



EJ'S NEWS

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CLUB MEETING

February 13th

held at Jefferson County Library

Board Meeting - 9:00 a.m.

Club Meeting 9:30 a.m.

OXOLIC ACID & OTHER

MITE TREATMENTS

APPRENTICE CLASS- 10:30 a.m.

Feb. 13th

GETTING STARTED IN

BEEKEEPING

Feb. 27th

APIARY VISIT

THE PREZ SEZ

Dear Fellow Bee Keepers.

With input from former officers of the association, your board concluded that the By-laws adopted in August 2012 were effective. In our November meeting we operated under assumption that the May 2012 draft was in effect. This led to some confusion related to our annual officer and trustee elections that have now been resolved. Firstly, there was no need to defer the election of our treasurer. Nonetheless, we elected Harry Prather to another term in our January meeting. Harry has been the treasurer since 2010 and has done an excellent job. In December I audited Harry's books and they are in fine shape.

The other area of confusion involved the number of trustees allowed for under our By-laws. In the May 2012 version it specified five trustees and that is what we voted on in November. The effective August 2012 version specified three trustees. This was resolved in our January board meeting.

In our January meeting we had an intriguing presentation by Gary Coyer, a teacher at Chimacum High School. Gary is interested in incorporating beekeeping in his curriculum and possibly establishing an apiary at or near the school. One his students has already signed up for apprentice training and he expects to have additional student come to our February meeting. There are many interesting possibilities that could come from this venture and most are positive for our association. The board will put this as a high priority in our next several meetings.

Finally thank you Gail Moe for agreeing to be our Public Information Officer for 2016. This is the only appointed position required by the By-laws.

Sincerely,
Dave Morris

2016

BOARD OF TRUSTEES

President: David Morris

Vice President: Frank Neal

Secretary: Nancy Rankin

Treasurer: Harry Prather

Trustees:

Calvin Lomsdalen

Linda Pfafman

Paul Jendrucko

EJ BEES' WORKERS

These people have volunteered to head committees in 2015:

APPRENTICE CLASSES: Harry Prather

NEWSLETTER: Gloria Neal

MEDIA CONTACT: Gail Moa

WEBSITE: Mike Edwards

MEETING AND ACTIVITY

CO-ORDINATORS:

Tony Goldenberg, Harry Prather, and
Gloria Neal

**2016 CLUB DUES ARE OWED
NOW.**

\$24.00 PER PERSON

\$36.00 PER FAMILY

LETTER FROM THE EDITOR

EJ Beekeepers...

With February here, it's hard not to start anticipating all that we will find when we can investigate under that inner board! Hopefully, it will all be good!

Harry is going to bring us up to speed on the newest approved method of mite control...Oxolic acid. Don't miss it! We will also be talking about other methods of mite control.

At January's meeting, Rich Thomas provided an informative presentation on creating fondant for winter feeding. Thanks so much Rich!

If anyone has something to share with us at a club meeting, please mention it to the board...we can all learn from each other!

And it's still not too late for anyone who would like to join our apprentice classes. We meet after the regular club meeting...Get the word out, please!

Well, that's the buzz for February!

Gloria

It is February now and the Apprentice Beekeeping classes have started. It's not too late to get into our classes, tho.

Here is the schedule.

Feb 13 (#3) Making A Start in Beekeeping

Feb 27 APIARY VISIT- Start Smoker, Inspect Empty Hive (Weather permitting)

Mar 12 (#4) Spring Management

Mar 26 Day before Easter – no class

Apr 09 APIARY VISIT- Inspect Hives after Winter (Weather Permitting)

Apr 23 Canceled - Package Day (probably)

May 14 (#5) Swarming

May 28 (#6) Summer Management and Honey Production

June 25 (#9) Honey Bee Mites / (#8) Diseases and Pests

July 09 APIARY VISIT – Hive Inspection look for problems

July 23 (#10) Pollination, Queen Rearing, Marketing

Aug 6 (#7) Fall Management

I am skipping the day before Easter, so you can all participate in Easter Egg hunts. In addition, no class is scheduled for Package Day. Since we are going into August, remember that meeting is the FIRST Saturday because of the Jefferson County Fair.

PLEASE let me know if you would like to conduct any of the sessions. You don't really understand a topic until you try to teach it. Plus, I really don't want to be the only instructor. The students benefit from different viewpoints.

Note that there are three hands-on sessions at the apiary. These require more than one beekeeper to help the students. All help will be appreciated.

Once again, I am going to provide a list of Beekeeping Supply establishments instead of ordering catalogs. So far, I have Tarboo Valley Woodenware, Mann Lake, Datant, and Kelley. If anyone has a suggestion to add, please let me know before the first class on January 11.

I anticipate another great year in class, so invite your friends, neighbors, casual acquaintances, and anyone else who might have an interest to check it out.

Harry

REGISTER YOUR HIVES BY APRIL

To register your hives with the State ... go to WSDA...
Plant protection division
Beekeeper/broker Registration. ..Or phone 360-902-2070.
It's only \$5 to register 1 to 5 hives...

FEBRUARY HONEY-DO LIST

For the Apiary

Make sure your colonies have ventilation during the cold months.

Occasionally, on a warm day, when your bees are flying, it doesn't hurt to take a quick PEAK under the lid to check on your bees.

Checking the bottom entrance is a good idea so it doesn't get blocked with dead bees. Using a wire or stick to scrape any dead bees out is a good thing to do. I usually do this during a cold day when I know they are clustered so as not to injure any bees

Make sure your bees have plenty of food stores by lifting the back of the colony and checking the weight.

Do not feed liquid syrup during the winter months. Your bees need food stores close to the cluster. Feed fondant, a sugar brick, or cane sugar. Once you start feeding during the winter, you need to continue until spring when there is a good supply of nectar and pollen, and temperatures are warm and fairly stable.

On a WARM day (preferably above 60 degrees and no wind) you can do a hive examination on your colonies. (Occasionally February surprises us with one of those days...☺) Not only checking honey and pollen stores and the presence or evidence of a queen, but checking for signs of Nosema. If found you may want to medicate these colonies. Feeding a winter pollen patty may be a good idea, also.

**A new publication from WSU on pollination and
protecting our bee populations**

<http://cru.cahe.wsu.edu/CEPublications/FS174E/FS174E.pdf>



FEBRUARY RECIPE

EASY HONEY CASSEROLE BREAD

- 1 (1/4 Oz.) Yeast (1 package)
- ¼ c. Warm water
- ¼ c. Honey
- 1 c. boiling water
- ¼ c. butter
- 2 eggs
- 1 c. quick oats
- 1 tsp. salt
- 3 ½ c. Flour



Dissolve yeast in lukewarm water.

In another bowl, combine butter, Honey, and boiling water. Stir till butter is melted, and cool to 110 degrees.

Add eggs, oats, salt, butter mixture, flour, and Yeast mixture. Beat with mixer on medium speed for 2 minutes. If needed, add more flour to make a soft dough, (1 TBSP. at a time)

Cover and let rise till double, punch down and transfer to a round, greased, baking casserole dish. (1 ½ quart)

Cover, let rise about 30 minutes. Uncover and bake in 375 degree oven for 35 to 40 minutes. Cool 10 minutes...remove and cool on rack....ENJOY!!!



BUZZING WITH



Blake

Bee-lieve me. It's a fact!

It takes about two million flowers being tapped by the honey bees to make just one pound of honey!

AMAZING!!..... Blake



LOCAL BEE RESOURCES

TARBOO VALLEY WOODEN WARE

- Ph. # 360-301-0686

Remember, Club members get 5% discount.

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