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President's Letter:

Dear Members,

Well it seem that our season is a bit delayed due to a cold time in the South. But before you know it, the bees will be here, though after a day like yesterday and today, it is hard to believe.

A bunch of us from the club went to the Mass Bee Meeting in Topsfield. We had a great time. We were nicely represented by 8 members of the club. Not only were we nicely represented, but we walked a way with a variety of raffle and door prizes (I think a total of 7 or 8) as well as winning a few silent auctions.

There were 3 talks during the day. One of them was on Varroa mites and we will be sharing this information at the next club meeting. Also there was a talk by Philip Stark from Tufts University. He told us all about the research that his team is working on with bees. It was very exciting.

We have two surprises to share with the club at the next meeting, so I hope that everyone will be able to make it.

Bee school is almost over. It is hard to believe. We have added 97 new beekeepers to the club. They are all very excited and are looking forward to getting started. I encourage everyone to help any new and old beekeepers alike. We face many challenges today that generations past did not have to worry about. I believe there is great strength in support, communication and discussion amongst beekeepers. Share your ideas, your methods, your experience. I will only make us all better beekeepers. Beekeeping is about learning and growing from our experiences. As Keith Delaplane said, there is no one right way to be a beekeeper. We need to listen and learn from everyone.

See you all in April.

Tony

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CLUB NEWS

Programs

April Meeting: Surprise Event Meeting, not to be missed.

Dues: Just a reminder that if you haven't paid your dues for 2010. Please send your dues to Fran Arena-Key, 140 Cottage Street, Natick, MA 01760 or bring it to the next meeting. The cost of membership is \$15 per individual or family.

T-shirts: We still have plenty of T-shirts left to be purchased in most sizes.

Facebook: One of our past members started a Facebook page a while back. If you are on Facebook, I encourage you to join the group. It is one more way to communicate with our members and the world around us.

New Club Logo: The new board is working on the idea of redesigning our logo. If anyone is an illustrator, we are looking to have a bee drawn from scratch. We will be holding a contest for the illustrator of the bee. If you are interested, please contact Tony Lulek or Owen Ackerman. There will be a prize offered to the one that is finally chosen.

Extractor Raffle: A 6-frame power extractor obtained from the Huston family in 2008 will be raffled off at the April meeting. Tickets are \$10 each. They will be on sale at the March and April meetings. The extractor will be on display at the March meeting again if you did not have a chance to view it at the February meeting. You do not have to be present for the raffle. It is a beautiful piece of equipment.

Raffle Table: Please bring bee related items for the raffle table: Old bee magazines, unused equipment, anything bee related, garden or nature related. We will also be having our plant raffle table in May.

Door Prize and Raffle Tickets: Board members will be handing out a ticket to each member at the meeting for the door prizes. In addition we will have a different color ticket for the raffle table. The price for the raffle is 1 Ticket - \$1, 3 Tickets - \$2, 10 Tickets - \$5.

Food Table Reminder: If you signed up for the March meeting, don't forget to bring something.

Pictures: If anyone has pictures of bee meetings or pictures they take in their hives and want to share them with the club; I have created a Picasa site for us. Please contact me and I will give you the email address and password. If you do not know how to use Picasa, please let me know. It is a very simple program that anyone can use.

CLUB NEWS

2009-2010 NCBA Officers

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Upcoming Events

Massachusetts Agriculture Day at the State House

Saturday, April 10th, 2010

Ag Day is a great opportunity to show state representatives that beekeepers are active and important to the state's agriculture. As we continue to be disappointed by the lack of funds for inspectors, and other requests to the Commissioner this cannot be understated.

Massachusetts Beekeeper's Association Field Day

Saturday, June 26th, 2010

UMass Agronomy Farm, South Deerfield, MA

Hosted by the Franklin County Beekeepers Association

NCBA Annual Family Fair: We are planning on a big fair for all our beekeepers and their families in June. Stay tuned for details, but keep June 19th open, as you will not want to miss all the food, fun, and festivities for our first annual fair.

Massachusetts Beekeeper's Fall Meeting

Saturday, October 2nd, 2010

Knights of Columbus Hall, Leicester, MA

Hosted by the Worcester Beekeeping Association.

MEDIA BUZZ

FOXBORO, MA- RIGHT TO FARM

In an attempt to balance residential tranquility and the rights of small farms and stables, the Foxboro Board of Health recently adopted rules that would require permits and other approvals of those who want to raise cows, chickens or other animals.

Brad Mitchell, director of government affairs for the Massachusetts Farm Bureau, said attempts to regulate farming and agricultural activity in suburban towns are growing more numerous as the character of the communities change.

While a state "right to farm" law protects farmers of five acres or more from nuisance complaints, those with less land are presumed to have little standing as farmers.

A bill filed by state Rep. Steve D'Amico, D-Seekonk, would extend right-to-farm protections down to plots of an acre or more. Such small farms wouldn't get the benefit of agricultural tax exemptions available to conventional operations.

