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by *Mike Fisher*

Every year in January Alaskans brave the biting cold—or sometimes the rain and slush—for Alaska Beer Week, and this year was no different. It was a successful week celebrating all things beer. This year GNBC added a new event, with support from Midnight Sun and Arctic Brewing Supply, to teach new or less experienced brewers how to brew beer. Led by our Vice President Christophe Venot, we had an extract porter recipe and an all-grain pale ale recipe brewing simultaneously. Midnight Sun provided a great space for the event, beers to sample, and goody bags, while Arctic Brewing Supply provided the ingredients for both beers, some great door prizes (including a brew pot and spoon), and goodies, including discount coupons. Thank you to everyone who contributed and participated! It was a successful event and there is already talk about holding future sessions.



Our January Meeting is a big highlight of Beer Week, and this year's event lived up to expectations. Ryan Schmiede, formerly of Deschutes, gave a great talk about barleywines to a smaller and quieter audience, followed by the big party. Several breweries not only sent people to the meeting but also provided donations to the club. Check out the Sponsors page on our website (under About Us). We also greatly appreciate the beer donations from breweries and distributors. On behalf of GNBC, I want to give a huge thanks to industry for helping this meeting to be a success, with special thanks to Dave McCarthy and Jason Motyka of 49th State for the awesome location and generous in-kind donation of food and service.

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The culmination of Alaska Beer Week is the Great Alaska Beer and Barleywine Festival. Congratulations to Anchorage Brewing Company for winning Barleywine Best of Show with A Deal with the Devil and to Maui Brewing for winning Winter Warmer Best of Show with its Barrel Aged Night Diver.

Though Alaska Beer Week 2019 has passed, there are still a lot of events on the horizon. Some highlights for the next few months are:

February 16: Fur Rondy Rotary Beer Festival at Alaska Center for the Performing Arts (see the article for more info)

February 19: Monthly meeting at 49th State Brewing Co. 7pm. Educational session on yeast by Clarke Pelz of Cynosure Brewing.

March 3: Fur Rondy Homebrew Competition at Magnetic North Brewing Company, 8861 Golovin St. Judging starts at 11am. DROP-OFFS on March 1 at Arctic Brewing Supply 4-6pm. (see the article for more info)

March 19: Monthly meeting at 49th State Brewing Co. 7pm. Brandon Yanoshek will present the project he undertook last year that involved interviewing a variety of brewers and Ted Rosenzweig will collect and evaluate beers for the Turnagain Tartside Challenge.

March 29-31: Talkeetna Beer Trippin' hosted by Denali Brewing Co.

April 16: Monthly meeting at 49th State Brewing Co. 7pm.

It's time to start thinking about Homebrewer of the Year (HBOTY). Fur Rondy will be your first chance this year to start building up points.

I would like to again thank Mike Cragen and his team for all they did for GNBC in 2018. I look forward to working with the new officers and board this year to make 2019 another great year for the club. If you have ideas on how to make the club better, please do not hesitate to reach out to me.



For this month's Flame Out, I'm thinking about all the small batches I've brewed recently. Whether it's due to concerns of keg space, calories consumed, or whether that crazy beer idea will be something I want to drink, I've focused a lot on small-batch brews. From a wit to a white IPA and from two cranberry beers to two small batches of stouts (original and second runnings) that have now been split into five different versions, I've spent a lot of time brewing on my stovetop. These small-batch beers are a lot of fun, are quick and easy to handle, and let you experiment with new ideas. Look for these beers, and a number of others I have planned for February and March, at future meetings.

Happy feBREWary!



Secretary's Corner February 2019

by Jordan M. Couture

Hello Club,

I hope all of you have recovered from Beer Week. I have heard nothing but positive feedback from everyone about the January meeting.

For those of you participating in the Turnagain Brewing Company tart side challenge, I look forward to tasting what creative options you have come up with.

As some of you may know, my wife Gwen works as an archivist at the Archives and Special Collections, located in the Consortium Library on the University of Alaska Anchorage campus. If you are not familiar with the Archives, they organize and curate unpublished materials. Making these materials available to the public, they help people get a better understand of what daily life is like here in Anchorage. The director of the archives has reached out to me and expressed interest in hosting our club papers. They will be giving a small presentation at the February meeting explaining more about what they do, and to answer and question or concerns you might have.

I hope this unseasonably warm weather has got you thinking spring beers. Personally I'm thinking gose.

