



April Showers....

We've gone from famine to feast it seems with the rain but I for one am enjoying the cooler temperatures that have arrived with the wet weather of our Florida spring. Before too long we'll be dealing with the heat, humidity and summer temperatures. It's a good time to start brewing those easy drinking lawnmower beers or other libations that you can enjoy after a hard day working in the yard, tending the garden or maybe just relaxing by the pool.

Competition Results

Congratulations to our Coconut Cup 2026 medal winners!

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| • Sean McCoy | 1 st | 11B: Best Bitter | A bit pretentious... |
| • Chris Jojola | 3 rd | 18B: American Pale Ale | Hilltop Pale |
| • Greg Bessette | 1 st | 24B: Belgian Pale Ale | Castle Aramis Deux |
| • Seth Grablow | 3 rd | M3A: Fruit and Spice Mead | Coco-Biscus |

Recent Events

SAAZ Spring Party, Held at Rotary Park at Suntree on 3/21

A good time was had by all at the SAAZ Spring party at rotary park. The day started with some beautiful dolphins swimming in the river. Thanks to the fisherman who was there as the dolphins tried to eat his catches! SAAZ provided smoked chicken legs and thighs and the members brought sauces that did not disappoint. The favorites by far were the Jamaican jerk (Walkers wood for anyone who is curious - the closest to being in Jamaica we have found in Publix) and the hot wing sauce. The sides were amazing and included Mexican dip, cucumber salad, cheese and sausage, mac and cheese, and many others. Thanks to all who brought food. We had the jockey box going with kegs of Scottish light ale, peach cinnamon sour, and barley wine to name a few. The raffle included several kegs, a wort chiller, and many other things. Overall a great time was had by all (once we got the bathrooms unlocked - you had to be there to fully appreciate how crucial this was to the party). We look forward to seeing everyone at the April and May meetings, and of course the summer party in July at the Wormes'.

Sean Gregg

Pictures from the Spring Party



It was a beautiful day at Rotary Park.



Sean is busy preparing the feast.



The dolphins heard about the party! I wonder if anyone offered them a beer?



Ready for the sauce!

SAAZ Happy Hour, held at Hidden Level Brewery on 3/8

Next Membership Meeting

Sunday, April 19th from 2:00 – 5:00

Hell 'n Blazes Brewing Co. (in the vault room)

1002 E New Haven Ave, Melbourne, FL 32901-5437



Join us for the Spring Party!

- **EDUCATIONAL SESSION** - "Brewing a Bochet" by guest presenter Don Russ

Please be courteous to our presenters and to those who want to listen and learn. Socialize and share homebrew before and after the meeting presentations (not during). Thanks in advance!

- **BRING YOUR HOMEBREW** and solicit feedback from other brewers to help you improve. In respect to our host brewery please do not bring commercial beers for share.

PLEASE NOTE: Let's show appreciation to our hosts... buy their beer, food and tip your server / beertender.

Board Meeting Highlights

- 2026 Commander SAAZ planning continues
- May education
- Bottoms Up Beer Run – Date is 6/6. Ingredients have been handed out to brewers.

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

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

05/6/26, 6:00 – 8:00 - May Happy Hour at Village Idiot Pub
4 Harrison St, Ste 103, Cocoa, FL 32922 (Watch Facebook for details)



Upcoming Competitions

- **Hurricane Blow Off 2026 – 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
- **Commander SAAZ 2026 – 8/15/26**
 - Entry Window 6/7/26 7/18/26
 - Delivery Window 6/7/26 7/18/26
- **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! Members that volunteered to brew have been provided brewing ingredients.

Organizer: Anne Gregg

Upcoming Brew Fests

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

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