USA- AUTHORIZING BEEKEEPING IN THE CITY OF NEW YORK

Beekeeping lovers savor a sweet victory in New York City, where a special commission has been authorized the cultivation of beehives on the island after decades of prohibition. Until just a few hours anyone who dared to grow their own honey in the big apple was faced not only the wrath of their neighbors, but fines which ranged from 200 to \$ 2,000

IRELAND

INNOVATIVE BEE HEALTH ADDITIVE LAUNCHED

An Irish bio-tech company which is 50 per cent owned by NUI Maynooth is to enter the US market with the launch of an innovative food additive product which tackles disease and premature death in the world's bee population * a major issue affecting food production in the US. Beemune was formed as a spin-out company from NUI Maynooth, where a research team led by Dr Kevin Kavanagh, an expert in insect biology and immunology, has been developing the product for more than two years. Enterprise Ireland and the HSE contributed funding to the research. It is hoped that the product, in the final stages of trials, will be launched on the international market within six months. The company is in talks with a US firm about marketing it, while the US Department of Agriculture is sponsoring field trials of the product. Beemune intends to build a Research and Development centre in Ireland over the next three years, which will potentially create up to 30 manufacturing jobs. Disease and death in bees is the second biggest threat to crops after climate change according to the US Department of Agriculture, Dr Kavanagh said yesterday.

RECIPES

PECAN - STUFFED HONEY GLAZED HAM

6-8 lb. boneless ham, fully cooked
2 1/2 c. chopped onion
1/4 lb. butter
1 1/2 c. packaged cornbread stuffing mix
3/4 c. chopped fresh parsley
2 1/2 c. coarsely chopped pecans
3 tsp. prepared mustard
3 eggs, slightly beaten
3/4 c. honey
3 tbsp. frozen orange juice concentrate,
thawed

A tunnel is cut through the center of the ham. Cut all skin and fat from ham. Make tunnel, beginning on one end and working toward the back. Save center for other use.

Filling: In a large skillet, saute onion in butter until soft. Remove to bowl and add cornbread stuffing mix. Add parsley, pecans, mustard, and eggs; toss lightly.

Stuff cavity of ham with 2/3 of the stuffing. Pack it in lightly. Score top of ham in diamond pattern, cutting about 1/4 inch deep.

Place ham on rack in a 325 degree oven and bake for 1 1/2 hours. While ham is baking, make a glaze by mixing the honey and orange juice in a small bowl. After baking for 1 1/2 hours, pour glaze over ham and bake 20 more minutes. Remove from oven and spread the remaining stuffing mix over the top of ham and return to oven for 20 minutes.

MELON BALLS APPETIZER

1 med. Honeydew
1 med. Cantaloupe
4 oz. thin sliced lean ham
4 oz. thin sliced turkey

DIPPING SAUCE:

1/4 c. spicy brown mustard
2 tbsp. honey
12 fresh mint leaves, chop

Make melon balls. Cut ham and turkey into 4x1 inch strips. Wrap each melon ball in either ham or turkey strips and skewer with toothpicks.

In small bowl mix sauce ingredients. Serve with wrapped balls

CLASSIFIEDS

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Open every Saturday from 9AM - 4PM
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Reseska Apiaries Beekeeping Supply will be re-opening for the season on Saturday Feb 20, from 9AM to 4PM. And will be open every Saturday thru the season.

The store is stocked with everything needed for beginning as well as seasoned beekeepers

We have been busy making, wiring, and embedding thousands of frames that were so popular last year.

Swap N' Sell N' Wanted Classifieds

Here's a column where you can sell, swap, or give away just about anything. If you are a paid member, advertising is free for as many issues as you wish. If you are not a member, The cost is \$8.00/ad/issue (so, it pays to become a member)

Everything you need to make your own Beer or Mead!!!

3- diff. cappers/corkers
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1- 6 gal. Carboy
Bottle drying rack
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Contact Peter Tullock at
pjrestoration@hotmail.com

1986 Chevy El Camino pick-up for sale.

Mechanically, it needs work. BUT, the body is beautiful and if someone didn't want it for driving- it would be a beautiful classic way to display your honey company or Bee farm. A hive or 2 fit nicely in the back and it has wide doors for large advertising.
squeenbee297@verizon.net or susan whalen @ 781-449-0213

MEETING NOTES

The March 2010 meeting of the Norfolk County Beekeepers

Association opened at 7:40pm with 55 members present

Announcements:

Bee school is going well. All members are welcome to show up and offer assistance.

Mentor program * if any member is willing to become a mentor, please drop a note to Tony or Pete. We have a large bee student class

and mentorship is a great way to help out
1st Annual NCBA Family Fair is set for June 19, 2010. Ideas for events are welcome. Contests on lighting bee smokers and family fun. Details will be forthcoming. Mark your calendars.

MA State Bee Spring Meeting will be held at the Topsfield Fairground on March 27. The Beekeeper of the year will be awarded. Anyone wishing to attend and carpool is encouraged to contact Tony or Pete for details

MA State Bee Field Day Meeting will be held in Deerfield, MA on June 26. Details forthcoming
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T-shirts * current T-shirts are still available. The club is having a new logo drawing contest. If you have an artistic side, please submit ideas to Owen and Tony

Past President and NCBA Hall of Famer, Norm Shaw is out of rehab.

Speaker. Faith Knowles spoke on The Natural Healing Benefits of the Hive. Faith provided the members with a detailed description on the various medicinal aspects of the bee products. Topics included Honey, wax, pollen, bee bread, pollen, royal jelly, propolis , and bee venom.

Door prizes. Faith Knowles won Honey B Healthy and a Bee Book and Glenn Nuttall won an IPM screened bottom board and Fumagilin.

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