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The Prez Sez

by Peter Hall

I've been dragging my feet like crazy in getting this article done. I look outside at the sun and I just get a little antsy. Between trying to plan a few after work hikes, playing with my softball team, even thinking of trying to brew, and considering my future as a father leaves my brain on overload. I hope that y'all aren't too offended that I am getting this out a bit late. Summer is here! We have some great summer

events coming up soon, and at least one competition where they still need help. I am excited for this summer. Between club fun and other Alaska summer extracurriculars, it will all zip by way faster than I would like.

Regular club meetings have now stepped aside for our wonderful but short summer. There are always more than enough club activities to fill an article, so let's get started.

About a month ago now we had Brew-a-thon. Kevin and his family were gracious hosts who put on a good time, despite the less-than-fantastic weather. There were shelters a plenty and I feel sorry for anyone who didn't have one. The brew club is obviously host to a number of tough/foolish characters who will brew outside despite snow and freezing temps. Kevin wrote an appropriately sarcastic article that I know you all will be happy to check out below.

Only a couple very short weeks away we will be headed out to Trail River for the GNBC summer camp out. On June 21-23 we will be taking over the group spots. There will be food and beverage to be had and shared at this family event. The June club meeting with all its "official" business will actually be held on Saturday night. I would encourage you to check out Jim's article with a few more specifics. I hope to see you all there!

Upcoming in July we will be headed out to the Loughrey's for a BBQ. I don't have a ton of info on this but I believe we are set for July 9. I will update everyone as this event approaches. Mark your calendar and watch for emails. The Craig's have also invited us out to their Talkeetna property for the Fourth of July weekend. The full invite and directions to get there are of course included below.



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Also in July there is the E.T. Barnette homebrew comp. This is not a GNBC event but I know that they need our help. I have an article below lining out their need for judges. If you are available the weekend of July 20, I know they would be happy to have some beer judges and entries.

I hope that this helped clear up what we have for the next few months. The club takes things pretty easy for the summer. Really, that only means we go from a frantic pace to keep up to a bit more of a casual hobby. With the sun to my back and a number of activities beckoning me, I'm ready to take on summer! I hope you can all get out and enjoy the mid-night sun while it lasts!

Keep your brews hot and beers cold

-Prez Peter



Secretary's Corner

by Kat Karabelnikoff

It's really amazing what can happen in just a week weather wise in Alaska, isn't it? Last weekend at the GNBC House crawl we were throwing a keg into a kiddie pool and there was snow on the ground from it snowing the night before. This tried to put a damper on things but with homebrew, games, great hosts and a chauffeured ride a good time prevailed! A week later it is almost 70 and Sunny! The trees are starting to leaf out and summer is here AT LAST! It is about time! Here is an update on what's coming up there's a lot of information that you don't want to miss!

May GNBC Meeting

May 21th @ Snow Goose Basement

Pres. Peter Hall called the meeting at 7:16pm

There were around 35 members at the meeting and a new member sign up at the meeting.

This was our last monthly meeting until September 17th, 2013. However we do have some great events planned thought the summer months.



Dave from King St. Brewing spoke with us about his experience on converting from a homebrewer to working in a commercial brewery and the trials that he went through to get there. He also gave the advice to us home brewers try to control our fermenting temps for better results. Dave thanks for coming out and sharing your story and advice with us.

Also we'd like to Thank Brian from Alaska Homebrew Supply for donating an sack of Organic Grain as a prize at this month's meeting. (It came home with me so more

so I'm really thanking them for the generosity of the donation)

Old Business:

Membership Dues:

Dues have increased as of May 1st, 2013:
 \$30 for an Annual Membership
 \$350 for a Lifetime Membership

(New) If you renew before September's meeting you will be able to pick up your membership card at the meeting and get 3 free raffle tickets.

Rules of Conduct:

All GNBC Members have been asked to sign an updated Rules of Conduct form. Please contact Ross, our 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.

Brew-a-thon:

Although it was snowing but then turned to rain and back to snow (this seems to be a trend this year with May GNBC events) after setting up some shelters we were able to brew 94 gallons of beer at this event.

