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EJ'S NEWS

EJ is East Jefferson Beekeepers Association's Mascot.

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CLUB MEETING

at
 Jefferson County Library
 Saturday, Feb. 9th
 9:00 a.m.
 Board Meeting

9:30 a.m.
PROGRAM

11:00 a.m.
BEEKEEPING
CLASS

THE PREZ SEZ

Dear fellow beekeepers,

Hi! My name is Blake Winn , your new V.P.
 First off I would like to say thank you for voting me in for VP this year.

I've been a beekeeper for 7 years. Being a part of the Jefferson County Bee club has both been a learning experience for me, as well as a great time!

Last year I had the opportunity to go to Neah Bay and teach their kids about beekeeping,, making them the third school in Washington State to bring bees into their classroom. Last spring they purchased a nuc, as well as hive boxes from us. Their kids were all pretty excited to get into their new hive, quickly helping me transfer the nuc into their new hive box.

The queen was found and everyone got to see her that day. I had made a couple slide shows to teach the class , and was able to bring them into the beekeeping world. We went back a second time the last of May, and taught the kids how to work their colony "hands on". I left them in good hands with Tim Van Ripper, from Neah Bay (a member of our club) and Mark Urnes ,from Port Angeles. who helped them throughout the summer with the bees .

Now, I'm now hoping to establish beekeeping in the Quilcene School.

Keep Buzzing,

Blake

PROGRAM FOR FEB. CLUB MEETING

Tony Weller- Videos "INSIDE THE HIVE"

Pat Stroble- "SOLAR MELTERS"

- *A melter for Cappings and wax to make candles
- * A melter that Pat uses to clean bee equipment

BOARD OF TRUSTEES

President: Tony Goldenberg

Vice President: Blake Winn

Secretary: David Morris

Treasurer: Harry Prather

Trustees:

Paul Jendrucko

Rich Thomas

John Liczwinko

EJ BEES' WORKERS

These people have volunteered to head committees in 2018:

APPRENTICE CLASSES: Harry Prather

NEWSLETTER: Gloria Neal

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MEDIA CONTACT: Gail Moa

WEBSITE: Mike Edwards

MEETING AND ACTIVITY

CO-ORDINATORS:

Tony Goldenberg, Harry Prather,
and Gloria Neal

LETTER FROM THE EDITOR

EJ Beekeepers...

Our February meeting starts the beginning of the 2019 Honey bee classes. Our thanks to Harry Prather for his part every year in scheduling and making sure the classes happen!

This year Mike and Beth Kelley have done a complete study using the visual aid of a power point slide show. Many hours have gone into producing this for the club. A big thank you to the Kelleys!

And thank you to all the members who step up every year and help with the presentations for our new beekeeping students.

If you haven't talked to Harry about teaching one of the classes, please do that. This presentation makes it so easy, even a first year beekeeper could teach the class..

See you this February!

That's the buzz for January.

Gloria 360-301-1850

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BEEZWAX



FEBRUARY'S TIPS AND TRICKS

A monthly offering of useful hints for beekeepers

By Susan Thomas

- To suppress weeds & grass around hives, use 3-tab asphalt roofing as a physical barrier - it's more durable than cardboard.
- If you paint your hives, use only *latex* primer and paint.
- As a reminder for proper frame orientation in a hive box, mark each new frame with felt-tip pen.

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

NORTH OLYMPIC PENINSULA BEEKEEPERS

hosting SUE COBY
on Sunday, February 10th,
at 1:00 p.m.

Port Angeles Library, Carver room
2210 S. Peabody St.