Cheers

2019 Fur Rony Homebrew Competition

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t's time for the 2019 homebrew competitions to start in Alaska! We are proud to announce that the 2019 Fur Rony Homebrew Competition will take place at 11:00 on Sunday, March 3rd at Magnetic North Brewing (8861 Golovin St.). Fur Rony, 2019 is a BJCP certified event, so you will gain BJCP experience points for judging.

Your highest score in each category is the only one that will count towards HBOTY points (*you may NOT get points for multiple beers in a category*). Points will be awarded as follows:

1st – 3 points
2nd – 2 points
3rd – 1 point
SMaSH – double points (see below)

If your HBOTY entry wins BOS or Brewer's Choice, you will receive an additional 2 points (if one entry wins both BOS & Brewer's Choice, you'll only receive the 2 extra points).

Our Side Challenge will be SMaSH beers (Single Malt and Single Hop). As the title implies, you may only use one type of hop and one malt. Spices, wood, fruit, herbs, etc may NOT be added to SMaSH entries. SMaSH entries must still have a 2015 BJCP category/subcategory specified. The SMaSH category counts for double HBOTY points:

1st – 6 pts
2nd – 4 pts
3rd – 2 pts

Homebrewer of the Year (HBOTY) points will be different for this competition. Each entry will need 2015 BJCP category/subcategory for judging purposes. Also, one of the below categories needs to be designated. If above category isn't specified, competition organizers will place the beer into what is deemed to be the most appropriate category.

What this means is that all lagers will be lumped into one grouping to "compete" against each other for place/points, while simultaneously being judged according to their separate BJCP category/subcategory. In other words, for all lagers there will be only one 1st place, one 2nd, and so on.

Fur Rony Homebrew Competition

HBOTY

Lager

Stout/Porter/Brown

Imperial (8% & up)

Belgian/French

Wheat

SIDE CHALLENGE – SMaSH – double HBOTY points (1st – 6 pts; 2nd – 4 pts; 3rd – 2 pts)

Non-HBOTY

IPA/Pale

Wild/Sour/Brett

Irish/Scottish

Other (any other category may be entered but will not be eligible for HBOTY or BOS).

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49th State will determine a “Brewer’s Choice” beer to brew. This isn’t necessarily the BOS winner, though.

Entry drop-offs will NOT need BJCP Entry/Recipe forms. We just need name, contact phone number, 2015 category/subcategory, and one of the 9 general categories listed above. Entries will be accepted at Arctic Brewing on Friday, March 1st from 4pm until 6pm. You’ll need three 12 oz bottles or two 22’s. Entries may be dropped off at Arctic Brewing prior to March 1, just be sure to have above-mentioned paperwork completed. If you have questions, please contact Mike at: mikecragen@yahoo.com

Rondy Rotary Beer Festival

by Adam “Beer Czar” Sikorski

Dear Consumer of Craft Alaska Beer,

The Rondy Rotary Beer Festival is back! Last year we kicked off Fur Rendezvous with the inaugural beer festival as a way to celebrate Alaska’s culture of awesome craft beer and artisan pizza, and we are at it again in 2019!



On February 16th we will be returning for the 2nd annual Rondy Rotary Beer Festival at the Alaska Center For the Performing Arts, and this year things are even better than before! We will be serving more beer, more pizza, and giving out more awards. We have a special connoisseur session this year that will start an hour before the main event with food and beer pairings presented by the brewers and chefs themselves. This is an experience you will not want to miss!

As we continue to celebrate our rich Alaskan culture expressed through our craft beer and cuisine, we continue our pledge to use the proceeds from this festival to support organizations that fight human trafficking in Alaska. Last year we were able to raise funds for Priceless Alaska to help them feed and clothe survivors of human trafficking, and this year we are working with Priceless Alaska and Covenant House to identify projects that will help support them in their effort to end human trafficking in our state.

We wish to express our most sincere gratitude to the companies who have stepped forward to financially support this event. We are humbled and grateful for your support and generosity. We also want to thank YOU, the patrons of this event, whose participation made this beer festival an immediate success and who will continue its success into the future.

Tickets are on sale now and can be purchased online. Please visit <https://www.rondyrotarybeerfest.com/> to get your tickets today!

We look forward to seeing you at the festival and kicking off Rondy 2019 with a bang!

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NEXT MEETING: February 19th, 2019

7 pm at 49th State Brewery