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The Prez Sez

By Elizabeth "Liz" Greer and Scott Clendaniel

Hello Great Northern Brewers,

April is the month of melting snow, and it's a great time to make some beer! I have 20 gallons fermenting that will be ready by this month's meeting at 49th State Brewing downtown Anchorage.

Everybody is headed to Talkeetna for a ton of fun and free wort. Yes, you do have to be present at the Talkeetna festivities to participate in the free wort from Denali Brewing. If you plan to enter the Golden Carboy Homebrew Contest, you don't have to be present, but you do need to get your beer to Mike Craggen before April 7th. You can also bring it to Talkeetna and drop it off at the Denali Brewpub brew hall on Main Street on April 10th. The winning beer is brewed by Denali Brewing, so don't be shy and enter your brew!

April's meeting is the brewing gear swap, so bring the stuff you don't need or use to the meeting at 49th State to free up space in your home brewery. Help out someone new, and maybe bring home some gear you need. It's always fun to see what shows up from other people's garages, kitchens, and breweries at this meeting. The beer everyone made from the wort from Magnetic North last month is also due, so please bring your completed beer for everyone to try. Jeremiah will be there, and he might turn your beer into a big brew at Mag North.

Early May brings Big Brew Day at Arctic Brewing Supply. The club brew is a porter recipe, you can find the details in the newsletter. It looks like a tasty one, and I hope it turns out great for everyone.

I look forward to seeing everyone at the next meeting, and hopefully the spring weather will bring us enough sun to really get the melt going. April is melt month, so enjoy some bright beers to match these ever-brighter, longer days!

Cheers,

Scott Clendaniel
Co-Prez

Secretary's Corner

By Nathaniel Gingery

Last month we had a great presentation by Gwen Higgins about gruits! I learned a lot and definitely want to try my hand at brewing without hops. I think it'd be fun to go hiking/foraging to find something local and create a uniquely Alaskan gruit. Maybe this fall...

Looking forward to trying out the results of the February group brew!

Talkeetna Beer Trippin' 2026 Schedule of Events

Denali Brewpub (Main St/Downtown.) Hours: 12pm-9pm for food. Drinks till 10pm on Fri. & Sat.

Spur Road Tasting Room & Brewery (Mile 2): 12pm-8pm

Golden Carboy Homebrew Contest submissions

@ Denali Brewpub Beer Hall (Main St.)

Friday night drop off only: 6pm-9pm, Please contact Mike at (907) 250-4818 if alternate arrangements for entry drop-off need to be made.

Wort Share Drop off! Drop-off in Anchorage before Monday, April 6th.

Drop off your wort share containers/kegs (5 gal) at Mike Cragen's house: 3912 Dandelion Wine Circle. NO GLASS. Please leave a small amount of sanitizer in container – they will do a rinse. Denali Brewing Company (DBC) will pick these up and bring to Talkeetna. Contact Mike for more details. (907) 250-4818.

Keg and Growler fill drop-offs @ Denali Brewpub & Spur Rd. Tasting Room

FRIDAY & SATURDAY, April 11th & 12th

Drop off your kegs and growlers, let us know what you want in them and we'll have them cleaned, filled and ready to take home on Sunday. Keg pick-up will be at Spur Rd. Regardless of where you dropped them off.

Weekend Schedule:

Friday, April 10th

- 6pm - 9pm - Drop off entries for the Golden Carboy Homebrew Competition at Denali Brewpub (Downtown Talkeetna). Please contact Mike at 907-250-4818 if alternate arrangements for entry drop-off need to be made. Entries close at 9pm Friday night.
- 6pm - 9pm - Meet and Greet! Bottle share at the Denali Brewpub (Downtown)

Saturday, April 11th

- 9:30am - Breakfast! Club Breakfast at the Swiss Inn. No reservations necessary.
- 9am-12 - Golden Carboy Judging at Denali Brewpub (Downtown). If interested in judging talk to Sassan or Mike.
- 11am - 1:00pm - Bonfire at the Cragen Cabin
- Noon - Soggy Sneaker 5K start at Denali Art Council & ends at Talkeetna Alaskan Lodge.



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- 1pm - 3pm - Whiskey Discussion - Process and Tasting w/ Sassan at Talkeetna Alaskan Lodge. \$65 per person. Free Shuttle from Denali Brewpub to lodge and back.
- 12pm - 5:00pm - Marketplace and Beer Festival at the Talkeetna Alaskan Lodge.
- 6pm - Dinner at Denali Brewpub. No reservations necessary.
- 6:30ish - Golden Carboy Winner announcement at Denali Brewpub (Downtown)
 - - After dinner beers around the Denali Brewpub fire on the deck.



Saturday Night

- Drinks and music with friends at The Fairview!

Sunday, April 12th

- 9am - Breakfast! Club Breakfast at The Latitude 62. No reservations needed
- Noon - 2pm - Tours of Denali Brewery & Distillery (Mile 2 of the Spur Rd.)
- Noon - 3pm - Pick-up your wort at the Brewery Tasting Room (Mile 2 of the Spur Rd.)
- Drive home safely! GNBC members are encouraged to take our wort home and make delicious beer. Everyone will be given the same starter wort. Then, at the July 3rd GNBC campout in Talkeetna, everyone can bring their finished beers for a taste and share.



Friday, July 3rd

- 6pm- DBC Wort Taste and Share - Denali Brewing Old Tasting - Room Mile 2 of the Spur.

April 21 Meeting: Magnetic North & Gear Swap

The April Meeting will be a big one! If you participated in Magnetic North Brewing wort share, bring a few bottles of your creation to share with other club members! Owner/brewer



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Jeremiah Christian will be trying them and he might brew yours! Also – It is GEAR SWAP DAY! Remember to bring any excess brew gear you are looking to get rid of. You got extra carboys?

Maybe swap for a new thermometer or brew book!

May 2nd National Homebrew Day



**Celebrate National Homebrew Day
Saturday May 2, 2026**

with the

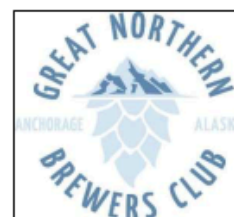
Great Northern Brewers Club

and

**Arctic Brewing
Supply!**



8401 Sandlewood Place



In 1988, May 7 was announced before Congress as National Homebrew Day, and every year, the first Saturday in May recognizes this day!

Tentative Schedule: 10am to 4pm

10:15 am - Beer Toast

10:30 am – Brewing start including the Group Batch

1:00 pm – Beginner Batch

All skill levels welcome! Brew your own batch or join a group

RSVP: President@greatnorthernbrewers.org if you would like to **LEAD** a brew batch, **JOIN** a brew batch, **LEARN** to brew, or **DROP-IN** for the toast and/or support. Also if there is someone you would like to brew with.

What to bring: brew pot, brewing supplies, snacks/pot-luck, a drinking vessel, brews to share, and if weather is nasty – canopies appreciated.

The group batch will be a pre-Prohibition Porter: "Commercially brewed in Philadelphia during the revolutionary period, the beer gained wide acceptance in the newly formed mid-Atlantic states and was endorsed by President George Washington". More information on the recipe at:

<https://homebrewersassociation.org/wp-content/uploads/2026/02/2026-Official-Big-Brew-Recipes.pdf>



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