



SAAZ BREWZletter

September/October 2018

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President's Blowoff

Hey Brewers!

What a fantastic 2018 Commander SAAZ! We had a fantastic event with over 75 attendees, over 550 entries judged and medals awarded in 41 categories. I want to take a minute to thank everyone that made this possible! Without involved club members, this huge undertaking would be impossible. So, thank you everyone for your hard work!

SAAZtoberfest is next weekend October 13th at Rotary Park in Suntree. We will be having a German beer challenge (bring three bottles or a small growler) for a chance to win a \$50 Brock's card, a German food challenge (did someone say beer cheese?) and of course fun beer themed games to play as well as beer infused bratwurst on the grill!

Also, we will have plenty of beer on tap as we finish off kegs from commanders call! So, bring your growlers! We need to kick these bad boys and get them back to our sponsors!

Rocky water Brewfest is coming up on October 20th in downtown Eau Gallie. This is a ticketed event unless you are one of the 6-8 brewers that will be working our tent. There are volunteer opportunities for the main event as well, so if interested please let us know. We will have 8 beers on draft for this event making it our biggest showing yet!

Finally coming early next month will be a social event. A nice beach bonfire where we will serve beer and take in the beauty of our beach while roasting hotdogs/s'mores/ and anything else you guys want to bring! We will have a couple donated kegs, but you can BYOB as long as it's in cans (no glass allowed). Location date and time TBD as parks and rec hasn't allowed reservations as of yet.

Thank you all again for an amazing CSAAZ!

Cheers!

Brian Cavins



Do you have photos of this year's Commander SAAZ festivities or any of our previous events? Please copy them up to the club's photo gallery on **SmugMug.com**. If you need the SAAZ account info, contact an officer. There's even a SmugMug app that makes it super easy to upload pics from your phone.

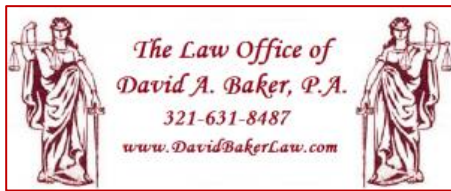
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Next Club Event

SAAZtoberfest

Saturday, October 13
12PM-5PM



[Rotary Park Suntree](#) (map)

6495 US-1, Melbourne

SAAZtoberfest is **FREE** to paid members (those with 2018 SAAZ dues paid) and family living in the same household. Other family, guests and friends of the club are \$5 per person for anyone over 21.

- **FOOD** – We'll provide beer brats and we're counting on you to bring some delicious potluck dishes to make it an awesome party.
- **INTRA-CLUB CHALLENGE – German Beers**
A \$50 Gift Card from Brock's Homebrew Supply is at stake here, as well as the awe and admiration of your fellow brewers.
- **GERMAN FOOD CHALLENGE** – Didn't brew a German beer? There's still a chance that you can go home with gift card and a smile. Make your potluck something Oktoberfest-ish for this competition.
- **RAFFLE** – The ever-popular SAAZ raffle is back this month and you'll have chances to score some great stuff.

Upcoming Events



- Saturday, October 13 – SAAZtoberfest
- Saturday, October 20 – [Rocky Waters Brew Fest](#)
Proceeds benefit the Eau Gallie Rotary. Limited tickets, buy 'em now!
- Wednesday, November 7 – Casual after-work social gathering at the Broken Barrel Tavern in Palm Bay, prior to the SAAZ officers meeting.
- Friday, November 9 – Beach Bonfire, location TBA
- Sunday, November 18 – General Meeting, Dirty Oar Beer 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.

Officer Meeting Highlights

- Paul Sorice (PUBGuild) took SAAZ entries over to Best Florida Beer Competition for us.
- November beach bonfire still on, but location and time still TBD, as permitting/reservations have not opened up yet for the year.
- New casual social event for November prior to the Officers Meeting at club Platinum Sponsor, Broken Barrel Tavern in Palm Bay.
- Commander SAAZ weekend debrief
 - 2019 venue still TBD – Need to compare terms, prices and venue suitability.
 - Will create a post-event survey and send to all attendees and volunteers.
 - Bottle sorting, entry storage and pace of judging went well. Unlike previous years, had plenty of judges this year, but far too few stewards. Need to highly promote stewarding among members and friends of the club since this requires no previous experience and can be quickly learned.
 - Excellent support from out-of-town judges. We need to reciprocate when other clubs have competitions. Plan is to put more emphasis on training new judges within the club over the next year. We have some advanced judges who can help with this.
 - Received lots of good feedback regarding the event being fun. Twitter wall seemed to be enjoyed. After an initial glitch, live stream worked well and we were able to quickly post the new link to multiple locations.
 - Some repeat award recipients did not appreciate having to stop for a photo each time they went up to receive a medal. Also, those accepting on behalf of others did not always want photos. Make this optional next year.
 - More key volunteer positions need to be defined and filled well in advance of next year's event, and entire club needs to be involved. Had some great volunteers this year, but too few of them which left a lot of work for the small core group. Still lots of fun and great camaraderie, but exhausting!
 - A more detailed timeline and more detailed checklists next year should make things easier and more relaxed for volunteers.

