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EJ'S NEWS

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CLUB MEETING

January 9th

held at

Jefferson County Library

Board Meeting

9:00 a.m.

Club Meeting

9:30 a.m.

Apprentice classes:

10:30 a.m.

The Honey bee and her products

THE PREZ SEZ

Dear Fellow Bee Keepers.

Thank you to our volunteers from last year especially Tong Goldenberg, Harry Prather, Kees Kolff and Gloria Neal. Tony recently completed two years as our president leaving our club in fine order. Harry has done a wonderful job as our club treasurer and has agreed to carry on those duties. Even more importantly Harry has managed our apprentice beekeeping class as instructor/coordinator. Gloria does yeoman's work putting out our monthly newsletter and helping Harry with apprentice beekeeping classes. Kees, who preceded Tony as Associate president was an ex officio board member and assisted Tony and the board on several occasions.

Remember that our monthly meetings are scheduled at the Port Hadlock library at 9:30 on the second Saturday of each month unless otherwise noted in the Newsletter. The board meets at 9:00 and those meetings are open to all club members. Apprentice beekeeping classes immediately follow the club meeting at 10:30. Please encourage friends, who may have an interest in bees, to become members and attend our classes.

We look forward to our new beekeeping year and to informative presentations and discussions at our monthly meetings. I have only been involved with bees since 2013 and appreciate the tremendous collective knowledge contained within our Association and how experienced beekeepers offer help to those of us who are aspiring.

I look forward to serving as your president in 2016.

Sincerely,

Dave Morris

2016

BOARD OF TRUSTEES

President: David Morris

Vice President: Frank Neal

Secretary: Nancy Rankin

Treasurer: Harry Prather

Ej bees' workers

These people have volunteered to head committees in 2015:

APPRENTICE CLASSES: Harry Prather

NEWSLETTER: Gloria Neal

MEDIA CONTACT: Bonnie Osmer

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...

Hope 2016 finds you and your apiary all in good health!

Our "girls" have been flying on those rare warmer days...it's always good to see them out and about! Time to again clean out those entrances so they don't get obstructed with dead bees.

We're looking forward to the apprentice classes starting. Be sure to let anyone who may have expressed an interest in having honey bees, that our classes are starting in January with 3 apiary visits during the year.

Also helping with the apprentice classes is a great way to learn more...teaching a class is quite enjoyable. Think about talking to Harry and picking a subject you would like to teach. The material is all in the class manual and outlined very nicely for an easy presentation.

At our January meeting we will be discussing what programs our members would like to see presented on beekeeping. Please plan to come. Your ideas are what keep us up to date to help everyone with their beekeeping endeavors. Although our apprentice classes are a great starting place for new beekeepers, we need to be able to help with any beekeeping questions that our E.J. **new-bees** may have.

We will also have a presentation on the 9th showing how to make bee fondant, so don't miss it!

Last year we had some great volunteers who were willing to help out in different areas of the club work. We appreciate everyone's help in making 2015 a successful year!

THANKS TO ALL OF OUR

EJ BEE WORKERS!

Well, that's the buzz for JANUARY!

Gloria

This e-mail came in to the club... Thought we would share it in case some of our members would like to be involved. We will discuss this at the January meeting!

I am from the Food Co-op in Port Townsend, and we are planning a "Bee Fair" with Glory Bee (<http://glorybee.com/>) from Eugene, OR, during the first week of March 2016. We would love it if the East Jefferson Beekeepers Association would participate in some way. Would it be possible to meet with you and discuss that possibility? We're planning a lot of fun events over the course of three days from Thursday through Saturday, March 3-5, and think it would be great exposure for your organization.

I look forward to hearing from you!

Kathie Meyer Mgr. The Food Coop

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It is January once again, and time to start the Apprentice Beekeeping class.

Here is the schedule.

Jan 9 (#1) The Honeybee and Her Products

Jan 23 (#2) Beekeeping Equipment

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

JANUARY 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.
- Brush away any snow that that accumulates on entrances.
- Clean, repair or replace any equipment taken off in 2015, as needed.
- 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 temperatures are warm and fairly stable.

“NEVER TRUST A BEEKEEPER WITH A SMILE ON HIS FACE!”

Go to Bee in elevator prank on youtube:

The one with the title(This killer bees in Elevator is evil, yet funny)

OK, so this was kinda over the top, but I could see myself reacting the same way in years past, when I thought all bees were horrible.....Funny what the mind can do!

Thanks to Larry and Rhonda for sharing this with me!

..... Gloria



JANUARY RECIPE

BEESWAX LIP BALM

½ oz. beeswax

1 tsp. honey

4 oz. olive oil

20 drops flavored extract, mint or your favorite.

Melt beeswax in a double boiler. Once melted add honey and olive oil and stir for 1 to 2 minutes.

Take off heat and stir while adding the extract. (the honey won't mix very easily with the oil, because of the water content in the honey,

but it's a great healing agent for the lips.

Pour mixture into a container, then distribute into smaller lipgloss tubes or tins.

You can also add a couple drops of vitamin e or grapeseed oil for a preservative.

Adding a little more beeswax will make balm a little firmer.

Recipe by Andy Olenick

(I have found containers at Sunny Farms or Central Market or most health food stores)



BUZZING WITH



Blake

Bee-lieve me. It's a fact!

Bees have been trained as bomb sniffers. They can also sniff out drug dealers, gun runners, and terrorists!

That's the BOMB!!..... Blake



LOCAL BEE RESOURCES

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- Ph. # 360-301-0686

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