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The Prez Sez

By John Trapp & Liz Greer

The month of May has come and gone, and although the weather stayed a little cooler and wetter than previous years; I think it's safe to say that lager season is over. You know me, always pushing a lager or 3. Big Brew Day (Brew-a-Thon) was a hit over at Arctic Brewing Supply. John Craig led the toast at 9:00 a.m. with a wonderful tribute to the Beer Gods, and everyone had fun on a non-rainy day. Thanks goes out to Pete and Lisa for hosting us. We finished up the month with a get-together at Flattop Pizza, hosted by Denali Brewing Company. Everyone that participated in the wort share brought some finished product to sample.

Here's the 3 month calendar:

- **June 9th- 11th Summer camp out at Eklutna, Friday noon until Sunday noon.**
- **July – 12th BBQ potluck at Jeff Loughrey and Cathy Straub's home at Lake-O-the Hills 5:00 to 9:00.**
- **August 15th – Wienie Roast! Location TBD.**
- **August 11, 12 – State Fair Home Brew Competition Judging.**

Our summer campout will be back at Eklutna Campground the weekend of June 9th thru 11th. There's plenty to do out there, kayaking, mountain biking, hiking, bird watching, stick gathering, and my son's favorite – rock throwing. Saturday the 10th is also the "Run for Women" and there will be a route laid out for anyone wanting to participate in this event without going back into Anchorage. The men will provide "Tasty Beverages" for the thirsty runners. This should be fun and I look forward to helping out. Our group dinner on Saturday is going to have a theme, and I'm thinking it should be "Something That Goes Oink". Yes, this means pork and/or pork products. Could be ribs, loin, chops, bacon (always a favorite) or a big old ham. Totally up to you, go wild. Also, before I forget, Friday evening around 7:00 p.m. 'Dr.' Ted from Turnagain Brewing will be out to share in the sampling and judging of the Tartside Challenge. Plan on showing up and partaking in this sour event. (get it, sour – tartside)

On July 12th we will once again be blessed to have a BBQ up at Jeff Loughrey and Cathy Straub's home at Lake-O-the hills. Jeff and Cathy have been hosting the July BBQ for over 25 years and it's always a

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pleasure getting together with fellow GNBC'ers on their deck. Bring some homebrew and something to throw on the grill.

August will bring another BBQ, this time the second annual Wienie Roast. The exact date is not yet set, but should be around the 15th. This was a huge success last year and we look forward to expanding on it again this year.

August is also the month of the State Fair. We as a club are encouraging our members to enter any or all their homebrew into the competition, as well as participate in the judging. We ruled this competition many years ago and it's time we started getting back into it again. -Cheers

National Homebrew Day 23

By Elizabeth Greer

The GNBC Celebrated National Homebrew Day with the Arctic Brewing Supply in the back lot of their store. A beer blessing was given by John Craig at 10:15am. For those who were brewing remotely, an apology that we did not get the toast broadcasted...



some technical issues. The weather



cooperated and we were able to brew up four batches! Lots of snacks and pizza as well as beer to enjoy. People came by all day with a core group staying for the duration.

For those not aware, in 1988, May 7 was announced before Congress as National Homebrew Day, and every year, the first Saturday in May recognizes this day!

Denali Wort Share Challenge

The Denali Brewing Company (DBC) Wort Challenge was held at FlatTop Pizza on May 30th. At the Beer Trippin Weekend in April, DBC once again generously provided their wort for GNBC members to take home and tweak, spike, and transform. This year we were lucky enough to be given a big one – Double IPA (DIPA) – for us to play with, and the wort was unhopped!

So many variations were created! From belgians, to porters, to sours, and everything in between! About 24 beers were judged by club members. Congratulations to the winners:

- 1st - Andrew Holman - sour lager
- 2nd - Kevin Iverson - coconut porter
- 3rd - Mike Cragen - cherry IPA
- Honorable Mention - Robert Trosper - raspberry fruited DIPA