Thanks to Kevin and his family for helping out and hosting this event. Thanks to Lisa and Peter of Arctic Brewing Supply for the use of the portable bathroom/handwashing station and a big thanks to Midnight Sun Brewing for donating a keg of Yeast.



EVENTS

*Every First Thursday
 Moose's Tooth First Tap*

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

*18.....Golden Days Beer Festival
 Silver Gulch Brewing - Fox*

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

*13.....La Bodega Beer Club Meeting
 Hula Hands - Fireweed
 4-6 pm: \$10 pp*

*20.....E.T. Barnette Homebrew
 Competition
 Silver Gulch Brewing Company
 10:00 AM*

CAFE



AMSTERDAM



-Single Hop Series.

The Single Hop Series was a great success and we were able to complete 12 batches. All of the ingredients were donated to the club by Arctic Brewing Supply, so we give Lisa and Peter Thanks. The Tasting is schedule for June 8th and is limited to those who participated in the brewing of

the single hop series. We will be completing a taste profile book for the club after the conclusion of this series. Which Ross will be presenting at our September Meeting. For more information contact Ross Aldridge at gNBC.membership@gmail.com.

-GNBC Glasses for sale –

Our New Glasses are available for purchase for \$5 each contact us and we will get you some!

Events:

Alaska Run for Women –Team Brewbies

Annual Alaska Run for Women slated for June 8, 2013.

Sign up now for The Great Northern Brewers Club walk/run team, The Brewbies, in the 20th Registration is open now and instructions are listed below as well as on the FB event page <https://www.facebook.com/events/365693363542141/>.

You can register online at www.akrfw.org & click on The Run. On the left top of the page, click Registration then click Online Registration at the top of the page and begin registration and be sure to indicate The Great Northern Brewers Club Brewbies under the team selection. We are working on t-shirts or you can wear the same shirt that we designed/created last year.. I am going to propose to the board that we fund some professional t-shirts this year. Will update as information comes, so if you sign up, stay tuned to your emails and Facebook for updates and additional information or contact Julie McDonald, juzy@gci.net, 907-240-3688 for more information



-Summer Camp-Out

June 21st Trail River Campground, Moose Pass/Seward –

You can arrive as early as noon on Friday June 21st and most people are gone by 2pm on Sunday. For directions follow this link: <http://goo.gl/maps/iS9W7> or



Head south on the Seward Hwy for approximately 103 miles from Anchorage to Moose Pass. You will turn right on to Trail River Road (If you see Kenai Lake on the right side of the Hwy you have gone too far). Follow this road for about a mile to the campground and we have the group area with the pavilion reserved.

The theme for Saturday night's dinner is Comfort food. Meaning you can make any food that makes you happy! Bring your favorite foods and your brews if you'd like to brew bring your gear. This is a family friendly event so

bring the family, the kids, the dog, and guests. This campground offers more privacy and great campfire options. For current updates check out the FB event page: <https://>

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

www.facebook.com/events/582765235085047/ or contact Jim Lamb at jd lamb@anmc.org

Solstice BrewFest:

Monday, June 17th-20th

Time: 4:00-5:00 p.m.

Location: Prospectors Pizzeria and Alehouse (mile 238.9 of the Parks Highway)

Cost: \$7.00

Beer Chat: A specific style of beer will be highlighted by brewers and examples of these styles made by Alaskan craft breweries will be sampled and discussed. The style discussed on each day is not known at this time.

Solstice BrewFest/49th State Brewing Comp:

When: Friday, June 21 - Sunday, June 23 (this is the same weekend as our campout)

Where: 49th State Brewing Co: For more information go to 49th State Brewing website: <http://49statebrewing.com/>

They are located at mile 248.4 of the Parks Highway Healy, AK 99743

Phone (907) 683-2739

Homebrew Competition:

Saturday June 22nd

Time: 12:00-4:00 p.m.



Description: This competition is open to anybody aged 21 or old who would like to enter a beer. An area of the yard will be designated for the competition. Only people aged 21 or older will be allowed to enter that area. Once there, people can sample the available homebrews at no additional cost.

