



SAAZ BREWZletter

August 2019

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Words from the Prez

Well, Saturday we had a most excellent event, the Treasure Coast "Rolling Pub Crawl" bus trip. I think all that attended had a great time and we got to experience some new breweries. Marie-Anne Barcomb did a great job of putting this together and managing the trip along the way. Thanks! Wish more members could have gone with us.

It is now proper to talk in terms of weeks till Commander SAAZ competition weekend instead of months. We help in two areas to make this a success.

First is to support the weekend with your attendance. Look for events and pricing further down in the newsletter. We are back on the beach and need to fill our room night requirement so take a staycation and get your room booked. Makes the weekend easier on you. The Hilton is essentially booked full so our block may be the only way to get your nights. We have a great price also! Don't wait too long.

Second, as I have mentioned in previous newsletters, is you volunteering to help out. It is a lot easier if we have more people to spread the work across to put on the competition and events. This is all of our organization and we need the membership to pitch in. Steward, judges, setups, tear downs, paperwork and many other areas need to be covered. There are areas everybody can help out with, regardless of your brewing experience, event experience or physical abilities.

Okay, see you at the meeting next Sunday at Broken Barrel.

Na zdravi,

Bob Bridges

President, SAAZ

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Are Your German Beers Brewed Yet?

Though that pumpkin spice latte is just a Starbucks or Dunkin away when Sept-Oct roll around, those great German lagers we love to drink in the fall take some early planning (and brewing). We'll be holding the usual intraclub competition for German beers at SAAZtoberfest, and you'll also want to enter them in the Suncoast Barley Mashers' "Oktoberfest in October" competition (especially if you didn't brew them early enough to enter them in Commander SAAZ). Get brewing, SAAZers!



Upcoming SAAZ Events



- **August 18** – General Meeting @ The Broken Barrel Tavern, Palm Bay
- **August 27** – Commander SAAZ Pre-Sorting @ The Iron Oak Post Tavern
- **August 31** – Commander SAAZ Sorting @ The Iron Oak Post Tavern
- **Sept 7 & 8, 14 & 15** – Early Round Judging @ The Iron Oak Post Tavern
- **September 20 & 21** – 25th Annual Commander SAAZ Interplanetary Blastoff (Judging, Commander's Call, Splashdown Awards Dinner, and other cool stuff)

OTHER BREW / BEER EVENTS: Also check the event page off the **SAAZ Members** Facebook page titled [Brew Events Around Us](#) for some beer-centric events in our area and across central Florida.

GOOGLE CALENDAR: Do you or your family already have your own Google calendar? If you'd like to add the SAAZ Google calendar to your calendar view, email your request to editor@saaz.org from your Gmail account. We'll send you an invitation to enable viewing of the SAAZ calendar along with yours.

TEXT ALERT SYSTEM: Sign up for text messages in case of last minute SAAZ event cancellations or emergency change of venue by texting **SAAZ** to **24587**.

Next Meeting

Sunday, August 18 @ 2:00 PM

The Broken Barrel Tavern
4700 Babcock St NE, Palm Bay, FL 32905

Come out and have a delicious beer and what some members claim are the best wings in the area, while rubbing elbows with the best home brewers in the area!

MEET & GREET 2:00-2:30
(Get your beer, order your wings and stuff!)

MEETING BEGINS @ 2:30

Get the latest on the plans for this year's big 25th Annual Commander SAAZ Interplanetary Homebrew Blastoff, and for education this month, we're going to fill you in on what happens during the judging sessions at homebrew competitions, and teach you everything you ever wanted to know about stewarding a homebrew competition. Knowing what happens during judging can be very helpful in understanding what the judges are looking for and how to improve your chance of placing in a competition. If you've ever been a judge or steward, bring your war stories!

It's OK to bring some homebrew for feedback from other SAAZ brewers, but no commercial beer shares... let's support The Broken Barrel, one of our long-time SAAZ sponsors, by purchasing from them. And, in support of our "Going Green" initiative, don't forget to bring a non-breakable, non-disposable tasting cup.

Website: <http://www.brokenbarreltavern.com/>



The 25th Annual Commander SAAZ Interplanetary Blastoff

Your Commander SAAZ TO-DO List:



1. **Book your hotel room in our room block** (deadline Aug 30) [LINK](#)
2. **Register your competition entries** (deadline Aug 25) [LINK](#)
3. **Drop off your competition entries** (deadline Aug 25) [LINK](#)
4. **Purchase Commander's Call & Splashdown tickets** (deadline Sep 13) [LINK](#)
5. **Sign up to judge or steward** [LINK](#)
6. **Email commander@saaz.org and let us know how / when you can help.** See the "CSAAZ HELP NEEDED" list below (include your cell phone #).
7. **Get us your "vintage" Commander SAAZ photos.** Do you have any that pre-date those we have on [SmugMug](#)? We would love to get them scanned for our Splashdown slideshow. Contact Laurie at info@SAAZ.org.

