



THE Northern Brewer

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The Prez Sez

by *Kevin Sobolesky*

Greetings brewing friends,

I hope you are all enjoying the summer and taking advantage of our (randomly) good weather. I hope our string of rainy weekends will subside, however, I am realizing that there are perks to working the weekends! Making it out to (a deserted) Exit Glacier on a Tuesday was a thoroughly fun time!

I hope everyone had a good opportunity to enjoy the 4th of July in a fun and safe manner.

As we progress through summer, remember that the Club doesn't have regular monthly meetings between June and August. Rather, we gather in alternate outdoor locations to capitalize on glorious Alaska sunshine. Our next regularly scheduled meeting will be in September, but a bunch of events between now and then bait you and your homebrew to show up for and participate in. And, nothing's stopping you from hosting a club event of your own. If interested in hosting some sort of homebrew gig, just shoot me or one of the board members or officers an email and we'll help you get it set up.

Seeing as it's BBQ season, one would be remiss to miss out on the Loughrey's BBQ coming up on the 12th. Thanks to our hosts for providing such a lovely venue to enjoy a family friendly fun time. If the past "rain on the weekends" trend continues, that Tuesday should be a great time to enjoy the BBQ.

Our Summer campout will be at the Eklutna Lake Campground this year. We'll be at the large group campsite. See Kat's article on the details and be prepared to enjoy a fun weekend.

If you didn't make it to the Hall's for the June BBQ or participate in the Alaska Run for Women, I hope you can attend our upcoming events! See the appropriate articles for details.

Get your calendar out. Upcoming events include the July 12th - Loughrey's BBQ, the ET Barnette Homebrew Competition in Fox on July 16, the August 5th Campout at Eklutna and the September 20th GNBC meeting at 49th State Brewing Company in Anchorage and the Anchortown Invitational Homebrew Competition on October 23. Plan on attending all of these events and show your support for our great homebrew club.

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GNBC Summer BBQ at the Loughrey's

by Julie McDonald

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

The Loughreys, long-standing members of our club, have invited homebrewers to their spacious home on the Upper Hillside in Anchorage for a summer barbeque on Tuesday, July 12 starting at 6 pm. This event is family-oriented and invites brewers and their families to enjoy an evening of (hopefully) sun and fun in a pristine setting with enough activities to keep everyone occupied.

Jeff's back yard opens to a lake with paddle boats and a recreation area where volleyball, horseshoes, fishing and expansive views are the norm. Come prepared to let the kids run around and enjoy themselves while you share a few bevies with friends, and be summer-time merry in a way that can only happen in Alaska in July.

Bring everything you need to be comfortable, including something to throw on the grill for you and your family, homebrew to consume and share, and your favorite Frisbee, volleyball, catcher's mitt, or whatever to engage others in good, vibrant outdoor fun. This year's event will begin at 6 pm and last until whenever you and your family get worn out.

To get to the gig, head up O'Malley and look for Stonybrook Road on the right, towards the top. If you get to Hillside Rd., you have gone too far. Go to the end of Stonybrook road and take a left on Mountain Lake Drive. This will quickly turn into Lake O' The Hills Circle. The lake will open up on your right. Follow this around toward the end where you'll find Jeff's place His address is 7051 Lake O' The Hills Circle if you want to put it into Google maps. Please respect other homes when you park because parking is limited.

Come and enjoy a good time. I hope to see you there.





Anchor Town Invitational Homebrew Competition

by Mike Fisher

The 2016 Anchor Town competition will take place on Sunday, October 23 at King Street Brewing Company. Drop-offs will be accepted at Arctic Brewing Supply on Saturday, October 22. More details will be announced as we get closer to October.

We will judge according to the 2015 BJCP Style Guidelines. All beer styles are welcome at the competition, but the styles that count toward the GNBC Homebrewer of the Year award are: Standard American Beer (1), International Lager (2), Brown British Beer (13), Irish Beer (15), Dark British Beer (16), and American Wild Ale (28).

We have a special side challenge this year that I have called "Funky Fermentables." While the funky bugs get recognition under the American Wild Ale category, the side challenge is looking for rare or unusual fermentables.

What do I mean by funky? It could be anything from starchy root vegetables sourced from Africa to the juices of exotic fruits, and from candy used in place of candy sugar to the addition of colorful breakfast cereal. I in fact just brewed a Swedish Fish Tripel, which tastes great but also afforded me the opportunity to sit back, relax, and wash the fish jump in the boil kettle on brew day.

Rare or unusual non-fermentables are okay, too, in case you've been dying to brew that historical chicken beer or have wanted to add dry-porking of a bacon beer to your résumé.

