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## The Prez Sez

*John Trapp & Liz Greer*

I don't have webbed feet, and I didn't appreciate being in a monsoon for a month, so let's hope we can all dry out in September and get past the wet August that soaked our outdoor activities. The club had our annual summer campout at Eklutna Lake back on the 12<sup>th</sup> to 14<sup>th</sup>. Yes, it rained on us, but we did have a number of non-rain hours to do a little hiking, biking and socializing with friends. There wasn't that big of a turnout, but those of us that did come had a great time. The group meal Saturday evening was awesome, and there was plenty of great beer passed around. I encourage everyone to take advantage of club events like this. The club covered the cost of the campground, all you needed to do was show up and enjoy. Next year we should be holding this in June as we usually do.

### Here's the 3 month calendar:

- September 20<sup>th</sup> – Resume regular club meetings at 49<sup>th</sup> State Brewing Company 7:00 p.m.
- October 18<sup>th</sup> – Club meetings at 49<sup>th</sup> State Brewing Company 7:00 p.m.
- November 15<sup>th</sup> – Club meetings at 49<sup>th</sup> State Brewing Company 7:00 p.m. Club election night.

September is usually a busy time for GNBC. We are getting back to regular monthly meetings, renewing our memberships (see Steve's article below), brewing darker and heavier beers, and of course thinking about volunteering for a position as an officer or board member with the club. At our September meeting, we will open up nominations for all officer positions and 2 or 3 board seats. This is a great way to give back to the club and establish yourself as a prominent citizen of Anchorage. I might be exaggerating a little, but it is very rewarding. Feel free to ask any of the officers and board members about their roles in the club's activities and they will tell you all about it.

September is also when we will introduce a new program to the club, "Fantasy Draft Draught Challenge"! This was suggested by Adam Sikorski, and it is a "play-off" of fantasy football. The actual "draft" will be on Tuesday October 4, at King Street. Meet up for a beer and/or draft! Please read Adam's article and plan on playing. I love beer, and I love football – this sounds like a winner to me. Near the end of September is one of my favorite times of the year, "Oktoberfest Season". Most of the regular festivities are making a comeback from COVID shutdowns and should be loads of fun to attend, so pay attention and look for times, dates and places. October will bring with it a new home

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brew competition from Cooper Landing BC (See the article below) and start brewing big Stouts, Porters and Barleywines. Yep, this one is all about “Huge” beers.

Most of us like to know what we have planned in the coming year, so we have put together a “Tentative Club Calendar” for the year. The 3-month calendar we post up top is always accurate, but we are trying to give everyone a heads up on possible events. We hope this helps you to plan your year around great beer. Until next time, keep brewing because life is good. Cheers!

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## **Tentative Club Calendar**

- September 20, 2022: Meeting at 49<sup>th</sup> State Brewing – Fantasy Brew: Draught Draft
- October 18, 2022: Meeting at 49<sup>th</sup> State Brewing - Cooper Landing Competition
- November 15, 2022: Meeting at 49<sup>th</sup> State Brewing - Ciders & Cysers
- November/December (TBD): Big Fish Competition (Tentative)
- December 10, 2022: Holiday Party (Tentative)
- January 2023 Meeting (TBD): BBF Industry Reception & Learn to Brew Session
- February 21, 2023: Meeting at 49<sup>th</sup> State Brewing – Porters
- March 21, 2023: Meeting at 49<sup>th</sup> State Brewing - Irish Beers
- April 18, 2023: Meeting at 49<sup>th</sup> State Brewing – Pilsners & Helles
- May 6, 2023: National Homebrew Day Group Brew
- May 16, 2023: Meeting –Wort share (Tentative)
- Summer 2023 events: Club Campout, Weenie Roast, BBQ

## **Summer Campout Recap!**

### *John Trapp*

Another summer campout has come and gone, with lots of great food and beer consumed around a campfire. The weather has been down right Shitty for most of the month, and I realize this may have discouraged some folks from heading up to Eklutna Lake. Well, it may have been wet and rainy in Anchorage, but when I pulled into the group campsite with my RV it was quite nice out. Just about everyone that pulled in Friday afternoon and evening said the same thing. Now don't get me wrong, we did end up getting our fair share of rain during the weekend, but we never let it stop us from enjoying the activities there.

