



SAAZ BREWZletter

December 2019

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Words from the Prez

Seasons greeting to all of you SAAZers!

We approach the end of the year and have our Christmas party and Meading coming up this Saturday. It has been a pleasure leading SAAZ through 2019. Lots of learning and understanding about how things work, and lots of great memories have been made.

Some of the highlights have been good education topics, sharing some wonderful homebrews with members (lots of great stuff at our last meeting at Broken Barrel), watching members excel in our craft and medal at competitions and also getting to know more of you, and even more folks in other clubs on this coast.

BUBR was another success this year and CSAAZ with 720+ entries was a huge success. Commander's Call and the Splashdown were amazing. We have had some great parties and wish there had been more SAAZers to share the fun with, but we know everyone is busy.

I want to let you know the board members this year put a lot of effort into making the year a good experience for all of you. They all deserve a great deal of thanks for putting the hours required in to make events and meetings, the "Competition," and just getting all of the information to you to make sure you were aware of what was available. I want them all to know it was an honor to serve with them!

To the future though, everyone needs to understand that we have a lot of members, but we have three positions that, as of this writing, are going to be vacant next year (VP, Secretary and Communications Coordinator). If we want to continue the organization at the same level, we need a complete and functioning board. Obviously, if you look at those positions, without them being filled, there are going to be some voids in the ability to provide information and changes maybe to competition. We are hoping there are some that will step up and help fill these positions.

Well, in closing, hope to see many of you at the party and Meading this Saturday! If not then have a great holiday season and we look forward to moving into next year and the opportunities it holds.

Bob Bridges

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RSVP BY TUESDAY, DEC 10th for the “Morning After” Brunch

If you'll be attending brunch next Sunday morning after the bonfire/campout, whether you're staying over or just showing up that morning, you must RSVP by Tuesday, December 10th. If you don't RSVP by the deadline, you can still join us but you'll need to bring your own food and drink. Email events@saaz.org or click the brunch poll on the [Facebook event page](#) and tell us how many people you're bringing with you.

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 potluck dish. (Remember we will be outside with no power outlets readily available... and do make it a SIDE dish, not meat, 'cause Dave Webb's taking care of all the meat). 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 or beer/brewing-related gift of a \$20 value.

For those camping or those who wish to show back up in the morning, there will be a casserole brunch on Sunday morning with mimosas and Bloody Marys. Your RSVP deadline for the brunch is Tuesday, December 10th. Sorry, we will only be making enough for those who've let us know in advance that they'll be there. If you don't RSVP by the deadline and still want to attend, feel free to pack up your own food/drink and join us. RSVP for the brunch by emailing Events Coordinator Marie-Anne at events@saaz.org or click on the brunch poll on the [Facebook event page](#) (also let her know how many are coming from your household).

No charge for either event for paid SAAZ members (but don't forget your side dish!). \$5 per person for non-members for each event to help cover expenses.

Event Cancellations

Sorry, but the Reindeer Pub Crawl did not work out this year because there were multiple holiday pub crawls already scheduled for Downtown Melbourne by the time we came up with the idea. Who knew people planned these things back when Spring had barely sprung???

The other tentative item we had penciled in was a beach bonfire, but the price to reserve a spot has doubled and the requirements and regulations have gotten rather oppressive, so we've decided to forego our original plan. We'll look into the price and regulations in some of the other beachside cities to see if we can find a more workable scenario somewhere else in the county. If not, we'll work to come up with an equally fun activity.

Upcoming SAAZ Events



- **December 14 to 15** – Christmas Party/Camp Out (14th PM) / Brunch (15th AM)
- **January 19** – General SAAZ Meeting
- **February 16** – General SAAZ Meeting

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**.

Recent Competition Winners from SAAZ



Congratulations to **Bob Bridges** for his Silver medal (Spiced/Wood Beer) and **Chris Baum & Chris Jojola** for their Bronze (Strong British Ale) in the recent Walk the Line on Barley Wine competition sponsored by the Dunedin Brewers Guild.

Thanks to these wins, SAAZ came in 3rd for Heavy Medal Club for this competition!

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 still open, right up to when we hold the election.** Submit in person at the election meeting (Christmas Party) or via email to secretary@saaz.org AND president@saaz.org (copy both). You may nominate someone else with their permission or self-nominate.

Read through the board position descriptions and responsibilities in the current bylaws. Also feel free to talk with current board members to get a feel for what's involved. 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.

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! Also, you don't need to do things the way the previous person did it. For example, Laurie will be happy to show you how the current web site is set up and how the newsletter is done and posted/emailed these days, but if you want to introduce a different format you are welcome to do so.

As of this mailing, we are still looking for nominees for Vice President, Communications Coordinator, and Secretary/Membership.

Election ballots have been emailed out to all SAAZ paid members (family memberships get one vote for each of the two members). You can vote by replying to the email, snail mailing your ballot to Bob Bridges (address provided in the email... you need to be quick to do this) or by bringing your ballot (or picking one up in person) at Saturday's "meading."

Recent Activities

Great turnout at our November meeting at The Broken Barrel Tavern!



Checking out the new Bugnutty Brewing location (sorry, we didn't get pics of everyone there!)



Feedback/Contact Us (2019 Officers)

President: Bob Bridges – president@saaz.org

Vice President / CSAAZ Event Organizer: Sean McCoy – vp@saaz.org

Event Planner: Marie-Anne Barcomb – events@saaz.org

Secretary / Membership: Billy Dawson – secretary@saaz.org

Treasurer: Anne Gregg – treasurer@saaz.org

Communications Director: Laurie Bridges – editor@saaz.org

Education Coordinator/Historian: Aaron Pitts – education@saaz.org

SAAZ Ambassador / CSAAZ Competition Organizer: Chris (Cbo) Baum – commander@saaz.org



Not sure who to email?

Use info@saaz.org and your email will be forwarded to the appropriate person(s)

Happy Holidays to You and Yours!

