



THE Northern Brewer

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Prez Sez

By Peter Hall

Holy crap, It's April! Maybe it is the fog of St. Patrick's Day that made March zip by so quickly. I managed to make it here all in one piece...I think... On my first run with a new brew system I made a pretty decent Irish Ale for my St. Patrick's Day party that I and my guests enjoyed a lot of...



So much is going on that it is making my head spin. First and super exciting for me, my wife and I are having our first kid! Maybe not so exciting for everyone else, but I kinda like telling everyone. We are still early in the game right now. Kiddo should be joining us around Oct 30....so just in time for the new membership year!

Events, events, events... Where to get started?

We just had our big Talkeetna Beer Trippin weekend. Denali Brewing and Twister Creek, Mountain High Pizza, Flying Squirrel Bakery, Talkeetna Roadhouse, The Fairview and all the great residents of Talkeetna put on a great show for the GNBC and friends. The Golden Carboy changed hands back to the sure hands of the original handler, Aaron Christ, and then I managed (with steady hands) to drive the peg on a pin (half firkin) without harming even a drop of beer. This was a great kickoff to our run of spring events. I huge thanks goes out to the multitude of Talkeetners (that helped the GNBC have a great time.

Immediately after the big Talkeetna weekend we have the Snow Goose Break-up Homebrew Comp. This is our next big points earning competition. You can drop off entries at the Snow Goose basement on Friday April 12 from 11am to 6pm. This competition is open to ONLY BJCP styles: Pilsner (category 2) Amber hybrids (category 7), English Pale (category 8), German Wheat/Rye (category 15), Spice/Herb/Veggie (category 21), Smoke flavored/Wood aged (category 22), and the brewers challenge SMaSH (single malt and single hop).

At the same time as the Home Brew comp we will also be hosting the club only comp. You can drop off beers at the same time, just be sure to differentiate the different entries. Or you can just take them with you on the day of the brew comp and we can get them in. This club only comp is open to all BJCP categories but must be an extract brew (greater than 50% fermentables from extract).

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It is put on by the Hangtown Association of Zymurgy Enthusiasts in Placerville, CA. Entering in these comps can actually net you some recognition from a more national audience. I really hope we can have a good turnout and send a stellar brew out to represent our club.

Brew-a-thon will be here in no time! I hope you are all devising great plans to make large and several batches of delicious home brew. Kevin Sobolesky and his parents have been incredibly nice enough to open up their large yard to all our brewing equipment. On May 5 from 8am to 8pm we will be brewing away at 9551 Emerald Street. The big toast is at 9am, and be sure not to miss it. Email me @ president@greatnorthernbrewers.org as needed with questions.

At Brew-a-thon we will also be doing a big single hop series experiment. I have an article for that also. This will really help to find the differences between the different hop varieties. I'm sure the list is filling quickly of available hop varieties. If you would like to participate in this, you should email membership@greatnorthernbrewers.org with your questions.

I mentioned before the House Crawl. This is a great event, but it has hit a bit of a speed bump this year. It is usually, very much, organized by Lisa from Arctic Brew Supply. This year she will be headed out of town and unable to put it together. She does however wish to extend a helping hand to anyone that would like to use her contacts and experience. If there is anyone out there that would like to help put this together, please contact me at president@greatnorthernbrewers.org.

Fast approaching is actual summer! I know it is still a little snowy outside but it really will be here (and gone) before you know it. And with summer comes the GNBC summer camp out! This year we will be at the Trail River Camp Ground (which is on the way to Seward) from June 21-23. This is a great club get together where we can hang out in the "woods" for a few days, have some great food, and some positively great brews. This is a family friendly (and encouraged) event and I hope that you have already marked it on your calendar.

So much to do! So much fun to be had! I hope, and know, we will have great participation in all these big club events. I look forward to seeing you all there! Keep your brews hot and beers cold. Prez Peter



Secretary's Corner

by Kat Karabelnikoff

The days are getting longer and snow is starting to melt which means break up is coming and summer will not be far behind. So with that in mind we have some great events and brews to share, and it is time to start planning the summer events and what great summer brews are to be had. With the changing of the seasons brings as comes the changing to the summer brews as well as the consumption levels in some cases. That must mean summer equals more brewing and that could be considered a great thing. Here is what we have to look forward to.

March GNBC Meeting

March 19th @ Snow Goose Basement

Pres. Peter Hall called the meeting at 7:07pm

There were around 50 people at the meeting and handful of new members attended their 1st meeting.