Saturday morning (okay, early afternoon) I took a hike with my son Allan, wife Cyndi and co-president Liz Greer. We headed down to the lake so my boy could throw rocks and burn off some energy. The water was very high around the lake, but this shouldn't surprise anyone with the amount of rain we received during the last month. We ended up walking over to the dam and looking at the new cabin for rent. It was very nice but I usually enjoy biking to the other side of the lake. Since it was raining, we headed back to the campsite for some lunch and many beers.

Saturday evening a few more people showed up for dinner (potluck) and we shared more tasty beverages around the campfire. It was a small turnout, but everyone had a good time and I think most were glad they made the effort. Sunday morning came and we all did our best to dry off, pack up and head back to town. Next summer the campout should be back in June, but will probably also be back at Eklutna Lake. I hear the campground at Trail River will be closed so they can replace the bridge going in. If anyone has any ideas or knows of another location for a group campout, please let me know and we'll look into it.



## Secretary's Corner: GNBC Records Available for Research at UAA Archives

*Gwen Higgins*

Back in 2019, the club signed an agreement with the UAA/APU Consortium Library Archives & Special Collections, where I work, to preserve and provide access to the club's records. With this agreement, the club's records are preserved, and they become a resource for research on Anchorage's history. I finally had the chance to dig into them, put them in nice new folders and boxes, and write a description of the records, which is now available on the archives website:

<https://archives.consortiumlibrary.org/collections/specialcollections/hmc-1396>.

The collection contains the club's founding documents, newsletters, homebrewing course materials, a membership survey report, and photographs of club activities, as well as research files collected by Jim Roberts, some of which document breweries that are no longer in existence. There are still some gaps in the collection, for example, there aren't any newsletters between 2001 and 2007. It would also be great to get copies of the recipe books that the club used to put out. If you have either of those items, consider donating them to the archives. If you would like to see the records, you can contact the archives from the following webpage: <https://archives.consortiumlibrary.org/contact-us/>

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## MEMBERSHIP: September, Time to Renew, Time to Brew

*Steve Johnson*

The GNBC membership year begins on October 1st and ends on September 30th. Thus, September is an excellent month for current members to pay dues for the following year. If the club receives your payment early in the month, before the first of September you will have your new, laminated membership card. Only the current membership card is good for discounts at Arctic Brewing Supply, LaBodega and other local vendors. The club also depends on dues to pay for our meeting room and other expenses, such as liability insurance. Each August I print, but do not laminate, membership cards and a mailing envelope addressed to each person who paid dues for the current membership year. When I receive notices of renewals payments, processing the renewal requires only laminating cards, placing stamps on envelopes, and taking them to the post office. The easiest way to make a dues payment is by using the PayPal link on the GNBC website. You need not have a PayPal account; only a credit card is required. The form is at <https://greatnorthernbrewers.org/membership/>. The club also accepts payment by check made out to Great North Brewers Club. Checks may be given to me in person at meetings or mailed to me. For a mailing address, send email to [membership@greatnorthernbrewers.org](mailto:membership@greatnorthernbrewers.org).

### TIME TO BREW

In addition to making a membership payment, September is also a great month to brew a beer or make mead or cider. If five or more gallons seems too much to drink, given our access to so many good beverages from commercial sources, brew a smaller batch. I purchased a three gallon keg to encourage my brewing along those lines. For all grain brewers, an extract batch can be a refreshing change of pace -- fewer hours in the brew day and more focus on recipe and ingredient selection. In the past year, I brewed a Bock, a Saison, a Belgian Dark Strong, and a Dark Mild (still fermenting). In the year ahead, my plans include a Dunkel, a Porter, and a Saison. I may make another attempt to capture the appeal of the post-Prohibition, pre-craft homebrew I recall with fondness from the very early seventies. That last will be another small batch, perhaps one gallon in a bottle. [Membership@greatnorthernbrewers.org](mailto:Membership@greatnorthernbrewers.org)

## Fantasy Draft Draught Challenge

*By Adam Sikorski*

The number of base grains and yeast will be limited to the number of people participating.

