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THE NEWSLETTER OF THE GREAT NORTHERN BREWERS CLUB

Brewer's Log

By Mike Fisher

The world remains unchanged in its dramatically changed condition. While we don't know when we can return to in-person meetings, we're still in the middle of summer in Alaska, which is always a good thing.

Before we talk club meetings, I want to congratulate to Maria Benner for her winning beer in the Turnagain Tartside Challenge! Read the article later in this newsletter about how you can get your hands on a glass or growler of the commercial recreation of her beer.

In club news, the board is brainstorming ideas for meetings and events. If you have ideas, please share them with us. We have yet to make a decision on our September meeting, but a number of us think that a virtual meeting would be best, given the uncertainty with the virus situation as well as the potential closures or restrictions that could come with it. One board member had the excellent idea to go with more topic-focused meetings rather than general hangouts. We had those in the spring and know they don't work that well. Look for this fall to be much improved over the spring; even if we can't meet in person, we'll find a way to connect, educate, and inspire. Look for announcements in our newsletter, through our mail system, and on Facebook. For the time being, our next meeting, in whatever form may take, is scheduled for Tuesday, September 15.

Speaking of the mail system, we recently changed e-mails from the old system to a new one that allows more visually-appealing e-mails. We've sent a number of e-mails, so if you haven't received them in a few months (when we used DadaMail), please get in touch with us.

Though it's still August, we all know how fast the summer months fly by, so here are two early reminders. First, our membership year runs from October 1 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 September 30. The easiest way is at <https://greatnorthernbrewers.org/membership/>. Fill out the form and pay online. Easy. We also have a paper application if you'd prefer to mail it in. (We'll allow payment in person as soon as we can meet!)

Second, it will be election season before we know it. (If you signed up to vote by mail, you've probably already received your first ballot from the state!) Any time between now and late October, I will accept nominations by e-mail for officer and board positions. You can read about each role on our website (<https://greatnorthernbrewers.org/about-us/>). Three board seats will be up for election this year, along with the roles of President, Vice President, Treasurer, and Secretary. I am not running for re-election this year, and I'm looking forward to seeing new leaders and visions emerge.

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September 15, 2020

Zoom meeting

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For this month's flame-out, I made a raspberry melomel in mid-July. It had been nearly two months since my last brew; I was too busy enjoying the five beers I brewed in May (including three wheat beers I brewed with the King Street yeast from Brew-a-thon).

In closing:

- Nominate yourself and others for club leadership roles
- Send in your meeting topics and ideas
- Go try a glass of Maria's winning Tartside Challenge beer
- Renew your membership before the end of September
- Get out and brew something

We will see each other again soon.

Secretary's Corner

By Jordan Couture

Happy Summer Club,

A dip netting on the Kenai ends and the silver starts to pick up, I hope you are all staying hydrated while you are practicing social distancing.

I'm sad to say that it looks like Covid restriction will still be in place during going into our regular meetings. We have decided to host our club meeting over zoom. Below you will find an invitation to the meeting:

Topic: September GNBC meeting

Time: Sep 15, 2020 07:00 PM Alaska

Meeting ID: 861 8705 2907

Passcode: GNBC2020

Meeting Link ([click here](#) or see website)

I hope you are all staying safe and making the most of the short Alaskan summer,

Cheers,

Jordan Couture Secretary

Tartside Challenge Winner Released!!

By Ted and Mary Rosenzweig

Maria Benner's Tartside Challenge winning beer for 2020, "Blueberry Avalanche," has been reproduced in the hallowed halls of Turnagain Brewing! Due to space limitations, we refermented her blueberry beer in a red wine barrel. After a few weeks to carbonate this beauty, Turnagain Brewing will make it available by the glass and growler ONLY (no bottles) starting Wednesday, August 12. It will remain on the tapline until it is gone, which will not take very long as we only have a red wine barrel quantity. This beer is really nice, and we are seriously considering making Blueberry Avalanche something we make with regularity. Thank you, Maria, for your amazing beer and notable contribution to our humble brewery!!

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