a hotel room was reserved, and then my youngest broke his arm and needed emergency surgery. Upon the doctor's recommendation, we stayed close to home in case he needed follow up surgery. A big thinks to Scott and Chérie Stihler and to all the business and breweries who donated space and prizes for this wonderful competition.

On August 15th we held the Anchortown Invitational at Café Amsterdam. John Trapp was the competition organizer and did a wonderful job taking entries, setting up flights and putting on a great competition. It was nice to have plenty of judges on hand to make this event fly by. I was there evaluating beer and enjoyed every one of them. Congratulations to Frank Bell and Brian Noonan with their Wood aged beer. If I remember correctly it was a Flanders Brown Ale/Oud Bruin aged on bourbon soaked cedar wood chips. Also congratulations to Breck Tostevin for his BOS mead. Congratulations to all who entered and placed. I want to say thank you to Ken and Shauna Pajak, owners of Café Amsterdam for putting on this wonderful competition for the past three years. They manage to sponsor and accommodate us into their establishment to conduct this competition year in and year out. On behalf of the club we say "thank you".

That brings up to date on past events. Now it's time to preach about membership. The end of the membership year is drawing near. On September 30th your membership will expire. Please see the article in the newsletter pertaining to membership and renew early. My goal is to have all past members renewed and new membership cards issued prior to the end of September. Don't be a slacker and put off doing this till November or even later. Yearly dues are \$25.00 and can be paid on line through the club website via PayPal, or you can print off the membership form in this newsletter and mail it in. It's your choice. As of right now I think only 10% of current members have renewed. Make the Treasurer and Membership Coordinator's job a little easier and let's get this taken care of.

Here are some upcoming events you might want to partake in as fall approaches. It will soon be Oktoberfest time. At this time I've only received one email in regards to O'fest celebrations. Here is what Dr. Fermento had to write about it. *"It's approaching that time of year again! Beer drinkers delight in the annual Oktoberfest celebrations that happen around town and around the state toward the end of the month and into October. Humpy's has always been known for throwing a helluva bash and have already announced the dates for this year's events. Both events will happen on Sundays: the first on October 3rd and the second a week later on October 10th. Both gigs are estimated to start at 6 pm, which is the norm in years past, although a firm time has not been established. The price hasn't been determined either, but I just wanted to get this out so you can mark your calendars. Reservations will be taken sometime starting in early September. Keep yer mug to the wall and I'll try to provide more detail later. Expect the same great food, the rowdy Alaska Blaskapelle to get people moving, and plenty of the usual debauchery.*

If you haven't subscribed to the Fermento's weekly rants, email James Roberts at jroberts@peakalaska.com to get added to the list. Fermento is always on top of everything beer related and his weekly rants are emailed out on Friday.

The next beer event that I have info for is the Eagle River Brew Festival. The date has been set and will take place on October 15th. It is held at the Lions Club in Eagle River, adjacent to Wal-Mart. The price for tickets is \$40.00 in advance and \$50.00 at the door if they aren't sold out already. Last year's brewfest sold out, so get your tickets

early. The Eagle River Boys and Girls Club holds this festival every year as one of their main fundraisers to ensure continued programs and events for all the local children. There will be a silent auction and tons of food. Yes your admission will get you a brewfest commemorative pint glass, and all you can eat food (usually prime rib and such.) The local Lions Club volunteers do all the cooking and serve all the food. All of our local breweries are in attendance, displaying all their seasonal and premier beers. I will be contacting the event coordinator for more information and will blog it all out to the club members.

Further in the newsletter you will see an article for the Southeast Alaska Autumn Pour Homebrew Competition. Notice that shipping is free. Arctic Brewing Supply and distributor Specialty Imports have teamed up to get all our entries down to Juneau. Thank them when you drop off your entries. With all of the great beers our club members are brewing I think it's time we show southeast homebrewers just how good we are. I can see a little club rivalry starting here. The event is being put on by the Juneau Homebrewers Club and sponsored by Alaskan Brewing Company.

