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By Mike Fisher

It's beginning to look a lot like summer. For me, summer really seems to start at the beginning of May, when all the snow is gone (and melts fast if it makes a late comeback), at least some of the dust and gravel from the winter has been swept up, vegetation is just starting to green up, and, of course, we celebrate Big Brew Day with our own Brew-a-thon.



But before we talk about that, let's talk about what's happened in the last few weeks.

Over the March 29-31 weekend, Denali Brewing Company (DBC) hosted us in Talkeetna for Beer Trippin' and put on a great set of activities. Mother Nature gave us some pretty glorious weather, too. DBC gave us a big seafood feast on Saturday night and on Sunday GNBC members went home with 145.5 gallons of Twister Creek IPA wort to play with and bring back to the May meeting.

The weekend also featured GNBC's Equinox Mead and Cider Competition. Thanks for John Trapp for organizing, DBC for hosting, and all of the judges who lended their palates. Congratulations to the winners and especially to Jeff Rhame for Best of Show. Winners are shown on the next page.

Current HBOTY race results can be found at: <https://greatnorthernbrewers.org/hboty/>

April's monthly meeting included two great talks about barrels and brewing. Jeremiah Boone of Resolution Brewing Company spoke about working with barrels from a professional perspective, followed by Christophe Venot's talk about working with barrels from a homebrewer's perspective. A huge thanks to Jeremiah and Christophe for their presentations.

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Equinox Winners

Name	Place
Mead 1	
Allison Hale & Jennifer Holt	1
Braden Ohlsen	2
Brian Hall	3
Mead 2	
Steve Schmitt	1
John Trapp	2
Brian Hall	3
Mead 3	
Braden Ohlsen	1
John Trapp	2
Braden Ohlsen	3
Mead 4	
Steve Schmitt	1
Braden Ohlsen	2
Braden Ohlsen	3
Cider 1	
Brian Hall & Christophe Venot	1
Brian Hall	2
Christophe Venot	3
Cider 2	
Jeff Rhame (Best of Show)	1
Christophe Venot	2
Frances DeBlare	3

In the next three months, we have a great lineup of GNBC and community brewing/craft events. The highlights include:

May 4 – Brew-a-thon (hosted by Kevin Sobelesky and his parents). Setup at 8:00am, kick-off toast at 9:00am.

May 12 – Pink Boots Society brew day at Bleeding Heart Brewery. See the article in this issue.

May 16 – Haines Homebrew Competition entries due at Arctic Brewing Supply by 5:00pm if you'd like the Morgans to transport them to Haines.

May 21 – Monthly Meeting from 7:00-10:00 at **Bread & Brew, 1450 E Tudor Road #100**. Denali Brewing Co. will join us. This is a change in venue for May.

May 24-25 – Haines Beer Festival and Homebrew Competition

June 8 – Alaska Run for Women and Team Brewbies. See the article in this issue

June 14-16 – Camping at Eklutna Group Site B

July 11 - Beer in the Garden at the Alaska Botanical Garden

Brew-a-thon is mere days away, taking place this year on Saturday, May 4. Kevin Sobelesky and his parents are generous enough to host this event one final time for us, and for that I think I can speak on behalf of all participants and say that we

are incredibly grateful for providing us with a great venue for the gathering.

In case you haven't heard about it, Brew-a-thon is GNBC's event to coincide with the American Homebrewer's Association's Big Brew Day. We'll kick off Brew-a-thon with a toast to homebrewing at 9:00am, joining along with countless homebrewers in similar events around the planet. It is a day to celebrate homebrew, make a batch, learn from others, and enjoy GNBC comradery. In their generosity, King Street Brewing Company is providing a neutral ale yeast, so it'll even save you a few bucks to brew at the event. The club will supply some food for the grill and Arctic Brewing Supply is donating a port-a-potty rental, too, so all of your basic needs will be met. The address is 9551 Emerald Street, contact Kevin for more details at metkonig@gmail.com.

May's monthly meeting location will be at **Bread & Brew, 1450 E Tudor Road #100**. This is a one-time location change. Although the venue is changing, this is a highly anticipated gathering. Denali Brewing Company gave GNBC members up to 10 gallons of their Twister Creek IPA wort during Beer Trippin' in late March. It's time to taste and share! DBC is coming to this meeting with their Twister Creek IPA to sample our creations side-by-side with their flagship beer. Instead of a dedicated educational presentation, we'll be analyzing and discussing this style with short explanations from our brewers about their processes. We're also going to skip our usual raffle to give more time (and space) for the event. Remember, if you received wort from DBC, it was with the expectation that you'll bring back a growler (or equivalent volume) of your own finished version to the May meeting. I spawned some completely different beers from the original work and am looking forward to sampling others' creative endeavors.

