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THE NEWSLETTER OF THE GREAT NORTHERN BREWERS CLUB

MAY 2013

Prez Sez

By Peter Hall

Spring is here! As I write this article, there is still some snow on the ground. But the sun is warm and the snow is slowly melting. Proclaiming spring can be a touchy thing in Alaska, but I'm doing it, darn it. With spring come a whole new slew of brew club activities and events.



In this last month we managed to put on the Spring Breakup Homebrew comp. There were some great brews entered that I was happy to be a part of judging on a nice and sunny day. We had the most entries so far for a club only comp that was held at the same time. Imre Manyoky was the BOS winner with a ginger pale ale and Jeff Shearer was COC winner. Jeff was all around a big winner with a number of great beers entered. The COC was well represented but the main comp honestly could have maybe used a few more entries. I will do my best to keep everyone well updated on upcoming comps. I don't want anyone to miss out on the great opportunity for feedback. Check out Breakup Comp result below.

Someday in the future we may actually get back to BJCP classes and certify a new round of judges. Testing dates are in the distant future. Just like everything else, it will be here before you know it! I will get back to you with more info as it comes available. Better judges will mean even greater feedback at our comps. Greater feedback and better and better beers, we will be a force to be reckoned with.

In March I finally managed to get our club insurance paperwork signed and paid for. Our club is now insured and I am overjoyed to finally have this taken care of. This by no means that we now get to slack off of course. There is a brief rundown (made as light hearted as possible) of what this insurance means for the club below.

Brew a Thon is here! On Saturday May the 4th we will be meeting up at 9551 Emerald Street, 99502. I will be there first thing in the morning at 8am to get set up and ready for the toast at 9. Brew club members will be out in force making a few hundred gallons of beer, up until we have to end our day at 9pm. I know that Kevin Sobolesky, who has been a huge help putting this on, will need help especially at the end of the day. Everything needs to be cleaned up to be sure that we leave the space we use in equal or better condition that we found it. Unfortunately it is not an option to leave anything for the next day. The more people that can help, the faster it will get done.

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Midnight Sun brewing has been nice enough to contribute a whole keg of Scottish ale yeast for Brew a Thon. It will be available for people to use all day or until it runs out. I believe they may have also pitched in a keg of MSBC beer for us to enjoy. They are obviously in a generous mood for their 18th anniversary that they happen to be celebrating this week. Check out their website at www.midnightsunbrewing.com for the full schedule of events, and then get out and participate. Of course as you participate in Brew a Thon or any other events, please do so responsibly. Please plan on having a safe ride home at the end of the day. If somehow you end up needing something at the last minute, just talk with a fellow club member or especially a board member. We want to make sure everyone makes it home safe.

Also, we have the annual House Crawl on May 18th. This day long, beer centric ride around town is hosted by a number of brew club members. I wouldn't be surprised if the list is already full, but if there are spots available you should pounce on them right away! Again...my email address is president@greatnorthernbrewers.org I am happy to field your questions and concerns or will forward your email to the appropriate party. I look forward to seeing all those that manage to make it onto the Magic Bus!

Fast approaching is actual summer and actual summer events, like our summer camp out! On June 21-23 we are headed out to the Trail River group campground. Trail River is in the direction of Seward and is set in an absolutely gorgeous location.

This technically is our June club meeting. There are a number of great activities you could partake in, or you could just hang around the fire if you are so inclined. This is a family and dog friendly event...so long as your family and/or dogs are friendly of course. We (the board and whoever wants to share their opinion) are still sorting out some of the finer details and will get back to you in future emails and newsletters.



About as far as I will reach in this article right now is July. There is just so dang much going on that I am kind of running out of space. For our July GNBC meeting we are invited out to the Loughrey's for a picnic. This is another great family friendly event. We will take a long day out in the (hopefully) sun to partake in some BBQ and a number of family fun activities. There is also the E.T. Barnette Homebrew Comp in Fox Alaska on July 20. This is not a GNBC event but is an AHA/BJCP sanctioned competition with some great prizes. I'm quite sure that there a few club members that make the trek up there every summer. I will add more information later on how to get your amazing brews up to be judged and possibly win the \$500 for BOS.

