



THE Northern Brewer

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The Prez Sez

By Elizabeth "Liz" Greer

I hope you have been having a fun summer which included some tasty brews, and perhaps participation at one of the many GNBC events: Brisket & Brews (thanks Adam Sikorski), Eklutna Campout (Thanks John Trapp), Talkeetna Parade & Cragen Bottle Share (Thanks Yoder crew & Cragens), Summer BBQ (Thank Jeff Loughrey), and the upcoming McCarthy Trip (Thanks Maria Benner). Or maybe had a chance to support the State Fair Competition? Shout out to member Andre Koehrer with the Jay Levell Award for his pilsner and several other medals!

September will restart the regular meetings and the GNBC Officers and Board Members are coming up with some fun and interesting topics! Here are the suggested member support roles – snacks are always welcome!

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Contact information via our website

Month	Last Name A-J	Last Name K-P	Last Name Q-Z
September	Cleanup	Food	Setup
October	Food	Setup	Cleanup
November	Setup	Cleanup	Food

- August 30 -Sept 2 – McCarthy Cub Trip
- Sept 17 – Club General Meeting – Beer Judging 101
- Sept 20 – Valdez Brewing Oktoberfest Homebrew Competition
- October 21 - General Meeting – Beer flavors
- November 18 – General Meeting – Elections
- December (TDB?) Big Fish Brew Competition
- December Holiday Party!
- January 30, 2025 - Industry Night Reception.

Get your brews ready for the Valdez and Big Fish Competitions coming up! If you have thoughts on some fun activities, please let me or one of the officers know. More information on the club and events on the Facebook Page: <https://www.facebook.com/Gnbc1/> and website: <https://greatnorthernbrewers.org/>

-Cheers

Help Bring the BJCP Exam to Alaska

By Jordan Couture

Dear Fellow Beer Connoisseurs,

This winter, during beer week (January 19th-26th, 2025), GNBC is hoping to offer the BJCP testing exam. For those unfamiliar with the BJCP, it's an esteemed program designed to educate and certify beer judges, ensuring a high standard of evaluation and feedback in beer competitions worldwide. Whether you're a seasoned homebrewer, or simply a passionate beer aficionado, BJCP certification has something for you. However, in order to provide this exam, I need your help.

How You Can Get Involved

To make our BJCP exam a resounding success, we are reaching out to our vibrant community. Here's how you can contribute:

1. **Existing Judges:** We need two nationally ranked or higher judges to serve as proctors for this exam. If anyone is willing to serve as Exam Administrator with lots of support from me, that would eliminate the need to apply for a waiver.
2. **Aspiring Judges:** Let me know you are interested. We need a minimum of six participants and are capped at 12. You must complete the BJCP entrance examination to take the exam, so start studying now!
3. **Helpful volunteers:** On the day of the examination, we will need volunteers to help administer the exam.



Stay tuned for more details. If you are interested in volunteering, taking the exam, or have any questions, I would love to hear from you. Please email me at vp@greatnorthernbrewers.org.

Cheers to great beer,

Jordan M. Couture
Vice President, GNBC

Membership News – September 2024

By Steve Johnson, Membership Coordinator

Now is the time to renew your membership in the Great Northern Brewers Club. September 30th is the end of the current membership year. For annual members, after September 30th, your 2023-2024 membership card will no longer be valid at GNBC events or at the vendors who offer discounts to GNBC members. For payments made in early September, I should be able to bring membership cards to the club meeting on Tuesday, September 17^t.

For the 2024-2025 membership year, a single annual membership costs \$30. **The price is \$50 for a couple: two related adults (i.e., spouses or partners) residing in the same household.** Unrelated adults must each pay for their own membership in the club. A GNBC membership card is required for entry to or participation in some events, so be sure to specify both names when applying for couple membership.

For many individuals, a convenient way to pay is to use the form on the club website at <https://greatnorthernbrewers.org/membership/>. Although PayPal is the payment processor, a PayPal account is not required to make a payment using this online tool. Only a credit card is required.

The most convenient way to make payments in cash or by check is in person at the next club meeting. If you need to mail a check, request the mailing address by sending email to membership@greatnorthernbrewers.org.