In closing I want to put a plug out there to all club members in regards to becoming an officer or board member in our homebrew club. In September and October we will be taking nominations for several positions. If you are interested in helping out this great club, please feel free to volunteer. I myself will not be running again as your Prez. Due to unforeseen family issues, I need to step down. I sound like a politician bowing out don't I? The time needed to help our club run smoothly is minor, but with the plethora of volunteers we have had at each event this last year, GNBC events have been a true success. I hope you will consider stepping up and giving a little time to the best homebrew club in Alaska.

Till we meet again, let's think before you drink and Brew On.



EVENTS

Every First Thursday

Moose's Tooth First Tap

Every Friday

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

15.....Deadline for Kenai River Brewing Company Breakfast Beer Art Contest

21.....GNBC Club Meeting at the Goose 7 pm

24.....Entries for the Equinox Mead Competition accepted at Celestial Meads between 5:30 and 7:30 pm

25.....Equinox Mead Competition Judging at Celestial Meads

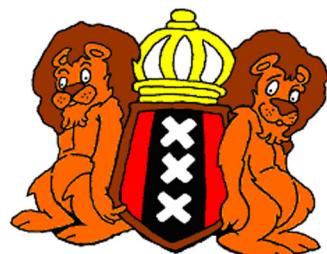
02.....Glacier Brewhouse/AK RR Beer Train: 4-10 pm \$159 pp

03.....Humpy's Oktoberfest Celebration 6 pm: Price TBD

10.....Humpy's Oktoberfest Celebration 6 pm: Price TBD

19.....GNBC Club Meeting at the Goose 7 pm

CAFE



AMSTERDAM

10th Annual Southeast Alaska Autumn Pour Competition

by Steve Pierce

Greetings to all Homebrewers and BJCP Judges:

Judging for the 10th Annual Southeast Alaska Autumn Pour Competition will be held on Friday, October 29th, at 5:00 PM at the Alaskan Brewing Company, 5429 Shaune Dr., in Juneau. It is anticipated that all judging will be concluded in approximately 3 hours.

For those of you that live in Juneau and plan on entering in the competition, your entries can be turned in at the Brewery, **no later than 5:00PM on Wednesday, October 27th**. Entries from the Anchorage area are also welcomed, and can be turned in at Arctic Brewing Supply, 8401 Sandalwood Place, Anchorage, AK, **no later than 5:00PM on Tuesday, October 21st**. Thanks to the folks at Arctic Brewing Supply and Specialty Imports for graciously offering to collect and ship the entries from Anchorage to Juneau free of charge.

The fee for entering the competition is as follows:

1st beer entered-\$5

Additional entries-\$3/each

Please provide 2- 12 oz. bottles for each of your entries.

Standard BJCP Entry Forms and Bottle Identification Labels should be used, and are available for download from the BJCP Website located here:

http://www.bjcp.org/docs/SCP_EntryRecipe.pdf

http://www.bjcp.org/docs/SCP_BottleID.pdf

The competition is open to all BJCP recognized beer styles, and multiple entries per sub-style are permitted.

We will be hosting an Award Ceremony on Saturday, October 30th, at a "watering hole" to be announced, and we hope you can attend in your best Halloween attire!

If you are planning on judging for this competition, please drop me an email confirming your intent, ASAP.

This is the 10th Anniversary of the Autumn Pour Competition, and we hope to have a strong field of entries and judges to make this year the best ever.

Thanks to Alaskan Brewing for hosting the judging and providing a ton of support to make this event possible.

