



SAAZ BREWZletter

November 2019

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Words from the Prez

Greetings to all SAAZers,

Things have settled down a bit after Commander SAAZ and we had quite an enjoyable SAAZtober Fest last month and only wish more of you could have come out for all the good food, beer and merry making. As a reminder, we have board elections coming up at the December meeting, which is the Christmas Party/Meading/Bonfire/Campout. This will be at Webb's Honey, and one of the first things we will be doing is the election. Nominations are currently open for all positions. Ballots will be made available online for snail mail and email about two weeks before the December meeting.

At the November meeting I will looking for 10 volunteers to participate in a yeast farming project. It will be easy on the gathering and then I will create plates of the gathered material to see if we can isolate any yeast from our area.

We have a lot of members and it would be nice to see more of you at our events, so get the November meeting (next Sunday at Broken Barrel) and the Christmas party on your calendar. We also have a couple of casual socials coming up; a gathering at Bugnutty Brewing's new location, and a holiday pub crawl in (still in the planning stages). Marie Anne has created event pages on Facebook most of the social events (the pub crawl will be added when more details are ready).

Hoping that many of you are brewing or seeking info about getting started. We have had a number of new members join to learn more about our craft, so come to a meeting and let us help you with mentoring, etc. If you are competing, it is time to start your brew calendar for the 2020 comps. Using a calendar helps you prepare and have beers at the correct age when it comes time to submit them.

Hope to see all of you at Broken Barrel for the meeting. Bring your home brews to share.

Sláinte!

Bob Bridges

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SAAZ Bylaw Modification Vote Notice

An upcoming vote on bylaw revisions was announced in the October 2019 newsletter and a link to the proposed updated SAAZ Bylaws and summary of changes was recently emailed to SAAZ members and posted on the SAAZ.com website. The vote will take place at the upcoming November meeting.

Upcoming SAAZ Events



- **November 16** – Woof, Wag and Wiggle (*Charity Event*)
- **November 17** – SAAZ General Meeting @ The Broken Barrel Tavern
- **November 21** – Pre-Thanksgiving Social @ new Bugnuttu Brewing location
- **December 7** – SAAZ Reindeer Pub Crawl in Downtown Melbourne
- **December 14 to 15** – Christmas Party/Camp Out (14th PM) / Brunch (15th AM)

OTHER BREW / BEER EVENTS: Also check the event page off the **SAAZ Members** Facebook page titled [Brew Events Around Us](#) for some beer-centric events in our area and across central Florida. Ignore the main date on this (it's just there to make Facebook happy) and look at the individual events. Say that you're "Going" to the main event so that new events added will show up in your Facebook news feed.

GOOGLE CALENDAR: 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 to enable viewing of the SAAZ calendar along with yours.

TEXT ALERT SYSTEM: Sign up for text messages in case of last minute SAAZ event cancellations or emergency change of venue by texting **SAAZ** to **24587**.

Outside Events with SAAZ Participation

Leash up your favorite well-behaved dog by and stop by [Woof, Wag & Wiggle 2019](#) on Saturday, November 15th. This charity event in Wickham Park benefits Coastal Boxer Rescue. SAAZers Billy Dawson and Sean McCoy will be pouring some great beers donated by SAAZ members.



November General Meeting

SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 17
2:00 PM Meet & Greet, 2:30 PM Meeting Begins
The Broken Barrel Tavern, 4700 Babcock St NE, Palm Bay



Educational Topic: SAAZ Brevard County Wild Yeast Project

Other Topics: Commander SAAZ recap, vote on SAAZ By-Law clarifications/changes, discuss the SAAZ Christmas Party / Camp Out at Dave Webb's Honey House and, of course, taste and provide feedback on each other's brews!

BYO non-disposable taster cup and your home brews for tasting. Not a commercial beer share... let's buy some brews and support our SAAZ sponsor! Please be respectful of our presenters by ordering beer & food and participating in home tasting during our pre-meeting social time and after the meeting. Stay for dinner and chow down on some of the best wings in the county!

Pre-Thanksgiving Casual Social

THURSDAY, NOVEMBER 21 @ 6PM
Bugnutty Brewing Company, 225 King St Unit B, Cocoa Village



One of our local breweries has a new location, so let's go check it out! We're going to do one of our casual weeknight socials, hang out and drink some beer at [Bugnutty Brewing Company](#)'s new location in Cocoa Village. No agenda... just come and have a beer, chat and relax.