I admit it... I didn't brew in April, but I had three beers going from the Twister Creek IPA wort! I'll have a growler of each to share at the May meeting.

Don't be dismayed by April's return to winter. Summer is around the corner, so get those crisp and refreshing beers ready!

Secretary's Corner May 2018

by Jim O'Toole

Esteemed Brewers, Hopefully, you all have found some light spring beers to fight this cold weather. The club has finalized an agreement with the Archives and Special Collections at the Consortium Library located on the University of Alaska Anchorage campus. If you have any photos or other items of club history that you would like to donate to the club, please feel free to bring them to the Brewathon on May 4th or the May meeting on May 21st at Bread and Brew.

Saturday the 4th is national homebrew, join the club at 9551 Emerald Street for our annual brewathon. Set-up starts at 8 am and opening toast is 9 am. If you don't want to brew or if you have never brewed before don't let that stop you from coming. This is a great opportunity to learn about the brewing process and check out other brewer's setups.

At this month's meeting we will be hosting the folks from Denali Brewing Company. They will be in town to try all of the creative things people have done with their wort. If you took wort for home with you from beer tripping, please remember to bring a growler or two to the May meeting to share with everyone. Also please note this month's meeting will not be at our normal location but instead will be at Bread & Brew Alaska located at 1450 East Tudor Road, Suite 100, Anchorage, Alaska 99507.

Although it may not look it outside, it is not too early to start thinking about our summer activities. On June 8th the GNBC will have a team at the AK run for Women and on Jun 14th we will be having our campout at the Eklutna Lake Campground.

Remember, when life gets crazy, relax and have a homebrew.

Summer Camp-Out

June 14th Eklutna Group Site B

Peter Hall (Recycled from a Kat Karabelnikoff article)

Snow is still here and there, but I'm going to talk about summer anyway. The summer campout is just over a month away and now's the time to plan for it. You can arrive early in the afternoon on Friday June 14th and the good times continue thru the 17th. Most people are packed up by 2pm on Sunday.

To find the campground, head north out of Anchorage, go about 25 miles, and watch for signs pointing towards Eklutna. Drive nearly 10 miles down Eklutna Rd. Follow the signs to find your way to Eklutna Group site B (The far end of an old airplane landing strip) (Is it only me who thinks it a little funny to give driving directions?) There may be a temporary sign or two to help direct the last few hundred yards.

The highlight of the campout is the group potluck Saturday night and the theme is C. Cheese, Chips, Chicken, Chili, Citrus Shrimp, Crumpets, Cold BEER! (you get the idea.)

Even if you can't come for the entire weekend, it would be great to see you out on Saturday night for the food and "club business" (aka socializing). We'll plan to kick off the potluck between 5:00pm and 6:00pm. A bonfire is usually constructed at some point as well, taking the fun late into the sunny (we hope) Alaskan summer night.

Bring your favorite foods and your homebrews, ciders, and meads. This is a family friendly event so bring the family, the kids, the dog, and guests if you like. If you bring your dogs, please always plan to have them under control. In previous years, we have had our canine friends help themselves to food at the potluck tables, and even run off and go missing.

A Facebook event will be created at some point. Feel free to contact Peter Hall at alaskabrewer@gmail.com if you have any questions, or some bright idea. Hope to see you all at the campout this year!

Last friendly reminder. We will be in bear country, so be mindful of your food and other items that might attract bears to the site.

2019 Alaska Run for Women - GNBC Team Brewbies

by Julie McDonald

Registration is open now, for The Great Northern Brewers Club walk/run team, GNBC Team Brewbies, in the 27th Annual Alaska Run for Women slated for June 8, 2019.

See our Facebook events page here: <https://www.facebook.com/events/2053303451459218/>

The Alaska Run for Women is Alaska's premier women's running event that raises money for breast cancer research and support, detection and awareness programs. Although it's women who are doing the walking and running, men are encouraged to participate as volunteers, cheerleaders or phantom donors.