Remaining 2018 Intra-Club Challenges



- Cooking with Beer! - Best beer infused dish- Nov 18th@ Dirty Oar
- Mead @ TBD
- What are your ideas for Intra-Club challenges next year?

Win a \$50 gift card to Brocks Homebrew Supply!

SAAZ Stars



Here are the local Commander SAAZ winners from SAAZ
(3rd Place Heavy Medal Club!)



Lynn Seelos	Gold	Czech Lager	"Czech it Out! Light Czech Lager"
Bob Bridges	Bronze	Amber Malty European Lager	"Rock the Bock"
Brian Cavins	Gold	Amber Bitter European Beer	"Inagadavienna Baby!"
Chris Baum	Gold	Dark European Lager	"Bodunkeldunk"
Eric Essenwein Co-Brewer: Tyler Dutton	Gold	German Wheat Beer	"Luna"
Laurie Bridges	Silver	British Bitter	"Chuffed"
Chris Jojola	Bronze	Brown British Beer	"Moose Knuckle Brown"
Chris Jojola	Gold	Scottish Ale	"Hilltop 80 Shilling"
Sean McCoy	Silver	Irish Beer	"DB Stout"
Sean McCoy	Bronze	Irish Beer	"Irish I Had Learnt How to Red"
Chris Baum	Gold	Strong British Ale	"You Otter Know"
Chris Jojola	Gold	Amber & Brown American Beer	"Brownout"
Eric Essenwein Co-Brewer: Tyler Dutton	Silver	IPA	"Crusher"
Lynn Seelos	Silver	Strong American Ale	"Hop Lips Double IPA"
Eric Essenwein Co-Brewer: Tyler Dutton	Bronze	Strong Belgian Ale	"Wait for it"
Eric Essenwein Co-Brewer: Tyler Dutton Co-Brewer: Eric Pascual	Silver	Specialty Beer	"Pilsner? I Hardly Know Her!"
Chris Jojola	Bronze	Specialty Beer	"WTF is this supposed to be?"
Laurie Giovelli	Silver	Specialty Cider and Perry	"A Pear of Bird Dogs"
Chris Jojola	Gold	Rocket Fuel (sponsored by Orange Blossom Brewing)	"Devil's 4 Way"
John Baldwin - Best of Show Steward			
Brian Cavins - Best of Show Local Judge			
Shelli Cavins - Best of Show Staff			
Hell 'n' Blazes "Poppin Pils" - Commander's Call People's Choice Beer			

View the full 2018 Commander SAAZ results [HERE](#)



Re-watch the Awards Presentations [HERE](#)



Upcoming Competitions

Visit the websites for full details

[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 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).

24th Annual Commander SAAZ Interplanetary Blastoff



We can't possibly do an adequate job of capturing everything about the competition and event weekend, but here's a brief summary.

- We sorted and judged over 550 competition entries over three weekends (that's almost 1700 bottles of homebrew!) This wouldn't have been possible without participation from our members and the help of our friends from other brew clubs. Medals were awarded in 41 categories.
- We hosted three events on Commander SAAZ weekend, the traditional Commander's Call Beer Fest that included a People's Choice keg competition with a lineup of fantastic brews from some of our local breweries, the (new this year) Re-Entry Social & Trivia event at Florida Beer Company, and the Splashdown Dinner and Awards Ceremony.
- We played up the space theme this year by providing a space backdrop and props for photos and promoting the NASA Selfie App, as well as including some themed décor and effects at the Splashdown dinner. We also projected a tweet wall during the Splashdown and invited everyone to tweet their photos, witty (?) comments and congratulations.

View photos from competition prep to awards, and everything in between!
<https://saaz.smugmug.com/Commander-SAAZ/2018-Commander-SAAZ/>

We're already starting to plan the 25th Annual for 2019 (date TBD, but likely to be held around mid-September again). It will be bigger and better, and a weekend that you won't want to miss! Pssst! We're also going to need your help to pull this off, so watch for announcements about how you can be part of the planning and execution of this SILVER ANNIVERSARY of SAAZ's signature competition event!



A HUGE THANK YOU TO OUR SORTERS, JUDGES, STEWARDS, AND OTHER VOLUNTEERS!!!



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