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## Brewer's Log

*By Mike Fisher*

We've passed the peak of daylight, but warm days are ahead. I hope your summer brews are cold, on tap, and flowing, and your days and nights are filled with brewing and other fun activities.

We decided to cancel the July barbecue due to the COVID-19 situation and a horrible weather forecast. We do not yet have a barbecue lined up for August, so if you're interested in hosting please let me know and maybe we can make it happen.

We *hope* to be able to return to a regular, in-person meeting at 49<sup>th</sup> State Brewing on Tuesday, September 15. Watch for announcements as we get to September. Fingers crossed about a return to normalcy!

Enjoy the summer!

## Secretary's Corner

*By Jordan Couture*

Welcome to Summer Homebrew Club

I'll keep this short as I am sure you are all very busy with fishing and taking advantage of the daylight before it disappears. We had a great turnout at the Eklutna Campout, it was wonderful getting to see many of you in person for the first time in several months. There was lots of good beer and weather and only one bear sighting. Overall, it was a great success.

The Tart Side challenge competition was judged during the campout. Ted Rosenzweig of Turnagain Brewing Company came out to personally lead the judging. We had nine entries, and many strong contenders. I look forward to trying the winner's beer on tap.

Although we do not have any formal meetings over the summer, we are still hoping to host a couple of cookouts. Keep an eye on the facebook page for updated information on club events.

I hope you are having a wonderful summer, and remember if the world feels too overwhelming, relax and have a homebrew.

à votre santé

Jordan M Couture, Secretary

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## **Turnagain Tartside Challenge Results!!**

*By Ted and Mary Rosenzweig*

GNBC crowdsourced judging of the 2020 Turnagain Tartside Challenge happened on 6/13/20 at Eklutna Group Campground B during the GNBC campout! Turnout was robust, and Turnagain throws a sincere “Thank You” to the campers who helped with judging. Judges were considerate, respectful, tactful, and professional despite presumptive hyperadequate preloading, and we stand by their final assessment. The winning beer will indeed be made in supranormal volumes and made available, when ready, in our tasting room.

RESULTS: FIRST	Maria Benner	blueberry sour
SECOND	John DeLapp	kreik
THIRD	Karl Morgan	current ginger sour

Second and third were really close, and Lenny Corin was a heel-nipping forth with his “Raspberry Tart”. Personally, I want to tip my hat to Mike Cragen for his “pina colada”, which was as close to a pina colada as you get with a beer and deserves my personal highest merits for creativity, difficulty, and drinkability.

We will make Maria’s blueberry sour....and, for the record, I plan to do it in a French Oak barrel due to logistical considerations. It should be ready in a month or so, but barrel aged beers are done when they are done, so we will pour it when it is at its nadir.

Mary and I wish to extend our most sincere gratitude to GNBC and the beer drinking community in Anchorage for patronizing our humble establishment during the pandemic. Without the support of local hopheads, beer nerds, and locovores, our nascent brewery would truly be sunk. The Tartside Challenge is invaluable market research and legitimate scientific experimentation for our sour program, so we owe all the entrants, both winners and losers, a debt of gratitude for their contribution to a greater understanding of what works.

Thank you, judges and brewers!! We love you!!

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