



# SAAZ BREWZletter

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## Words from the Prez

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Well, if you attended the summer party what a blast! Lots of work went into making that one great event. Thanks to all who helped, and a special huge thanks to our hosts Bonnie and Ed Worme for opening their home to us and providing a great venue. If you didn't have fun, well hmmm.

We have been bringing some medals home, so I would encourage you to brew and use the two free entries SAAZ provides for Florida Circuit comps. Sean keeps us updated on upcoming competitions, so check them out. I would really encourage everyone to start making those meads, ciders and beers for CSAAZ. You get four entry fees covered for that one, so let's try to bring home our own bacon.

CSAAZ is just a couple months off and we really need everyone to step up to the plate and help out. Even if you aren't brewing right now, you can steward for the comp, help with planning and execution of Commander's Call and the Splashdown Dinner/Awards, or any of the areas we need to cover. Also remember to book your rooms so we can make the room night minimum that we need.

Remember, this meeting will be run a little differently. Aaron has worked with Beachfly in setting up Will the brewer to give the education, and then there will be a question and answer to the board regarding projects and plans.

Keeping this short, have a great meeting!

Cheers,

Bob Bridges



President, SAAZ  
[President@saaz.org](mailto:President@saaz.org)

## Another \$5000 to St. Baldrick's!

The financials are in and SAAZ will be sending another **\$5000** to St. Baldrick's Foundation for pediatric cancer research, thanks to the run's director Anne Gregg, all our generous sponsors, the run participants and our volunteers. That brings the seven-year total to **\$30,000** donated to St. Baldrick's from this event!



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## Upcoming SAAZ Events



- **July 14** – Comm Tap Night @ BeachFly Brewing Co. (St Baldrick's fundraiser)
- **July 21** – General Meeting @ BeachFly Brewing Co. (12PM, this month only)
- **July 31** – SAAZ Casual Social @ Quarters Brewery & Arcade
- **August 10** – Multi-Brewery Bus Trip (members only)
- **August 18** – General Meeting (details TBA)
- **September 20 & 21** – 25<sup>th</sup> Annual Commander SAAZ Interplanetary Blastoff

**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.

**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](mailto: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**.

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## Beer & Bingo! Community Tap Night for St. Baldrick's Foundation

**Sunday, July 14 @ 6PM-10PM**

### BeachFly Brewing Company

1080 E Eau Gallie Blvd, Indian Harbour Beach, FL 32937

Help SAAZ and BUBR raise more money for St. Baldrick's Foundation, in support of pediatric cancer research! On **July 14th from 6-10pm** Beachfly will donate a \$1 from each pint sold to St. Baldrick's.

Join us to support SAAZ Homebrew Club/St. Baldrick's

And have a good time at BeachFly Brewing Company

1080 E Eau Gallie Blvd, Indian Harbour Beach

on July 14 2019 after 6PM for Community Tap Night

Present this ticket and \$1 of every drink\* purchased will be donated

\*excludes 1/2 Pints and Happy Hour Price



**YOU MUST SHOW  
THIS COUPON!**

**Either print it, or  
be able to pull it  
up on your phone.**

And for more fun, we will be playing BINGO! Buy cards to help us raise even more money for St. Baldrick's. We will start selling cards at 6:00 pm and start calling numbers at 6:30 pm! We'll play several games so you can join in at any time. We will also have a 50/50 Raffle and Door Prizes. \$5 per card to play. The winner(s) get awesome prizes including gift cards, BUBR pint glasses and cash. For the final game we will play a coverall Bingo for a HUGE CASH prize.

\*Cash prize amounts to be determined based on level of participation. This fundraiser 100% benefits St. Baldrick's Foundation.

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## Next Meeting

**Sunday, July 21 @ 12:00 Noon** *(note time change -- this month only)*

### BeachFly Brewing Company

1080 E Eau Gallie Blvd, Indian Harbour Beach, FL 32937

We'll be meeting at BeachFly this month and yes, the time is a couple of hours earlier than our usual meeting time. They open at 11AM, so you'll be able to grab a delicious lunch either before or after the meeting. Head brewer Will Brandt will provide us with a great educational session, and of course you can bring samples of your homebrew for tasting, peer evaluation, and suggestions for improvement (no external commercial beers). **REMINDER: Bring your own non-disposable tasting glass/cup.**

Website: [beachflybrewing.com](http://beachflybrewing.com)



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## Next SAAZ Casual Social (aka "Supporting Our Sponsors While Having Fun!")

