



SAAZ BREWZletter

August 2018

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President's Blowoff

Hi, Brewers -

Well its finally here. The Commander SAAZ window is open and we have received 385 entries so far! Everything is now focused on CSAAZ.

At our member meeting we will be going over judging and stewarding standards as well as actively recruiting judges, stewards and volunteers. We need every club member to help when they can to make this a very successful and fun event.

I have put out event invites for all the CSAAZ activities please review and RSVP so we know who to expect.

Also, get your entries in! The commander has authorized 4 entries per brewer from our club! Take advantage to try and win a sweet new medal!

We also have another cool event on the horizon, the Rocky Water Brewfest on October 20th in downtown Eau Gallie. We will be having an unprecedented lineup at this festival! So get brewing if you wish to showcase a beer!

Thank you all for everything you are doing and the things you will help us do in the coming month!

Cheers!

Brian

Next Meeting

Sunday, August 19 @ 2PM



**652 W. Eau Gallie Blvd
Melbourne, FL 32935**

- **EDUCATIONAL SESSION: "Beer Competition Judging and Stewarding, Tips & Standards"** If you enter beers into competition, plan to steward or judge, or would like to learn more about any of these, this session is for you!
- **MEET & GREET 2:00-2:30 MEETING BEGINS @ 2:30**
- **Bring your homebrew** and solicit feedback from other brewers to help you improve. Get opinions regarding which categories you should submit them to for competition. Please do not bring commercial beers for sharing.
- Let's 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), and move any loud conversations away from the area where the educational session is taking place. Thanks in advance!
- Bring cash/check and buy your Commander's Call and Splashdown tickets

Officer Meeting Highlights

July

- Discussed planning details for upcoming events, including educational topics at meetings later this year and Commander SAAZ weekend
- Discussed clean-up of the SAAZ.org website, including update of sponsors and sponsor levels.
- Discussed use of other social media: New Twitter account created. Invite member participation in filling in pictorial club history on the Smug Mug website.
- Worked on the Commander SAAZ 2018 commemorative beer

August

- Discussed Commander SAAZ pre-event promotional materials and event weekend details, including special trophies, dinner details, etc.
- Discussed sponsorship topics: solicitation letter being updated, sponsor list updates on website
- Made tentative plans for a new activity – Beach Bonfire, possibly on November 9th
- Set dates for 2019 parties/events that require booking venues well in advance

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

What are your ideas for Intra-Club challenges next year?

SAAZ Stars

Congrats to our First Coast Cup winners!

Sean McCoy & Bob Bridges – “Rocky Racocon”
1st in Alternative Fermentables Beer

Chris Jojola – “Hilltop Premium Pils”
3rd in International/Czech Lagers

Bob Bridges – “Mildly Dark”
2nd in Brown British Ale

Chris Jojola – “Devils’s 4-Way”
3rd in American Strong Ale

Sean McCoy – “Two Inches from the Floor”
3rd in Big Wood



Upcoming Events



- August 19 - SAAZ Meeting @ Intracoastal Brewing Company
- September 14 & 15 – Commander SAAZ Weekend
- October 13 – SAAZtoberfest
- October 20 – Rocky Waters Brew Fest (let SAAZ Prez [Brian Cavins](#) know if you’d like to serve a keg of your beer at this event)

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.

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. Buy your Commander’s Call tickets and Splashdown tickets, preferably at our upcoming SAAZ meeting at Intracoastal
4. Go to Reggie.com and register your entries
5. Read the competition rules carefully
6. Finish up bottling any final brews for the competition
7. Sign up to help with the bottle sorting and judging sessions
8. Help procure raffle items and sponsorships for the event
9. Have a blast with the pre-event and Cmdr SAAZ weekend activities!

Commander SAAZ 2018 Schedule

<http://saaz.org/commander>

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| JUL 13: | Competition Registration Opened | 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 Beer Fest |
| AUG 25: | Bottle Sorting | SEP 15: | Splashdown Awards Dinner |

Want one or more of these beauties? Get your entries in! Keep in mind that your first FOUR entries for Commander SAAZ are covered! Believe it or not, it's not ALL about the medals. The competition is a good opportunity to get feedback on your beers, meads and ciders by judges outside the usual set of SAAZ members. We have a pretty solid set of qualified judges within the club, but we are usually fortunate enough to have a nice showing of judges from other clubs/guilds join in to help judge our competition.