Every time I sit down to write this article, I struggle a little with what I will talk about. Then I remember that our club is crazy busy and I find myself rambling a little. I hope to keep everyone informed of the multitude of events. If I am missing anything or a little vague on the details, please email me at president@greatnorthernbrewers.com and I will get everyone updated. Thanks for everyone's help and I look forward to seeing everyone at all these great events!

Keep your brews hot and beers cold
-Prez Peter



Secretary's Corner

by *Kat Karabelnikoff*

Spring may be at slow start but it is here (kind of) and that means we have some great club events in the months ahead!! If you're up for brewing beer on national home brewers day, or being chauffeured around Anchorage for great beer and games or Camping out with some fellow home brewers then you're in the right place. This is what is coming up with the Club.

April GNBC Meeting

April 16th @ Snow Goose Basement

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

There were around 40 people at the meeting but no new members attended this meeting.

Talkeena Beer Trippin was a great success and a fun time from what Peter and other members recalled (or could recall) from the trip north. I missed out this year on all the fun but I plan to make it next year. From what I heard though there were some great brews and fun activities and the baked goods with beer were actually quite tasty! BIG Thanks to all of the businesses and locals in Talkeetna and GNBC club members that helped make this event happen and encouraging our club to take over Talkeetna. We look forward to doing it again next year.

New Business:

Membership Dues:

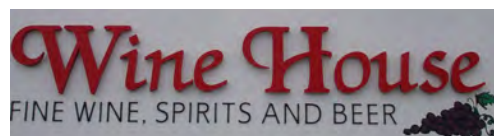
It is official May is here and the Dues have increased as of May 1st, 2013:

\$30 for an Annual Membership

\$350 for a Lifetime Membership

House Crawl IT'S a GO!!!!:

The house crawl is set for Saturday, May 18th and is limited to the first 24 folks that sign up (last update the bus was nearly full). The cost is \$35/person and this includes a full day of great beer, food, & fun! We will be escorted around town by the Magic Bus, launching from Mark & Pat Ryan's home at 1 pm. There will be four stops along the way with homebrew, snacks and the mandatory goofy beer game. The last stop will be our house and the dinner stop. We will provide a full meal and be giving out the prizes for the winner of the goofy beer games and the best mug (that is beer glass not face).



EVENTS

Every First Thursday

Moose's Tooth First Tap

Every Friday

Midnight Sun Brewery Tours and

Brew Debut: 6:00 PM 344-1179

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

18..... GNBC House Crawl

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



We usually have a fun theme to set the pace for attire, if anyone has any suggestions please let me know. In past years we have had an Aloha theme, which always inspires incredible shirts, skirts and coconuts! Think festive and something easy for everyone to participate in.



Bring your favorite drinking mug, be prepared for weather (bring layers), and be ready to have a great time! Also make sure to set up a designated driver for the ride home from our house or we will be happy to call you a cab.

I will be out of town April 25th-May 6th but please feel free to email or call me and I will get back to you as soon as I get back in town. We have already filled majority of the spots so let me know soon if you would like to join the crawl.

Lisa Peltola

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lisa@arcticbrewingsupply.com

Check out the FB event page for updates <https://www.facebook.com/events/324287077697385/>

Haines Beer Fest Homebrew Competition Entry Instructions

2 Bottles required per entry (BJCP forms required)

Entry Fees: \$5 for the first entry, \$3 each additional entry

Drop-off Deadlines May 17 in Anchorage:

1 p.m. on Friday, May 17 for Anchorage drop off: Arctic Brewing Supply, 8401 Sandlewood Place, Anchorage 99507, 907-561-5771, OR Sleeping Lady Brewing Co. and Snow Goose Restaurant, 717 West 3rd Ave, Anchorage 99501, 907-277-7727.

For more info, contact Rob at hainesbrewfest@gmail.com or <http://www.seakfair.org/beer-fest/>

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.