If you haven't participated in the event in the past, this is the year to get involved! You don't have to run, you can walk, or you can run some and walk some, you can stroll leisurely with your friends. Check out this info for more detail:

6:45-8:15 a.m. Bib Pick-Up; Registration for untimed events only; Merchandise sales

7:30 a.m. Yoga Warm-up with Anne Marie Moylan
7:55 a.m. Survivor group photo under finish arch
8:00 a.m. Staging all events
8:20 a.m. National Anthem by Rosie Rush
8:30 a.m. 1-mile run/walk start
8:45 a.m. 5-mile run/walk timed start
9:05 a.m. 5-mile run/walk untimed start
9:20 a.m. 5-mile UNTIMED PARTY WAVE & STROLLERS!
10:15 a.m. Zumba workout with Suzy Spackman
11:00 a.m. Awards Ceremony begins!
11:30 ish Door Prize Drawing and Annual RFW Raffle Drawing

To register: www.akrfw.org, click "Register".

*Be sure to indicate Brewbies under the team selection.

***YOUR ENTRY FEE IS A DONATION!**

Your Entry Fee is a donation only. In order to include all women regardless of economic circumstances, there is no set registration fee. There are also no participant processing fees, so more of your donation can continue to be used to help all women and men in the fight against breast cancer. We encourage you to consider a donation at any level to help in the fight against this disease. The recommended registration donation is \$25

****NOTE: While men may not register to race, they are certainly welcome to come as observers and support their racers on course or at the stadium, they can also volunteer (see the link below)!

****NOTE: DONATIONS from non-racers are accepted by going here: <https://www.akrfwregistration.org/donate/> and when you get to the "support a team" section, find Brewbies in the drop down menu.

For anyone that cannot run/walk but would like to volunteer, here is the link to volunteer sign up: <https://www.akrfwregistration.org/volunteer.php>

Please check out the race website, especially the race day information. It has info for shuttles and other things you may want to know.

If interested, contact Julie at juzy@gci.net for more information.

Pink Boots Society Brew Day

by Julie McDonald

Ladies of the home-brew club! Sarah Perez and Bleeding Heart Brewery in Palmer are inviting us to participate in their Pink Boots Society Brew Day on May 12, 2019.

Yes, we are aware it's Mother's Day, but what a perfect day to get out and do some brewing!

If you are not familiar with the Pink Boots Society you can find out plenty on their website: <https://www.pinkbootssociety.org> but in general it was created to assist, inspire, and encourage women in the beer industry to advance their careers through education.

In 2018 ten countries and 260 breweries participated.

PBSCollab was born from a member's desire to take part in International Women's Day on March 8th, by raising the profile of women's roles in the beer industry. It is the largest fundraiser for PBS.

A PBSCollab may happen ANY day of the year, not just on March 8th.

Chapter members of PBS, along with any beer loving individuals, get together and brew any type of beer style.

PBS receives proceeds from sales of collaboration brews which it applies to educational scholarships for its members.

Our brew day will begin at 8a sharp on Sunday, May 12 at Bleeding Heart Brewery, 16013 Outer Springer Loop, Palmer. Snacks will be provided and later in the brew day Bao Town food truck will be onsite. The brewery opens at 2 pm and you can invite the rest of the family to come visit at that time. Car-pooling is suggested as parking can get tight at the brewery. Remember to wear proper foot attire (no sandals, heels, clogs, Crocs), hiking boots or waterproof boots would be recommended. If they are pink, all the better!

Space for this event is limited as Sarah is looking for about 10 women from the home-brew scene! You can sign up by contacting her at ssperez0126@yahoo.com . Sarah will provide more info on what will be brewed an any other requirements for attendance they may have.



BLEEDING HEART BREWERY & PINK BOOTS BREW DAY

Sarah Perez w/Bleeding Heart Brewery is excited to host our first ever PBS brew day on May 12, 2019 at 8am

Mission: The Pink Boots Society was created to assist, inspire and encourage women beer industry professionals to advance their careers through education.

Our brew day will start at 8 am we will have snacks, later after brewing Bao Town food truck, and the brewery will be open at 2 for family fun on Mother's Day. Come ready to work, learn, and start a new tradition because Alaska is officially on the map. Email Sarah Perez: ssperez0126@yahoo.com to confirm you are attending.

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NEXT MEETING: May 21st, 2019

7 pm Bread & Brew