Steve Pierce
Competition Coordinator
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2010 Homebrewer of The Year Categories

Fur Rendezvous HBC

- Category 12
- Category 18
- Category 19
- Category 23
- Category 28

Snow Goose HBC

- Category 1
- Category 3
- Category 4
- Category 6
- Category 16

Anchor Town HBC

- Category 7
- Category 10
- Category 13
- Category 15
- Category 27

Equinox Mead HBC

- Category 24
- Category 25
- Category 26

Humpy's Big Fish HBC

- Category 2
- Category 5
- Category 9
- Category 14
- Category 22



2010 Queen of Beer (QOB), Homebrew Competition

The Hangtown Association of Zymurgy Enthusiasts (H. A. Z. E.) of Placerville, California, is pleased to announce the 14th year of "Queen of Beer", Women's Homebrew competition. This is a BJCP and AHA sanctioned competition.

Registration: Instructions will be posted by mid August

Bottle Deliveries: Deliveries will be accepted September 24 - October 8, 2010 Entries will not be accepted after October 8 (boxes postmarked October 8 will be accepted).

Judging Date and Time: Saturday, October 23, 2010 Volunteers and Judges **please arrive at 9:00 am** **Judging begins at 9:30 AM** and will be followed by lunch and sampling of beer.

Entry fees: \$8.00 first entry - \$6.00 each subsequent. Please make payment in U.S. funds to: H. A. Z. E. and send to "Mail-in Entries" address below Please denote "Queen of Beer" (or just QOB) in the memo section.

Contact: Glen Franke Send inquiries to: qoborganizer@hazeclub.org Please include QOB in the subject line.

JUDGING:

The following guidelines for the award ribbons have been established. A minimum of 25 points for 3rd place, a minimum of 30 points for 2nd place and a minimum of 35 points for 1st place. Ribbons will be awarded for first, second and third place in each category (if point requirements are met). First beer included in the Best of Show, Queen of bined or split depending on the number of entries.

ELIGIBILITY:

The Queen of Beer Women's Homebrew home brewed beer and meads produced by or with the assistance of persons of the is defined as: coaching during the brewing ing chemical reaction and/or timing calculations manipulating wort or fermented product. Lift-sels, milling of grain and operation of a capper judges are eligible to enter in categories other tasting" will be employed in the judging process. cellar master and registrar are eligible to enter.



place winners in each category will have her Beer judging round. Categories will be comtries for a particular category.

Competition is open to all non-commercial, persons of female gender. Beer produced male gender is not eligible. "Assistance" process, measuring ingredients, performances, racking, bottling or in any other way ing of heavy equipment or full brewing device are permitted. Female competition than those they will be judging, since "blind Female competition staff members, EXCEPT

CATEGORIES:

All 28 BJCP Style categories are open for entry. of each entry. Refer to the BJCP Style Guidelines web page at www.bjcp.org/stylecenter.php for descriptions. Depending on the amount of entries, some categories may be combined for Judging.

Queen of Beer

Please denote the category and sub-category

ENTRY REGISTRATION AND BOTTLE LABELS:

Entrants:

To register your Queen of Beer entry, please fill out and send a recipe form and bottle ID form with each entry shipped. Entry forms and ID forms can be found at www.bjcp.org/compcenter.php

Each entry shall consist of: three (3) bottles free of commercial labels, raised marks of lettering, or other identifying markings that are not part of the official entry label. A 12 oz brown bottle is preferable. Clear or green bottles may be disqualified from an award. When filling out your recipe and bottle forms, please give special attention to the category and style placements so that your brew will be judged according to the proper style. Entries are limited to one (1) per style, three (3) per category. Please attach labels with a rubber band (no tape or glue).Entries will be accepted starting September 24, ending October 8, 2010

PACKAGING AND SHIPPING:

Please use any method that will deliver to the mail-in address above (see Mail-in Entries in the announcement above for accepted methods). The proven most dependable is UPS.

- Use a commercially produced shipping box or a sturdy cardboard box.
- Place a heavy-duty trash bag inside the box.
- UPS recommends 2 inches of packing material around "each" bottle.
- Mark the box clearly with "FRAGILE" and "THIS END UP" to avoid breakage.

