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The Prez Sez

By Elizabeth "Liz" Greer

I missed the October meeting, that work stuff got in the way, but I understand it was well received! This month will be a big meeting with a presentation from Brewwerks' Chad Ringler on opening a Brewery. We will also have elections for the 2025 Calendar year. A few have offered to run for the Board and officer positions. Jordan will be stepping down as Vice President, again the work stuff, and we will need someone who might be interested in taking his place. Hopefully they would be interested in competitions too.

Our club has received quite a few donations of late, thanks to all who donated! My goal is to get them to the members ...and out of my garage. There will be a few extra items as door prizes at this month's meeting. Another reason to join us!

Here are the suggested member support roles – snacks are always welcome!

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

October Started our Membership Year. Remember to renew for exclusive club events and discounts around town from our wonderful supporters!

Upcoming Events

- November 19: General Meeting – Elections / Opening a Brewery
- December 7: Big Fish Brew Competition
 Entries, Judges & Stewards needed!
- December 14: Holiday Party! Nightmare Before Christmas!
 At Anchorage Brewing Co, 7pm-9pm
- January 30, 2025: Industry Night Reception

Get your brews ready for the **Big Fish Competition!**

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

Secretary's Corner: Club Elections

By Gwen Higgins

It's November, which means election season. No, not that *other* election. I'm talking about our GNBC club election, which will be taking place at our meeting on November 19. Maria Benner, Colin Burket, and Jerry Siok will be rotating off the board, and Jordan Couture will be stepping down as President. Currently our slate of candidates is as follows:

President: Liz Greer

Vice President: Vacant

Secretary: Gwen Higgins

Treasurer: Zack Quam

Board member: Scott Clendaniel

Board Member: Steve Johnson

Board Member: Cody Baggett



As of right now, no one has volunteered to run for VP. This is a crucial position, as the VP is traditionally in charge of organizing and administering competitions. We've just started ramping up competitions again post-COVID, and having a VP who is willing to keep us headed in that direction would be a huge benefit for the club.

Even if you don't plan on running for a position, be sure to attend the November meeting and vote, if only so you can be there to object when someone writes your name in for VP.

Membership News

By Steve Johnson, Membership Coordinator

Almost four weeks into our membership year, here are statistics for recent and current years:

Annual membership payments through October 26th

2022-2023 45 payments, 82 members (37 couples, 8 singles)

2023-2024 38 payments, 63 members (25 couples, 13 singles)

2024-2025 26 payments, 38 members (12 couples, 14 singles)

This year, the annual membership fee remains the same for one person, \$30. For a couple in the same household, the price increased from \$30 to \$50.

Food / Setup / Cleanup

On a rotating basis, members are asked to provide home-made food, help in setting up the meeting room, or help in cleaning up after the meeting. Find the month of the meeting and the group in which you last name lies, and you'll find your member duty.

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

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BJCP EXAM

I'm sorry to announce the BJCP has denied our application to offer the BJCP exam during Beer Week 2025. They have encouraged us to reach out to the regional representative Gail Milburn at thenorth_rep@bjcp.org to let them know there is demand to have the exam offered in AK.

Alaska Craft Brew & Barley Wine Festival Volunteer Opportunities

Peak 2 Peak Events, which puts on the Alaska Craft Brew and Barley Wine Festival is looking for volunteers to help with the event at the Dena'ina Center. Tasks include managing the front entrance, checking tickets, and pouring beer. The dates and times for the festival sessions are:

- Friday, 1/31 5pm-10pm
- Saturday, 2/1 11am-4pm
- Saturday, 2/1 5pm-10pm

Fill out the [REGISTRATION FORM](#) to sign up!



Brewers Association e-books at the Anchorage Public Library*

By Steve Johnson



Though I've often used the public library as a source for books on beer and brewing, I've been more a books buyer than a book borrower when it comes to beer and brewing. I was recently surprised when I noticed that the Hoopla Digital service at Anchorage Public Library includes 52 titles from the Brewers Association Catalog ("Brewers Publications").

By my count, the 52 titles are about two thirds of the current Brewers Association sales catalog. Excluded are a few titles of interest to operating breweries, such as volumes on brewery finance, safety, and human resources/personnel management.

