



SAAZ BREWZletter

December 2018

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President's Blowoff

Hi Brewers,

2018 has come to a close and as the saying goes "part of every adventure is the ending." And as the sun sets on my presidency with SAAZ, I'm reminded of an awesome year. A year filled with brewing, partying, charity, friendship, and a bit of healthy competition. All these things we've done...the memories we've shared...couldn't be possible without the fantastic members that make SAAZ great.

I would like to thank our 2018 officer board especially. These guys and gals put in an extraordinary amount of work to make sure the club ran smoothly and that we hit all of our goals! I would also like to thank all our member volunteers, that have given their time and talents to help us pull off some of the best events in recent club history.

So, as we ready for elections at our Christmas party, and the dawn shines on a newly assembled board, let's enter 2019 with that same spark and energy that has carried us thus far, always onward and upward!

Cheers!

Brian Cavins
President- SAAZ Homebrewing Club
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2019 Officer Elections



If you are currently a paid member of SAAZ, you should have received a ballot by email. All except one officer position has a member running and all have accepted their nomination.

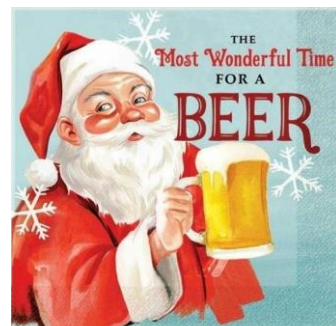
The official election takes place at the "SAAZ Christmas Party and Meading" at Dave Webb's home in Port St. John, on Saturday, December 15. Your options to vote are to do so in person at the event (the election will take place early in the event, so be on time if you wish to vote), or to email your ballot to president@saaz.org by 4:00PM on Saturday, December 15. If you have any questions about the election you may also direct those to president@saaz.org.

Next Event

“Christmas Party & Meading”

Saturday, December 15 – 4:00PM until late

Get a sitter, 'cause it's a SAAZ adults night out with eating, drinking, and holiday merriment (designated driver or alternate transportation arrangements highly recommended!). The annual holiday shindig will take place at Dave Webb's home in Port St. John. We don't publish Dave's address since the newsletter is posted on our public web site, so please email president@saaz.org for the address if you don't have it.



HIGHLIGHTS:

- Elections for the 2019 Officers will take place towards the beginning of this “meading.”
- Food: Turkey and pork will be provided. Bring a ridiculously delicious side dish or dessert.
- Drink: Bring home brew, mead and/or cider, and interesting bottles you'd like to share. The leftover mead entries from the Commander SAAZ competition will be on hand as well, so there will be no shortage of liquid holiday joy.
- We'll have mead making tips from our honey expert extraordinaire, Mr. Dave Webb himself, of Webb's Honey.
- And finally, if you'd like to participate in the Secret Santa Exchange, bring a wrapped gift valued at \$25 (special beer, beer/brewing related item, or ?). Hmm... what's more fun, opening a new package for the surprise value or “stealing” from someone else? 😊

SAAZ PAID members attend this party for free, and other adults in the same household may attend for \$5 each. "Friends of the club" (anyone without paid memberships) may attend for \$5 each.

Next Meeting

Sunday, January 20 @ 2PM



- **EDUCATIONAL SESSION: TBA**
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**
- **BRING YOUR HOMEBREW** and solicit feedback from other brewers to help you improve. Sorry, but not a commercial beer share!

Coasters Pub & Biergarten

971 E Eau Gallie Blvd A, Melbourne, FL 32937, USA

2019 Club Dues – Pay Now and Get a Chance to Win!

Please pay your 2019 club dues by the January meeting, either online or in person. There will be a special drawing for a nice prize at January meeting for everyone who has paid up for the year. This drawing will include our lifetime members. The Family Lifetime Membership option is new. Current Lifetime Members can upgrade to a Family Lifetime Membership for \$100.

- Single Annual Membership - \$20
 - Family Annual Membership - \$30 (two adults, same household, non-transferable)
 - Single Lifetime Membership - \$150
 - Family Lifetime Membership - \$250 (two adults, same household, non-transferable)
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Officer Meeting Highlights

- May want to relocate Summer Party (currently tentative for May 25th). Original planned location was Pelican Beach Park, but rental fee has doubled to \$400 and so we are shopping for better options. Members are encouraged to offer up options/suggestions for a location.
 - Spring Party and SAAZtoberfest locations confirmed
 - Election
 - Reach out to people this week to firm up candidates (already in place for Prez, VP).
 - SAAZ Ambassador as a position (project chair or officer)? Have this position take care of swag and sponsorships and maintaining relationship with local breweries.
 - Competition Coordinator needed to pass timely information to brewers, including notice of upcoming comps, when to brew what style for an upcoming comp, coordinate railroads and shipping of entries (project chair or officer position?).
 - Change of officer positions require by-laws change, which will need to be voted upon at January meeting with notice to members.
 - Change name of Newsletter Editor to Communications Officer since it includes webmaster duties and can encompass social media duties – Requires bylaws edit.
 - Email election ballots to all paid members. Deadline for emailing completed ballot is 4PM on December 15. Live balloting will occur at Christmas party.
 - External competitions - Need to coordinate better with other clubs for railroad and try to work with them to establish consistent rules for circuit comps.
 - SAAZ lifetime family membership requested by some current members.
 - Need to establish and advertise more well-defined conditions.
 - Named members in the same household, non-transferable
 - Bonfire – New tentative date is February 8th
 - Review meeting schedule and locations to optimize venue usage – i.e., outside venues in cooler months, inside air-conditioned locations in hotter months
 - Binders being created for officer positions to preserve “corporate knowledge”
 - January transitional officer mtg scheduled
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Upcoming Events



