



SAAZ BREWZletter

March 2026

A message from your Communications Officer

While discussing our recent education topic on yeast nutrients it was mentioned that it would be nice if this presentation was available to the members online. This sounded like a good idea to me and it turns out it isn't difficult to set up such an area on our website. Over the next month or so I'll work on getting individual accounts set up for our members as well as generating a "Members Only" section on the website. Feel free to contact me if you have ideas for this area and I'll discuss it with the board.

Paul Brabson

Recent Events

BUBR Beer Release Party, Held at Bugnutt Brewing Company on 2/13

Just in time for Valentine's Day, Anita and AJ debuted Mon Cher, a Chocolate Cherry Imperial Stout that they brewed in conjunction with the team at Bugnutt Brewing. This brewing experience was the donated by Bugnutt and auctioned off for the 2025 Bottoms Up Beer Run which benefits St. Baldricks. There was a great turnout and everyone enjoyed their first drink(s) of it at this release party.

SAAZ Happy Hour, held at Hardware Store Brewing Company on 2/24

It was a cold evening which may have kept folks away, but an intrepid group of four dared the elements to enjoy some beer and have fun playing trivia. The team had a great time and better yet earned second place! Congratulations.

(If you attend one of these events please take some pictures and either share via Facebook or send to your communication officer so I can share with our membership. Thanks!)

Next Membership Meeting

Saturday, March 21 @2:00 – 5:00

Spring Party at [Rotary Park at Suntree](#)

6495 US-1, Melbourne, FL 32940-7441

Join us for the Spring Party!

- **FOOD** – Sean Gregg will be bringing pre-cooked chicken legs and thighs. We will have grill fired up to reheat. Members are asked to bring sides and their favorite sauces for grilling/dipping.
- **BRING YOUR HOMEBREW** - Sean will have the four-tap jockey box on site so bring those kegs! Watch Facebook for another invite and let us know what you are bringing.
- **RAFFLE!** A former brewer has donated their equipment to the club and we'll be raffling it and other good stuff. Come prepared to buy tickets.

Board Meeting Highlights

- 2026 Commander SAAZ
 - Judging starts 7/25
 - Final Judging and Awards 8/15
 - Location: Front Street Civic Center, Melbourne
 - This year's entry will be capped at 400.
- Reminder: If you need a name tag contact secretary Don Deis. Email at bottom of Brewzletter.
- Bottoms Up Beer Run – Ingredients for those that have volunteered to brew are expected to be available at the spring party. If you want to brew contact Anne or Sean McCoy at the spring party. Posters and postcards for event will also be available.
- A member noted that the code for free entry did not work when entering Hurricane Blow-Off. Members are reminded that if this happens that they should pay for their entries and then submit (max two) to the treasurer for reimbursement.

Are Your SAAZ Dues Paid for 2026?

- **PAY YOUR DUES FOR 2026!** Dues allow us to continue to organize fun events and support the local craft brew and home brew community. Along with this, paid members also receive discounts on entry to home brew competitions and other events! Pay your dues here: www.saaaz.org/cms/join-saaaz/pay-dues/ or contact club treasurer Don Russ. Contact information can be found at the bottom of this Brewzletter.

Upcoming Meetings

April 19 - Hell n Blazes (TBR) -AJ is POC

May 17 - Intracoastal (TBR)

June 21 (tentative) - Father's Day

July 18 SUMMER PARTY! at Ed and Bonnie Worme's house

August 15- Commander SAAZ

September 20 - Carib (TBR) Melissa is POC

October 17 - SAAZtoberfest Brad and Anita's home

November 14 - The MEADing Nowlin's home

December 11 Party Holiday open house AJ is POC

Upcoming SAAZ Events

- **03/12 - March Happy Hour at Carib Brewery (Maybe?)**
200 Imperial Blvd, Cape Canaveral, FL 32920 (Watch Facebook for details)

Upcoming Competitions

- **Coconut Cup 3/14/26**
 - Entry window 1/12/26-2/12/26
 - Delivery window 1/26/26-2/13/26
- **Hurricane Blow Off – 4/25/26**
 - Entry window 2/24/26-3/25/26 (Full)
 - Delivery window 3/2/26-3/27/26
- **Hogtown Brew-Off 2026 – 5/23/26**
 - Entry Window 4/1/26 4/24/26
 - Delivery Window 4/1/26 4/24/26
- **Hot N Humid 2026 – 6/27/26**
 - Entry Window 5/2/26 5/23/26
 - Delivery Window 5/10/26 5/23/26
- **Sunshine Challenge 2026 – 11/1/26**
 - Entry Window 9/13/26 10/2/26
 - Delivery Window 9/20/26 10/2/26

Keep an eye on Reggie as this year's competitions will be posted as they become available,
reggiebeer.com/ReggieLogin.php

Save the Date

- **Bottom's Up Beer Run (BURB) 6/6/26**
It'll be an Irish theme, get ready to get lucky! We will need members to brew. More information at the Spring Party.

Upcoming Brew Fests

- **Space Coast Brew Fest (Titusville)**
October
- **Rocky Water Brew Fest (Eau Gallie)**
November
- **Craft Brew Hullabaloo (Sebastian)**
December

Feedback/Contact Us



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