Best wishes for the membership year ahead,

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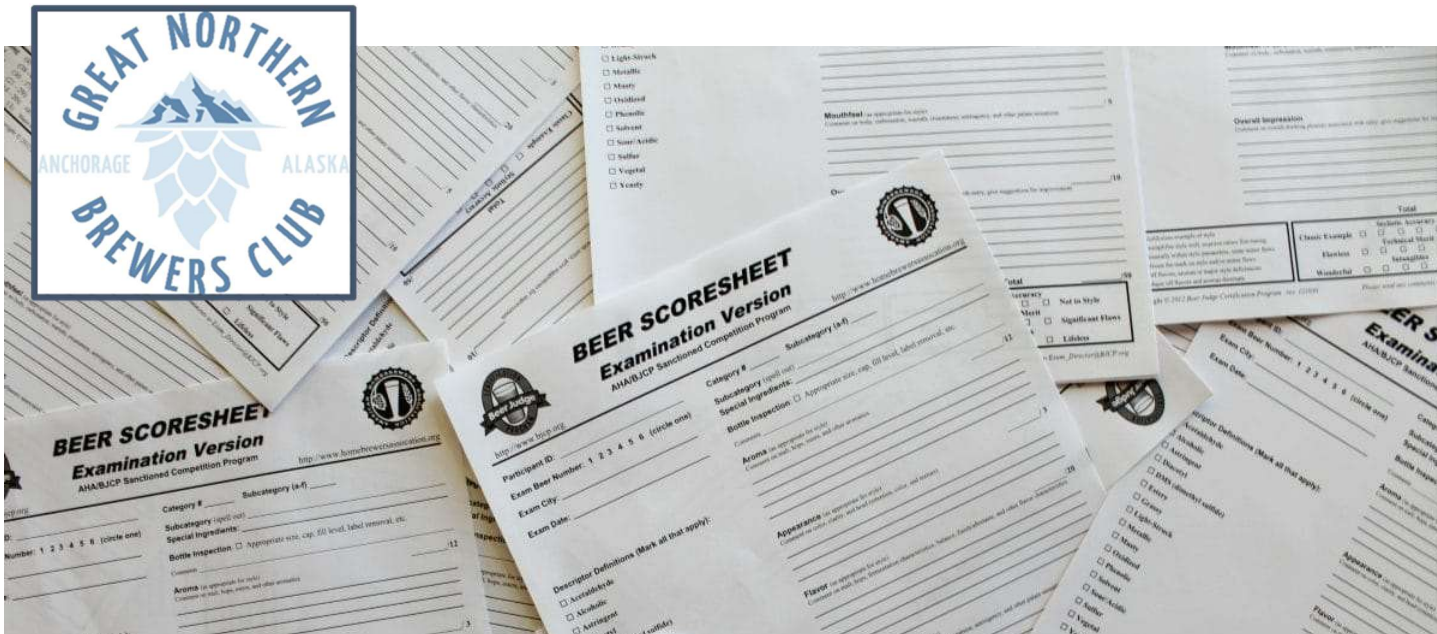
GNBC Branded Apparel for Sale!

By Maria Benner



Whether you're brewing your latest masterpiece or just kicking back with a pint, why not do it in style? Great Northern Brewers Club logowear is now available online. From cozy sweatshirts to classic t-shirts, you'll find the right stylish garment to rep your favorite club. Get yours now, in time for the next beerfest!

Here's the link: <https://my-store-59c1d0.creator-spring.com/>



Great Northern Brewer's Club Meeting
Tuesday, September 17, 2024
7pm – 9pm
Beer Judging 101

49th State Brewing's Heritage Theater, 717 West 3rd Ave, Anchorage

Please join us for our September meeting which will feature a presentation and hands-on activities on assessing the qualities and flaws in beers. Whether you're a long-time brewer, aficionado, or just want to learn more, this meeting will have something for you! Styles will be based on the Beer Judge Certification Program Guidelines.

Membership is not required to attend; however, you might want to bring a potluck snack, homebrew, or interesting craft brew to share. Membership is open to anyone who brews, supports brewing, or just has an interest in quality fermented beverages! There will be door prizes!

More information at: <https://greatnorthernbrewers.org>

VALDEZ OKTOBERFEST HOMEBREW COMPETITION



September 20th, 2024

Time and location: TBA



\$25 fee for each beer entry. Entry form is through QR code!

Must supply a minimum of six 22oz. bottles for the tasting

Registration must be received by August 16th

Must keep pours to sample-size; full servings will not be permitted

Beer produced/made at a commercial facility is prohibited

Judges will evaluate and score each entry and averages of scores will rank each entry in its category.

Must have means to keep beer chilled. Ice will be provided

No outside food & drink (other than the beer being supplied for contest) allowed

Must be at least 21 years of age or older at time of event

Prizes for Best in Category and Brewer's Choice TBA



Categories:

- Porter/Stout
- German Style
- Pale Ale/IPA

Judging:

1. Best Beer in each category (dark, IPA, German style)
2. Brewer's Choice (voted by fellow brewers)

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