The titles I most associate with the Brewers Publications imprint are in the collection at Hoopla Digital: the style guides, the beginner books, the "think" books and the yeast, malt, hops and water books. A few titles: Designing Great Beers by Ray Daniels, Radical Brewing by Randy Mosher, Brew Like a Monk by Stan Hieronymus and Historical Brewing Techniques by Lars Marsius Garshol.

How can you use Hoopla Digital? Access requires an Anchorage Public Library card, available to residents of the municipality (and non-residents for an annual fee). The Hoopla Digital app is available at Android and iPhone app stores. Each calendar month an account holder may borrow up to seven titles on Hoopla Digital. E-book loans last 21 days unless returned earlier –then the title is no longer accessible unless borrowed again. (Movie and audio loans have shorter durations.) Individual titles are never unavailable because someone else has borrowed that title.

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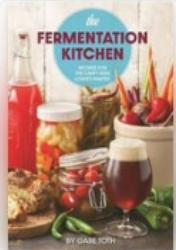
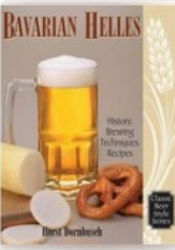
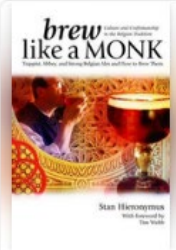
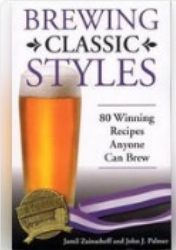
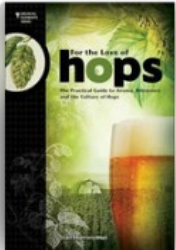

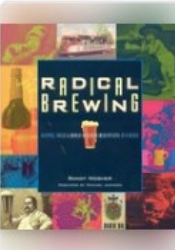
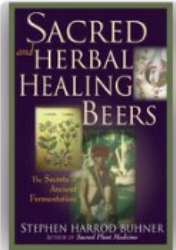
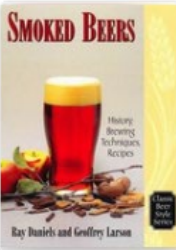
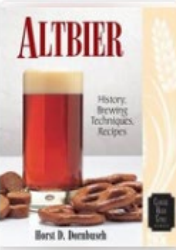
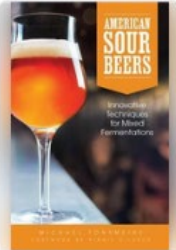
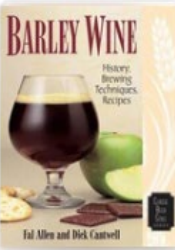
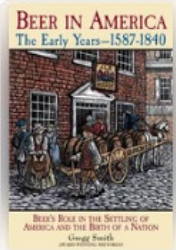
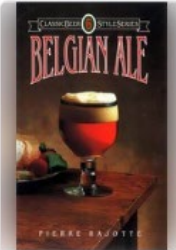
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Humpy's | GNBC Big Fish Homebrew Competition

WHAT TO ENTER

All styles of beer, mead, and cider.

Styles will be judged using the 2021 BJCP style guidelines. Some categories will be combined.

Guidelines: <https://www.bjcp.org/bjcp-style-guidelines/>

This year's side challenge is Alaska syrups!!!

HOW TO ENTER

- Drop off at Arctic Brewing Supply, 8401 Sandlewood Place, on Saturday, November 23, 2024 between 11:00am-5:00pm; or contact GNBC for alternative drop off locations.
- For each BEER entry: three 10-16 oz. bottles (two 22 oz. acceptable but not preferred)
- For each MEAD or CIDER entry: two bottles
- For ALL entries: completed BJCP entry form Entry form: https://legacy.bjcp.org/docs/BJCP_EntryRecipe.pdf
- Bottles may not have any writing or labels on the glass Multiple entries: label each set on bottle cap or with sticky note

JUDGING — DECEMBER 7, 2024

Judging starts at 10:00am at Flat Top Pizza at 610 F Street (tentative).

Old and New judges all NEEDED! If this is your first time, we want you there!

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