We really need your participation to make this 25th Annual Commander SAAZ event a success. All of you, from our founding members to our newest members have something to contribute, whether or not you still brew, whether or not you've been active in SAAZ recently, and whether or not you've ever been to a Commander SAAZ event previously. This will be a ridiculously fun and memorable weekend, so plan now to be part of it. You should be able to find just about all the info you need on our [website](#).

Friday night's Commander's Call Beer Fest tickets are a steal at only \$15 each. This year we'll be in the lovely oceanfront Horizons Room at the Hilton. We're starting Commander's Call a little later this year to give our out of town guests time to drive in and get dinner before the party starts and for our hard-working judges to catch their breath and get dinner before the party. The Splashdown Dinner on Saturday evening will feature a delicious buffet with dessert and lots of great beer, including the amazing "Rocket Fuel" style 25th Anniversary commemorative beer brewed up by SAAZ members Chris Jojola, Chris Baum and Sean McCoy. Splashdown tickets are \$45 per person and include the buffet and all your beer, which is probably lower than your last bar tab.

In addition to the more scheduled and structured activities, rumor has it that folks will also be gathering "off hours" in the not-so-secret SAAZ hospitality suite for some socializing (ask an officer for the room number that weekend).

[#CSAAZ2019](#) [#BestPartyOnTheBeach](#)

"Commander's Call" Beer Fest – Friday, Sept 20

Party with SAAZ, featuring light hors d'oeuvres and snacks, and plenty of great beer! The party will be held in the ocean view "Horizons" room, with access to the outdoor deck if you want to wander out and catch a sea breeze. We're starting Commander's Call a little later this year to give everyone, especially our guests coming in from out of town and our judges who've been hard at work all day, time to get dinner and relax a bit before the party starts. Dress is casual... attitude is fun!



Commander's Call will feature the following:

- **Tapping of the 25th Annual Commander SAAZ Commemorative Beer** – This rocket fuel guarantees to get you boosted to the next level.
- **Club/Guild Keg Competition (People's Choice Judging)** – Check out the entries from participating homebrew clubs/guilds and vote on the one you think is out of this world. Remember, this is one entry per club, so we'll have everyone's best on tap, and each entry will have a "space twist" to it. Should be both delicious AND fun!
- **Space Coast Local Breweries Commercial Beer Smack Down (People's Choice Judging)**
Your chance to taste the best of the Spacecoast's commercial beers and vote for your favorite.

Splashdown Awards Dinner – Saturday, Sept 21

As in years past, this promises to be a night to remember... dinner, awards, bottle share and, of course, RAFFLE TIME!!!

- There will be free-flowing brews from the leftover kegs from Commander's Call, both homebrew and commercial, and a fresh keg of the fabulous Commander SAAZ Commemorative Beer.
- The **DINNER BUFFET** will feature Grilled Teres Major Steak served with Au Jus, Onions and sautéed Mushrooms, Herb Roasted Chicken Breast with Herbed Chicken Jus, Orange BBQ Salmon Filet, delicious side dishes and dessert.
- Bring your rarest bottles for sharing among friends and fellow beer lovers.
- We'll have a backdrop and props available for you to take space-themed photos of you and your friends, and an interactive Twitter Wall that will display your **#CSAAZ2019** tweets.
- During dinner, we'll enjoy a slideshow of photos from Commander SAAZ events over the years. Remember way back when we all had to walk uphill both ways in the snow to attend? Neither do we, but we think you'll enjoy this blast from the past.
- Medals and other awards will be presented, including the special "Rocket Fuel" award, the winner of the Commander's Club/Guild Keg People's Choice competition, the winner of the Spacecoast Local Brew Competition for Commercial Breweries, and the awarding of the first ever Commander's Cup for the club/guild who displayed the most support/participation in this year's Commander SAAZ Interplanetary Homebrew Blastoff.

DOORS OPEN at 7:00pm



CSAAZ HELP NEEDED



Email Commander@SAAZ.org to volunteer for these tasks. Provide your name and cell number and a list of the tasks you'd like to help cover.

