



SAAZ BREWZletter

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Words from the Prez

Fest greetings to all,

First, I'd like to congratulate all those who worked on the Commander SAAZ competition and events for a tremendous success. To all the judges who came together to get 700+ entries completed, thank you (we got a little nervous for a bit). CSAAZ is definitely the premier competition in the state!

SAAZtober Fest is coming up this weekend. Please RSVP if you are coming so you get a brat or two. It will be a great wind down from the competition and event weekend. There will be plenty of great food and beer, and we have many cases of leftover beer to raffle off. Looking forward to some good times this Saturday.

The board has finished a review/modification of the bylaws and we will be voting on the new version in totality at the November meeting, so please take a read when they are sent out. If there is any issue, let one of us know.

Lastly, nominations for board members start at the October meeting (SAAZtober Fest) and we vote at the December meeting, so think not what SAAZ can do for you, but what you can do for SAAZ. The positions will be President, Vice-President, Treasurer, Secretary, Education Coordinator/Historian, Communications Coordinator, Event Coordinator and SAAZ Ambassador. The responsibilities are listed in the bylaws document. Any questions, shoot me a note.

Well, enough from me. Really hope to see y'all at the party this Saturday and especially some of the newer members.

Cheers,

Bob Bridges

President, SAAZ
President@saaz.org



Just a few 25th Annual CSAAZ shirts left!

We have just a few of these special shirts left, so grab one while you can for \$25 each at SAAZtober Fest. If you pre-ordered a shirt and did not pick it up at Commander SAAZ weekend, please claim it this weekend.



Upcoming SAAZ Events



- **October 12** – SAAZtoberfest (*Is your German style beer underway???*)
- **October 19** – Rocky Water Brew Fest (*Charity Event*)
- **November 16** – Woof, Wag and Wiggle (*Charity Event*)
- **November 17** – SAAZ General Meeting
- **December 14 to 15** – Christmas Party/Camp Out (14th PM) / Brunch (15th AM)

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. Ignore the main date on this (it's just there to make Facebook happy) and look at the individual events. Say that you're "Going" to the main event so that new events added will show up in your Facebook news feed.

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**.

SAAZtober Fest

SATURDAY, OCTOBER 12 – 12:00 Noon to 5:00PM
Suntree Rotary Park, 409 Interlachen Rd, Melbourne
(*Large pavilion in the back left, past the playground*)

Get out your lederhosen or dirndl and get ready to party!
It's that time of year again... SAAZtober Fest!!!

SAAZ will provide brats and the fixings, and we'll have the remaining kegs from CSAAZ on tap! \$5 per non-member to help cover party expenses. No charge for SAAZ members and family members living in their household. Everyone, please **bring a yummy side dish or dessert to share** that will complement the brats (Hint: German/Bavarian style dishes would be awesome!).



Bring your entries for the intra-club **German beer smackdown** (two bottles for the smackdown, and bring the keg if you'd like to share it with everyone). The winner will get a prize as well as the respect and adulation of all his/her fellow brewers. Prost!

Are you feeling lucky? This is also the event at which we'll **raffle** off the leftover cases of competition entries from CSAAZ. Like a box of chocolates, you never know what you're gonna get.

If you plan to come and would like to chow down on some brats, RSVP and let us know how many family members you're bringing with you by this Thursday at noon (either on the [Facebook event page](#) or by emailing info@SAAZ.org so we can plan for enough brats and fixings for everyone. Vielen Dank!

November General Meeting

SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 17

2:00 PM Meet & Greet

2:30 PM Meeting Begins

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



Educational Topic: SAAZ Brevard County Wild Yeast Project

Other Topics: Commander SAAZ recap, vote on SAAZ By-Law clarifications/changes, discuss the SAAZ Christmas Party / Camp Out at Dave Webb's Honey House and, of course, taste and provide feedback on each other's brews!

BYO non-disposable taster cup and your home brews for tasting. Not a commercial beer share... let's buy some brews and support our SAAZ sponsor! Please be respectful of our presenters by ordering beer & food and participating in home tasting during our pre-meeting social time and after the meeting. Stay for dinner and chow down on some of the best wings in the county!