Entrants may bring as many beers as they would like but only one may be entered in the competition. A total of 12 bottles are required for the competition. Two of them will go to the Brewers Choice judging and the remaining 10 bottles are to be opened and given out as samples to the public. The brewer of the entered beer or a designated representative must be available to pour and discuss their beer during the event.



Note that 49th State Brewing will be provided the homebrewers with tents, tables, ice, tasting glasses and beer storage for Friday night and Saturday morning. They will NOT be providing any means for the beer to be served (e.g. jockey boxes, CO2, picnic taps etc.) or somebody to pour the beers. Homebrewers interested in entering the competition need to pre-register with Ellen Maloney at promotions@dv3corp.com by June 14th. Entrants must submit

the name of the beer, as well as its style category based upon the Brewers Association's

style guidelines (<http://www.brewersassociation.org/pages/business-tools/publications/beer-style-guidelines>).

Each entrant in the competition will receive:

- Free admission to the Solstice Festival on Saturday evening
 - 1 Free 49th State Brewing T-shirt
 - 10% off Camping at the campgrounds next door for Friday and Saturday night
- Homebrew competition winners will be selected by professional brewers.

Prizes will be awarded to the first, second and third place prizes.

The prizes are as follows:

1st Prize: \$100 gift card (redeemable at 49th State Brewing, Prospectors Pizzeria and Alehouse or the Denali Park Salmon Bake) and the winning beer will be brewed at the 49th State Brewing (assuming it can be practically scaled up) and will be served during their Augtoberfest and a \$700 airfare voucher, courtesy of Deschuts Brewery.

2nd Prize: \$50 gift card redeemable at 49th State Brewing, Prospectors Pizzeria and Alehouse or the Denali Park Salmon Bake



3rd Prize: \$25 gift card redeemable at 49th State Brewing, Prospectors Pizzeria and Alehouse or the Denali Park Salmon Bake

More details on this event and the Solstice BeerFest can be found on their website as well as Tickets for the various events may be purchased at <http://www.49statebrewing.com> or at the gate. If you have any questions please contact Ellen Maloney at promotions@dv3corp.com or (312) 623-5549.

Fourth of July in Talkeetna:
-John & Rose Craig have offered GNBC members to come hang out at the Moose Snort Saloon and campout at their property in Talkeetna for the 4th of July. John added at the meeting you welcome to bring your four wheelers, chainsaws, tents, homebrew and they have 40 acres and lots of outhouses for you to enjoy. For more details see the announcement from them in this newsletter.

2013 Golden Days Beer Fest - Fox, Alaska

When: July 13, 2013

Location: Silver Gulch Brewing and Bottling Company's Beer Garden (2195 Old Steese Highway)

Time: 3:00 - 10:00 p.m.

Cost: The cost is \$20.00 which gets you a total of 10 samples and a tasting glass. Tickets may be purchased in advance at Silver Gulch's retail store or at the gate on July 13. - Note that the cost and number of tickets one receives has not been confirmed and is based upon last year's event. This page (<http://www.mosquitobytes.com/Den/Beer/Events/Events.html>) will be updated when that information is available. This note will be removed when the information is updated or confirmed.

Description: There will be over 150 beers available for sampling. Note that multiple tickets may be required to sample some of the rare or harder to find beers. Food will be available to purchase.

For more information contact Silver Gulch at (907) 452-2739.

E. T. Barnette Homebrew Competition - Fox, Alaska

July 20, 2013

This is an AHA/BJCP sanctioned competition. The Grand Prize for Best of Show is \$500! Prizes will also be awarded for 1st, 2nd & 3rd places.

Entry Fee: Please include a check or money order for \$5.00 per entry. Checks or money orders should be made out to Scott Stihler.

Number of bottles required: Three 12-16 oz. brown or green bottles per entry. Crown topped bottles are preferred but flip-top (i.e. Grolsch type bottles) are okay. The bottles should be free of any ink, paint or labels. Entries with labels will be disqualified and the corresponding entry fees will be considered donations to the prize fund!

