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The Prez Sez - *By John Trapp & Liz Greer*

April was a month that was chalked full of homebrew goodness. We started out with Talkeetna Beer Trippin (be sure to read Mike Cragen's article below) and had a blast! It was so nice to be back after a two-year hiatus. The beer was great, the games were great, the food was great and it was so nice to just relax and enjoy the company of other brewers for the weekend. I want to give a big thank you to all those that made this event happen. We also had a meeting on the 19th that was dedicated to session beers. We talked about styles, gravities and history of session beers. Another thanks for everyone that brought in small beers, both homebrew and commercial.

Here's the 3 month calendar:

May 7th – Brew-a-Thon, no location but highly encouraged to partner up with another club member.

May 24th – GNBC monthly meeting, we should have a place and time within the week.

June 14th – BBQ (weenie roast) at Abbott Loop park off Elmore 4:00p.m. Until 9:00.

July – BBQ Potluck at Jeff and Cathy's up on Lake-O-the Hills. Stay tuned for a date and time.

We start the month off with a time honored, first Saturday of May, Brew-a-Thon. And don't forget, the recipes we talked about at the meeting would be an excellent idea to brew a small batch for Brew-a-thon. We aren't planning on having a set location, but we want to encourage everyone to find a partner and brew a batch of beer. We'll still be live-streaming for the 9:00 a.m. toast, just not at a particular site. Also, be sure to get your supplies at Arctic Brewing Supply – and whisper "30 years" for additional discounts.

The May meeting, May 24th, will be sponsored by Denali Brewing Company at a "to be determined" location. This is the meeting where everyone that participated in the wort share from Beer Trippin brings their final product so DBC can sample our creative efforts. I personally brewed up a chili beer, rather light with a slight hint of heat in the aftertaste. Since we were given Mother Ale as our wort, I figured this was a great opportunity for me to brew up a chili beer (jalapenos) as a tribute to Jim Taylor (a brew club member that passed away 12 years ago) who brewed a phenomenal chili beer.

June will be a BBQ, more specific, a WEENIE roast! Big weenies, little weenie and all weenies in between! See Liz's article below about the details. We have an alcohol permit so this should be a great time; bring beer! The club will supply the weenies.

July means we have a BBQ up at Jeff and Cathy's house on Lake-O-the Hills. Right now Jeff and Cathy are in Hawaii, but I'll nail down a date from them and get the details out as soon as I talk with them.

Finally, we have a new Homebrew competition sponsored by Cooper Landing Brewing Company. Please see Liz's article on the details because it sounds like a doozy.

Until next time, keep brewing because life is good. Cheers

The Secretary's Corner - By Gwendolyn Higgins



As spring turns to summer and the weather gets warmer, many of us find ourselves reaching for something light and refreshing to drink during a day of fishing, after a hike, or just hanging out on the deck with friends. It is fitting, then, that the theme of April's meeting was session beers, those low ABV porch pounders that often get overlooked in favor of something more robust. During the meeting several people discussed their techniques and recipes for brewing session beers, and others brought commercial examples to share.

President John Trapp also went over the club's upcoming events, including a weenie roast on Tuesday, June 14, which will also include judging of Turnagain Brewing's Tartside Challenge. The club also discussed a potential increase in the club's dues rate, following an assessment of how much we were getting in dues versus the cost of things like the meeting space and insurance. Thanks to everyone who attended, shared their session beer recipes and brews.

Beer Trippin 2022 Recap – By Mike Cragen



Beer Trippin' 22 has come and gone, but the carnage left behind is fantastic! After a 2-year hiatus, Denali Brewing Company once again hosted Beer Trippin' 22 and they didn't disappoint in the least! This year featured new events such as a hearty club breakfast at the Swiss Alaskan Inn to prepare us for a long Saturday of imbibing and beer games at the TeePee where we might or might not have been shotgunning beers. Oh yeah, there was a beer competition as well – here are the results for the 2022 Golden Carboy Homebrew Competition:

Golden Carboy – Christophe Venot – Imperial Stout with Caramelized honey & sugar

1st Overall – Brian Hall – Triple-oaked English Barleywine

2nd Overall – Mike Cragen – Belgian Dark Strong

3rd Overall – Brian Hall – Hellesbock

Most creative/unique – Sam Shea – International Pale Lager

As always, DBC will be brewing the Golden Carboy winner – Christophe's Imperial Stout – as next year's Beer Trippin' headlining beer! Speaking of next year, if you missed this year, be sure to join next year as we already have new ideas to make the weekend even more ridiculous . . . in the best of ways.

DBC has once again generously offered to provide their wort for GNBC members to take home and tweak, spike, and transform. This year

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we were lucky enough to be given a clean palette beer – Mother Ale – for us to play with! I’ve heard chatter about members turning it into a sour, huge barleywine, hazy, fresh pepper beer, among countless other creative endeavors. We are still hammering out the details, but it looks like the taste and share with DBC will either be May 17th or May 24th. We’re in the final stages of hashing out those details and an email will be sent to club members once logistics are solidified. Friendly reminder – if you received wort from DBC, it’s expected that you provide your samples to this taste and share, even if you can’t be there in person.

Finally, a huge GNBC shout out to Denali Brewing Company, their entire staff, and especially Sassan. Without their generosity and support, there’s no way we could pull off such an epic weekend. DBC, behalf of all GNBC members . . . Cheers!

GNBC Weenie Roast! Tuesday, June 14 @ Abbott Loop Park



It’s gonna be a hot dog of an evening! We have rented the Abbott Loop Pavilion at 8101 Elmore road with an enclosure, two fire pits, tables, and a soccer field below for games and fun! We have the Park from 4pm. **The grills will be ready about 6pm for roasting those weenies.**

The club will be buying hotdogs, buns, condiments, plates etc. Members are requested to **bring beer!** We will have an alcohol permit, so no issues with drinking there. If you are so inclined, a side would be welcome too.

We will be inviting our supporters including the local breweries who have been great assets to the club. Club members are welcome to bring family, friends and pets... as long as they are all friendly! If you are bringing a few people please grab an extra pack of hot dogs, sausages, brats, etc. *(or if are picky about your weenies).*



Cooper Landing Brewing “Big Brew” Competition

Start brewing your Big Stouts, Imperial Porters, and/or Barleywines! Cooper Landing will be sponsoring a homebrew competition later this year focused on some of bigger better darker styles. This is tentatively planned for mid-September at their brewery. Local beer drop offs will be available. The winning beer which is commercially viable, will be brewed tentatively in October. Details and dates and specifics coming soon!

American Homebrewer’s Association: Score the Best Gear of the Year!



Saturday, May 7 is [#BigBrew!](#) Gear up with exclusive discounts and limited-time offers on equipment and ingredients from your favorite suppliers.

We’ve created this guide to help you find the best gear at a big discount when you join or renew your membership with the [American Homebrewers Association](#). For a limited time, now you can save \$5 on an annual membership with promo code [BigBrew22](#).

Whether you’re a new or an advanced homebrewer, there’s bound to be something for everyone in our [2022 Big Brew Gear Guide](#), take a look inside and let the good times roll!

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