-GNBC Glasses for sale –

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



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



MEETING SETUP

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

Events:

-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. 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 for the most current information: <https://www.facebook.com/events/143474799147916/>

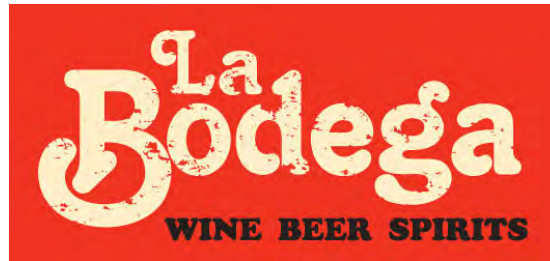
Yep it is almost here! Things seem to be pretty well taken care of but I have understood that Kevin (the board member gracious enough to help BIG TIME in putting this on) would like to have some help for clean up at the end of the day. I know that it is not an option for our mess to still be there the next day. Members PLEASE help the club and our gracious host will be happy to help out at the end of the day so we can be sure to be quick about it. If you know that you will be able to help at the end of the day, please let Peter know at president@greatnortherbrewers.org or Kevin metkonig@gmail.com



Midnight Sun is helping us out with a keg of yeast!! Scottish Ale yeast to be exact... A very flavor neutral yeast great for a huge variety of beer styles. This is usually a major cost to a batch of beer is yeast, so this hopefully helps everyone save a few \$\$\$ for something else beer related.

-Single Hop Series.

Second, thanks to everyone for signing up, I'm really looking forward to this, unfortunately we did lose one participant due to a LOT of family stuff coming around the bend suddenly; but we've still got 12 great brews in the planning.



Brew-a-Thon starts at 8 AM this Saturday, I'll be there to help set up and help people get oriented; come see me and I will hand you your bag of ingredients, and a brew sheet to remind you what we're doing.

Thank you all, and happy brewing!

Ross Aldridge at gnbc.membership@gmail.com.

Farewell to the Strayers:

Yes, it's sad, but Tim and Kristine are leaving our club and our state. They are heading to Michigan to be closer to family. We thank them both for the many contributions to our club over the years, especially for the time and devotion that Tim volunteered during his time as the Prez! So, we want to take the opportunity to send them off with a hearty farewell potluck at the Lewellyn's home. Here are the details as we know them so far (and, yes, we are aware that it's the same day as the house crawl, it is unfortunate but unavoidable):

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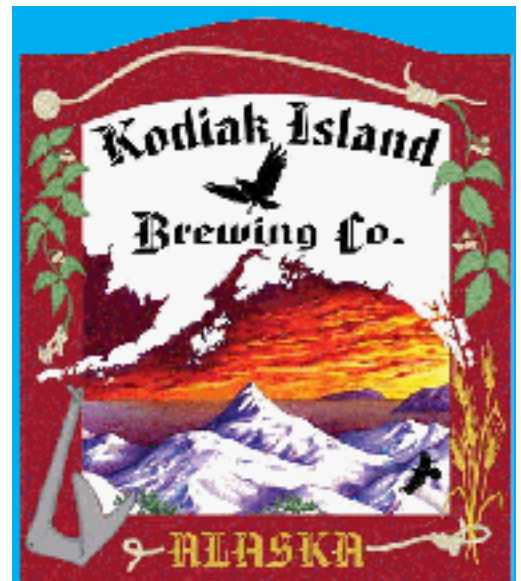
Time: 6pm

Place: The Lewellyn's, 3921 Eric Circle, Anchorage

Misc: It's a potluck and BYOB, so bring a dish to share and whatever you wish to drink

We hope that many of you can stop by, even if it's just for a few minutes to say goodbye to the Strayers. They leave the state on May 20.

If you have any questions about the potluck you can contact Tracey at dntlew1@msn.com or at 351-6205.



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



Other Beer Related Events:

Midnight Sun Brewing is celebrating their 18th anniversary this week and I'm sure they would be happy to see a few GNBC members around. Say at one or two of these events...

