



EJ'S NEWS

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_ CLUB MEETING

Jefferson County Library

Board Meeting - 9:00 a.m.

Club Meeting 9:30-

Tony Goldenberg

Catching Swarms with

Bait Hiv

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APPRENTICE CLASS- 10:30 a.m.

June 25th-

Pests and Diseases

Mites

THE PREZ SEZ

Dear Fellow Bee Keepers

We are in the middle of the swarm season so this month's presentation by Tony Goldenberg is very apropos pos. Tony will focus on establishing bait hives. We'll have a brainstorming session on preventing swarms after Tony's presentation.

It has become readily apparent that in our region, the largest contributor to colony loss is the varroa mite. We'll devote at least one and maybe another session to this issue as the summer progresses. There are several treatment options and Harry did a good job explaining oxalic acid in an early meeting. August is just around the corner and after your honey is harvested is the time to get serious about treating your hives.

Respectfully,

Dave Morris

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EJ BEES' WORKERS

These people have volunteered to head committees in 2015:

APPRENTICE CLASSES: Harry Prather

NEWSLETTER: Gloria Neal

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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...

Swarming came early this year as well as all the nectar crops. Hopefully you were able to get your colonies split before they swarmed. Many of the wild and tame berry crops have bloomed and have fruit ripening. Don't ever remember a year that Summer seems to have arrived this early. While it has kept the "girls" very busy, it does make me wonder what our summer will be like!

This month's topic at our meeting will be "Catching swarms with Bait Hives". Tony Goldenberg will be presenting this fascinating topic. Bait hives can be a great way to add to your apiary.

Tony has caught more swarms with bait hives than anyone I know. You won't want to miss this months meeting!

Come and learn the techniques to set up your own bait hives!

Bring any questions you may have on Swarming... We have a great group of experienced beekeepers, and I sure enjoy all the advice that our E.J. Beekeepers share with all of us!

Well, that's the buzz for June!

Gloria

It is June now and the Apprentice Beekeeping classes are continuing. It's not too late to get into our classes, tho.

Here is the schedule.

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

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

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

Invite your friends, neighbors, casual acquaintances, and anyone else who might have an interest to check it out.

Harry

If you haven't picked up a copy of the Spring edition of the Port Townsend Co-op's newsletter, "THE CO-OP COMMONS", find one and check out page 14... "Bee Connected".

Our fellow beekeeper, member of E.J. Bees, Ginger Meta, has written a great article on Honey Bees and beneficial insects. She gives lots of information on safe sprays that can be made in your own kitchen that will protect our valuable beneficial bugs and keep the pests away from our garden vegetables.

Great Article, Ginger!

JUNE'S HONEY-DO LIST

June is the beginning of Honey Flow season and our colonies are buzzing with life.. Our honey bee colonies will reach peak population during the next few months.

Using a sticky board under the screen, you might want to check the mite load. 24 mites in 24 hours means you may want to do a mite treatment before you put any honey supers on. Drone frames work well if you remember to cut out the capped drones, and freeze the under developed drone pupae with the trapped Varroa mites inside.

If you see a curtain of bees on the outside bottom of your hive..This is normal. They are either cooling themselves or the hive.

Watch for swarm cells...if our weather continues to stay this warm, and your colonies start to feel crowded, they may get the urge to make swarm cells.

Add your honey supers if you haven't already. If production of honey is steady and plentiful, you may need to add more supers soon.

CHECK THIS ONE OUT!

<http://q13fox.com/2016/05/25/bees-chase-car-for-two-days-to-rescue-their-queen/>

Facts from "At the Hive Entrance" by H. Storch

Drone Pupae of varying age, are found before the hive entrance, often early in the morning.

All activity of a strong colony stops abruptly.

As soon as a colony has a crisis, the larvae and drone pupae are the first to be sacrificed. If several very cold nights have preceded the day of this particular observation, the brood occupying the lower sections of the frames may have been inadequately protected and suffered from the cold. (chilled brood)

Swarming is sure to happen soon. The colony has built queen cells which may already have developed into queen larvae. These cells will soon be sealed. To prevent swarming, one must without delay cause an artificial swarm.



JUNE'S HONEY RECIPE

Honey Glazed Pork chops

Honey Glaze

6 pork chops, bone in

½ tsp. salt and pepper, (each)

½ tsp crushed red pepper, (optional)

2 TBsp oil

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Sprinkle chops with seasonings and cook chops in oil over medium heat for 7 minutes on each side or until done.(140 to 160 degrees)

Remove and keep warm

½ cup honey

3 green onions, chopped

2 garlic cloves, minced

¼ tsp dried, crushed rosemary, ¼ tsp. dried Thyme.

1/8 tsp ea. salt and pepper.

½ cup balsamic vinegar

¼ cube butter

Combine all but butter in same pan and bring to a boil.

Reduce heat and simmer for 7 to 9 minutes, uncovered until slightly thickened. Remove from heat and add butter. Stir till melted and serve with pork chops.



BUZZING WITH



Blake

Bee-lieve me. It's a fact!

If the Queen is removed from the hive, within 15 minutes the rest of the colony knows about it!

Bee-wildering..... Blake



LOCAL BEE RESOURCES

TARBOO VALLEY WOODEN WARE

- Ph. # 360-301-0686

Remember, Club members get 5% discount.

Looking for someone who would
like to put Honey bees on my
property...

Please call:

Helena Paneyko

360-774-1513

Hi! I have a business making and selling
beeswax candles and things. I am tapping out
my current source and am looking for more
wax. If you know anyone who might have wax
for sale (especially large quantities), please
give them my email address. You can check out
my website if you

like. givingthanksgardens.com

Thank you,

Leah Hollon Paquette

Owner/Maker

Giving Thanks