2010 E.T. Barnette Homebrew Competition Results

The competition received a total of 77 entries from 11 states. About 60% of the entries came from outside of Alaska. The number of entries by state is summarized below:

Alaska	31
Mississippi	12
Oregon	11
North Dakota	5
Alabama	4
Massachusetts	4
Wyoming	3
Florida	2
Maryland	2
South Carolina	2
Tennessee	1



The results are as follows:

Best of Show:

Overall Place	Brewers	City & State	Winning Beer Style
BOS	Steven Jayich	Anchorage, AK	Robust Porter
2nd	Breck Tostevin & Mike Olberding	Anchorage, AK	American Amber Ale
3rd	Edward Bielaus	Rockville, MD	American IPA

European Amber Lager:

Overall Place	Brewers	City & State	Winning Beer Style
1st	Mark Cowley	Biloxi, MS	Oktoberfest/Märzen
2nd	Steven Jayich	Anchorage, AK	Oktoberfest/Märzen
3rd	Randy Havens	Fairbanks, AK	Oktoberfest/Märzen

English Pale Ale:

Overall Place	Brewers	City & State	Winning Beer Style
1st	Rick Brandvold	West Fargo, ND	Standard/Ordinary Bitter
2nd	Steven Jayich	Anchorage, AK	Extra Special/Strong Bitter
3rd	Andrew Starsiak	Weymouth, MA	Standard/Ordinary Bitter

American Ale:

Overall Place	Brewers	City & State	Winning Beer Style
1st	Breck Tostevin & Mike Olberding	Anchorage, AK	American Amber Ale
2nd	Jason Spriet, Rick Stout & Jay Fuzi	Baker City, OR	American Pale Ale
3rd	Edward Bielaus	Rockville, MD	American Pale Ale

Porter:

Place	Brewers	City & State	Winning Beer Style
1st	Steven Jayich	Anchorage, AK	Robust Porter
2nd	Shannon Seifert & Terry Schwarz	Juneau, AK	Robust Porter
3rd	Rick Brandvold	West Fargo, ND	Brown Porter

Stout:

Place	Brewers	City & State	Winning Beer Style
1st	Jim Taber	Portland, OR	Russian Imperial Stout
2nd	Kevin Sobolesky	Anchorage, AK	Oatmeal Stout
3rd	Rick Brandvold	West Fargo, ND	Oatmeal Stout

India Pale Ale (IPA):

Place	Brewers	City & State	Winning Beer Style
1st	Edward Bielaus	Rockville, MD	American IPA
2nd	Jason Spriet, Rick Stout & Jay Fuzi	Baker City, OR	American IPA
3rd	Phil Moore	Columbia, SC	English IPA

Fruit/Spice/Herb/Vegetable Beer:

Place	Brewers	City & State	Winning Beer Style
1st	Bryan Loun	Oregon City, OR	Potato Blonde Ale
2nd	Mark Murray	Bay Saint Louis, MS	Cherry Belgian Blond Ale
3rd	Rick Brandvold	West Fargo, ND	Raspberry American Wheat Beer

The Styles for the 2011 E.T. Barnette Homebrew Competition will be:

Bock (5A. Maibock/Helles Bock, 5B. Traditional Bock, 5C. Doppelbock and 5D. Eisbock)

English Pale Ale (8A. Standard/Ordinary Bitter; 8B. Special/Best/Premium Bitter and 8C. Extra Special/Strong Bitter)

American Ale (10A. American Pale Ale; 10B. American Amber Ale and 10C. American Brown Ale)

Porter (12A. Brown Porter; 12B. Robust Porter and 12C. Baltic Porter)

Stout (13A. Dry Stout; 13B. Sweet Stout; 13C. Oatmeal Stout; 13D. Foreign Extra Stout; 13E. American Stout; and 13F. Russian Imperial Stout)

