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by *Mike Fisher*

Fellow brewers, I hope you're out there making the most of summer. In only a month or two we'll all start to see fall start to creep back in, but that's okay. Get those field work and lawnmower beers chilled and start thinking about longer-term brews you'd like to have ready for fests.



In the next 3 months, we have a great lineup of GNBC and community brewing/craft events. At the tail end of this period, we also have our first monthly club meeting starting up in mid-September. (Remember what I just said about fall!) Highlights include:

July 16: Club barbecue at Jeff Loughrey and Cathie Straub's house

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

September 28: The Beer Czar HomeBrew Competition

For this month's flame-out, I'm happy to report I brewed three batches and bottled three batches. They're a mix of summer, fall, and winter beers. My brew schedule included a rye porter, a Belgian Dark Strong with sugars I'd call alternative for even Belgian beers, and a session saison brewed with spring water from interior Alaska.

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The porter and saison will make for nice summer and fall drinking, while the quad will sit around for consumption this fall and winter. Likewise, all three kegged beers will sit around until colder temperatures and darker nights call for a more warming beverage. Keep your beers and yourself cool. It's the summer!

Secretary's Corner

by Jordan Couture

Happy Summer Homebrew Club,

I hope you are all out enjoying this sunny weather. I will keep this one short, so you can get back to the fishing and sunshine. Although we are not having regular meeting over the summer, that does not mean the activities have stopped. On June 8th our club had a team, the GNBC Team Brewbies, at the 27th Annual Alaska Run for Women. Our annual campout was out at Eklutna Lake this year.

This month, on July 16th we are having a meet-up at the Loughrey's between 6-9pm. In August, on the 20th we will be having a bbq at the Levinson's

Now get out there and enjoy the summer. Remember if your summer plans get to overwhelming, take a breath relax and enjoy a homebrew.

GNBC Summer BBQ at Jeff and Cathie's

by Julie McDonald

The Great Northern Brewers club is lucky enough to have members that graciously open their homes to welcome out members for outside events that feature the best of what our club has to offer: good friends, good beer and a good time.

Jeff and Cathie, long-standing members of our club, have invited homebrewers to the spacious home on the Upper Hillside in Anchorage for a summer barbeque on Tuesday, July 16th starting at 6 pm. This event is family-oriented and invites not just the brewers but their families to enjoy an evening the (hopefully) sun for outside recreation in a pristine setting with enough activities to keep everyone occupied.

Jeff's back yard opens to a lake with paddle boats and a recreation area where volleyball, horseshoes, fishing and expansive views are the norm. Come prepared to let the kids run around and enjoy themselves while you share a few bevies with friends, and be summer-time merry like can only happen in Alaska in July.

Bring everything you need to be comfortable, including something to throw on the grill for you and your family, homebrew to consume and share, and your favorite Frisbee, volleyball, catcher's mitt, or whatever to engage others in good, vibrant outdoor fun. This year's event will begin at 6 pm and last until whenever you and your family get worn out.

To get to the gig, head up O'Malley and look for Stoneybrook Road on the right, towards the top. If you get to Hillside Rd., you have gone too far. Go to the end on this short road and take a left on Mountain Lake Drive. This will quickly turn into Lake O' The Hills Circle. The lake will open up on your right. Follow this around toward the end, and Jeff's place is at the end. His address is 7051 Lake O' The Hills Circle if you want to put it into Google maps. Please respect other homes when you park because it can be crowded.

Come and enjoy a good time we hope to see everyone there.

From the Beer Czar's Corner...

by Adam Sikorski

As the smoke from the Swan Lake fire coats my lungs and provides the upholstery of my palace with a peaty bouquet layered with notes of charred Spruce tips, I am reminded of a colder time of year when my royal tasting glass is filled not with crisp light ale, but rich, thick, malty Imperial Stout! I dare not drink thy dark malty treasure during these hot summer days, but as always... winter is coming!

Summer is certainly not over, and winter is a ways off, but September will be here soon enough, and with that the arrival of the inaugural "Beer Czar Competition." In case you missed the announcement previously, Bleeding Heart Brewing Company, Priceless Alaska, Anchorage East Rotary, and Gold Rush Liquor have all come together to sponsor a home brewing competition. The category is Imperial Stout, and the winning recipe will get to be brewed in two batches by the boys at Bleeding Heart Brewing. Batch #1 will be bottled and released at the 2020 Rony Rotary Beer Festival. Batch #2 will be aged in a Blanton's Bourbon barrel that is currently sitting in my throne room, and released at the 2021 Rony Rotary Beer Festival.

I look forward to tasting every imperial submission for this competition and seeing what Alaska's royal home brewers come up with. Remember, there are only two criteria for this competition. It must be an imperial stout, and as the winning batch is going to be barrel aged, the imperial stout being submitted should not be oaked. Oh yes, and we would also like for it to be pretentious. ("Pretentious" is a flavor profile, right?) Other than that, go wild!

We are still dialing in the specific time and date of the competition, but late September is the general time frame, and the location will be at Bleeding Heart Brewing in Palmer. Until then, enjoy your Summer, fill your freezers with fish, and happy brewing!

Pretentiously yours, Beer Czar

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NEXT MEETING: Tuesday, July 16th, 2019
GNBC Annual BBQ at Jeff and Cathy's 6:00 PM