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Hello Beekeepers,

Popcorn and a movie were on the agenda for our last meeting. Seems that both were a hit. The popcorn was gone and everyone clapped after the movie. As with many of these types of movie, for me they bring up more questions than answer. As beekeepers we are already aware of what is going on with the bees, but for the general public they do not understand it well. It is our job as beekeepers and members of NCBA to help educate the general public. It is part of our mission as a club. I know that many of you speak publicly about bees and I encourage others to do the same, whether it is at your local church, social group, and schools.

See you all in March,

Yours fondly in beekeeping,

Tony Lulek

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Next Club Meeting

March 5, 2012
400 Main Street
Walpole, MA
7:30 PM

Welcome Bee School

Class of 2012



Club News

NCBA Forum

We also encourage everyone to use the forum. We have a staff of beekeepers monitoring the forum on a daily basis. This is also a good source of information for new bee students. Ed Szymanski our forum master is available for issues and questions about the forum.

NCBA is on Facebook

Check us out on FaceBook.

Join us at

<http://www.facebook.com/#!/group.php?gid=43171368357>

Or search for Norfolk County Beekeepers Association. We have 140 members and growing!



Bee School Continuing Education

We will be holding a class in March on a Saturday. Please stay tuned for the date.

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Club News

NCBA Board meetings

All our board meetings are the 3rd Monday of the month. They are held at the Woodside Montessori School, 350 Village Street, Millis, MA at 7 pm. All members are welcome to attend and are encouraged to get involved. With a club this size, our success depends upon members being involved in service to the club.

NCBA T-shirts

We still have t-shirts available for \$10 each. Please contact Tony Lulek or they will be available at the next meeting.

Bee Packages and Nucs

Dave Shaner is our point person for ordering nucs and packages. As well there are other sources but we are not handling group orders with them. There is Reseska Apiaries and as well Roger Robitaille from RI (401 732-6599, 401 378 3578) and Rick Reault of New England Beekeeping Supplies (1.877.632.3371) have packages available.

Bee School

Its official! Again we have a class of over 90 future beekeepers. We had to cut people off. I actually received about 10 calls within 24 hours of class starting from people wanted to join our school. I actually even got a call from Virginia as a gentleman there found our web site and thought he was calling Norfolk, Virginia. I had to turn him away as well. ☺ This year we created our own book and have gone mostly digital with PowerPoint presentations and PDFS. There are also a lot of 2nd year bee students attending class as well.

Bee School Mentoring

This year we will be having a mentoring workshop. All beekeepers that want to be a mentor must contact Pete Tullock and sign up for the bee school mentoring. I want to insure that all mentors are on the same page and they we all adhere to the same guidelines regarding safe mentoring practices. This will be held toward the end of February. All mentors will also be requested to attend the next bee school meeting so the new beekeepers can meet their mentors.

NCBA Service to the club

As many of you may know a board of directors runs the club. This is a very crucial part of the club today, what with the huge increase in membership and bee school the past 5 years. These positions are completely volunteer. Your board members donate many hours of their time to fulfill the purpose of the board in running the club. There are often many things that happen in the board meetings that require time and effort to accomplish. As we approach the end of the current board's tenure, I deeply encourage anyone that is interested in serving the club in any way to come to the board meetings. If you are interested in being an officer or a committee head, please join us at the next board meeting, February 20, 2012 at Woodside Montessori, 350 Village Street, Millis, at 7 pm.

Club News

Events

Worcester county Beekeepers Seminar

Saturday, March 10, 2012

8am—3:30pm

Place: Knights of Columbus Hall, Leicester, MA

ALL DAY MEETING WITH GUEST SPEAKERS

Dr. Deb Delaney, University of Delaware

2nd speaker TBA

This is our all day spring meeting with two big name speakers. Arrival will be from 8 A.M. to 9 P.M. with free coffee and danish being served at the Leicester Knights of Columbus Hall. Enjoy bee talk with other WCBA beekeepers during this hour. We have Dr. Deb Delaney from the University of Delaware who will do two talks, one on the population genetics of honeybees in the U.S. and one on the evolutionary biology of honeybees along with pollination ecology. Our second big name speaker has not yet confirmed and will be posted on the club website ASAP. There will be a lunch served from 12:15-1:15 consisting of soup, salad and cold cut platters for a cost of \$10 per person. You must pre-register for this lunch using the reservation form below and mailing it by the date announced. The meeting will end at 3:30 P.M. This is a meeting you do not want to miss!