India Pale Ale (14A. English IPA; 14B. American IPA and 14C. Imperial IPA)

Fruit/Spice/Herb/Vegetable Beer (20. Fruit Beer and 21A. Spice/Herb/Vegetable Beer)



American Homebrewers Association- Club only Competition (AHA-COC)

by Dennis Sessler

Here is the upcoming AHA COC schedule. These competitions are not open to anyone: as a club will be conducting an evaluation to find the best submitted beer to forward to the event site. Entry fees and shipping cost are all paid by the GNBC. Get brewing and bring your beers to the club meetings to have them evaluated and possibly entered as the GNBC club entry.

***AUGUST 2010 Meads**, BJCP categories 24,25, and 26. Evaluations will take place at the summer picnic at Jeff Loughrey home July 14th. Bring 4 bottles; shipments to the competition are due July 30th in Colorado. Joe Michael's- Macadamia Nut Blossom Mead was forwarded.

***September/October 2010 "Pucker Up" Sour & Wild Ales**, BJCP Category 17 styles, plus American Wild Ales, and Specialty Wild Ales. Evaluations will take place at the August picnic at the Sessler's house. Bring 4 bottles; shipments to the competition are due September 9th in California.

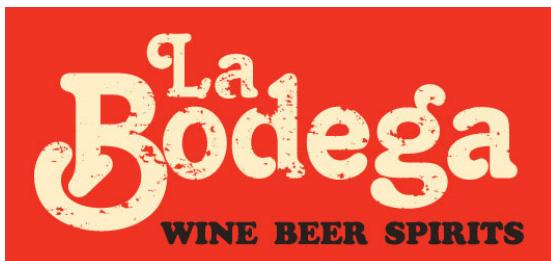
***November/December 2010 Strong Ale's**, BJCP Category 19 styles. Evaluations will take place at our October 19th GNBC club meeting at the Snow Goose. Bring 4 bottles; shipments to the competition are due November 30th in California.

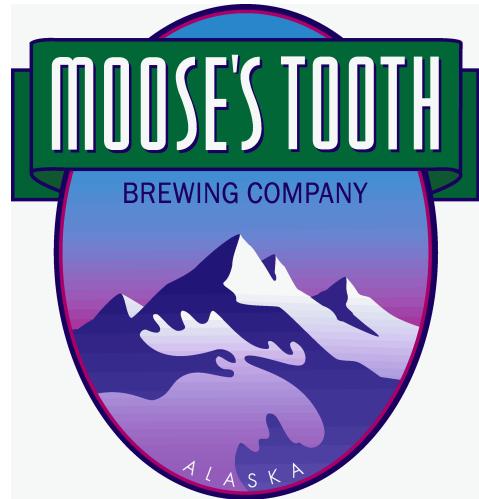
***January/February 2011 "Battle of the Bitters" (English Pale Ales)**, BJCP Category 8 styles. Evaluations will take place at our November 16th GNBC club meeting at the Snow Goose. Bring 4 bottles; shipments to the competition are due January 28th in California.

* **March/April 2011 Bock**, BJCP Category 5 styles. Evaluations will take place at our November 16th GNBC club meeting at the Snow Goose. Bring 4 bottles; shipments to the competition are due March 15th in Oklahoma.

* **May 2011 Angel's Share – Wood-Aged Beer**, BJCP Sub-Category 22C. Evaluations will take place at our April 19th GNBC Club meeting at the Snow Goose. Bring 4 bottles; shipments to the competition are due March 15th in California.

This competition schedule will take us through the next membership year. Please consider brewing one or more of these beers and help represent the GNBC in the AHA's national COC competitions. All points garnered in these competitions will count toward the AHA Homebrew Club of the Year, which is awarded every summer during the National Homebrew Competition.