**Wednesday, July 31 @ 6PM**

### Quarters Brewing & Arcade

903 E New Haven Ave, Melbourne, FL 32901

Quarters Brewing Company is an arcade-themed brewery located in downtown Melbourne, Florida that focuses on craft beer and vintage arcade games. They're also one of our new SAAZ sponsor, so our club members get a chance to give back while having fun!

Website: [quartersbrewing.com](http://quartersbrewing.com)



## Reserve Your Seats Now for the SAAZ Annual Brew Bus Trip!

Go to [SAAZ.org](http://SAAZ.org) now and sign up now for the Annual SAAZ Bus Trip coming up on **SATURDAY, AUGUST 10<sup>th</sup>** before all the seats are gone! Cost is **\$30 members** and **\$50 for non-members**. The extra \$20 for non-members will make them SAAZ members for the rest of the year, providing all the usual perks, so it's a great way to finally reel in that friend who's been wavering on joining. Lunch consisting of yummy sandwiches from Jimmy John's will be provided, and dinner will be "pay your own way" at Walking Tree Brewery (food truck). Feel free to bring stuff to share for the bus ride... snacks, brews, more snacks, more brews. **DEADLINE FOR PURCHASING TICKETS IS AUGUST 3<sup>rd</sup>**.

### NO BREAKABLE GLASSES ON THE BUS!

10:30am - Meet up at the Viera Walmart parking lot

11:00am – Bus leaves

Visit [Hop Life Brewing Company](#), Port St. Lucie

Visit [Sailfish Brewing Company](#), Fort Pierce

Visit [Islamorada Beer Company](#), Fort Pierce

Visit [Walking Tree Brewery](#), Vero Beach

Approximately 10:00pm - Bus arrives back at Walmart



Let's have fun but stay safe! Please have alternate transportation options available if needed upon your return... have a friend or family member pick you up, or use Lyft or Uber. If you live some distance away, remember that there are a few hotels right there at Viera.

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## Update on the 25<sup>th</sup> Annual Commander SAAZ Interplanetary Blastoff



- The rules/regulations for the new Commander SAAZ Keg Countdown Competition have been added to the online information and distributed to the other Florida clubs. It's a beer and cider competition specifically for clubs/guilds, but in true SAAZ fashion, there's a special twist... **the brew must have a space tie-in**. See the page on our website for more information. Although the SAAZ commemorative beer and any other SAAZ kegs will not be eligible to compete, that makes all of you the highly sought-after independent voters for the people's choice voting at Commander's Call.
  - Competition entry shipping and drop-off information has been added to the website. **Shipping** will be to Jimmy John's at 760 North Wickham Rd, Melbourne. **Drop-off** will be at the Iron Oak Post, 2023 Melbourne Ct, Melbourne. The shipping/drop-off deadline is Sunday, August 25<sup>th</sup>.
  - The early round judging location has also been established and posted to the website. We'll be judging at Iron Oak Post. Of course, the final judging will take place at the Hilton Cocoa Beach Oceanfront on Commander SAAZ weekend.
  - There's a form on the website for easy stewarding/judging sign-up. You can find it through the menu on the website, but the direct link to the sign-up page is [HERE](#). Your help will be needed!
  - Reminder that the room block with the special SAAZ rate is open for reservations. Don't miss snagging a room, because you'll definitely want to be part of this special anniversary event. See the [ACCOMMODATIONS](#) page on the SAAZ website.
  - If you know of a business that would like to become a sponsor of this exciting 25<sup>th</sup> anniversary event or who would like to donate raffle items, have them email [commander@SAAZ.org](mailto:commander@SAAZ.org) or send their contact info to that email address.
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## SAAZ Stars



- **Bonnie & Ed Worme** for opening their home to us and hosting a FANTASTIC and very well attended Summer Party Luau, and to the officers and members who came early to help setup, and those who lugged/set-up raffle equipment, raffle prizes, kegs and jockey boxes, and to all the great cooks who brought bowls, crock pots and instant pots of deliciousness!

### **Congratulations to our SAAZ winners at the CFHB Sunshine Challenge!**



- **Eric Essenwein**  
2nd Runner Up Best of Show  
GOLD in Strong Belgian Ale  
BRONZE in European Sour Ale (co-brewer **Tyler Dutton**)



- **Bob Bridges**  
GOLD in Dark British Beer  
GOLD in Spiced Beer



- **Sean McCoy**  
SILVER in Dark European Lager



- **Chris Jojola**  
BRONZE in Czech Lager  
BRONZE in Fruit Beer

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## Race for the Shirt

So, who will be our 2019 SAAZ Brewer of the Year?