The only limit is your imagination, though you should probably aim for something that tastes good. The judges will thank you for that.

Get those creative juices flowing! Contact me at vp@greatnorthernbrewers.org if you have any questions or want to bounce any ideas off of me.



EVENTS

Every First Thursday
Moose's Tooth First Tap

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

12.....GNBC Summer BBQ at the Loughrey's: 6 PM

16.....E.T. Barnette Homebrew Comp: Silver Gulch, Fox, Alaska 10 AM

05.....GNBC Camp Out at Eklutna Lake Fri-Sun

20.....First Fall GNBC Meeting at 49th State Brewing - Anchorage 7-9 pm Downstasirs



CAFE



AMSTERDAM

Alaska Run for Women - Team Brewbies - Post-race Wrap Up

by Julie McDonald

I want to say thank you to all of our team members, both Physical and Phantom, for your participation and efforts in the race on June 11.

Stephanie Adams - Wasilla
Liz Greer - Anchorage
Cassie Jeremias - Anchorage
Kat Karabelnikoff - Anchorage
Eileen Levinson - Eagle River
Tracey Lewellyn - Anchorage
Lisa McPhee - Rumford, Maine
Shelly Schmitt - Anchorage
Fil Spiegel - Anchorage
Cathie Sträub - Survivor - Anchorage
Jana Sudkamp - Survivor - Anchorage
Cyndi Trapp - Anchorage
Cait Ward - Anchorage

As always, it's an honor to be part of this incredible event and to coordinate on behalf of the Great Northern Brewers Club.

As a team we raised \$562 and ended up with 14 members. That averages out to about \$40 per member!

The Alaska Run for Women is largely supported by teams!
In 2016, there were 154 totaling more than 2,300 total participants.
Together, teams raised more than \$66,540!

As I have no doubt that we will form a 2017 Team Brewbies I wanted to talk about a few things for future team efforts:

1. Set a monetary goal for fundraising
2. Pre-race activity for the team - bra decorating night/afternoon. (So save any bras you are thinking of tossing out, keep collecting bits of craft scraps. Once the bras have been completed we will donate them to the race for use in the Brazilla Hut!)
3. A better post-race meeting venue
4. Encouraging the participation of our male counterparts, either in volunteering or just supporting the runners on course
5. Encouraging the participation of children in the 1 mile event
6. Encourage more phantom members through friends and family who may not be able to participate but want to be a part of the team and....
7. Decorating a team potty - it's been a quirky tradition of the race for many years

I welcome your ideas, as well!

Well, that's a wrap for this year! Thank you all again for your amazing support of this event. I look forward to doing it all again next year!



2016 E.T. BARNETTE HOMEBREW COMPETITION



by Scott Stihler

Announcing the 20th Annual E.T. Barnette Homebrew Competition!

This is a AHA/BJCP sanctioned competition. The grand prize for Best of Show is \$500!!! Great prizes and custom medals will also be awarded to the 1st, 2nd and 3rd place winners of each of the seven judged categories.

The seven judged categories are: Pale Malty European Lager (4A-C), 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), and Fruit/Spice/Herb/Vegetable Beer (29A-B and 30A).

Entries will be accepted: June 20 - July 13, 2016. Entry fees: Submit three 12-16 oz brown or green crown capped bottles and a check or money order for \$5.00 in U.S. funds per entry. Judging: Judging will take place on Saturday, July 16th.

Location: Fox, Alaska (a small mining community ~10 miles north of Fairbanks)

More information as well as Entry and Bottle ID forms may be found at the following URL: <http://ow.ly/K57M3>.

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

CALL FOR JUDGES

Judges we need You! We need BJCP judges and/or experienced brewers to help judge this year's E.T. Barnette Homebrew Competition!!! We also need an intrepid steward or two to help make things run smoothly!

Judging will take place on Saturday, July 16 at Silver Gulch Brewing and Bottling Company located in Fox, Alaska (a small community ~11 miles north of Fairbanks). Once again, the seven judged categories are: Pale Malty European Lager (4A-C), 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). Once again out of town judges can pre-register and hand carry their entries thereby saving on shipping costs.

All they 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 the judges simply show up with their chilled entries in hand. Be sure to attach Bottle IDs to each of the bottles with rubber bands so we can distinguish which entry is which.

Please mail your pre-registration materials to:

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Please mail in the pre-registration information etc. early enough so that it is received no later than the entry deadline (i.e. July 13). 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 the E.T. Barnette Homebrew Competition will once again take on that same day as the Golden Days Beer Fest. The beer fest generally goes until 10:00 p.m. so 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.

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**NEXT GNBC Gathering: Tuesday, July 12, 2016
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