2019 Club dues now due...

\$24.00 per person
or
\$36.00 PER FAMILY



FEBRUARY'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.**

***Keeping any winter die-off bees cleared from the entrance is important.**

***Checking your bees foodstores every 2 weeks is especially necessary this year with the unusual warm weather, our bees are using much more of their foodstores than normal.**

***Make sure your bees have good ventilation during winter.**

***Winter is a great time to make repairs to any woodenware that needs some fixing.**

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:

Feb 9 Lesson 1 The Honey Bee – Honeybee Basics

Feb 23 Lesson 2 Keeping Honeybees

Lesson 3 Equipment

Mar 9 Lesson 4 The Apiary

Mar 23 Lesson 5 Bee Disease

Lesson 6 Honey Bee Pests

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

BUZZING WITH



Blake

Bee-lieve me. It's a fact!

How do you know which bees are guard bees?

The ones looking up at you when you open the lid!

..... Blake



WHO'S WHO IN E.J. BEES

Mike and Beth Kelley are our “Who’s Who” for February. They have been members of EJ Bees since February, 2017. They really became interested during their studies in the beginner beekeeping classes. They felt that honey bees were so interesting!

Their favorite breed of bee? They both like the Italians. Beth, because they’re so docile and the color reminds her of the honey bees from her childhood. Mike, because he can remember their name.

Mike and Beth have been the creators of the new Power Point for Our Beginning Beekeeping classes for this year. This new program will make it much easier to teach, for the volunteer instructors. Even a beekeeper that started beekeeping last year will be able to teach and learn from the visuals that the Kelleys have included in this slide show.

Mike and Beth have also been involved with Rich Thomas, setting up the mentoring program for our new beekeeping students. This year promises to be the best ever, thanks to Mike and Beth’s hours of work last year!



THANKS TO YOU BOTH!

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Dear All,

An excellent article from *Scientific Bee Keeping* and some cogent quotes from the author.

There are plenty of vociferous “alternative beekeeping” proponents who have somehow divined how we “should” keep bees. Keep in mind that it’s very difficult to reason a person out of a position that they didn’t legitimately reason their way into, [?] so I don’t expect them to change their tune;

I’ve got nothing against the goal of treatment-free beekeeping — we’d all love for that to be a reality. There are a number of relatively-isolated “treatment-free” beekeepers who claim acceptable colony loss rates (treatment-free success is much easier if you’re in an area where there are long brood breaks, and few other beekeepers around). But if you’re not isolated, flooding the environment with mites and DWV from collapsing colonies has indefensible ramifications upon surrounding beekeepers, the wild-type bee population, and perhaps native pollinators. Repeating the same mistake year after year by restocking with package bees and hoping that some miracle not involving varroa treatment will happen is a fool’s errand,

Sincerely,

Rich Thomas

FONDANT BOARD RECIPES

UNCOOKED SUGAR BRICKS 5# CANE SUGAR

7 ½ OZ. BOILING WATER

1 TBSP. APPLE CIDER VINEGAR

(Be sure to measure exactly) Too much liquids will make it soupy, and too little will keep it from caking together. You can add a ½ tsp.. Honey bee healthy, but make that part of your measured liquids. Pack into foil cake pans making sure it is no higher than 3/8 inch, so your bee boxes still fit together. Let it set for a couple weeks or until hard.

COOKED FONDANT

Bring 2 cups of water to a boil on medium heat.

Slowly add 5 lbs white cane sugar, stirring constantly and continue to stir until mixture reaches soft boil stage...242 degrees. Remove from heat and cool to about 190 degrees. Add ½ teaspoon vinegar. Stir vigorously and quickly pour onto waxed paper on a cookie sheet or aluminum pan.

Should be fudge hard at room temperature when cooled. Place on fondant board just above frames.



Fondant board

FOR Winter feeding

TARBOO VALLEY WOODENWARE & HONEYBEES

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

(If stopping by, PLEASE CALL AHEAD)

Now is the time to put your winter patties on your colonies!

\$3.00 ea.

REMEMBER, CLUB MEMBERS GET 5% DISCOUNT.

NEW WEBSITE: tarboovalleywoodenware.com

NEW EMAIL: frank@tarboovalleywoodenware.com

KEEP BUZZING WITH BLAKE

Oxalic Acid treatments for your bees

For information, call Gloria and leave a message for Blake.

He will return your call....360-301-1850