Anchor Town Wrap-up

by John Trapp

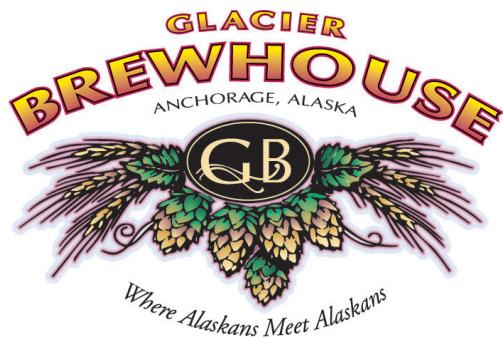
The third annual Anchor Town Invitational Home Brew competition has wrapped up and I'm pleased to congratulate Frank Bell and Brian Noonan for winning Best of Show Beers with a wood aged Flemish Brown ale. Congratulations also go out to Breck Tostevin for taking Best of Show Meads and Ciders with a traditional sweet mead. There were a total of 32 entries that span across 18 categories. The judging took place at Café Amsterdam on the evening of Sunday the 15th, and thank you to everyone that showed up to help judge. We were able to finish up judging for the competition in less than 3 ½ hours.

An awards ceremony will be held near the end of September at Café Amsterdam. The exact date and time will be announced later. But speaking of awards and prizes, this year's competition has some fantastic gifts. The best of show winners will receive a \$150 gift certificate to Arctic Brewing Supply, prize money (or gift certificate) from Café Amsterdam, and a wooden plaque announcing your accomplishments.

One more award that was started last year, The Brass Tap Award, is given to the brewer that **Averages** the highest scores on their judging score sheets. This is a genuine brass tap that is donated from Arctic Brewing Supply. Last year this went to Ted Rosenzweig, and I was waiting with baited breath to see if Dr. Ted could defend his title and continue to add more taps to his beer dispersing system. Or would someone else de-throne him? After the competition it looked like Steve Jayich would be the new brass tap recipient, but out of the blue, Joe Michael came along and knocked Steve right off his perch. Joe had two entries and together averaged a 39. Congratulations Joe.

I would like to thank Ken and Shauna Pajak and everyone over at Café Amsterdam for hosting this fine competition. Be sure to say thanks when you see them at Café A while enjoying a cold one. Also, a special thank you goes out to Arctic Brewing Supply for their continued support and generous donations that make these events special. Congratulations to all the winners and everyone that entered. I look forward to more great competitions in the years to come.





D I M O N D L I Q U O R

Break Out the Checkbook, its Membership Time

by Dena Sessler

I know it's hard to believe, but another membership year is fast approaching. It has been an incredible year for the club. Through the tireless efforts of our President, the board, and our members, new programs and an overall new direction have been implemented with raging success. Thank you to everyone for their commitment and enthusiasm to the G.N.B.C.!

Last year the club started issuing membership cards to its paid members. It's a small detail that has been overlooked for far too long. There were a few bugs to work out, but now things are running smoothly and we are looking forward to another successful year. The Club has welcomed close to 30 new members since February 2010. It is so exciting to see new faces and a fresh and renewed enthusiasm within the club!

We are going to continue to issue membership cards and the first wave will be sent out the first week of September 2010. We decided to wait until then to avoid any confusion for the businesses that provide the G.N.B.C. a 10% discount, as the look of the card will change from year to year. If you are a brand new member to the club and wish to pay your dues now, your membership will be current through September of 2011.

Currently Arctic Brewing supply gives card carrying members a 10% discount on brewing supplies and we also receive a 10% discount at LaBodega, Diamond Liquor, the Wine House, and a 2-3% discount at Keg Cowboy's (an internet store for keg supplies). Remember **YOU MUST HAVE A CARD** to receive your discount. I have provided a membership application on page **12** for your convenience. Just print it out and mail it to the G.N.B.C. membership coordinator at 19049 Eagle River Road Eagle River Alaska 99577. You can also go to the clubs website and use the PayPal option to renew your dues.