Upcoming Competitions

- [Best Florida Beer](#) – Tampa (**Entries Closed**)
 - Competition date: October 19
 - A FLORIDA CIRCUIT COMPETITION
- [2019 Treasure Coast Brew Fest Homebrew Competition](#) – Port St. Lucie (**Entry deadline: Oct 25**)
 - Delivery window ends: October 25
 - Competition date: November 2
 - Please read all rules / No meads or ciders / 50 entries only
 - Not a Florida Circuit Competition
- [Walk On The Wildside](#) – Tampa (**Entry deadline: Oct 26**)
 - Competition Date: November 9
 - Limited categories
- [Dunedin Brewer's Guild Walk the Line with Barleywine](#) – Dunedin (**Entry deadline: Nov 22**)
 - Delivery window ends: November 22
 - Competition date: November 30
 - Limited categories – See website

***** REMINDER *****

Start brewing now for those spring competitions if you're planning entries that need to lager and/or that improve with age!



Outside Events with SAAZ Participation



Look for the SAAZ tent at the upcoming [Rocky Water Brew Fest](#) on **Saturday, October 19th**. SAAZ will have six delicious brews on tap for this charity event that benefits the Eau Gallie Rotary Club. Tickets are \$35 each and are likely to sell out ahead of time, so buy 'em while you still can!

We're looking for a few members who'd like to donate kegs and pour for [Woof, Wag & Wiggle 2019](#), a charity event being held in Wickham Park on **Saturday, November 16th**, benefiting the Coastal Boxer Rescue. If you'd like to help, contact SAAZ Membership Coordinator/Secretary [Billy Dawson](#). This is a donation to a charity, so no club reimbursement. Even if you're not volunteering, bring your favorite well-behaved dog by and say hi!



Early Heads-Up for the 2019 Christmas Party (aka, "A Meady Camp Out Christmas")

SATURDAY, DECEMBER 14th to SUNDAY, DECEMBER 15th
Dave Webb's Honey House - 21777 SR-520, Orlando

Event Coordinator Marie-Anne Barcomb wants to try something different this year. We are going to have our Christmas mead party at the Webb Honey House!



Bring your camping gear and a campsite friendly side dish. (Remember we will be outside with no power outlets readily available). There will be a fire pit for roasting. If camping is not your style, no worries... all can enjoy! Just don't forget to bring a chair, because no one over 7 years of age likes to sit on the ground. As always, bottle shares are welcome. We will not have a raffle for this party, but we will do a gift exchange. If you want to participate, bring a beer gift of a \$20 value.

For those camping, there will be a casserole brunch on Sunday morning with mimosas and Bloody Marys. Marie-Anne would like an RSVP for the brunch, which you can do by emailing her or clicking on the brunch poll on the [Facebook event page](#) (also let her know how many are coming from your household).

More details in next month's newsletter, and updates will be provided on Facebook.



SAAZ at 13,500 Feet

Photo recently posted on Facebook by SAAZ member **Hans Rittinger**.

WOW, way to represent, Hans!

Commander SAAZ Competition Winners from the Club

Congratulations to our SAAZ members who won big at the recent 25th Annual Commander SAAZ competition! The competition was fierce with 725+ entries, and we're super proud of you guys!

Ryan Robinson

BRONZE - Spiced Mead
GOLD - Smoked Beer Co-Brewer Rex Robinson
GOLD - Fruit Mead
GOLD - Rocket Fuel
2nd Best of Show Mead/Cider

Eric Essenwein & Co-Brewer Jen Bilsky

GOLD - Dark European Lager
GOLD - Irish Beer

Sean McCoy

BRONZE - Dark European Lager
GOLD - Pale American Ale

Chris Jojola

BRONZE - Pale Malty European Lager
SILVER - Czech Lager

Cmdr SAAZ (Chris Jojola & Cbo Baum)

BRONZE - Strong British Ale
SILVER - Rocket Fuel

Brian Cavins

BRONZE - Trappist Ale

Bob Bridges

BRONZE - Wood Beer

Rudi Wehnschulte

BRONZE - Specialty Cider and Perry

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

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

Current point count, as of Commander SAAZ (per [Florida Homebrew](#)):

Sean McCoy 21	Eric Essenwein 13	Sean Gregg 2
Ryan Robinson 14	Chris Jojola 10	Rudi Wehnschulte 1
Bob Bridges 14	Brian Cavins 3	

If your points count does not seem to be correct, send an email to info@floridahomebrew.org.

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

SAAZ Bylaw Modification Ratification Vote Notice

The board has finished a review/modification of the bylaws and we will be voting on the new version in totality at the November meeting, so please take a read when you receive the separate email notice in another week or so. If there is any issue, let one of the board members know.