Guest Speaker:

Big Thanks to Tyler Jones from Broken Tooth Brewing for taking the time to come out to share with the group his story about how he got started in the brewing industry and answering some of our questions about the new changes with the brewery. Including the reasons behind the name change and how adding the canning process has progressed. We appreciate all the great information and look forward to seeing how things develop in the future with the brewery.

New Business:

House Crawl: We rent the Magic Bus and go on a tour around town to 4-5 GNBC members houses for food and homebrew. We will need a host for this event if it is going to take place this year. Lisa said she could help the host with the Magic Bus contact but will not be here this year to host. We will also need 4-5 people willing to open their home and participate as a stop along the route. Contact Peter for further details alaskabrewer@gmail.com

Old Business:

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.

Membership Dues:

Will increase as of May 1st, 2013:

\$30 for an Annual Membership

\$350 for a Lifetime Membership

-GNBC Glasses for sale -

Our New Glasses are in and they should be available for purchase for \$5 at our next Meeting.

EVENTS

Every First Thursday

Moose's Tooth First Tap

Every Friday

Midnight Sun Brewery Tours and

Brew Debut: 6:00 PM 344-1179

5-7.....*Talkeetna Beer Trippin*

13.....*Snow Goose Break-Up*

Homebrew Competition

16.....*GNBC Monthly Meeting*

7:00P.M. at the Goose

20.....*"The Culmination" Beer Event*

Anchorage Brewing Company

\$100 pp: Time TBD

4.....*GNBC Brew-a-Thon*

21.....*GNBC Monthly Meeting*

7:00 P.M. at the Goose

24-25.....*Haines Craft Beer and Homebrew*

Festival

21-23.....*GNBC Summer Campout at*

Trail River



AMSTERDAM

Events:

-Talkeetna Beer Trippin April 5-7

Deadline for entries for the Golden Carboy Homebrew Competition is 11am, Sat., April 6. Please drop off a minimum of three bottles of your best at DBC's tasting room on Main Street in Talkeetna.

Beer Dinner: Held at Twister Creek on Friday, April 5th, beginning at 7:00pm.

Beer Bakin': 10:00 am, Saturday, April 6th. Wake up and put beer in your muffins! Learn about baking with beer in the kitchen at Flying Squirrel Bakery Cafe.

Beer+Pizza: 1:00pm, Saturday, April 6th. The brewers at DBC take over the taps at Mountain High Pizza

Cask Tapping @ Twister Creek: 5:15pm, Saturday, April 6th.

2013 Golden Carboy winner announced @ Twister Creek, 5:30pm, Saturday, April 6th.

Ukulele Russ @ The Fairview: 9:00pm, Saturday, April 6th.

Farewell Breakfast @ Talkeetna Roadhouse: 10:00am, Sunday, April 7th.

Brewery Tour: 1:00pm, Sunday, April 7th. Denali Brewing Co.

Facebook on the events page: <https://www.facebook.com/events/417521338317389/>

-Snow Goose Spring Breakup Comp:

April 13th @ Snowgoose Restaurant & Sleeping Lady Brewing, Anchorage

Home Brewer of the Year- categories This comp is only open to these categories listed
2 Pilsner

7 Amber Hybrid Beer

8 English Pale Ale

15 German Wheat and Rye Beer

21 Spice/Herb/Vegetable Beer

22 Smoke Flavored/Wood Aged Beer

Sponsoring Brewery- Sleeping Lady Brewery



Entry drop-off will be in the basement of the Snow Goose, Friday April, 12th, from 11a- 6p. The brewers' challenge is a SMaSH (single malt and single hop). This is the same challenge we have had for several years now. For more information check the FB events: <https://www.facebook.com/events/427393860675252/>

-April Club Only Competition-

Tuesday, April 16, 2013 6:30-7pm

Tentatively scheduled for the April Meeting: Extract Beers: this competition covers BJCP categories 1-23 where 50% or more of the fermentable sugars must come from the use of malt extract. If you have any questions please contact Liz Greer at: eagreer2001@yahoo.com or visit the events FB page: <https://www.facebook.com/events/546447355385838/>

-Brew-a-Thon Summary: Hosting- Kevin Sobolesky

May 4th (1st Saturday) Setup at 8:00AM, Toast at 9:00AM, Break-down by 9:00PM
9551 Emerald Street, Anchorage

While the club will be providing grilled meats, we do request that those who come bring a large portion of your favorite dish (with the necessary serving utensils) to share.