2019 SAAZ Christmas Party, Meading & Camp Out

SATURDAY, DECEMBER 14th to SUNDAY, DECEMBER 15th
Dave Webb's Honey House - 21777 SR-520, Orlando

Event Coordinator Marie-Anne Barcomb wants to try something different this year. We are going to have our Christmas mead party at the Webb Honey House!



Bring your camping gear and a campsite friendly side dish. (Remember we will be outside with no power outlets readily available). There will be a fire pit for roasting. If camping is not your style, no worries... all can enjoy! Just don't forget to bring a chair, because no one over 7 years of age likes to sit on the ground. As always, bottle shares are welcome. We will not have a raffle for this party, but we will do a gift exchange. If you want to participate, bring a beer gift of a \$20 value.

For those camping, there will be a casserole brunch on Sunday morning with mimosas and Bloody Marys. Marie-Anne would like an RSVP for the brunch, which you can do by emailing her or clicking on the brunch poll on the [Facebook event page](#) (also let her know how many are coming from your household).

SAAZ Reindeer Pub Crawl



Watch for more details soon on Facebook and email, but **SAVE THE DATE (Saturday, December 7th)** for a SAAZ downtown Melbourne "Reindeer Pub Crawl." We know you're going to want a break from all that decorating, wrapping and baking, and what better way to do it than to join other SAAZers as they traipse merrily through downtown Melbourne, decked out in holiday wear and sipping on Christmas spirits! Antlers, elf costumes and pink bunny pajamas welcome!

Upcoming Competitions

- [Dunedin Brewer's Guild Walk the Line with Barleywine](#) – Dunedin (Entry deadline: Nov 22)
 - Delivery window ends: November 22
 - Competition date: November 30
 - Limited categories – See website
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Recent Competition Winners from SAAZ



Congratulations to SAAZ member **Ryan Robinson** who added to his medal collection by winning the following awards at the recent **2019 Best Florida Beer Competition**:

GOLD - Smoked Beer (Co-Brewer, Rex Robinson)

GOLD – Spiced/Experimental Mead

Nomination & Election of 2020 SAAZ Officers

Per to the current bylaws, **the election is held at the December meeting** (usually the Christmas Party, which is why we hope to change this in the bylaws for next year). **Nominations are now open.** Submit in person at the Nov meeting or via email to secretary@saaz.org AND president@saaz.org (copy both). You may nominate someone else with their permission or self-nominate.

We are looking to fill a number of the positions. Some of the current officers have personal commitments that are requiring them to step down for the next year and others have already served multiple terms in their current position, so we're eager to have some enthusiastic members take an interest in joining the group that will lead the club over the next year. Don't be shy... it's a team effort and we'll help transition any new board members. Board members are expected to attend monthly board meetings (which always include food and beer, of course) and to attend most SAAZ activities, though we understand that everyone can't always make them all.

Read through the board position descriptions and responsibilities in the current bylaws and in the new proposed bylaws (that way, you're prepared whether the changes are ratified or not). Also feel free to talk with current board members to get a feel for what's involved. We'll be electing the following positions: President, Vice President (who also serves as CSAAZ Event Coordinator), Events Coordinator, Secretary/Membership Coordinator, Treasurer, Communications Coordinator (website/newsletter/social media/promotion), Education Coordinator/Historian, SAAZ Ambassador (sponsorship relations/donations). Remember that you don't need to do everything related to a position all by yourself... forming committees and delegation is both allowed and encouraged!

Homebrew Con 2020: June 18-20 in Nashville

If you enjoy learning and improving your brewing and sensory skills, and you enjoy talking with other brewers at SAAZ meetings and activities, imagine how awesome it would be to expand that experience to swapping stories with 2500 home brewers and soaking up information from a dozen educational tracks!



Next year's [Homebrew Con](#) is taking place in Nashville, Tennessee, June 18-20. Some SAAZ members are considering attending this next year, especially since MCO-BNA flights can be pretty reasonable (could even be a road trip for those with a little more time to spare and the desire to explore some sites and brews along the way). Next year's agenda isn't published yet (they're currently [taking seminar proposals](#)) but the 2019 event boasted 70 educational sessions, a homebrew expo, Club night, and optional pre-conference workshops. If the possibility of attending Homebrew Con 2020 sounds intriguing to you, let the new Board know after the holidays and maybe we can coordinate a fun, informative and memorable SAAZ "field trip."

Recent Activities

SAAZ Participation at the 2019 Rocky Water Brew Fest (*where “water” was the key word!*)



Feedback/Contact Us

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