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EJ'S NEWS

EJ is East Jefferson Beekeepers Association's Mascot.

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CLUB MEETINGat

Jefferson County Library
Saturday, March 9th

9:00 a.m.

Board Meeting

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9:30 a.m.

PROGRAM

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BEEKEEPING

CLASSES

March 9th

11:00 a.m.

Lesson 4

Saturday, March 23rd

Starts at 9:00

Lessons 5 and 6

**Check pg 4 for more
info. on classes!**

THE PREZ SEZ

Dear Fellow Beekeepers,

Your prez didn't feed some of his bees this fall and one of his best hives suffered a catastrophic failure. Earlier this week I checked on my hives in the Chimacum Valley and found one of three gone. Thousands of bees dead in a cluster, hundreds and hundreds of bee butts in comb all starved.

Now is the time to check your hives and make sure they have food, make them some sugar block or put it in raw but don't let it go unattended. Feeding now can make the difference in your hive being there in the spring.

We have been offered an observation hive made under a special program with Corrections Departments. We will talk about accepting this offer at the March board meeting and if the board is interested I will bring it up in the membership meeting. Would you be interested in being the caretaker of this equipment?

The board is looking for someone to help with marketing some bee club efforts. If you are interested come to the March board meeting or write me at eastjeffersonbeekeepers@gmail.com and I will get you the details.

Calvin Lomsdalen will be giving a presentation on single deep brood boxes at the next meeting. Look it up. See you there.

Tony Goldenberg

PROGRAM FOR MARCH CLUB MEETING

Using Single brood boxes in your apiary

By Calvin Lomsdalen

BOARD OF TRUSTEES

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MEETING AND ACTIVITY

CO-ORDINATORS:

Tony Goldenberg, Harry Prather,
and Gloria Neal

LETTER FROM THE EDITOR

EJ Beekeepers...

March has come in like a welcome lamb, after last month gave us the big blast of winter! Reminding me that even in our moderate climate, we aren't immune to an occasional taste of deep snow and cold weather.

Last year was such a terrible year for the wasps attacking our honey bee colonies. I hope this winter blast has cut down on the amount of wasp queens that survive.

I'm hoping to have my wasp traps out early...as soon as I see the big queens out flying, looking for a place to nest. Hopefully it will cut down on the wasp population for the summer!

Here's hoping that your bees have survived the winter and are thriving. See you at the meeting on the 9th.

That's the buzz for March.

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APIARY PERMITS FOR 2019

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MARCH'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

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

<https://www.jeffcobees.org>

Rhodendron Parade FYI

Commercial entries that represent a business or corporation, or any entry displaying or advertising a business or corporation name, and political candidates running for office this year will be required to pay the entry fee \$100.00.

The other application categories are relevant: Community (other) motorized and Community- non motorized, both of which are free.

We have until May 4th to submit our application.

We can talk about this at our March board meeting.

Rich

2019 Club dues are now due...

\$24.00 per person

Or

\$36.00 per family

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/>

An indication that your colony is running out of room and could be preparing to swarm is the appearance of white wax on your frames. This is a sign that your bees have filled every available cell with nectar and are begging for more room. Usually found during a nectar flow!

MARCH'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:

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.

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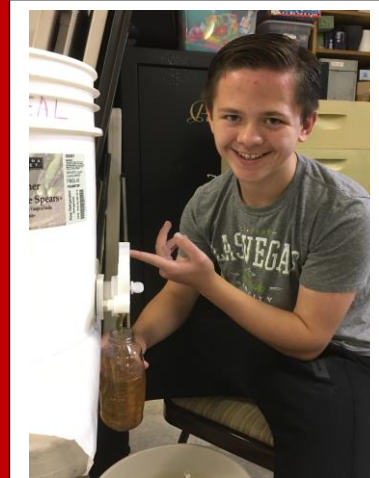


Blake

Bee-lieve me. It's a fact!

A honey bees sense of smell can tell from meters away, whether a flower has pollen or nectar available.

..... Blake



KEEP BUZZING WITH BLAKE

Oxalic Acid treatments for your bees

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

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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 spring pollen patties on your colonies!

\$3.00 ea.

REMEMBER, CLUB MEMBERS GET 5% DISCOUNT.

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