



SAAZ BREWZletter

November 2018

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President's Blowoff

Brewers,

It has been one heck of a year and we are in the final weeks of 2018. We have some fun activities coming up, including our member meeting and Cooking with beer Challenge at Dirty Oar Beer Co. this Sunday at 2pm.

Our Holiday/Christmas party will once again be at Dave Webb's house on Saturday Dec 15, starting at 4pm and we are going to "Party Until the cows come home...and there ain't no cows 'round here so it'll be a pretty long damn time." (Webbism) Please bring a holiday side to share, and a nice bottle/bomber or Homebrew item valued between \$15-20 for our non-color discriminate elephant gift exchange. We will have the jockey box flowing so bring a keg if you wish, and we will have leftover mead and cider to go through for our "meading" plus a live mead demo by Webb himself.

Also, at the Christmas party, will be officer elections for the 2019 officer board of SAAZ. We will start collecting nominations at the November meeting and final call will be the week prior to the Christmas party to be on the ballot. This is a great opportunity to become more active in the club, build great friendships, and increase your brewing knowledge while having a ton of fun! An email ballot will be sent with the December newsletter in case you have to vote absentee.

On a personal note, I would like to thank everyone for a great year, SAAZ placed higher in the Florida circuit than years previous (7th), we have pulled off some excellent events (club parties, record setting BUBR, and Rocky Water Brewfest), and had a memorable Commander SAAZ weekend. I couldn't be prouder to be President of an organization that has the most dedicated officers and amazing members that make each gathering a really great experience. I look forward to 2019 and our 25th anniversary of Commander SAAZ! Great things to come!

Brian Cavins
President- SAAZ Homebrewing Club
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Do you have photos of any of our SAAZ events or activities? Whether recent or historic, 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.

Next Meeting

Sunday, November 18 @ 2PM



**329 W. King Street
Cocoa, FL 32922**



- **EDUCATIONAL SESSION: “Yeast Re-Use”**
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!
- **MEET & GREET 2:00-2:30 MEETING BEGINS @ 2:30**
- **COOKING WITH BEER COMPETITION!** Bring a dish made with beer or beer ingredients (spent grain, yeast, hops) to tantalize the taste buds! We’ll have a prize for a SAVORY entry and a prize for a SWEET entry. If your favorite pot luck dish doesn’t involve beer, that’s OK... bring it anyhow and vote for the competition entries.
- **BRING YOUR HOMEBREW** and solicit feedback from other brewers to help you improve. Not a commercial beer share!
- **NOMINATIONS!** Submit nominations for the 2019 officer positions.

Officer Meeting Highlights

- Christmas Party Details – Location, time, activities
- December Elections for 2019 officers – Nominations, absentee proxies, voting
- Time to start collecting club dues for 2019 – Drawing for a nice prize at January meeting for everyone who has paid up for the year
- Plan for improved discussion options for between meeting planning by officers
- Meeting locations penciled in for 2019 but may be changed by new officers
- Will try to establish communication forum with other Florida homebrew clubs/guilds regarding the Florida Circuit competition and rules
- Commander SAAZ 2019 early discussion – Location advantages/disadvantages, assemble committee after officer elections, more volunteers needed this next year (25th Annual)

Upcoming Events



- November 18 - SAAZ Meeting @ Dirty Oar Beer Company (Cocoa)
- December 15 – SAAZ Christmas Party/ Meading @ Dave Webb’s (PSJ)
- January 20 – SAAZ Meeting @ Coasters Pub & Biergarten (Melbourne)

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.

SAAZ Stars

Congrats to our Best Florida Beer 2018 Homebrew Competition Winner!

Sean Gregg

1st in Category 1: Standard American Beer (American Lager)

Congrats to our “Oktoberfest in October” Winners

Sean McCoy

2nd in Category 4: Pale Malty European Lager (Festbier)

Chris Baum

2nd in Category 8: Dark European Lager (Munich Dunkel)

Chris Baum

2nd in Category 9: Strong European Beer (Doppelbock)



*** SAAZ wins 3rd Place Heavy Medal Club! ***

That’s not what the Reggie results say right now, but we’re working to get it corrected.

Congrats to our SAAZtoberfest winners!

Bob Bridges – German Beer Challenge (Festbier)

Rudi Wehmschulte – German Side Dish Challenge (Gurkensalat)

Christmas Party/Meading

Saturday, December 15th @ 4PM
SAVE THE DATE!

We’ll be gathering at Dave Webb’s home in Port St. John for an afternoon and evening of food, fun, and friends. Start planning your delicious potluck dish and seek out THE white elephant gift that everyone will want to steal. Kegs of awesome homebrew are appreciated, of course... please let an officer know if we can count on you for a keg.

This not-to-be-missed event of merriment and meading is free to all 2018 paid up SAAZ members. \$5 for each additional family member or friend of the club.

More details next month!



- Main meat dishes will be provided
- Bring an awesome side dish or dessert
- Bring a \$15-\$20 wrapped gift for the Exchange (and exchange... and exchange...)
- Mead education, mead making demo, mead tasting
- Officer elections
- Beer on tap
- Bottle share

SAAZ Officer Elections

As 2018 heads towards a close, we need to look to another election. Fortunately, this one won't involve hours of TV time pointing out all the flaws of the (other) candidates. All our candidates will be SAAZ members, which automatically means they're awesome! See the officer list at the bottom of this newsletter to see the positions available and consider which one you can take on this next year. "Many hands make light work" and so we're going to solicit a lot more help from all our members this year in the form of project committees to make the officers' duties a bit easier, leaving time for more fun... and brewing, of course. Send officer nominations, including self-nominations to President@saaz.org. Nominations can also be submitted at the November SAAZ meeting on the 18th. Next month, you'll receive an email ballot that you can send in if you don't plan to attend the December Christmas Party/Meading (meading, not meeting...it's spelled that way on purpose, honey!).



Sponsor Deals and Discounts



SAAZ sponsor Spike Brewing has created a special **15% discount code** for our club to use on kettles purchased this week. Details provided by Spike: "We're offering an exclusive 15% discount off our standard and Spike+ kettles (no custom kettles at this time). This offer is valid for anyone in your club. Simply use promo code SAAZ111618 to take advantage of these exclusive savings. Don't wait too long though, this offer is only good this week and will end this **Friday, 11/16/18**, at 11:59pm." <https://spikebrewing.com/>

SAAZ sponsor Webb's Honey is offering \$10 off gallons of honey to SAAZ members: Orange and Tupelo/Blackberry and Holly (regularly \$55, SAAZ member price \$45) and Wildflower (normally \$45, SAAZ member price \$35). This deal even comes with delivery to an upcoming SAAZ meeting/event if you make arrangements with Dave Webb ahead of time... you bring cash and he brings your honey (OK, there's something weird about that arrangement, but that's between you, Dave and your honey). <http://www.webbshoney.com/>



Upcoming Competitions

Visit the websites for full details

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

[Big Bend Brew-Off](#) – Hosted by North Florida Brewers League, Tallahassee. Entry opens December 1 and closes January 4. Beer only, no meads or ciders.

[National Homebrew Competition](#) – Hosted by AHA. Registration January 22 (10 AM MST) to January 29 (3PM MST).

Help judge or steward: Contact SAAZ Competition Coordinator Chris Jojola at 1stvp@saaaz.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@saaaz.org).

Recent Events and Activities

SAAZtoberfest @ Rotary Park – Suntree (October 13, 2018)





Rocky Water Brew Fest @ Eau Gallie Square (October 20,2018)



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