Computer Data Entry – One person needed at each judging session, both the early sessions at Iron Oak and the Friday and Saturday sessions on CSAAZ weekend at the Hilton. Sign up for a single session, an entire day (morning session and afternoon session) or even multiple days. This is a sit-down job, great for those who feel comfortable with a computer and who

can't be on their feet for long periods of time. Not a hard job, but requires attention and accuracy. See [this page](#) for a list of the judging sessions.

Judge Sheet Scanning – One person needed at each judging session, both the early sessions at Iron Oak and the Friday and Saturday sessions on CSAAZ weekend at the Hilton. Sign up for a single session, an entire day (morning session and afternoon session) or even multiple days. This is a sit-down job, great for those who can't be on their feet for long periods of time. See [this page](#) for a list of the judging sessions.

Judging/Stewarding – We have a sign-up page specifically for this. Go down to the form at the bottom of [this page](#) to sign up for judging or stewarding. No experience necessary for stewarding. We can train you to be a steward extraordinaire in less than half an hour, and you'll learn a LOT about beer styles and judging by serving as a steward. Multiple judges and stewards are needed at each judging session, both the early sessions at Iron Oak Tavern in Melbourne and at the Friday and Saturday sessions on CSAAZ weekend at the Hilton. Sign up for a single session, an entire day (morning session and afternoon session) or multiple days.

Check-In Table – Two people needed for each shift for CSAAZ weekend at the Hilton. Check in judges/stewards. Check in attendees and get them their name badge & lanyard and a schedule/info sheet. Ensure their badge has the correct info, including which events they've paid to attend. Answer attendee questions, smile and make everyone feel welcome. Friday shifts are 8am-11am, 11am-1:30pm, and 6:30pm-9pm. Saturday shifts are 8am-11am, 11am-1:30pm, and 6-7:30pm.

Raffle Item Setup – This will take place on Saturday afternoon on CSAAZ weekend at the Hilton, time to be determined by several factors, including when the room will be available. Marie Anne Barcomb will coordinate with you.

Raffle Ticket Sales – Assist during beginning of Splashdown event on Saturday evening, prior to raffle start and possibly earlier in the day. Marie Anne Barcomb will coordinate with you.

Loading/Transporting Competition Entries – On Thursday evening, Sep 19th, all the competition entries must be transported from Iron Oak Post Tavern in Melbourne to the Hilton in Cocoa Beach. We would like to start loading at Iron Oak around 4pm and will take as much help as we can get. We will need five good sized vehicles to help transport (remember, there are three bottles for each entry and we already have over 500 entries, with two weeks to go). Let us know if you AND your vehicle can help or if you're providing labor only. For labor only, let us know if you'll be at the Melbourne end or the Cocoa Beach end.

Post Event Cleanup – We need a half dozen or so people Sunday morning after the CSAAZ event to help clear everything out of the Hilton to ensure we get all our deposit money back. Rumor has it there may be a bloody Mary afterwards with your name on it.

Miscellaneous - There will be other tasks that will come up leading into and throughout CSAAZ weekend and we'd like to have a list of do-gooders we can call if we suddenly realize we need more help in a particular area. If you can occasionally run an errand, do some internet research, make some signs, or whatever comes up, please get on our "misc help and emergency call list."

Communications Team Member Wanted



In search of at least one member to help with SAAZ communication tasks on an ongoing basis. You don't need to be an expert in any of these, but some of the tools used are WordPress, WordPress plug-ins and themes, HTML, CSS, Microsoft Word, various photo editing tools, phplist, SmugMug,

Facebook and Twitter. I'm not an expert in any of these either, but am willing to teach you as much as I know! Email me at editor@SAAZ.org if you'd like to help. Thanks! - Laurie

SAAZ Stars



Congratulations to our SAAZ winners at the C.A.S.K. 2019 First Coast Cup!

- **Ryan Robinson**
GOLD in Fruit Mead
SILVER in Smoked Beer (co-brewer Rex Robinson)
BRONZE in Spiced Mead



- **Bob Bridges**
SILVER in Wood Beer



- **Sean McCoy**
SILVER in Dark European Lager



- **Chris Jojola**
BRONZE in International/Czech Lager
BRONZE in American Porter and Stout (co-brewer Chris Baum)
BRONZE in Fruit Beer

Also, SAAZ member Keith Allen won "Most Valuable Out-of-Town Judge" at First Coast Cup!

Race for the Shirt... the pre-CSAAZ Edition

So, who will be our 2019 SAAZ Brewer of the Year?

