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The Prez Sez

By Elizabeth "Liz" Greer and Scott Clendaniel

July is here and summer is in full swing. I hope you are enjoying it with some good brews. If you are doing any beer tripping this summer, please consider writing an article about the places you found some brews or beers you drank. Alternatively, you can update the club at our meetings when we start up again in September.

I hope you have a few beers to enter into the State Fair Beer Competition – our Club did well last year, and put the judging on your calendar too!

UPDATE on the Denali Wort Share.... We decided to reschedule as it was getting too busy with many unable to attend on July 3... New Time and Place TBD.

The Board is making plans for some interesting presentations at our fall meetings. No meeting in August, so use the time to do a little brewing for the fall. Meantime, here are some of the upcoming events below with more info in the Newsletter!

- July 4: Club Parade Float in the Talkeetna July 4th noon
- August: State Fair Competition and Judging
- Summer? – Denali Wort Share
- September Trip – Kodiak Sept. 11-13
- September 15 - Next Regular Meeting

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 website and Facebook page:

<https://greatnorthernbrewers.org/>

<https://www.facebook.com/Gnbc1/>

Cheers, -Liz & Scott

Brewbies Run for Women

It was a lovely day for the Alaska Run for Women on June 5, and the GNBC's women's Team Brewbies raised \$543.20 to support breast cancer awareness and research. Thank you to the 10 team members who participated in the race, and the donations to support the cause. Thanks also to Scott, John, and Brandon who set up an "aid station" with beverages on the course!



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
The Lamb's cabin off Yoder Road/ 36300 S
Southfork Rd (1.5 miles from the end of Yoder on
S. Southfork, 62.156590, -149.910916, look for
the flags)





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GNBC Summer BBQ Potluck

Our summer BBQ was delightful! Good food, nice weather, and of course delicious Beer! For many years Jeff Loughrey has been hosting this fun event, as was the case this year. But alas, Jeff will be selling his home and moving out of State. We wish him well and Many Thanks for so many years of wonderful summer memories!!



Bill Howell returns to blogging beer in Alaska at Substack

Bill Howell's blog, Drinking on the Last Frontier, last updated on blogger in 2019, has moved to substack, <https://drinkingonthelastfrontier.substack.com/>. A recent post reviews the closing of Midnight Sun and the sale of its assets to Denali Brewing, <https://substack.com/home/post/p-203161883/>.

Bill's old site is still available at <https://alaskanbeer.blogspot.com/>.

Thanks to Jim Lamb for posting news of the new blog location and the Midnight Sun article in the Beer Nerds Group on Facebook.



Alaska State Fair 2026 Craft Beverages Competition

Get ready for the 2026 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 7, or Saturday, August 8**, from 11 am – 7 pm.
- Dropped off at Arctic Brewing Supply in Anchorage, TBD
- Mailed in. Mailing entries is highly encouraged.

*The Beer Competition Judging Sessions will be held on **Friday/Saturday August 14 & 15 pm 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 Vanessa Willis at akfaircraftbeverages@gmail.com*

Additional Information: <https://www.alaskastatefair.org/site/exhibit/craft-beverages-2025/>

Club Clothes!

You can now order GNBC Hoodies and Tee Shirts online! The Teespring link has been updated and is ready to roll. Nice Looking Blue Recommended, or pink for the Brewbies Run for Women! Here is the link to use:

<https://my-store-59c1d0.creator-spring.com/listing/greatnorthernbrewersclubshirt>





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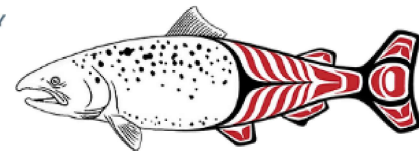
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