There will be two options on membership renewal form, \$25.00 for a one year membership or \$300.00 for a LIFETIME MEMBERSHIP. It is the first time the homebrew club has ever offered a life membership. The thought of never having to mess with membership dues again is an inviting proposition.

Either way, renew your dues early to avoid any lapse in your membership card. They expire the 30th of September 2010. Please make sure that I am aware of any changes to your mailing address or email. If there are any changes, please email me at sessak@mtaonline.net so I can make any corrections. Thank you again to all! The members of this club ROCK and it's because of you, that we can boast that it is the greatest club on the planet to be a part of!

G.N.B.C. Membership Application Sept. 2010-Sept. 2011

Name _____

Address _____

City/Zip _____

Email _____

Telephone _____

Areas of Interest:

- Judge Give an Educational Presentation Organize an Event
- Help with an Event Run for a position in the Club
- Run a Competition Beer Judge Certification Class (B.J.C.P.)
- Brewer List (contact info. to be shared with new brewers for assistance)
- Not available at this time

Membership dues are \$25.00 per year or \$300.00 for a Life Membership, Payable to the **G.N.B.C.** You can either mail your application and check to the G.N.B.C. Membership coordinator at: 19049 Eagle River Road, Eagle River, AK 99577 or use the convenient pay pal option on our web site: greatnorthernbrewers.org.

Dena Sessler
G.N.B.C. Membership Coordinator

(With your membership card you will receive 10% off at The Arctic Brewing Supply on brewing ingredients, The La Bodega liquor store, the Wine House, Diamond liquor and 2-3% off at Keg Cowboy.)



Equinox Mead Competition: Saturday, September 25th at Celestial Meads

Reprint from August, 2010 Newsletter

by Breck Tostevin

Calling all Mead-makers, Mazers and Mead Berserkers! We have a need for mead.

Celestial Meads and the Great Northern Brewers Club are holding the Third Annual Equinox Mead Competition on September 25. This is an AHA/BJCP registered competition open to Mead only!

Categories: 24 Traditional Mead; 25 Melomel; and 26 Other Mead.

The Best of Show mead will be produced as a commercial batch at Celestial Meads if deemed appropriate by Meadmaster Mike Kiker. Medals will be awarded to the first, second and third place winners in the three categories.

Please get those meads bottled and entry forms ready for the Equinox Mead Competition. Entries will be accepted at Celestial Meads on Friday, September 24 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. No entry fee. Here is a link to the form:

http://www.beertown.org/homebrewing/pdf/entry_recipe.pdf

Mead judges are also needed. Judging will be held at Celestial Meads, 600 W. 58th Ave., Suite B., Anchorage, AK 99518-1628 from Noon to 3 p.m. on Saturday, September 25.

Shipments should be sent to Celestial Meads at the above address and must arrive by Friday, September 24, at 7:30 pm.

Please contact competition organizer Breck Tostevin at 884-1819 or keegan@gci.net for more information or visit www.CelestialMeads.com.



Mending Fences

by All GNBC members

It is such a nice treat when club members open their homes to the Club. For those who have done so in the past, each of those days is left with fond memories of those who attended, sharing the one thing that all have in common. There are times when damage can occur, and that's when our host and hostess are the most understanding.

This spring, at the annual GNBC Club Brewathon, damage to the home of our hosts, John and Rose Craig occurred in damage to their eclectic and cherished fence. Our members are so incredible. Many members came together to remedy this unfortunate situation. Recently, we all got together and fixed the fence. Once again I want to thank all the GNBC members who showed up on a beautiful Saturday afternoon to lend their skills and not only repair a fence post, but rebuild a new section of fence that was in need of repair as well. This type of camaraderie transcends the love for beer and demonstrates that we're first and foremost a family of concerned and caring people that just happen to share good, homebrewed beer as an aside. You all make our club proud. Thanks for your efforts.



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