Current point count, as of First Coast Cup:

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| Sean McCoy 17 | Chris Jojola 6 | Sean Gregg 2 |
| Bob Bridges 13 | Ryan Robinson 6 | |
| Eric Essenwein 7 | Brian Cavins 2 | |

Remember that SAAZ will cover/reimburse the first TWO entries in each of the Florida Circuit competitions for paid SAAZ members, except for the Commander SAAZ competition. You get FOUR in that one! Some competitions will arrange for this to happen automatically, but for the others you'll need to contact SAAZ Treasurer Anne Gregg (treasurer@saaz.org) for reimbursement.

Eligible Competitions

- Coconut Cup
- Hurricane Blowoff
- BFBC
- Sunshine Challenge
- Commander SAAZ
- Hogtown Brew-Off
- First Coast Cup
- NHC

Upcoming Competitions

Yes, there really ARE competitions besides Commander SAAZ. Visit the websites for full details, and GET BREWING!!!

Like Commander SAAZ, the Florida Circuit competitions are multi-day events with fun activities (that include beer, of course), culminating in an awards dinner/ceremony. They're a blast to attend with other club members, so think about heading over for a day or for the entire event. Follow the links for additional competition information as well as hotel and ticket information.

- [Dunedin Brewer's Guild Pepper Beer Competition](#) – Dunedin (Entry window ends: August 16)
 - Competition date: August 25
 - Limited categories – See website
- [25th Annual Commander SAAZ Interplanetary Homebrew Blastoff](#) (Entry deadline: August 25)
 - A FLORIDA CIRCUIT COMPETITION
- Oktoberfest in October – Clearwater (Entry deadline: September 13)
 - Competition date: October 6
 - Limited categories
 - No website available yet
- [Best Florida Beer](#) – Tampa (Entry deadline: September 25)
 - Competition date: October 19
 - A FLORIDA CIRCUIT COMPETITION
- [Walk On The Wildside](#) – Tampa (Entry deadline: October 26)
 - Competition Date: November 9
 - Limited categories
- [Dunedin Brewer's Guild Walk the Line with Barleywine](#) – Dunedin (Entry deadline: November 22)
 - Delivery window ends: November 22
 - Competition date: November 30
 - Limited categories – See website

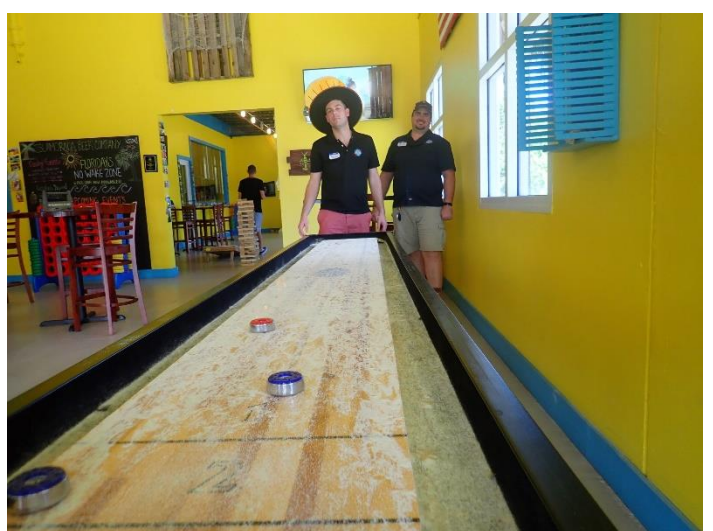
What are you waiting for???
Book. Your. Room!



Recent Events and Activities

Annual "Rolling Pub Crawl" Bus Trip

What happens on the bus, stays on the bus. Well, mostly...





Are we there yet?



Just a few of the MANY pics from the trip. See the "SAAZ Members" page on Facebook for a bunch more!



We need about 150 cardboard case boxes from Total Wine or ABC Liquor or other bottle shops to help organize, sort and transport the CSAAZ entries. We need nice sturdy boxes in which we can place 4x6 packs. Please pick up some at the store nearest you (call first to see which day works best) and bring them to the upcoming meeting or contact commander@saaz.org to arrange to have them picked up. Any questions, contact the Commander.

Yeah, 150... really. Maybe more.

Feedback/Contact Us

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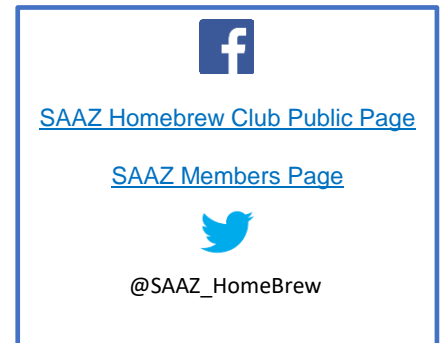
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