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CLUB MEETING

Jfferson County Library

SAT. JAN. 12TH,2019

9:30 A.M.

Board Meeting

Program...10:00a.m.

TONY WELLER

**ROSS ROUNDS
AND**

OTHER SOLUTIONS

11:30 am

Mentors Meeting

THE PREZ SEZ

Dear fellow beekeepers,

I am Tony Goldenberg, and I will be president of the bee club for 2019. I will be assisted by Blake Winn, who will be vice president.

I would like to thank David Morris for his excellent leadership over the past few years. He has kept the meetings on track, and has made everyone feel welcome!

I look forward to hearing from our club members about the programs they would like to present or see presented at the club meetings.

I will see you in February, as I will miss being at the January meeting.

Have a Happy New Year!

Sincerely,

Tony G.

2019 Club dues now due...



\$24.00 PER PERSON

\$36.00 PER FAMILY

BOARD OF TRUSTEES

President: Tony Goldenberg

Vice President: Blake Winn

Secretary: David Morris

Treasurer: Harry Prather

Trustees:

Paul Jendrucko

Rich Thomas

John Liczwinko

Slovenia

EJ BEES' WORKERS

These people have volunteered to head committees in 2018:

APPRENTICE CLASSES: Harry Prather

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MEETING AND ACTIVITY

CO-ORDINATORS:

Tony Goldenberg, Harry Prather,
and Gloria Neal

**2019 Club
membership is
due now.....**

LETTER FROM THE EDITOR

EJ Beekeepers...

Happy 2019! Thanks so much to all our club officers for their commitment to the club in 2018. Our thanks to the new officers who have stepped up to lead the club thru this year!

Harry is gearing up to head the beekeeping classes starting in February. Along with the classes, Mike and Beth Kelly have been busy producing slide shows to be presented as a teaching tool for our beginner beekeepers.

Rich Thomas has been working on a mentoring program for new beekeepers. This should hopefully add to the success of our students beekeeping efforts!

This month Tony Weller will be presenting a talk on how to use Ross rounds and producing honey comb honey from his bees. He also has some exciting videos to share from inside his colonies while his bees were feeding on the fondant cakes. Tony plans on sharing some of his solutions to problems he encountered.

We are anticipating a good ,healthy and productive year for all of you and your honey bee colonies.

That's the buzz for January.

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BEEZWAX



JANUARY'S HONEY-DO LIST

***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.**

*** Feeding fondant, candy boards and winter patties, is a wonderful alternative for a colony short on food stores. A quilt box above it assures that your bees are kept dry and warm when feeding on the candy. Never feed your honey bees liquids during the winter!**

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

***Keeping a journal on your bees is an important part of beekeeping. Winter is a great time to review your notes on your colonies and decide what changes to make next year.**

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!

Blueberries and cherries are 90% dependant on honey bees...Almonds depend entirely on honey bee pollination Blake



WHO'S WHO IN E.J. BEES

Our beekeeper for January is Tony Weller. Tony will be bringing the program to the club this month. He is working on his journeyman certificate.

After retiring from work overseas, Tony moved back to his home in Port Ludlow to his .67 acre farm. His desire was to start an organic farm and raise bees and his own food.

Tony joined EJ Bees in the fall of 2014, and picked up his first 2 packages of honey bees in April of 2015. His favorite bee is a Carnolan. That's the bee he started out with, they are gentle, and they produced a large amount of honeycomb and honey the first year for him.

Tony has produced a number of videos taken inside his colonies and has been very active in sharing his photos, his woodenware modifications, and photos with the club! He is one of a few beekeepers who has been successful in getting his bees to produce comb honey rounds to sell.

In 2015, Tony drove his Ford Escort to pick up his first 2 bee packages from Calvin Lomsdalen, who lived 8 miles away. He noticed that there were quite a few bees clinging to the outside screen of the boxes. No problem, he was told, as they only wanted to get inside with the rest of the bees. He carefully put the packages into a box in the trunk and drove off. As he was driving home, occasionally glancing in his rear view mirror, he started noticing that more and more bees were coming up through the loose fitting panel and filling up his car inside. Tony had to think fast!!! He turned on the AC and set it on the coldest setting possible. Having nothing to lose, he waited for the AC to kick in. As his car started cooling down, the bees started returning to the packages! When he got home, he released the packages into his waiting brood boxes. Because there were still bees in the packages and not wanting to lose any, he leaned the package boxes up against the colony boxes and placed roofing shingles over them to protect the bees. By the end of the following day all the bees were in the colonies. Now to feed his colonies to get them established!

Six months later, Tony harvested his first crop of honey supers and Ross rounds. He tallied in at 2.5 gallons of honey and 20 count of 10 oz. 100% completed honey comb rounds! It was a great first season, considering his bees just 2 weeks before had none of the supers filled up!

WASHINGTON STATE BEEKEEPERS ASSOCIATION PRESENTS PACIFIC NORTHWEST BEEKEEPING CONFERENCE

Join us on Saturday, February 9 from 8:00 AM to 4:30 PM at Eastern Washington University
in Cheney, WA.

Our speaker line up includes:

- Jerry Bromenshenk from the University of Montana speaking on mobile apps for pest and disease management in honey bees
- Jenifer Walke of EWU - Artificial Nectar vs Sucrose. Effects on the microbiome and the bee gut
- Ari Alvarez of BeeManiacs on Mead making

• Registration is Now Open!

- The conference fee just \$10 for WASBA members (individual membership required) or \$35 for non-WASBA members.

Register at: <https://bit.ly/2RHBWky>

TIPS & TRICKS

January 2019: *This is the first in a new monthly offering of useful hints for beekeepers. My thanks to Susi Thomas for offering to do this for the club!*

- * To block wind & driving rain, set pallets vertically near hives & hold in place with iron fence stakes.
- * To allow bee passage, trim bottom corners off plasticell foundation. Bees won't fill in the gap.
- * To minimize condensation inside hive:
- * Place at least 2" of rigid insulation on top of top-cover
- * Use wood shavings in quilt board; remove & dry in a paper bag by a woodstove as needed, then reuse

**IF YOU WOULD LIKE TO SUBMIT YOUR OWN TIP OR TRICK FOR
POSSIBLE FUTURE INCLUSION, PLEASE SEND IT TO:**

richandsusi@cablespeed.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

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

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