We will have several brewing stations available for those that don't have the equipment, but wish to brew. A sign-up sheet will be at Arctic Brewing Supply (ABS) during the month of April. You can brew under the guidance of an experienced brewer or an experienced brewer can choose to donate their equipment and/or demonstrate actual brewing; of course, you can just show up to observe as well. We will have stations brewing with both extract and all-grain.

Bring your brewing gear, home-brew, food and good cheer! If you have any questions, contact Kevin at metkonig@gmail.com or visit the FB page: <https://www.facebook.com/events/143474799147916/>

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



-Single Hop Series

This is a limited space event that is going to take place at brew-a-thon and will have a group tasting/comparison upon completion. If you have any interest in being involved please email Ross Aldridge at gnbc.membership@gmail.com. We are looking for a host to hold the tasting please contact Ross for further details if you would like to volunteer. We are currently reserving Hop varieties on a first come first serve basis.

-Summer Camp-Out

June 21st Trail River Campground, Seward – Still need a HOST to take the lead on this event and Volunteers to make sure things get cleaned up (we know our group is responsible and will pick up after themselves but to cover our bases we'd like to have someone in charge of this task)

This is a really fun family friendly event!!! This camp ground offers more privacy and great campfire options.

-John & Rose Craig have offered GNBC members to come hang out and possibly campout (tent style) at their property in Talkeetna for the 4th of July. Please see them for further information regarding this.

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:

4/10 Wednesday 1pm

4/12 Friday 9am

4/16 Tuesday 1pm

4/20 Saturday 11am

4/22 Monday 1pm

4/23 Tuesday 9am

4/30 Tuesday 5:30pm

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, feel free to post them on our Facebook page or contact any one of our board members or officers. Contact info can be found on the club's webpage and in each newsletter.

MEETING SETUP

A - J Setup
K - P Cleanup
R - Z Food

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Hello Brewers!

This year's Brewathon event will take place on Saturday May 4th, as part of the National Homebrewer's Association Big Brew event. Homebrewers will be bringing their brewing equipment and making many batches of beer that day. This event is open to brewers and people interested in learning how to brew or observe new brewing techniques.

We will have the grill going all day, so grilled meats will be available but we do request that those who come bring a large portion of your favorite dish (with the necessary serving utensils) to share.

Midnight Sun Brewing Company has been generous in offering to donate Yeast (Scottish Ale Yeast, a neutral strain useful for many styles of beer) and Beer for the event! They are also releasing the recipe of one of their classic recipes which would make a great first batch for new brewers. You can pick up a copy of the recipe at Arctic Brewing Supply.

The event is being held at 9551 Emerald Street. This is at the very west end of Dimond blvd in South Anchorage between Jewel Lake Road and Sand Lake Road. Turn onto Emerald Street heading south (left if you're coming from Jewel Lake) and it's the one-story split level where Emerald Street ends at Jade Street. We will have some extension cords for pumps as well as a network of garden hoses for cleaning and filling.

Will we start setting up at 8AM, with the invocation and kick-off at 9AM, and tear down and clean up at 8PM.

If you are interested in teaching new brewer(s), please email me at metkonig@gmail.com with the style of beer you are making, whether it's All-Grain or Extract, and how many people you would be interested in hosting.

Likewise, if you are looking to be taught how to brew and/or have no gear, please email me at metkonig@gmail.com and I will do my best to set you up with a brewer.

This is also a great place to get feedback on your homebrew!

Please be considerate to the neighbors when parking! That includes blocking mailboxes and driveways.

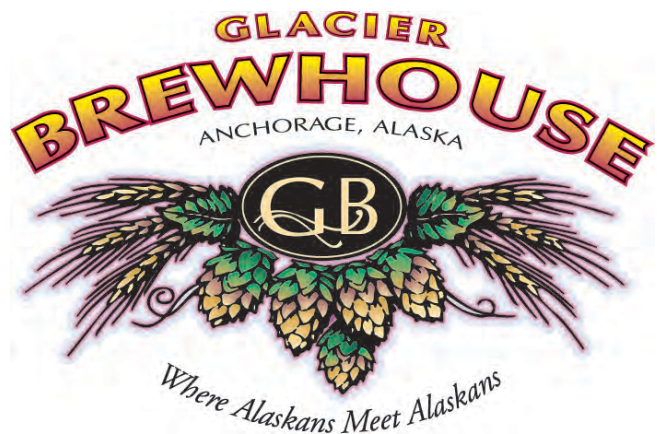
May 4th (1st Saturday)

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9551 Emerald Street

Bring your brewing gear, home-brew, food and good cheer!