<http://www.midnightsunbrewing.com/2012/events/2013-05AnniversaryWeek.pdf>

21st Great Alaska Craft Beer and Homebrew Festival Tasting:

Saturday, May 25, 2012:

21st Great Alaska Craft Beer and Homebrew Festival Tasting—TICKETS STILL AVAILABLE

1 pm – 5:00 pm in Dalton City at the Southeast Alaska State Fairgrounds in Haines, Alaska

For tickets or more information: <http://www.seakfair.org/beer-fest/>

Taste Great Beer, Enjoy Live Music, Eat Good Food! Please imbibe responsibly.

-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:

5/9	Thursday	9am
5/11	Saturday	11am
5/13	Monday	1pm
5/15	Wednesday	5:30pm
5/21	Tuesday	9am
5/23	Thursday	1pm
5/29	Wednesday	5:30pm
5/30	Thursday	1pm
6/3	Monday	1pm
6/4	Tuesday	9am

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.



Boring Club Financial News

by *The Super Excited Pumped Up Treasurer*

YO! YO! YO!

I am super stoked to give everyone the radical down and dirty on the GNBC's insurance policy. Basically, we got an awesome policy to help keep us protected if someone at one of our totally killer events gets injured or too drunk and decides to sue us. That would be totally super un-cool. But we live in times that are sometimes super un-cool my brewing brothers and sisters.

Our glorious and high voltage insurance policy is with AlaskaUSA. For a paltry \$2,100, we get one magnificent year's coverage for our regular meetings and ten other hella rad club events. What kind of epic coverage do we get? Well, it's a general liability coverage that includes bodily injury and property damage with bodacious limits around \$1,000,000 depending on the type of claim.

There is a somewhat un-cool downside to this awesome new butt coverage. For those who might be wondering why we are raising club dues by \$5 next year, this stupendous policy is why.

If anyone wants more information on this, just let me know. Also, more and more clubs around the country are getting similar policies.



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by *Julie McDonald*

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House Crawl 2013

By Lisa Peltola

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I will be out of town April 25th-May 6th but please feel free to email or call me and I will get back to you as soon as I get back in town. We have already filled at least 12 spots, so let me know soon if you would like to join the crawl.

P.S. Anyone I talked to at the Culmination festival who said they wanted to attend please reconfirm.

Contact me at: Lisa Peltola: 561-5771 office, 350-0376 cell, or lisa@arcticbrewingsupply.com



Alaska Run For Women – Great Northern Brewers Club Brewbies

by: *Julie McDonald*

Sign up now for The Great Northern Brewers Club walk/run team, The Brewbies, in the 20th Annual Alaska Run for Women on June 8, 2013. Registration is open now and instructions are listed below.

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

If you haven't participated in the event in the past, this is the year to get involved! You don't have to run, you can walk, or you can run some and walk some. We had a pretty diverse team of walkers and runners last year and I would love to see us repeat and maybe recruit a few more members for our team. Tell your female friends, neighbors, co-workers! They don't have to be club members to run/walk for our team.

Check out this for more detail:

2013 START TIMES

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

The Party Wave is for participants doing the 5-mile untimed event, but looking for less of a "race" feel. Join this group if you are a walker, will have a stroller, or if some of you want to walk/run together as a group.

- 8:30 a.m. 1-mile run/walk start
- 8:45 a.m. 5-mile run/walk timed start
- 9 a.m. 5-mile run/walk untimed start - runners/walkers who are racing but not in the timed event.
- 9:10 a.m. 5-mile untimed Party Wave - walkers, all strollers and teams who want to just go out as a group and have a great time.

I signed up for the 5 mile timed start. But you can pick which event option works best for you. If you are an avid runner and would love to have your time recorded, opt for the 5 mile timed start. If you are just out to have some fun with friends or if you are walking with a stroller you would pick the 5 mile Party Wave.

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

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NOTE: RSVPing to our Facebook event page does not register you in the race. You must register at the Alaska Run for Women web page in order to get your bib and timing chip.

YOUR ENTRY FEE IS A DONATION!

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

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



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