- December 15 – SAAZ Christmas Party/ Meading @ Dave Webb's (PSJ)
- January 20 – SAAZ Meeting @ Coasters Pub & Biergarten (Melbourne)
- February 8 – Beach Bonfire (tentative)
- February 17 – SAAZ Meeting (location TBA)

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 “Walk the Line on Barleywine” Competition Winner!

Chris Baum (C-Bo)

2nd (Silver) in Strong British Ale (English Barleywine)



And, the winners of the November “Cooking with Beer” Challenge were...

Bonnie & Ed Worme, for BOTH the “Sweet” and the “Savory categories!”

Upcoming Competitions

Visit the websites for full details

[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. *(Not a Florida Circuit competition)*

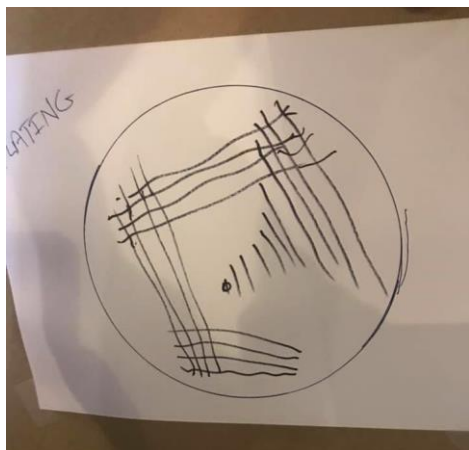
[National Homebrew Competition](#) – Hosted by AHA. Registration Jan 22 (10AM MST) to 29 (3PM MST).

[21st Domras Cup Mead Competition](#) – Hosted by Savannah Brewers League (not local, but a very established competition). Entry registration open until January 19, but limited to 200 entries. They have 182 entries as of this newsletter mailing. *(Not a Florida Circuit competition)*

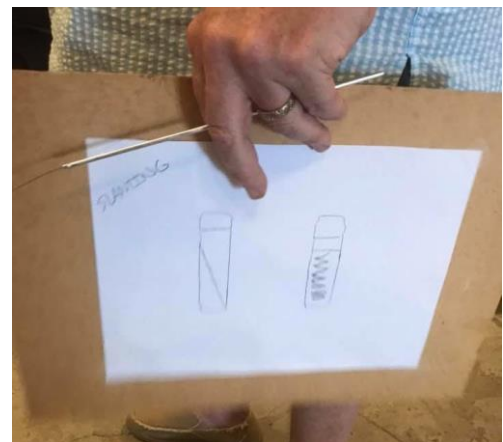
Reimbursement reminder: If you would like reimbursement for your first two competition entries in a Florida Circuit competition or one NHC entry (you must be a paid member, SAAZ must be listed as your homebrew club for your entries, and reimbursement must be requested within 90 days), contact SAAZ Treasurer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

Recent Events and Activities

November SAAZ Meeting (“Cooking with Beer” Competition & “Yeast Re-Use” Education)



Hey,
Professor,
will this be
on the
exam?



By-Laws Change Notice

We will be voting on the following By-Laws changes at the January 2019 meeting. Some updates to the wording may occur at the January Officers meeting, but members will have two weeks' notice prior to the meeting to review the final wording.

Creating an officer position for Sponsorship and Swag referred to as SAAZ Ambassador. Duties include:

- Maintaining club sponsorship records and requests
- Communicating with event and club sponsors
- Coordinating sponsors for club swag/ raffles
- Coordinating with officer board for event sponsorship and raffles
- Maintaining inventory of club swag and raffle items

Changing the name of the office of “Webmaster” to “Communication Director” to encompass all social media and communication related activities including:

- Maintaining Facebook Events and calendar
- Maintaining Club web pages and social media accounts as relevant and up to date
- Maintaining SAAZ MOZEO texting service

Officially changing the name of the “Librarian” to club “Historian.” Duties Include:

- Keeping and maintaining periodicals and books hereby known as the “library”
- Maintaining club records and archives from past events (photos, articles, and past years information)
- Maintaining an inventory of club equipment and goods (storage unit)
- Default chairperson for the education committee
- Education coordinator or presenter at club meetings
- Coordinator for club documentation of events (photographers etc.)

Feedback/Contact Us

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