LUNCH ORDER FORM (must be received by March 3)

For more details please visit

<http://worcestercountybeekeepers.com>

Events-

Penn State virtual Beginner Beekeeping Class

Beekeeping For Beginners Virtual Webinar Series

Penn State Cooperative Extension is conducting a virtual Beginner Beekeeping Class starting in March 2012. The webinar course is designed to

create a foundation of beekeeping knowledge in order to confidently help beginners manage honeybees.

Webinars are web-based seminars which delivers training through the Internet directly to your computer. You are able to view the presentation

via your home/office computer and listen to the audio portion of the presentation through your computer's speakers. These are interactive and

will allow the participants to ask questions and communicate with the presenters. If you can't join the session or would like to review a certain

topic, sessions will be recorded and available to participants until the end of the year

The Beekeeping for Beginners is a two month course that will include the following:

1. An eight part live webinar series (all sessions will be recorded and available until December 31, 2012)
2. Virtual Beekeeping Field Day
3. Accessibility to instructors through:
 - *Virtual office hours
 - *Discussion forums

Registration and agenda information can be found at: <http://agsci.psu.edu/beekeeping-for-beginners>
<http://agsci.psu.edu/beekeeping-for-beginners>

Club News

2012 NCBA Bee Packages

This year the NCBA will consolidate ordering of bee packages through a single point of contact. This effort will minimize the resources to the supplier and of the club. This year we are offering two (2) suppliers for bees; Beehavin and Merrimack Valley.

Due to Mother Nature's involvement, pickup dates are estimated until final confirmations are received. Each of you will be notified as the dates become firm. Pickup locations will be advised whether at the Aggie, Reseska Apiaries, or an alternate centralized site.

2012 Bee School students – you have preference for delivery at the end of April from Beehavin.

Three easy steps for ordering your 2012 Bee Packages

- 1) Please fill out your contact information below
- 2) Choose your supplier, mark the total packages requested, and choice of delivery date
- 3) Send order form and check payable to NCBA to the address below

Name _____ Phone _____
Address _____ City _____
Email address _____

Beehavin	Merrimack Valley
Packages only - \$70 ea	Nucs only - \$105 ea
April 14 – ____ packages	April 28 - ____ nucs
April 28 - ____ packages (2012 Bee School preference)	May 7 - ____ nucs
	May 15 - ____ nucs
	Note: Order ASAP as Merrimack Valley sells out quickly
Orders must be received by March 10, 2012	Orders must be received by February 10, 2012

Send your order and payment to
NCBA Bee packages
C/o Dave Shaner
7 Vine Street
Franklin, MA 02038
Dashaner123@aol.com or 508-742-7629 if any questions

Media Buzz

Plants for Feeding Bees



last modified January 17, 2012

Tristram Seidler's presentation at New England Wild Flower Society's 2011 Annual Meeting included a month by month chart of plants in bloom to feed bees.

When planting your garden, reference this chart to ensure a steady flow of pollinating bees into your garden during the year. Dr. Tristram Seidler presented this year-round feeding chart during his presentation on bees at New England Wild Flower Society's 2011 Annual Meeting.



Media Buzz

Maryland Beekeepers Want Honey Legally Defined

ANNAPOLIS (February 7, 2012) -- Maryland beekeepers are rallying around a bill Wednesday afternoon that would set a standard for honey sold in the state.

"Maryland has no definition of what honey is, so anyone can put anything in a jar and call it honey," said David Morris, who keeps bees in Laurel. "It looks like honey, but in fact it's high fructose corn syrup. It's consumer fraud."

