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EJ'S NEWS

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CLUB MEETING at

**Jefferson County Library
Saturday, APRIL 13th**

9:00 a.m.

Board Meeting

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9:30 a.m.

PROGRAM

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BEEKEEPING CLASSES

**April 13th
10:30**

**April 27th
Unsure??**

**Check pg 3 for more
info. on APRIL'S
classes!**

THE PREZ SEZ

Greetings Fellow Beekeepers,

This month **Julie Tennis** Writer, Speaker and Beekeeper at BeeMentor.com and Bee Haven Apiaries will address the club. The lecture will discuss "how we can each help our bees for our mutual future, and will offer three simple steps we can take to make their lives easier: providing food, habitat, and areas free from chemical contamination." (From the Peninsula Daily News).

New beekeepers, swarm season is almost here. Time to think about getting on the swarm lists, if and where you want to set your swarm lures and how you plan to manage your hives for swarm prevention.

In the past couple of years I have experimented with allowing my hives to swarm as a way to practice natural mite control. The theory is that all the jostling and movement during a swarm event causes the mites to fall off the bees. I can't say whether it works but have noticed a very low mite count when I do an alcohol wash from bees in a swarm cluster.

Now is also a good time to think about participating in the clubs Rhody effort. It will be fun and you will get to be a part of something special so talk to Rich Thomas at the next meeting about how to be involved.

See you Saturday.

TonyG

PROGRAM FOR APRIL CLUB MEETING

Julie Tennis

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CO-ORDINATORS:

Tony Goldenberg, Harry Prather, &
Gloria Neal

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LETTER FROM THE EDITOR

EJ Beekeepers...

Happy April to everyone! Hope you have had a chance to check your "girls" and get ready for spring chores.

Checking the laying pattern of your queens is important. Replacing a failing queen, early, will keep your colony strong.

Checking the strength of a strong colony now, or checking for queen cells, can also help you decide if you need to split your colony before they become so crowded that they swam.

I'm not always a fan of some YouTube video's, but one that is worth your time to watch, is presented by the Massachusetts Beekeepers Association in 2014. "THE TARANOV SWARM METHOD", by Adam Novitt.

In this 95 minute video, you will see a Russian technique, suitable for beginners and experts, alike, to easily split a hive, without finding the queen, to prevent losing a swam. Adam also shares some incredible insight on bee behavior and swarming.

Be sure to watch this particular one!

That's the buzz for March,

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BEEZWAX



by John Martin

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SUSI'S TIPS AND TRICKS

March's offering of useful hints for beekeepers By Susan Thomas

- * Check stored comb for wax moths.
- * Clean up last year's frames and hives in preparation for the upcoming season. Mark each frame--whether it is new or "used"--with the date it is put into service.
- * Inspect hives early- or mid-March for the first inspection of the year, and clean bottom boards thoroughly.

April's monthly offering of useful hints for beekeepers By Susan Thomas

- Treat new package or nuc for mites with single mite-away strip; provide good ventilation in the hive.
- Introduce a new queen to hive with good exposure to the bees: (a) for queen cage with attached aluminum strip, attach to a frame with a thumb tack; (b) for shipping cage without strip, staple a piece of screen flat on one end of cage, remove one frame from hive, and suspend cage in that space by resting the screen on the neighboring frames.
- Keep an old mailbox by the hives to hold tools.

If you would like to submit your own tip or trick for possible future inclusion, please send it to richandsusi@cablespeed.com

POSSIBLE FUTURE CLUB ACTIVITIES

- *Rhododendron parade
- *Jefferson County Fair

If you would like to help make these activities happen, let us know at the club meeting or contact Rich Thomas at:

richandsusi@cablespeed.com

2019 Club dues are now due...

\$24.00 per person

Or

\$36.00 per family

For information on club activities or schedule changes, please check the club website for updates.

<https://www.jeffcobees.org>

CLASS SCHEDULES - APRIL

A brief note on the upcoming class schedule -- The schedule calls for Spring Management on Apr 13. In addition to this, I plan on having Gloria and Blake do a lesson/demonstration on both hiving a package and installing a nuc in a hive body. Weather permitting, I will also have demonstrations on lighting a smoker including smoker fuels and lighting techniques, so bring your smoker and any equipment you might need or want.

It seems that April 27 might be "Package Day" when either Cal, Gloria, or both get the bees for which we have all been waiting. If this is the case, class will be canceled and the schedule adjusted. If that is not the case, after the two lessons I would like to go to the Chimacum high school apiary and demonstrate a hive inspection on a dead hive. This would be optional

Harry

MENTORING GROUP

The Mentoring group will meet with the new beekeepers, who desire help, after the meeting and before the class. I will have a handout to help the students establish their apiary siting.

