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The Prez Sez

By Elizabeth "Liz" Greer and Scott Clendaniel

Hello Great Northern Brewers,

A fun May meeting at Turnagain with the Tartside Challenge! I hope you all have your summer beers fermenting away or already kegged and bottled! Denali Wort Share is July 4th weekend, and the State Fair is coming up soon! I hope some of you ladies will be joining our GNBC BREWBIE's team at the Alaska run for women [https://](https://www.akrfw.org/)



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PLEASE NOTE we moved the club BBQ to JUNE from JULY. Details on the Facebook Page or PM an officer for more details. Bring potluck and craft or home brews!

Looking ahead:

- * June 6 – Brewbies Run
- * June 15 - Club BBQ at Jeff Loughrey's
- * 4th of July – Campout at John Craig's, Talkeetna parade float, and Denali wort share contest
- * State Fair Homebrew Competition - August
- * Kodiak Trip – details coming soon

Reminder - articles are encouraged for the newsletter. Ideas: you have learned a brew technique, you enjoyed a great brew, you have traveled somewhere or to brew related event, or you just have some cool information to share that the club might be interested in reading about!

Meantime - If you have thoughts about some fun activities, please let me or one of the officers know.

More information on the club and events on the Facebook page and website: <https://www.facebook.com/Gnbc1/>

<https://greatnorthernbrewers.org/>

Cheers, -Liz & Scott

May Meeting Recap: Turnagain Tour and Tartside Tasting

By Nathaniel Gingery

This month, we were treated to a brewery tour at Turnagain Brewing by the wonderful Ted Rosenzweig. He explained their process from grain and hops to brewing to fermenting and souring to packaging. We even got to taste things along the way! Of particular interest to the club was how Ted achieves the signature sour beers that Turnagain is so well known for using alder wood from his yard. Definitely a really cool example of using local ingredients to achieve a truly unique local flavor!



After the tour, we participated in judging the Tartside Challenge beers that members had concocted using Turnagain's sour base. There were some really innovative flavors on display! More on that later though...

Huge thanks to Ted and Mary for being supporters of the club and always being willing to talk about brewing with anyone who has questions!





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GNBC Summer BBQ Potluck

Tuesday June 16 @ 6pm-9pm

Event by Great Northern Brewers Club

Hosted by and at Jeff Loughery's house

📍 7051 Lake O the Hills Cir

Bring a pot-luck dish and/or something to grill and your brews!



June Membership Report

By Steve Johnson

Spring is a slow time for membership activity at Great Northern Brewers Club: receiving payments, updating member and email distribution records, and printing and distributing membership cards in person and by mail. Because the membership year begins on October 1st and ends on September 30th, it makes sense that most membership payments are received from September to February.

This year, 2026, the club received two membership payments in March, none in April, and one to date in May. On May 24th, the club had 94 annual members and 41 lifetime members. A year ago the corresponding figures were 97 annual and 40 lifetime. In coming months, the membership coordinator's activities will include preparing the list of members for the club's alcohol liability insurance on July 1st and membership cards for the year to begin on October 1st. The membership coordinator will also process new members and lapsed members who take advantage of a GNBC bylaws provision: dues paid on or after May 1st include the following membership year at no additional cost. What a deal! PayPal is still a convenient way for the club to receive small payments. A PayPal account is not required, only a credit card is needed.

Tartside Challenge

By Ted Rosenzweig

On May 19, the 2026 Tartside Challenge was judged at Turnagain Brewing. A large contingent of willing and capable judges were on hand for the May meeting, and the well-behaved body of GNBC did decisively render a verdict in this years' challenge. Thanks to all who participated, be it as a brewer or judge. Without further ado, the results:

- FIRST Nathaniel Gingery for his Mojito lime/mint sour
- SECOND Patrick Thomas for a lovely saison sour
- THIRD(tie) Lisa Saperstein for mango tamarind sour
 Jordan Couture for spiced apricot sour

Plans are afoot to extract excruciating details from Mr Gingery about his winning beverage in the hopes of duplicating it on a rather large scale for release in bottles and kegs at a date as yet TBD. Now begins the search for a rather large quantity of fresh mint leaves. If anyone has a line on such please hit me up.

Talkeetna July 4th Parade with GNBC

July 4th - Meet up to decorate the GNBC Float...
10am at the Denali Education Center. Then join us
in the noon parade!

Camping available on Yoder Road, or potentially in
town. Contact President@greatnorthernbrewers.org
for camping info.

BBQ and Bottle Share Saturday July 4 @5pm, at Jim
and Lisa Lamb's place on Yoder Road/S. Southfork
Road 62.156590, -149.910916 (1.4 miles from the
end of Yoder on S. Southfork, look for the flags)





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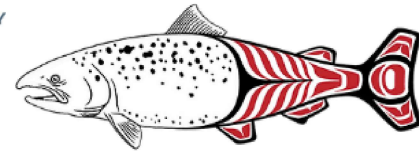
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