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With the changing of the calendar, the realization that summer ends too soon each year is setting in. But between the smoke and record-smashing temperatures we had in July, I for one am looking forward to the cooler fall days and the smoke from chimneys, not forests.

A big thank you to Jeff Loughrey and Cathie Straub for hosting a barbecue in mid-July. The weather was perfect, and while I had other commitments that evening, I understand that there were some great beers flowing all evening.



While the summer months are always quiet, we have some GNBC and beer-related events coming soon. The Levinsons are hosting a barbecue on August 20. As we roll into September, our club meetings will start up again and we'll hopefully start to see some competitions, including the Beer Czar's event in late September.

- August 20: Club barbecue at Rick and Eileen Levinson's house
- September 17: Back to regular monthly meetings, basement of 49th State Brewing Company, 7:00pm. Topic and speaker TBD.
- September 28: The Beer Czar HomeBrew Competition
- October 15: Monthly meeting, basement of 49th State Brewing Company, 7:00pm. Topic and speaker TBD.

The restart of monthly meetings comes with two important reminders. First of all, our membership year runs from October 1

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through September 30. Be sure to renew your membership to take advantage of all the benefits it provides both for you and the club. Memberships are what keep us going, so please renew before the end of next month. The easiest way to renew is through our website at <https://greatnorthernbrewers.org/membership/>. Simply fill out the form and pay online. We also have a paper application if you'd prefer to mail it in or pay in person.

Second, it will be election season before we know it. I will call for nominations for GNBC officer and board positions at the October meeting, but I can add names to the list at any time. The different roles are shown on our website (<https://greatnorthernbrewers.org/about-us/>) with years listed. Absent people leaving a board position for another role, we will have two board positions and each of the officer positions (president, vice president, treasurer, and secretary) on the ballot in November.

For this month's flame-out, I only managed to brew once, an IPA, but with all of the busy summertime activities going on, I suppose one brew day isn't half bad.

The next event is the barbecue at Rick and Eileen's house. Hope you can make it!

Secretary's Corner

Happy Salmon Season,

As dipnetting wraps up here in south central Alaska, hopefully you all caught your limit and now have a freezer full of fish. In case you are wondering food and wine recommends that you all brew a nice summer saision to drink with all the fresh fish. Although we are still on our summer hiatus from our regular meetings, that doesn't mean the fun has stopped.

Over the fourth, GNBC had a wonderful float in the Telketna parade. A huge thank you to the Loughreys for opening up their home for us this past month for a summer BBQ. It was nice to see a bunch of homebrewers there. I hope to see you on August 20th for a BBQ at the Levinson's.

Enjoy the rest of the summer and remember that our regular monthly meeting will resume in September.

Cheers and Happy Homebrewing,

Jordan Couture, Secretary

August Barbecue

The Levinsons are looking forward to hosting the GNBC August get-together on Tuesday, Aug. 20. We will start at 6 pm and go till folks tire out.

Come early, come late, they will be happy to accommodate us. It will be similar to the July session at the Loughreys, but a little more compact, and unfortunately, no lake nearby (but lots of forest).

Folks can bring food, brew, or other drink to share, something to barbecue, and any other comforts or outdoor games.

Below are directions to their home at 22505 Glacier View Drive in Eagle River.

- Take the Glenn Hwy east/north to the Eagle River Lp-Hiland Rd exit.
- Turn Right onto Eagle River Loop, and drive 2.5 miles to 3rd stoplight.
- At 3rd stoplight, turn right onto Eagle River Road. Walmart is on Right
- Drive 2.7 miles up Eagle River Road.
- Turn left onto Myrtle Drive. Go 1 short block.
- Make a sharp left turn onto Glacier View Dr. and go 1 long block to a switchback.
- Their driveway is straight ahead on that switchback.
- There is a visqueen greenhouse along the driveway.
- Please be cognizant not to block neighbors' driveways or driver's view along the inside of the switchback.

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**NEXT MEETING: August 20, 2019
Barbecue at the Levinsons', 6pm**