Entries will be accepted: June 24 to July 17, 2013 at 5:00 p.m. - No Exceptions!

Judging: Judging will take place on Saturday, July 20th at the Silver Gulch Brewing and Bottling Company in Fox starting at about 10:00 a.m. The best entry from each of the seven judged categories will be entered into the final round of judging to determine the Best of Show.



- European Amber Lager - 3
 - A. Vienna Lager
 - B. Oktoberfest
- English Pale Ale - 8
 - A. Standard/Ordinary Bitter
 - B. Special/Best/Premium Bitter
 - C. Extra Special/Strong Bitter (English Pale Ale)
- American Ale - 10
 - A. American Pale Ale
 - B. American Amber Ale
 - C. American Brown Ale
- Porter - 12
 - A. Brown Porter
 - B. Robust Porter
 - C. Baltic Porter
- Stout - 13
 - A. Dry Stout
 - B. Sweet Stout
 - C. Oatmeal Stout
 - D. Foreign Extra Stout
 - E. American Stout
 - F. Imperial Stout
- India Pale Ale (IPA) - 14
 - A. English IPA
 - B. American IPA
 - C. Imperial IPA
- Fruit/Spice/Herb/Vegetable Beer - 20/21A
- Fruit Beer - 20
- Spice/Herb/Vegetable Beer - 21A



Note that depending upon the number of entries in each of the seven categories it may be necessary to consolidate two underrepresented categories or subcategories into a single one.

Entry Shipping: Entries should be shipped by FedEx, UPS etc. to the following address:

ETBHC
 c/o Silver Gulch Brewing and Bottling Company
 2195 Old Steese Highway
 Fox, Alaska 99712

(907) 452-2739

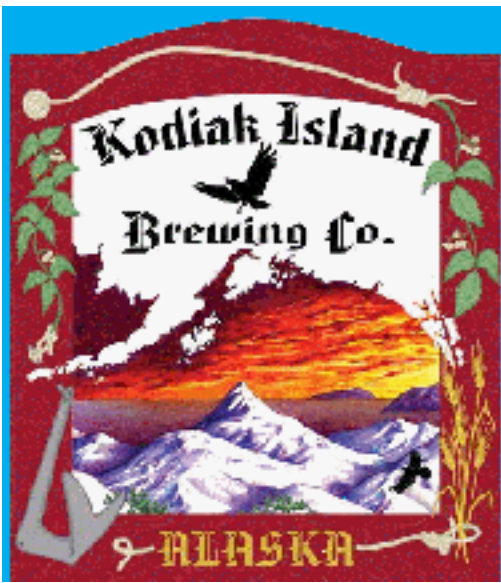


There is no mail delivery to the above address! Items mailed to that address go to a post office not frequented by the folks at Silver Gulch. Aside from the legalities (or lack thereof) of sending entries via the U.S. Postal Service, doing so more than likely will result in them not being picked up in time for the competition. Please do NOT use the U.S. Mail for shipment of your entries!!!

Entry Drop off: Entries may also be dropped off at the Silver Gulch Brewing and Bottling Company's retail store after 4:00 p.m. on week days and after 11:00 a.m. on weekends. Please have the entries in six-pack carriers and/or boxes (i.e. make the entries as self-contained as possible).

Entry/Bottle ID Forms: The Entry and Bottle ID Forms may be printed from the links below. We recommend you use them, however, the standard AHA/BJCP forms may also be used. If the AHA/BJCP forms are used please be sure to include your T-shirt size and e-mail address. Since bottles have been known to break in transit

we recommend putting the Entry Form and your check or money order in a separate zip-lock bag. Also please attach Bottle ID Forms to each of the three bottles per entry with rubber bands (Please do NOT use tape or glue!). If the tape or glue is used to



attached these forms to the bottles, the offending entry or entries may be disqualified and the entry fee considered a donation to the cause. Whether or not such an entry is disqualified depends upon the degree to which the tape and/or glue was used AND mood of the Registrar and Organizer at the time said entry or entries were checked in. Yes, these criteria are rather arbitrary. However, one can avoid this issue entirely by simply NOT taping or gluing the Bottle ID forms to the bottles.