Draft will be during the September Club Meeting. .

Tasting/Judging will be at the November Meeting

### **Fantasy Draft Rules:**



When drafting we go 1 thru 8 in the first round and then 8 thru 1 for the second round..... and repeat until the end.

- 1) Draft Order chosen by drawing number from a jar.
- 2) Ingredient List will be provided to the brewers on the night of the draft.
- 3) 5 Rounds Minimum and 12 rounds Maximum.
- 4) Time Limits – 4 minutes per pick per round.
- 5) Ingredients (Required)
  - a) Base Grain (1). Must be at least 55% of Grain Bill.
  - b) Specialty Grain (1)
  - c) Yeast (1)
  - d) Hops (1)
  - e) Adjunct (1)
- 6) Ingredients (Optional)
  - a) Specialty Grains (2 more)
  - b) Hops (2 more)
  - c) Sugar (1)
  - d) Wood (1)
  - e) Fruit/Flavoring (1). If there is both Flavoring and Puree for the fruit chosen the brewer will be allowed to use both. (This counts as one ingredient)
- 7) Once an ingredient is chosen it cannot be chosen by another brewer.
- 8) Winner chosen by popular vote when tasting is done
  - a) Anyone present is allowed to vote (Brewers, Club Members, Guests, ETC...)
- 9) A beer will be automatically eliminated if the brewer doesn't use an ingredient drafted or uses an ingredient that was not drafted.
- 10) Brewer needs to bring a copy of the recipe they used to make the beer.

## Fantasy Draft Draught Challenge Con't

# SAMPLE

Base Grain	
1 Mandatory / 1 Maximum	
1	White Wheat
2	Amber Extract DME or LME
3	Gambrinus Vienna Malt
4	Floor Malted Bohemian Wheat
5	American 6-row
6	Golden Promise
7	American 2-row
8	Maris Otter
9	?
10	?

Yeast	
1 Mandatory / 1 Maximum	
1	A31 Tartan
2	Lallemand Windsor (dry)
3	WLP099 Super High Gravity
4	Wyeast 1056 Amer. Ale
5	A10 Darkness
6	WLP080 Cream Ale
7	Wyeast 1450 Denny's Fav.
8	WLP530 Abbey Ale
9	?
10	?

Speciality Grain	
3 Maximum	
1	Crystal 10L
2	Crystal 40L
3	Crystal 80L
4	Crystal 150L
5	Beechwood Smoked Malt
6	Apple Wood Smoked Malt
7	CaraRed
8	Honey Malt
9	Chocolate Rye
10	Aromatic Malt
11	German Spelt Malt
12	Flaked Rye
13	Flaked Rice
14	English Chocolate Malt
15	English Black Malt
16	Black Prinz
17	Caraffa II
18	Biscuit Malt
19	Victory Malt
20	English Brown Malt
21	Torrefied Wheat
22	Lactose
23	Midnight Wheat
24	Caraf foam
25	Special B
26	American Brumalt
27	English Amber Malt
28	Roasted Barley
29	Malted Oats
30	Melanoiden Malt

## Cooper Landing Brewing "Big Brew" Competition

### *October 18, 2022 – All Welcome to Participate*

Bring your homebrew Big Stouts, Imperial Porters, and/or Barleywines! Cooper Landing will be sponsoring a homebrew competition focused on some of bigger, better, darker styles.

The Great Northern Brewers Club will be hosting this event at the October 18, 2022 meeting in the downstairs barrel room of 49<sup>th</sup> State Brewing at 7pm.

- Bring in your competition beers between 5:30pm and 6:30pm
- Three 12 oz bottles or Two 22 oz bottles
- No fee to enter

Alternative drop offs can be arranged through GNBC – email [president@greatnorthernbrewers.org](mailto:president@greatnorthernbrewers.org)

The winning beer, if commercially viable, will be brewed tentatively by Cooper Landing.





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