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By Mike Fisher

ou can see it in the trees and feel it in the air. Summer is coming to a close and fall is near. Whether it's time to brew your favorite seasonal beers, press apples for cider, or partake in other seasonal harvests and activities, there are always a lot of great things to be said for the fall.



A big thank you to Rick and Eileen Levinson for hosting the club's mid-August barbecue!

Our regular club meetings start up again this morning and some competitions are on the horizon. As we know, from September to November and February to May we have our meetings the third Tuesday of the month at 7:00pm in the basement of 49th State Brewing Company in Anchorage. Whether you're a longtime member or someone wanting to check out what we're all about, I hope to see lots of people at this month's meeting.

- September 17: Monthly meeting, basement of 49th State Brewing Company, 7:00pm
- September 28: The Beer Czar HomeBrew Competition
- October 15: Monthly meeting, basement of 49th State Brewing Company, 7:00pm
- November 19: Monthly meeting, basement of 49th State Brewing Company, 7:00pm

Remember that our membership year runs from October 1 through September 30. Be sure to renew your membership to take advantage of all the benefits it provides both for you and the club. Memberships keep us going, so please renew

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before the end of next month. The easiest way to renew is through our website, where you can simply fill out the form and pay online. We also have a paper application if you'd prefer to mail it in or pay in person. Please see the article later in this issue for details.

It will be election season before we know it. I am officially opening nominations for GNBC officer and board positions and will ask for them at the September and October meetings. You can give nominations in the meetings or email me. The different roles are shown on our website (https://greatnorthernbrewers.org/about-us/) with years listed. Absent people leaving a board position for another role, we will have two board positions and each of the officer positions (president, vice president, treasurer, and secretary) on the ballot in November.

Having committed members serving in leadership roles for the club is paramount to its success. Without members being willing to step up and perhaps out of their comfort zone, the club will falter. Please put your name in for a position and talk to other members about how they can serve.

I hope to see you back in the 49th State basement to kick off the next year of monthly meetings!

# **Secretary's Corner**

appy Fair Season Club,

As the mornings get colder and the leaves start to change, I hope you are all getting excited for brewing and enjoying some nice cool weather beers. I for one am already starting to plan out my annual holiday beer.

A quick reminder, if you have not already done September is when your next year membership dues are due. In addition to supporting the club, your membership card can be used to receive discounts at different businesses around town. I know my membership more than pays for itself on ingredient discounts alone.

This month we will resume our regular meetings at 49th State Brewery, I can't wait to see you all there on September 17th and have a chance to try all the creative things you have brewed this summer.

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On September 21st the Talkeetna Brewfest will be happening. Tickets are still available.

On September 28th Bleeding Heart Brewery will be hosting the inaugural Beer Czar imperial stout competition. The winner of this competition will have their beer brewed by Bleeding Heart and released as a fundraiser beer, during Fur Rondy, for Priceless Alaska. For more information please check our Facebook page. For questions, email Adam at adam.sikorski@gmail.com.

The board has resumed its monthly meetings. If there is anything that you would like us to discuss or consider at our next meeting on the 10th of September. Just let one of your board members know. We are especially interested in ideas for club events and way to bring new members into the club.

A huge congratulation to long time homebrew club member and former president Kevin Sobolesky on the opening of his meadery Two Season. Glad to see that you have turned your passion into your profession. Finally, a heartfelt goodbye to longtime homebrew club member and multiple board position holder Peter Hall. Your presence and help over the years has been greatly appreciated and will be missed.

Remember it's not that summer is ending, but that imperial stout season is beginning.

Cheers, Jordan

# **Membership Renewals**

By Kat Karabelnikoff

I know we are all in disbelief that the weather sure feels more like summer than usual and some of us can agree it needed to cool off some and I do appreciate the cooler nights but I can say we sure did have some good beer drinking weather these last few months. Even more so I almost can't believe that it is September already and that means we have only one month left in the current membership year. Yes, regardless of how nice the weather still is your membership card will expire at the end of this month, so with that said now is a great time to renew your membership and continue to enjoy all the fun and perks of being a GNBC member. If you renew by **September 13th** you will be able to pick up your new membership card at the meeting on Tuesday, September 17th. If you can't make it to the September meeting don't worry, any cards not picked up at the meeting will be mailed out that week.

The cost for membership is \$30.00 annually per household (don't forget to include your spouse's name so they can have their own membership card and get the card perks too.) or \$350 for a lifetime membership. If you know you will be attending the September meeting and want to pay with cash, check, or credit card at the meeting please email your information to me at the email below and I will have a card ready for you to pick up.

You can renew your annual membership online on our website (https://greatnorthernbrewers.org/membership/) with a credit or debit card or send a check or money order (made payable to Great Northern Brewers Club) to:

GNBC Membership Coordinator c/o Kat Karabelnikoff 9601 COPPER DRIVE Anchorage, AK 99507

If renewing online or via mail please don't forget to include your full name (and spouse's too on the same name line if applicable), Full Street Address (street, city, and zip code), Phone Number, and Email.

You can contact me at membership@greatnorthernbrewers.org if you have any questions.

I look forward to seeing all the familiar and new faces at the September 17th meeting!

Cheers, Kat Karabelnikoff

## **Beer Czar Competition**

By Adam Sikorski

Dear Homebrewers,

Beer Czar here with the final royal announcement regarding the upcoming Beer Czar competition.

On Saturday, September 28<sup>th</sup>, the inaugural Beer Czar Competition hosted by Bleeding Heart Brewing Company shall officially commence. As we are coming down to the final days leading up to the competition, please take note of the following details:

Submission Deadline: 9/21/19

Submission Locations: Arctic Brewing Supply in Anchorage and Bleeding Heart Brewery in Palmer

Beer to Submit: Imperial Stout (un-oaked)

Additional Info: Please include your recipe and labels along with your submission. As the winner of this competition will have their beer brewed in by Bleeding Heart, the recipe may be used as a deciding factor in the final stage of judging.

Competition Location: Bleeding Heart Brewing

Competition Date: 9/28/19

Competition Time: Doors open at 12pm

Thank you to everyone who is submitting entries for this competition, and a big thanks to Bleeding Heart Brewing, Gold Rush Liquor, Arctic Brewing Supply, GNBC, Anchorage East Rotary, Change Wealth Advisors, and Priceless Alaska for coming together to create this event.

Cheers,

Beer Czar

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NEXT MEETING: September 17, 2019

Monthly Meeting, 49th State Basement, 7pm