



SAAZ BREWZletter

July 2018

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President's Blowoff

Hi Brewers,

Wow what a June we had! First off thank you all for a record setting Bottoms UP Beer Run! Over \$6,800 raised for pediatric cancer research! Simply amazing!

Second, we had a great turnout for our club summer party where Sean Gregg took home the prize for his Berliner Weiss Summer beer, and Bob Bridges for his amazing Pork Belly burnt ends!

Third, we capped off the month with an amazing bus trip to Orlando where we had a couple tours and some great craft beers. Also, a special Birthday shout out to Billy Kendrick!

This month we are taking it a bit easier as far as club activities go. It's the calm before the storm of activity heading into late August as we gear up for Commander SAAZ 2018! Bigger! Bolder! Blastoff!!! Lots of exciting surprises await attendees so book your rooms now! And get your entries ready to take home one of our amazing new medals! We also have some great raffle prizes including: 10 gallon stainless brew kettle with sanitary tri clover fittings and ball valve courtesy of Spike Brewing Company, as well as equipment from Blichmann engineering! You don't want to miss out!

As many of us take off this time of year for vacations, etc. have safe travels and drink plenty of good beer!

Cheers!

Brian

Next Meeting

Sunday, July 15 @ 2PM

The Village Idiot Pub

4 Harrison St., #103

Cocoa, FL 32922

(Cocoa Village)



- **Educational session: Malt flavors**
- We'll have some historical CSAAZ items and old club photos for members to peruse.
- Bring your homebrews and solicit feedback from other brewers to help you improve.
- To minimize disruptions, please NO bottle shares or homebrew tastings during the meeting. Thanks very much!

Officer Meeting Highlights

The July Officer Meeting had not yet taken place at the time of this newsletter publication.

Next Intra-Club Challenge (October 20th)

German beers are up next for your chance to impress your fellow brewers and win a \$50 Brock's gift card. Judging (and drinking!) will take place at SAAZtoberfest on October 20th. **Prost!**



Information Sources:

BJCP Style Guidelines: https://www.bjcp.org/docs/2015_Guidelines_Beer.pdf

German Brewing: <http://www.germanbrewing.net/>

Upcoming Intra-Club Challenges



- Prost! Best German Beer - October 20th @ SAAZtoberfest
- Cooking with Beer! - Best beer infused dish- Nov 18th@ Dirty Oar
- Mead @ TBD

Brewer of the best beer gets a \$50 gift card to Brocks Homebrew Supply.

SAAZ Stars

Congrats to our Sunshine Challenge winners!

Commander SAAZ (Commemorative beer by Chris Jojola, Brian Cavins, Nathan Gray)

1st in 20C: Imperial Stout (Imperial Stout /Porter)

Brian Cavins

3rd in Category 6C: Dunkles Bock (Amber Malty European Lager)

Eric Essenwein (CoBrewer: Tyler Dutton)

3rd in 21A: American IPA (IPA)

Eric Essenwein (CoBrewers: Tyler Dutton and Eric Pascual)

3rd in 34B: Mixed-Style Beer (Specialty Beer)



Congrats to our Summer Party winners!

Sean Gregg – Lawnmower Beer Challenge

Bob Bridges – “Super-Side It!” Side Dish Challenge

Upcoming Events



- July 15 – SAAZ Meeting @ Village Idiot Pub
- August 19 – SAAZ Meeting @ Intracoastal Brewing Company

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 that will enable you to see the SAAZ calendar whenever you bring up your own Google calendar, reducing your chances scheduling stuff that conflicts with a SAAZ event!

The 24th Commander SAAZ Interplanetary Blastoff

It's coming! It's coming! Our biggest event of the year! #CmdrSAAZ2018

Here's your **COMMANDER SAAZ TO-DO LIST** (all the information you need is on the website):



1. Put all the Commander SAAZ dates on your calendar
2. Book your discounted hotel room or suite at the Radisson Resort
3. Finish up any final brews for the competition
4. Read the competition rules carefully (gold & silver caps only!)
5. Go to Reggie.com this Friday, July 13 and register your entries
6. Sign up to help with the bottle sorting and judging sessions
7. Help procure raffle items and sponsorships for the event
8. Have a blast with the pre-event and Cmdr SAAZ weekend activities!