Nomination & Election of 2020 SAAZ Officers

According to the current bylaws, **the election is held at the December meeting** (usually the Christmas Party, which is why we hope to change this next year) and **nominations will be taken starting at the October meeting** (which is SAAZtober Fest).

We will be looking to fill a number of the positions. Some of the current officers have personal commitments that are requiring them to step down for the next year and others have already served multiple terms in their current position, so we're eager to have some enthusiastic members take an interest in joining the group that will lead the club over the next year. Don't be shy... it's a team effort and we'll help transition any new board members. Board members are expected to attend monthly board meetings (which always include food and beer, of course) and to attend most SAAZ activities, though we understand that everyone can't always make them all.

Read through the board position descriptions in the current bylaws and when the new version is floated in a week or so, read those as well (some descriptions/responsibilities will be updated or clarified a little). Also feel free to talk with current board members to get a feel for what's involved. We'll be electing the following positions: President, Vice President (who also serves as CSAAZ Event Coordinator), Events Coordinator, Secretary/Membership Coordinator, Treasurer, Communications Coordinator (website/newsletter/social media/promotion), Education Coordinator/Historian, SAAZ Ambassador (sponsorship relations/donations). Remember that you don't need to do everything related to a position all by yourself... forming committees and delegation is both allowed and encouraged!

25th Annual Commander SAAZ Interplanetary Homebrew Blastoff



What a weekend! The weather didn't exactly cooperate when it came to "beach time," but we were very thankful that Hurricane Dorian didn't eliminate the weekend's events or any of our judging days. Heck, we're glad it didn't come through and wipe out the Hilton or the Iron Oak Post Tavern! When they're threatening a Category 4 coming into Brevard, a lot of things run through your mind.

There are far too many people to thank and we're not going to list them because we're afraid that we'll forget someone, but ALL contributions were GREATLY appreciated! CSAAZ Event Coordinator Sean McCoy and CSAAZ Competition Coordinator Cbo

Baum headed up a fantastic weekend, and other SAAZ members contributed in so many ways. We had people hauling cases of competition entries (over 2100 bottles!), judging, stewarding, making/serving meals for judges, creating web pages and doing promotion through social media and email, tracking down sponsors and raffle items, decorating, making badges and greeting attendees, setting up and taking down jockey boxes, running errands, moving a huge refrigerator and coolers, preparing judging areas, creating presentations, running sound and A/V, organizing awards, compiling data, preparing raffle bags, coordinating with hotel personnel, and serving as the man himself... Commander SAAZ (thanks, Billy Kendrick)! That's just to give you an idea of *some* of the tasks and efforts taken on and accomplished brilliantly by our members (and sometimes with the help of members of some of the other Florida homebrew clubs).

- The full BJCP competition results can be found [HERE](#).

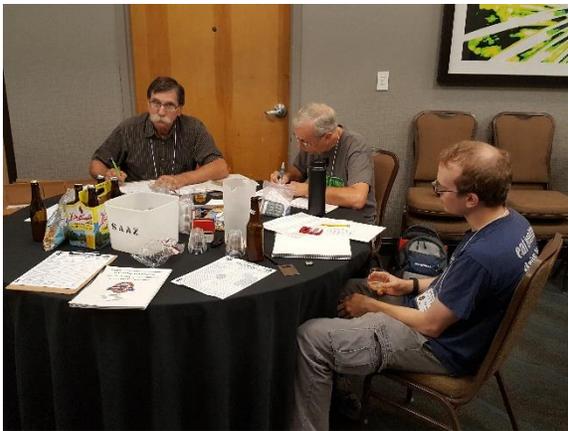
- Photos of the weekend (and prep for the weekend) that have been uploaded by members can be found [HERE](#). Ask a board member if you need help uploading YOUR pics!

Results for special CSAAZ competitions were as follows:

- People's Choice Pro Keg Competition Winner: Hell 'N Blazes Brewing Company, Melbourne
- People's Choice Club Keg Competition Winner: Pinellas Urban Brewers Guild, Seminole
- 1st Annual Commander's Cup Recipient: Cowford Ale Sharing Klub (C.A.S.K.), Jacksonville



Here are just a few pics from the weekend (go to [SmugMug](#) to see more):







A Rocket Fuel award... it must be CSAAZ!

Feedback/Contact Us

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