Three bottles per entry are required just in case there are sufficient entries to warrant multiple flights during the initial round of judging. Also the additional bottles are added insurance against the loss of an entire entry due to breakage. Because of the logistics involved unused bottles will not be returned. Sorry. Please indicate on the Entry Form which of Category and Subcategory to which you wish to entry your beer. A complete listing of the BJCP style guidelines may be found at the following URL: <http://www.bjcp.org/2008styles/catdex.php>.

Note that one MUST indicate the Classic Beer Style for entries in the Fruit/Spice/Herb/Vegetable Beer category. Please indicate the classic beer style in the space provided on the Entry Form and include the category number and subcategory letter. For example, for a Coconut, Mint Bavarian Weizen the classic beer style

would be Category 15: German Wheat and Rye Beer; Subcategory A: Weizen/Weissbier. If you do not indicate the classic beer style for Fruit/Spice/Herb/Vegetable Beer entries then beer styles will be randomly assigned to each of these entries!

Extra awards: In addition to the normal competition we have the Battered Bottle Cap Award for the most humorous beer name and the Globe Trotter Award for the farthest traveled entry. We also give out the Club Spirit Award which is to recognize and honor homebrew clubs which support our competition. Individuals who support the competition above and beyond the call of duty are also recognized. Three or more separate entrants specifying their respective homebrew club will receive this prestigious award. Individuals with five or more entries and, therefore, have plenty of club spirit all by themselves, will also receive the Club Spirit Award. In 2009 we introduced The Order of the Bronze Hyphen. A hyphen as in what separates the words anal and retentive. This award is given to those entrants who show a high degree of attention to detail and legibility when filling out their paperwork. These entrants not only filled out the paperwork completely and legibly but they also took measures to prevent and contain breakages without bordering on the excessive.



A few FYI's for new entrants:

(1) This is pretty much an internet based competition. We will notify you of developments with respect to the competition via e-mail.

(2) We try to stay out of the way of the good folks at Silver Gulch as much as possible. We will come in on the evening/night of the final day in which entries are accepted (i.e. July 11) to check them in. Prior to this please use your tracking number to check on the status of the entry package. Please do NOT call Silver Gulch! If there are problems with the tracking, contact the shipping carrier your used (e.g. UPS). The good folks at Silver Gulch do not have time to go looking for your package. Please do not bother them.

(3) Please check your e-mail on Thursday, July 18. After checking in entries we send an e-mail to the entrants telling them that their entries arrived okay. If there is some sort of problem with an entry we will notify you at that time as well. Since we often do not finish checking in entries until 1:00 or 2:00 a.m., the e-mails may not be sent out until the next morning. We generally send them out when we get back home but if we are particularly tired we may blow that off until the morning/afternoon (i.e. later in the day). If you do not hear from us sometime on Thursday



then there may be some sort of problem and you should contact us ASAP.

If you do not have an e-mail account and there is some sort of problem we will call you some time on Thursday.

(4) We will notify the Best of Show winner with a phone call from the Silver Gulch shortly after the overall winner has been determined. We are generally finished with the judging between 4:00 p.m. and 7:00 p.m. ADT (i.e. 8:00 p.m. and 11:00 p.m. EDT).

(5) A results webpage is constructed and generally posted on the Sunday following the competition. We will send out an e-mail notifying the entrants that the results are posted and provide a direct link to the results webpage. Please do not ask us for the results prior to this.

(6) On the Monday following the competition (i.e. July 22) a certified check for \$500 will be mailed to the Best of Show winner via U.S.P.S. Express Mail.

(7) The entrants' prize packages and competition score sheets are generally mail out 2-3 weeks following the competition. An e-mail will be sent out to the entrants notifying them that the prize packages are on the way.

Need experienced judges to help out with the judging on July 20!!!

If you'd like to judge or need more information about the E.T. Barnett Homebrew Competition please contact Scott Stihler at home - (907) 474-2138, work - (907) 474-5450 or stihlerunits@mosquitobytes.com.