BOOK YOUR ROOM NOW!!! When for planning your Commander SAAZ participation for the big weekend, it is most important is that you DON'T DRINK & DRIVE! The best solution is to book a room at the Radisson and make it a mini-vacation. We've got a great rate at a great hotel, so book your room now. **The deadline for booking a room at the discounted rate is August 13.** After that, you're gonna pay like a common tourist rather than the supreme being we all know you are! Our special rate also includes parking for one vehicle. You can go to Commander's Call, then walk a few yards to your room, enjoy the free-flowing kegs and bottle share at the Splashdown, then walk a few yards to your room... winner, winner, chicken dinner (or beef dinner, or shrimp dinner)! Speaking of dinner, please bring a check or cash to our upcoming meeting and buy your Commander's Call and Splashdown Dinner tickets from SAAZ Treasurer Anne Gregg. This saves the club some PayPal fees, which is very much appreciated and may even get you one free raffle ticket for Splashdown.

Other tips for Commander SAAZ 2018...

- Bring your swimsuit (this hotel has an awesome pool)!
- Heard a rumor that there just might be another social event for attendees on Saturday afternoon
- Bring some extra cash -- the raffles at the Splashdown are going to be epic!
- And, of course, bring some bottles of deliciousness for the Splashdown bottle share

Commander SAAZ Sponsorships Available

The Commander SAAZ event offers sponsorship levels for any budget. Each competition entrant will receive a printout, similar to the sponsors page on SAAZ's website. The listing follows the order of the sponsorship levels (Platinum, then Gold, etc.). Sponsoring companies get their business in front of hundreds of home brewers. Email Cmndr.SAAZ@saaz.org if you know a business who'd like to sponsor.

Commander SAAZ Needs You!

One of the largest homebrew competitions in the southeast doesn't just happen all by itself. It takes a lot of volunteer effort (but is also a ridiculous amount of fun!). We would be thrilled to have you join us as part of the launch crew, helping to make the 24th Annual Commander SAAZ Interplanetary Blastoff the best one yet. Just a few of the opportunities for you to help:

- Saturday, Aug 25 - Help sort competition entries (no experience necessary)
- Saturday/Sunday, Sep 1, 2, 8, and 9 – Early round judging (BJCP judges needed, stewards needed)
- Thursday evening, Sep 13 - Unload supplies and equipment at Radisson Resort at the Port
- Friday/Saturday, Sep 14 and 15 – Miscellaneous event setup, coordination, clean-up. Help is needed throughout the event weekend.
- Friday/Saturday, Sep 14 and 15 – Final judging (BJCP judges needed, stewards needed)
- Sunday, Sep 16, morning – Load up supplies and equipment, final clean-up

For judging and stewarding, sign up on [Reggie](#) or on the SAAZ [website](#). No experience necessary for stewards (see [Stewarding 101](#)). To help with other tasks, please contact [Chris Jojola](#) (in advance, if at all possible) and let him know when you'll be available before the event and throughout CSAAZ weekend.

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. First four entries for SAAZ members are free. Contact Anne Gregg if you were charged and would like reimbursement.

[Best Florida Beer Homebrew Competition](#) – Entry Opens: August 20. Entry Closes: September 26. Entry Delivery Deadline: September 26. Awards: October 20

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

[Walk the Line with Barleywine](#) - Hosted by Dunedin Brewers Guild. Entry deadline November 23. Competition Date: December 1. Only seven categories.

Help judge or steward: Contact SAAZ Competition Coordinator Chris Jojola at lstvp@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).

Recent Events and Activities



Bottling Commemorative Beer



UF/IFAS & Webb's Honey @ Hell'n'Blazes



Malt Educational Session



July Meeting at Village Idiot PUB



Meet-Up at Florida Beer Company

Feedback/Contact Us

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