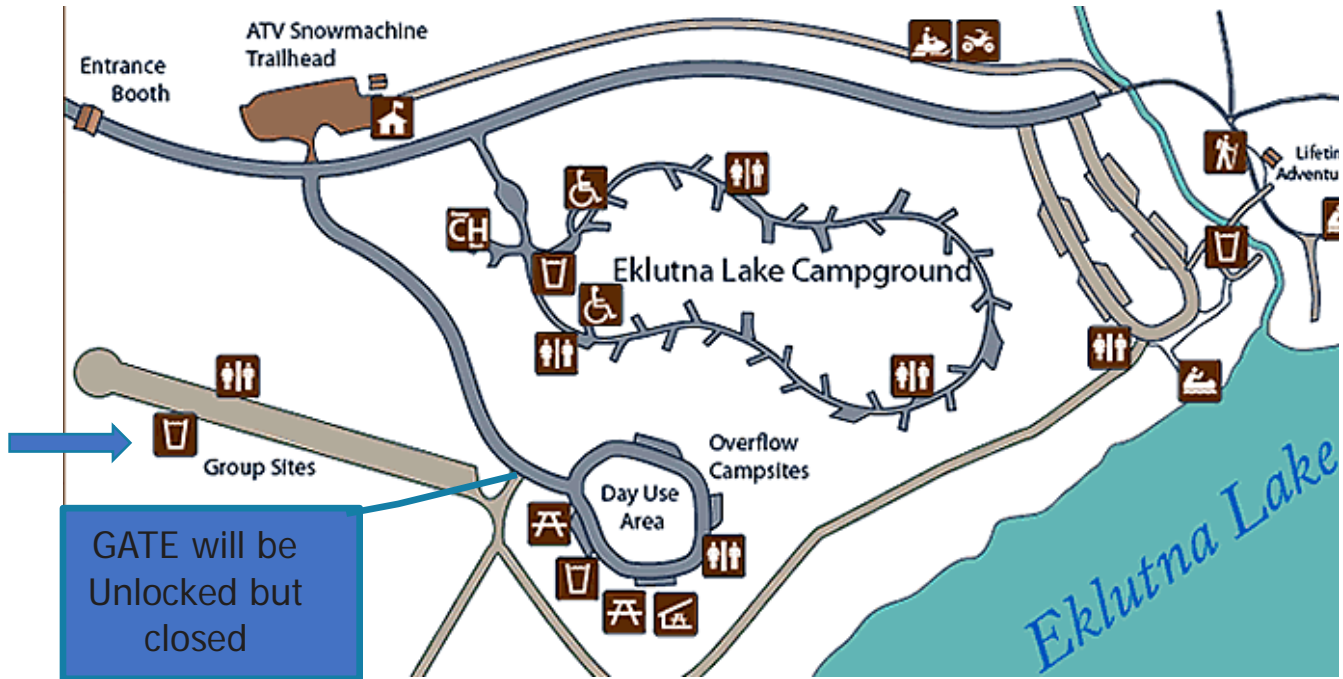
Thank you to everyone who participated, Mike & Tish Cragen for organizing on behalf of GNBC, Humpy's Flattop for great service, and **especially Denali Brewing** for hosting, providing the wort, the venue and the delicious food!



Great Northern Brewers Club - Campout 2023

Eklutna Lake - Group Site B

Friday, June 9 @ 1pm – Sunday, June 11 @ 11am
Potluck Party Saturday at 6pm (ish)



What to Bring: Pretty much everything and anything: R.V.s, campers, tents, canopies, bikes, boats, games, food, something for the Saturday Pot luck Party, and of course BEER! There is a shared restroom. Pets are welcome as long as they are friendly and leashed if needed.

Friday Night will be the Turnagain Tartside Challenge at 7pm

Saturday morning 10am - Ladies (beer chics): There will be a 1-mile and a 5-mile trail to support the Alaska Run for Women. <https://www.akrhw.org/> Sign up for GNBC team: "Brewbies" if you want to support the event. Maybe the guys (breast supporters) will put out a beer stop for us!

Saturday Evening about 6pm: Potluck Dinner!

Sunday: Brunch and leave by 11am



Alaska State Fair 2023 Craft Beverages Competition



Get ready for the 2023 State Fair Craft Beverage Competition!

This year's event will include many Divisions and Classes to enter. There are also Divisions for Non- Alcoholic Beverages and Label Competition. Professionals are also encouraged to enter in a designated Sub-Category.

Entries can be:

- Dropped off at the Fairgrounds – Hoskins Building on Friday, August 4, or Saturday, August 5, from 11 am – 7 pm.
- Dropped off at Arctic Brewing Supply in Anchorage, dates to be announced.
- Mailed in. Mailing entries is highly encouraged.
- Requested for Special Arrangements (not guaranteed) from the Competition Superintendent if unable to bring entries on Entry Day.

*The Competition Judging Sessions will be held on **Friday August 11, from 6pm - 10 pm and Saturday 12, from 10am -6pm at the Fairgrounds.** Judges and "TAPS Certified" Stewards, especially those with experience, are needed. Please consider supporting this event and helping out; contact the Competition Superintendent. Camping will be available at the grounds.*

Additional Information: <https://www.alaskastatefair.org/site/exhibit/craft-beverages/>

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