AnchorTown

This event is being moved from August to September, so stay tuned for details as they emerge.

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:

6/12	Wednesday	9am
6/13	Thursday	1pm
6/18	Tuesday	5:30pm
6/24	Monday	5:30pm
6/25	Tuesday	1pm
6 /29	Saturday	11am
7/1	Monday	1pm

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, or beer/ homebrew related events feel free to post them on our Facebook page or contact me at kkarabelnikoff@gmail.com or any one of our board members or officers. All contact info can be found on the club's webpage and in each newsletter. Thanks for reading, hope to see you at some if not all of the great summer events and keep brewing!

Judges we REALLY need You!!!

by Scott Stihler

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

The results of the first call for judges on April 24 was...not overwhelming.

Since then we've slowly heard from some folks who have expressed interest in judging but we are still short of the number of judges we would like or feel comfortable with.

Judging will take place on Saturday, July 20th at the Silver Gulch Brewing and Bottling Company located in Fox, Alaska (a small mining community ~11 miles north of Fairbanks).

The seven judged categories will be: European Amber Lager (3A-B), English Pale Ale (8A-C), American Ale (10A-C), Porter (12A-C), Stout (13A-F), India Pale Ale (14A-C), and Fruit/Spice/Herb/Vegetable Beer (20 & 21A).



Once again out of town judges can pre-register and hand carry their entries thereby saving on the shipping costs. All they need to 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:
Chérie Stihler

P.O. Box 84988
Fairbanks, AK 99708

Please mail in the pre-registration information etc. early enough so that it is received no later than the entry deadline (i.e. July 17). This will allow us to register those entries along with all the others and be ready when you show up with beers in hand.

I hope you can help us out with judging or being a steward for this year's the E.T. Barnette Homebrew Competition.

For more information about this competition please go to the following URL: <http://www.mosquitobytes.com/Den/Beer/Events/Events.html#ETB>.

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

Please help us out if you can!

Cheers,

Scott & Chérie Stihler



Brewathon 2013 Wrap-up

by *Kevin Sobolesky*

Though we awoke to snow gently falling, that didn't deter the adventurous brewers who made it out to the south side on May 4th. Collapsible canopies were put up, brew gear was arrayed, a fire was made, John Craig performed an invocation, and we began. We had 13 brew teams that day that ended up producing 94 gallons of beer of many sorts, including several batches of the Single Hop Series project.

While the snow kept up all day, our spirits were supported by grilled meats and draft brew. Lunchtime had a pretty large turnout with about 30 people including some curious visitors checking out the production.



Definitely a big thanks to Midnight Sun Brewing Company for donating beer and yeast as well as Arctic Brewing Supply for providing a porta-Jon and hand wash station. Thanks go to Ross for running the Single Hop Series project and to everyone who contributed to the event and helped set up and tear down.

We had good food, drink, company and cheer! A victory over the elements, and I suspect next year will be even better.

