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GNBC Christmas Party
December 4, 2021
Anchorage Brewing Company
7:00-9:30pm

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Brewer's Log

By *Mike Fisher*

We're in the midst of the holidays and the final month of the year is here. It's hard to believe another year has flown by so quickly. While 2021 was not quite the normal year we had hoped for after 2020, and the new normal not so normal quite yet, the club managed to meet in person a few times and begin the transition back to normal.

We held a hybrid meeting on November 16, both in-person and live via Zoom. It was great to see everyone, and at the peak I counted 21 people in attendance in person... fantastic! And it was great to have 4-5 people (at any given time) attend via Zoom. Thank you to Liz for setting that up, and for continuing with that option for the February meeting.

Our election ended at 7:00pm, just as the meeting kicked off, so we were able to announce the results at the start of the meeting. We had 33 of 72 member households vote in the election, for a turnout rate of 46%. I look forward to turning over the reins to the capable incoming leaders for 2022:

President, 2022: Liz Greer jointly with John Trapp

Vice President, 2022: Christophe Venot

Secretary, 2022: Gwen Higgins

Treasurer, 2021: Lindsay Foltz

Board Members, 2022-2023 (2): Steve Johnson, Jordan Couture

Continuing Board Members, 2021-2022: Deb Morgan, Rick Levinson (taking John Trapp's position), and Robert Trosper

At the meeting, we started making plans for the future as we emerge from two years of the pandemic. There was a suggestion to have style themes for meetings. While the new leadership figures that out so an official list can be developed, we decided on bocks (of all varieties) as the theme for February. We also had a suggestion to bring back education to the meetings, and Jordan Couture agreed to do a follow-up talk on water chemistry at the March meeting.

Planning is underway for the January meeting. We will be reaching out to the Brewers Guild of Alaska to see what their interest is in holding an industry meeting the Thursday before the Great Alaska Craft Brew and Barley Wine Festival at the end of January. If a large industry meeting doesn't happen, we will still plan to meet that night in a smaller, club-focused special meeting. So save the date for a great meeting on Thursday, January 27, regardless of the location and format.

As I write my last column for this newsletter, I wish everyone a wonderful holiday season. May your stockings and trees be filled with goodies to support your favorite hobby!

Membership Column

By *Steve Johnson*

After my first year as GNBC Membership Coordinator, I'm using this month's column to ask for help on those occasions when I do not promptly print and mail membership cards or when that GNBC e-mails are not delivered. GNBC

members are patient. I rarely receive reports or complaint about delays in receipt of membership cards and club e-mails.

If you paid for a GNBC membership using PayPal or a personal check and do not receive a membership card within three weeks, please tell me by sending email to membership@greatnorthernbrewers.org. Travel or special circumstances may occasionally delay my response, but members should expect to receive a membership card within three weeks. Three weeks allows four days for delivery via post office.

From time to time, I learn that members are not receiving email from the club, for one of several reasons. For example, when I began doing membership in 2020, I missed a step in the first six addresses I entered in the the club's email list. I would have been grateful to have received a problem report, even phrased as a complaint, rather than later discovering my error.

Some non-receipt problems have obvious causes, such as a typographical error in our membership records or DadaMail subscriber list. {something here}

When I cannot identify an obvious problem, I usually ask the member if it is feasible to switch the address for GNBC email to another service one regularly uses. If you are not receiving email from the club, please send an email to membership@greatnorthernbrewers.org. I will try to resolve the problem.

Solera Eclipse-Tartside Challenge Winner

By Ted Rosenzweig

Scott won the 2021 Tartside Challenge with his blueberry/pineapple sour. We have brewed his beer, as promised, and it is now kegged and bottle conditioning after spending some time in one of my favorite Brett barrels. We plan to roll out the beer in concert with Scott's first Friday art in our taproom first week of December. Solera Eclipse will be available Dec 1 to our mug club only, Dec 2 to the general public, and on Friday, Dec 3 when Scott will be in-house for his art debut. The beer came out really nice, with deep purple color, a dominant pineapple flavor, and a kiss (slap?) of Brett character. We have 12 oz bottles, which should cellar really well as we are bottle conditioning, and draft version. Trust me when I say it will not last long. And, as a bonus, when an artist has his beer brewed, we all benefit from label art complements of the artist!

TAP = Training for Alcohol Professionals

By Steve Johnson

In Alaska, a valid TAP card is required for those persons who serve alcohol at a licensed establishment and at events such as beer festivals and charity functions. Registrations are good for three years. Obtaining the TAP card requires taking a class and passing a written test with a score of at least 85% correct answers. The TAP class takes about four hours, followed by the test. After getting one's initial TAP card, one can take the test without re-taking the class. Current fees for the class and test are \$40 for employees of CHARR members, \$55 for others. The class fee includes a study guide summarizing Alaska law and good practices for serving alcohol. The renewal certification test, without the class, costs \$45 for employees of CHARR members, \$60 for others.

In Anchorage, TAP classes are offered by Alaska CHARR, the Alaska Cabaret, Hotel, Restaurant and Retailers Association, <https://www.alaskacharr.com>, 1503 West 31st, Suite 102, Anchorage, AK 99503. 907 274-8133, info@alaskacharr.com.

An updated schedule of TAP classes is available online at <https://web.alaskacharr.com/events>. Schedules are also published in bimonthly issues of *Alaska Charr Magazine*, available for free download at the publications tab at www.alaskacharr.com.

TAP Class and Test Out Now on Zoom for Anchorage Residents

TAP classes and testing are now available via Zoom for Anchorage residents (and others). This is a change from the past, when the online class and testing were not available for applicants who lived where in-person classes and testing were available.

February 2022 Meeting

By Liz Greer

The February 15, 2022, meeting will be focused on bock beers. The styles and the history, and of the tastes! Bring home brews or commercial examples for sharing. Consider brewing some now to be ready for the meeting ... its lagering season!



Great Northern Brewers Club

Holiday Party!

Saturday December 4, 2021

7pm - 9:30pm

**Anchorage Brewing Company
148 W 91st Ave. Anchorage**



Anchorage Brewing Company will be hosting the GNBC Holiday party this year. We will be in a private area, but the public area and outside fire pits will also be open for our use.

Please do not bring your alcohol into the public area.

What to Bring:

- a potluck dish
- homebrew or specialty share beer
- If you want to play - a gift for the Exchange/Stealing Game - a nice beer or brew related item. Wrap it up!



...and if you have an interesting/odd/imaginative HAT to wear for the evening, please don it! There will be some kind of prize for the favorite hat of the evening.

ABC will have beer for sale at the public tasting counter. Note: they are providing the venue free of charge so Tip the Servers well!



Membership is required to attend. You may bring one guest. You may join or renew Online at <https://greatnorthernbrewers.org/membership/>

RSVP not required but appreciated for head count

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