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The Prez Sez

John Trapp & Elizabeth Greer

With the weather getting colder, I hope everyone is thinking about brewing a lager or three. We just finished October, but now is the time to brew a great Oktoberfest beer, or schwartzbier, Dortmunder Export. You get the idea, garages and crawl spaces are at the optimum temperatures – make beer while the temp is right.

Speaking of right, our October meeting was a huge hit! Thanks to Lisa Peltola of Artic Brewing Supply, Doctor Ted Rosenzweig of Turnagain Brewing, and guest brewer from 49th State Brewing. Brewing with fruit was the topic and the information was informative and interesting. Also thanks for the sampling of fruit beers provided.

Here's the 3 month calendar:

- November 15 th – Club meetings at 49 th State Brewing Company 7:00 p.m. Club election night.
- December 10 th – GNBC Christmas Party, Anchorage Brewing Company – 6:00 p.m.
- January 26 th – Indusrty Meeting at 49 th State Brewing Company for GABBF – 7:00 p.m.

Earlier last month we had our first ever, Fantasy Draught Draft night at King Street. This was a new brewing experiment we are trying out, and it attracted 10 or 11 participants. All those that attended will try and have their beers ready for the Christmas Party. This was a fun way to try something new, and I have a hunch next year we'll see 20 or so people involved in it. Thanks to Adam for spearheading this.

Nominations for all officer positions and three board positions were opened during the September meeting. They will remain open until the start of our November meeting just before the election. Please consider running for a spot in this awesome organization, the rewards are marvelous. Once again, feel free to ask any of the officers and board members about their roles in the clubs activities and they will tell you all about it. And don't forget, PAY UP! That's right, renew your membership for another fun filled year.

Our informational topic for the November meeting will be "Meads & Ciders" with our guest speaker Kevin Sobolesky.

One last thing, Anchorage Brewing Company will once again host the Great Northern Brewer's Club for the Holiday Party on December 10, 2022. Last year was a fun time and we hope to have a good party this year too. More information forthcoming on this. Mark your calendars!

Until next time, keep brewing because life is good.

Cheers!

Tentative Club Calendar

- November 15 @ 7pm: Meeting at 49th State Brewing
- Non Beer Fermentations: Ciders, Meads, ect.
- December 10, 2022: Holiday Party (Anchorage Brewing Company)
- January 26, 2023 Meeting: BBF Industry Reception
- February 21, 2023: Meeting at 49th State Brewing – Porters
- March 21, 2023: Meeting at 49th State Brewing - Irish Beers
- April 18, 2023: Meeting at 49th 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

Secretary's Corner: Fantasy Draught Draft Recap



Gwen Higgins

The club held its inaugural Fantasy Draught Draft on October 4th at King Street Brewing. Having never participated in any sort of fantasy sports league, I had no idea what to expect, but I decided to give it a try anyway. There were nine of us, though one player was creating an ingredient lineup for someone else as well as himself. There were also a couple people who wanted to be part of the draft but weren't going to have time to actually make a beer, so if you missed the draft and want to see what you can do with one of the extra ingredient lists, email an officer for more information.

We began by drawing numbers 1-10 to determine the order participants would get to pick ingredients, alternating between counting up and counting down. Each person took turns picking ingredients, starting with their base grains, though we did not all have to choose each category of ingredient in the same order. The rules of the draft required everyone to have at least seven ingredients, with certain categories being mandatory and others optional. There was somewhat of a learning curve given my relative inexperience with both fantasy sports and brewing, but in the end, I came away with the ingredients for an imperial chocolate peanut butter porter.

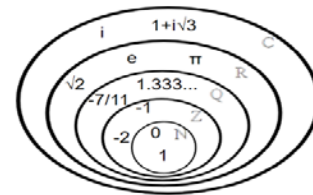
We tentatively agreed on judging the results at the February meeting to give everyone a chance to brew, especially because the beers need to be at least 7% ABV. Thanks to Adam Sikorski for introducing us to this fun event!

P.S. Got a beer recipe you want to share, had an epic brewing fail, or are really excited about a new piece of equipment? Write about it for the newsletter! Send your submissions to me by the 27th of each month at secretary@greatnorthernbrewers.org.

Membership By The Numbers

Steve Johnson

Each summer, when purchasing liability insurance via the American Homebrewers Association (AHA), the club needs to count our members. For purposes of the AHA insurance policy, the club had 176 members in the last quarter of our membership year (July-September). At \$4.48 per member, the liability insurance payment of \$788.48 is one of the club's large expenses.



In order to track membership trends from a club perspective, one needs to look at member totals by category. GNBC has two categories of membership, annual and lifetime, and each membership payment covers one or two related individuals in a household. The 176 members reported include:

- 38 lifetime members (22 lifetime membership payments)
- 138 annual members (78 annual membership payments)
- 176 total members

Our new member year began October 1st. Statistics for the new year to date are:

- 40 lifetime members (23 lifetime membership payments)
- 73 annual members (41 annual membership payments)
- 113 total members

Compared to last year's totals, the club is 37 annual memberships behind. However, the rate of membership renewals, and new annual memberships, seems comparable to recent years. The recent lifetime membership is the first in several years.

Current membership cards are required for the December Holiday party and the January Industry Meeting, which should stimulate renewals. I will be at the club meeting on Tuesday November 15th and can produce laminated membership cards on site for renewals (payment in cash, check or via PayPal. A PayPal account is not required, only a credit card).

Questions, other comments or complaints? Tell me if you have not received your membership cards in a week of your membership payment. Send email to membership@greatnorthernbrewers.org.

GNBC Website

Have you looked at our Website lately? You can find information on meetings, get copies of the newsletters, renew your membership and even buy some cool GNBC merchandise!

<https://greatnorthernbrewers.org/>



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Greetings Brewers and Beer Buffs

Welcome to the Great Northern Brewers Club! We're happy you've found us! Check out our website to learn about the club and its activities.

Additional details regarding events, latest news, competitions, etc. can be found in the [latest issue of our monthly newsletter](#).

Feel free to contact us at president@greatnorthernbrewers.org if you can't find what you're looking for on this site!

Cheers to the lovers of beers.

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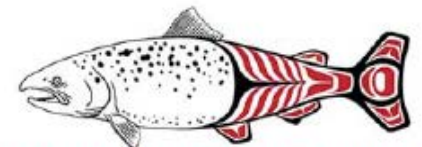
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