If you have any questions, shoot me an email at metkonig@gmail.com



Club Only Competition

By Lis Greer

Hello GBNC Members:

We are linking our next Club-Only-Competition** with the Snow Goose Spring Breakup Competition April 13. The April/May COC is Extract Beers: this competition covers BJCP categories 1-23 where 50% or more of the fermentable sugars must come from the use of malt extract. Any club member who would like to enter their extract beer in the COC, bring an additional bottle WITH A BOTTLE ID FORM to the Breakup submittal.

BOTTLE ID FORM.....

Name: _____

Street Address: _____

City: _____

State: _____ Zip: _____

Phone Number: _____

Email Address: _____

Name of Beer: _____

Category Entered: _____

Subcategory entered: _____

Homebrew Club: _____

ATTACH ONE FORM TO YOUR BOTTLE

Any questions can be emailed to Liz Greer at egreer2001@yahoo.com More info on the COC can be found at: <http://www.homebrewersassociation.org/pages/competitions/club-only-competitions>

**The Club-Only Competition (COC) program offers AHA-Registered Homebrew Clubs an opportunity to compete with other AHA-registered homebrew clubs. Each competition concentrates attention on a specific style of beer or mead, giving your club the opportunity to educate club members in these styles by focusing on them at club meetings or tasting events. Each Club-Only Competition covers one or more categories with one or more subcategories from the BJCP Style Guidelines.

All AHA-registered homebrew clubs are eligible to host and to compete in the COC. Each club may only send one entry per competition. The club then sends the chosen entry to the appropriate judging site (this varies). If our club's entry places in any of the six Club-Only Competitions that are held on an August to May cycle, our club earns points towards the AHA Homebrew Club of the Year award on a twelve-eight-four basis for first, second and third places respectively. Additional club points are earned on a six-four-two basis for first, second and third places respectively in the First and Final Rounds of the National Homebrew Competition.



2013 Snow Goose Break-up Home Brewing Competition



This is the last call 2013 SNOW GOOSE Break-up Home Brew competition. Mark your calendars for Saturday April 13th. I will be in the basement of the Snow Goose Friday April 12th from 1100 to 1800 to collect entries. The **ONLY** BJCP categories open to the Break-up competition are: Pilsners (category 2), Amber hybrids (category 7), English Pale (category 8), German Wheat/Rye (category 15), Spice/Herb/Veggie (category 21), Smoke-Flavored/Wood-aged (category 22) and the brewers challenge a SMaSH (single malt and single hop). This is the same challenge we have had for several years now. I brewed my smash a month ago and it has fermented into quite a masterpiece. All grain brewers should make their challenge beer out of base malt alone, and one hop variety. Extract brewers are similarly delegated using one extract and one hop. We have had some great SMASH beers last year and many of you know that this challenge was established a couple of years ago. I would love to see some well aged barley wine SMASH beers, or a nicely age old ale (either English or American). Who knows a Bohemian Pilsner could take the BOS and SMASH?

Once again this years "Brewers Choice," may not be the over all "Best of Show (BOS)" in this BJCP sanctioned event, but it will be chosen by the head brewer at the Snow Goose and the BOS panel. The Brewers Choice award will be served at the Snow Goose this summer, so it must conform to some criteria. It must be a quick turn around beer for brewing economy, so a beer ready to go from kettle to tap in several weeks. For the brewer of the Brewer's Choice, this is a chance to work with the pros at Snow Goose, as you can help them expand your recipe from your home brewing system with a capacity measured in gallons to the Snow Goose system measured in barrels. The Brewers Choice will most likely be an ale – even though a lager may win the BOS. If the stars align and brewing gods smile upon you the BOS and Brewers Choice may be one and the same.

Hi everyone, this is Ross with an important message regarding the Single Hop Series Club Brew. If you want to sign up for this I need you to contact me ASAP, via email at membership@greatnorthernbrewers.org or by phone at 947-3543. The end date for sign up is rapidly approaching, please contact me soon. Thank you.

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2013 Home Brewer of the Year Status

Name	Fur Rondy	Spring Break-Up	Anchor Town	Equinox Mead	Big Fish	Total
Jeff Shearer	10					10
Aaron Christ	8					8
Ted Rosenzweig	6					6
Tyler Doil	6					6
Doug Griffin	6					6
Tim Bisson	4					4
Kyle Tucker	4					4



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