Commander SAAZ 2018 Schedule

JUL 13:	Competition Registration Opens	SEP 1 & 2:	Prejudging
AUG 13:	Hotel Discount Ends	SEP 8 & 9:	Prejudging
AUG 2–23:	Entry Delivery Window	SEP 14 & 15:	Final Judging
AUG 23:	Registration Closes	SEP 14:	Commander's Call
AUG 25:	Bottle Sorting	SEP 15:	Splashdown Awards Dinner

Commander SAAZ Sponsorships Available

Do you have friends/contacts with businesses? Our Commander SAAZ event offers sponsorship levels for any budget. Each competition entrant (and we expect many hundreds since there's no entry cap) will receive a printout, similar to the sponsors page on SAAZ's website. The listing follows the order of the sponsorship levels (Platinum sponsors listed first, then Gold, and so on). By sponsoring, companies will get their business in front of hundreds of home brewers. Email Cmdr.SAAZ@saaz.org if you can help by recruiting a sponsor yourself or by providing a lead for a potential sponsor. We have an introductory letter with info about SAAZ, its educational and community service work, and the sponsorship levels.

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Upcoming Competitions

Visit the websites for full details

[Pepper Beer Competition](#) - Jointly hosted by Dunedin Brewers Guild and PUB Guild (Dunedin/Pinellas Park). Opens: July 1st. Entry Deadline: August 13th. Judging: August 26th.

[Commander SAAZ](#) - Competition Entry Opens: July 13th. Registration closes: August 23rd. Splashdown Awards Dinner: September 15th.

[Oktoberfest in October](#) – Hosted by the Suncoast Barley Mashers. Limited to German beers, capped at 200 entries. Entry open until October 5th. Judging/Awards: October 20th.

[Walk the Line With Barleywine](#) - Hosted by Dunedin Brewers Guild. Entry deadline November 23. Competition Date: December 1. Only seven categories, and many are styles you'd start brewing NOW.

Help judge or steward: Contact SAAZ Competition Coordinator Chris Jojola at 1stvp@saaz.org if you can help judge or steward at any of the out of town competitions. Chris will help coordinate car pools.

Reimbursement reminder: If you would like reimbursement for your first two competition entries in a Florida Circuit competition or one NHC entry (you must be a paid member, SAAZ must be listed as your homebrew club for your entries, and reimbursement must be requested within 90 days), contact SAAZ Treasurer Anne Gregg (Treasurer@saaz.org).

Love competing? If you would like to expand beyond Florida and enter some competitions in other areas, check out the BJCP sanctioned competitions [schedule](#) at BJCP.org.

Final BUBR Donation Results



Once the full financial accounting was complete on this year's Bottoms Up Beer Run, SAAZ was able to make a \$6000 donation to St. Baldrick's Foundation to support of pediatric cancer research. SAAZ Prez Brian Cavins also collected \$810 in donations for his head shave, bringing the total contribution to \$6810. This brings the total to **over \$25,000 since 2013**, which would not be possible without an excellent event coordinator (Thanks, Anne!), our sponsors, volunteers, runners, walkers and strollers. THANKS, ALL!

Annual Bus Trip 2018... Awesome Fun!

A few pics from the June 30th bus trip to some of the Orlando area breweries... Hourglass Brewing, Red Cypress Brewing, Bowigan's Brewing, Ellipses Brewing, and Ten 10 Brewing. We drank, we ate, we bought beer to bring home, we played cornhole, and we even sang on the bus (though none of us should quit our day jobs for a singing career). See our [Facebook SAAZ Members](#) page for more photos taken by our members (which will eventually make their way to our [SmugMug](#) gallery).



BEER, and MORE BEER!



Here, try this one...



No way this bus is going to fit through there!



How long 'til we get to do this again???

SAAZ is Now on Twitter!

SAAZ has joined the Twittersphere as [@SAAZ_HomeBrew](https://twitter.com/SAAZ_HomeBrew). We are now boldly going where millions have gone before us.



Nope, we didn't forge the path in this area, but it's time we joined the party. If you have a Twitter account, please follow us. Ask your friends in other homebrew clubs to follow us too! We hope to be going strong with this by the time Commander SAAZ weekend rolls around so we can have some fun with [#CmdrSAAZ2018](https://twitter.com/hashtag/CmdrSAAZ2018)



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