Rich

Wonders of the Hive

For 2019 BG Bees will be offering “in hive” learning. Each bee club, state and regional forum is filled with information on various aspects of beekeeping. The Backyard Beekeeper reads, watches YouTube, and possibly other forums. What is screaming to acquire is “hands on” experience through the assistance of highly qualified “bee ICONs”. Each person attending will be exposed to a myriad of “in hive” techniques, norms, and abnorms. What needs fixing, what is normal, issues for future considerations.

Small, intimate, groups will gather around each presenter for maximum exposure.

Registration is limited to forty (40). Don't miss this opportunity.

Dr. Ramesh Sagili, Associate Professor-Apiculture, Oregon State University. An opportunity to ask your beekeeping questions. Dr. Sagili will discuss recent research.

Dr. Michael Burgett, Professor Emeritus, Oregon State University. General ‘rules’ of the first hive inspection post winter. Knowing what is wrong or right is critical in any hive inspection but most importantly to see a path to success for the coming bee season. How healthy does the colony appear? What to look for? What needs to be done depending on issues discovered?

Dr. Dewey Caron, Emeritus Professor of Entomology & Wildlife Ecology, University of Delaware, & Affiliate Professor, Dept Horticulture, Oregon State University. Identifying a Queen Right hive. What to look for? Laying Worker?

Carolyn Breece, Faculty Research Assistant, Oregon State University. Frame Diagnostics – Knowing the pests and diseases of honey bee colonies is an essential part of beekeeping. Learn how to read frames for evidence of brood diseases, mite infestation, and other issues, and learn techniques to keep your colonies healthy and thriving.

Ellen Topitzhofer, Faculty Research Assistant, Oregon State University. Mites, Mites, Mites! Sampling, treating, efficacy. So much has come to light in just the past year.

DATE: Sunday, May 19, 2019

TIME: 10:00 AM to 3:30 PM

WHERE: 4565 Riordan Hill Dr., Hood River, OR

CATERING: Lake Taco

COST: \$49.00

<https://bg-bees.com/wonders-of-the-hive/>

APRIL'S HONEY-DO LIST

*** Be sure to check any used frames and boxes that you have stored for wax moths. Cleaning up used bee equipment should be done now. Freezing them for 48 hrs. will kill any wax moth eggs on the frames.**

***Checking your bees food stores every 2 weeks is especially necessary this month. The queens will be laying and there will be the need for more food. Spring feeding and swarm prevention are your main responsibilities, now.**

***Examine your colonies, preferably when the temperature is above 60 degrees to avoid chilling the brood.**

***Clean botton boards and if your colony is strong, reverse the brood boxes placing the empty box on top , to give the queen more laying room.**

***Check for brood and good brood patterns. This also helps to determine if you have a queen.**

***Do a mite check and determine if Mite treatments are necessary.**

***Start your 2019 Bee journal, to track each colony's progress. Note the date you see pollen coming in, what you find and what you do in each colony.**

2019 BEEKEEPING CLASSES

Once again, the East Jefferson Beekeepers Association will be sponsoring an Apprentice Beekeeping Class for any and all novice beekeepers. The class will start on the second Saturday in February and last until the end of May. It will cover all of the necessary aspects of beekeeping to allow for successful beekeeping through the first year. The club meetings and presentations should provide any additional knowledge and/or opinions necessary to give more confidence in your skills.

THE PROPOSED SCHEDULE FOR CLASSES IS AS FOLLOWS:

Apr 13 Lesson 7 Spring

Apr 27 Lesson 8 Summer and Swarms

Lesson 9 Fall and Winter

May 11 Lesson 10 Honey Harvesting and Product Marketing

May 25 Review / Test

In addition, weather permitting, I would like to have a couple of visits to the Chimacum High School apiary for some hands-on training, and we may do some things from the back of my truck. Both of these would be after class.

The club is also adding a mentoring program that will link the apprentice beekeeper with an experienced beekeeper in the same area, to give yet more hands-on support.

As always, I would love to have anyone teach any of the classes. Don't worry that you don't know enough. You never really learn a subject until you try to teach. Just let me know which lesson you would like to teach. It's first come, first served.

Harry

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Blake

Bee-lieve me. It's a fact!

Honey bees partially dehydrate nectar by the rapid flapping of their wings, creating honey.

Sweet!..... Blake



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Frank Neal- Ph. # 360-301-0686...

(If stopping by, PLEASE CALL AHEAD)

Now is the time to put your spring pollen patties on your colonies!

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