Sud's Corner

By *John & Rose Craig*

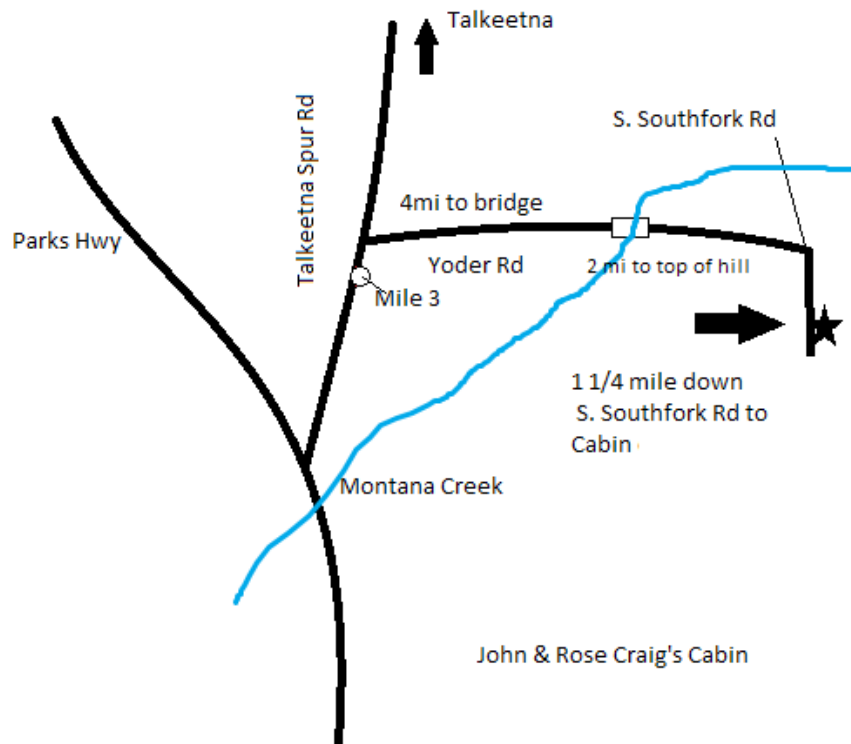
Howdy! It's that time of year again to celebrate the freedom of beer. At one time it was against the law to brew or drink beer in this country. I started out as an outlaw brewer. Our homebrew Club was started back when you needed a state permit to make homebrew. Our club GNBC in 1987 wrote and talked to our legislators into having this law abolished. We won our freedom of beer and at the same time came up with our present club logo.

As I sip on a beer, Rose and I would like to invite GNBC members to stay at our property in Talkeetna during the 4th of July weekend and maybe put together a "beer float" for the 4th of July parade. Also we will have a shuttle van from the cabin to town for some beer tours. This is in a town of 800 people sharing one brewery, six bars, one doctor and two vets at the end of the road. At last count there were 42 different beers on tap, not counting the bottled beers. We have lots of tent space and room for campers and motorhomes on a first come, first served basis. Oh, and there's more space down the road.



Here are directions to Cabin:

Take the Parks Hwy to Talkeetna Spur Rd. Follow for 3 miles. Turn Right on to Yoder Road. Continue on Yoder Rd for 5-6 miles to the hill top. After about 4 miles you will cross a bridge/Montana Creek and approx. 2 miles after that you will turn right onto S. Southfork Road we are 1 ¼ miles down the road (see map below). Hope to see you there!



GNBC Summer Campout

This year's campout will be held at the Trail River Campground, just outside of Seward. To find the campground, head south from Anchorage towards Seward on the Seward Highway. Watch for the brown and cream colored sign just before the Crown Point Bed and Breakfast between mileposts 25 and 24 on the right side of the road. Turn at Milepost 24.2 on Trail River Road for 2 miles. The campground is between the Trail River and the Kenai Lake.

The GNBC will be taking over one of the group campsites from the afternoons of Friday, June 21st to Sunday, June 23rd. GNBC will cover the cost of your camping fees if you stake your claim with us at the group site!

Although the official campout will last from mid-Friday to mid-Sunday, the evening of Saturday, June 22nd will be the official club meeting night and potluck. This year's food theme for Saturday night will be "comfort food". Please bring a dish with enough for you and yours and to share with the group as well. If our other potluck events are any indication, it'll be some good eating! Even if you can't come for the entire weekend, we'd love to see you out on Saturday night for the food and "club business" (aka socializing). We'll plan to kick off the potluck between 5:00pm and 6:00pm. A bonfire is usually constructed at some point as well, taking the fun late into the sunny Alaskan summer night.

Other things to bring are camping chairs, canopy shelters, and fire wood. All of these things would be most helpful in contributing to the success of the event. The canopies are especially useful in the event of bad weather.

This is also a family friendly event. Many members will have the whole clan in tow, so bring your kids along for the fun! If you bring your dogs, please plan to have them under control at all times. In previous years, we have had our canine friends help themselves to food at the potluck tables, and also run off and go missing.

It's also important to note that this is bear country, so be mindful of your food and other items that might attract bears to the site.

We hope to see all of you down to Trail River! Don't forget those homebrews and craft beers!

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**NEXT MEETING: GNBC Summer Camp Out - Friday, June 21
At Trail River Campground**