If you were at the Summer Party Luau you saw that awesome shirt that we presented to Chris Jojola as the SAAZ 2018 Brewer of the Year. Admit it... you were just a little jealous, and you pictured yourself snagging this honor for yourself for 2019.

Well, with just a few more Florida Circuit competitions to go, here's the current point count, as of Sunshine Challenge:

Sean McCoy 15	Chris Jojola 3
Bob Bridges 11	Brian Cavins 2
Eric Essenwein 7	Sean Gregg 2

### **Eligible Competitions**

- Coconut Cup
- Hurricane Blowoff
- BFBC
- Sunshine Challenge
- Commander SAAZ
- Hogtown Brew-Off
- First Coast Cup
- NHC

There's still time to catch and maybe even pass these guys if you entered some great brews in the upcoming First Coast Cup or if you really kick it into gear for BFBC and Commander SAAZ. Remember, there's no entry limit for the Commander SAAZ competition, except per sub-category. Get brewin'!

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## Upcoming Competitions

**Visit the websites for full details, and GET BREWING!!!**

Like Commander SAAZ, the Florida Circuit competitions are multi-day events with fun activities (that include beer, of course), culminating in an awards dinner/ceremony. They're a blast to attend with other club members, so think about heading over for a day or for the entire event. Follow the links for additional competition information as well as hotel and ticket information.

- [First Coast Cup](#) – Jacksonville (Entry Closed)
    - Competition/event weekend: **July 26-27**
    - A FLORIDA CIRCUIT COMPETITION
  - [Hot 'N Humid Brew-Off](#) – Orlando (Entry Window: June 1 – August 4)
    - Delivery window: July 21 – August 4
    - Competition date: August 17
    - Limited categories – See website
  - [Dunedin Brewer's Guild Pepper Beer Competition](#) – Dunedin (Entry window ends: August 16)
    - Competition date: August 25
    - Limited categories – See website
  - [25<sup>th</sup> Annual Commander SAAZ Interplanetary Homebrew Blastoff](#) (Entry deadline: August 25)
    - A FLORIDA CIRCUIT COMPETITION
  - Oktoberfest in October – Clearwater (Entry deadline: September 13)
    - Competition date: October 6
    - Limited categories
    - No website available yet
  - [Best Florida Beer](#) – Tampa (Entry deadline: September 25)
    - Competition date: October 19
    - A FLORIDA CIRCUIT COMPETITION
  - [Walk On The Wildside](#) – Tampa (Entry deadline: October 26)
    - Competition Date: November 9
    - Limited categories
  - [Dunedin Brewer's Guild Walk the Line with Barleywine](#) – Dunedin (Entry deadline: November 22)
    - Delivery window ends: November 22
    - Competition date: November 30
    - Limited categories – See website
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## Recent Events and Activities

### June Casual Social at BeachFly Brewing



### Summer Party Luau at Bonnie & Ed Worme's Home

Here's a teeny, tiny sample, but there are waaaaay too many great pics of this party to post in here. Please go to the [SmugMug gallery for this event](#) and check out the food, fun and frivolity.





Hey, SAAZ Party People!  
Have you reserved your room for  
Commander SAAZ weekend yet?





## Recent Event Highlights

- About 30 members, possible future members and even a few former members who plan to become active again showed up at the June casual social at BeachFly Brewing to eat, drink and be merry with fellow brewers. Some of us were having such a good time that we stayed until closing (uh, actually it was past closing... sorry about that, guys). We also had a couple of reps from the Treasure Coast brew club come up with their entries for the First Coast competition so we could complete the drive for them when we took our SAAZ entries up to Jacksonville. What a great evening with a great bunch of people, and a nice way to relax and charge back up for the second half of the week!
- What can we say about the Summer Party Luau, except that it was AWESOME! Bonnie & Ed Worme are hosts extraordinaire, and the turnout, food and drink were fantastic. You two really went above and beyond. We ate, we drank, we laughed, we swam, we raffled, and we made memories. Bonnie & Ed decorated to really set the mood, and everyone got to choose a beautiful lei. Chris Jojola was FINALLY awarded his "2018 SAAZ Brewer of the Year" shirt (we'll do this in a much more timely manner next time), and the SAAZ Lifetime members in attendance were each given a lovely etched mug to commemorate their long-term commitment to the club.

### YOUR NEWSLETTER SUBMISSIONS WANTED!!!

We welcome interesting and informational newsletter articles from our members and sponsors... brewing tips, club history, reports on beer fests and homebrew conferences you've attended, new hops, your experience with a particular type of homebrew equipment or gadget, etc. Email your article in either text or Microsoft Word format to [editor@saaz.org](mailto:editor@saaz.org).

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