Under the new bill, only pure honey could be labeled as such.

Wayne Esaias, a former oceanographer for NASA and current president of the Maryland Beekeepers Association will be testifying at the hearing because he wants to protect Maryland beekeepers that produce pure, unadulterated honey.

"It's an honest product and a state definition would help us keep it that way," he said.

The honey industry is faced with a plethora of challenges that make it difficult to make a living at beekeeping. Honey imported from China and elsewhere is often cut with corn syrup, undercutting the price of pure honey, and increased pesticide use on farms has beekeepers losing large percentages of their colonies, said Dean Burroughs, a full-time beekeeper in Salisbury.

Thirty percent of bees died nationally last year from all causes, according to a survey conducted by the U.S. Department of Agriculture and the Apiary Inspectors of America.

"Not a lot of legislators in Maryland understand the trials and tribulations of beekeepers," Esaias said.

Keeping Maryland beekeepers in business is also important for Maryland agriculture because bees are needed to pollinate the state's crops.

"It takes over a million hives for the U.S. almond crop alone," said the bill's sponsor, Delegate Kathy Afzali, R-Frederick. "It's very important that we protect our agriculture and our beekeepers, and the honey bill is the first step."

Rather than create a new board to regulate the honey industry, the bill would give power to honey producers and consumers.

"It gives us legitimate right to sue those who produce adulterated honey," Esaias said. "We're a shoestring industry. If they make us test every batch, we'd be out of business."

HB 159, cross filed with SB 193 was heard in the House of Delegates last year, but went back to the drawing board for technical errors.

"Last year it flew through the House, but got tabled in the Senate for technical errors," said Esaias. "It didn't involve the beekeeping community ... this is a better bill."

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BEE PACKAGES: 3lb Italian bee packages from Wilbanks

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up in Holliston and in Western MA.

Info will be posted on our website after Jan. 1st.

www.bostonhoneycompany.com

We also sell a complete line of beekeeping supplies
and Maxant honey extractors. (Phone: 508-429-6872)

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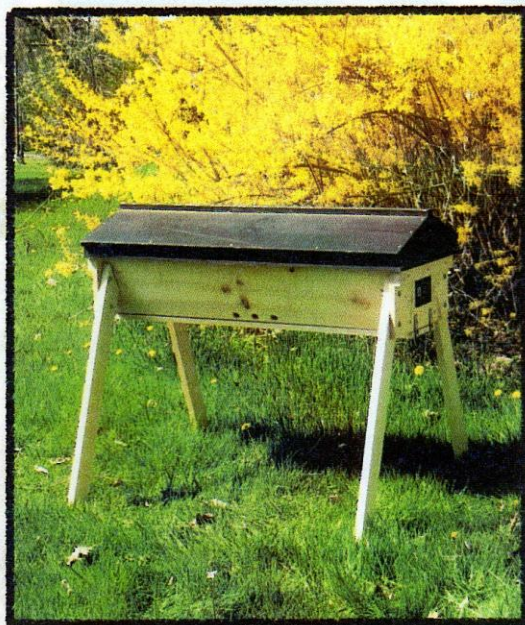
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When: Saturday & Sunday - March 24 & 25

Times: 8:30am to 4:00pm both days



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**(After March 9, registration increases to
\$200)**

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Bee School - North Attleboro, MA - March 24 and 25, 2011

Name(s): _____

Address: _____

Phone: _____

Email: _____

Credit Card# _____

Exp Date _____

CV code _____

_____ X \$175 = \$ _____

Please make checks payable to:
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BeeHavin is offering free shipping on any order placed with Brushy Mountain. Attached with this newsletter are the instructions and what products they will be offered. This is open to anyone, not just bee students.



Beehavin' Apiary
PO Box 364
East Greenwich, RI 02818-0364

(401) 374-4730

sales@beehavin.com

Please mail your order form!

Group Run Dates

Order By Feb 18, Pick-up March 3

Order By March 16, Pick-up March 24

Order By March 31, Pick-up April 7

Order by April 28, Pick-up May 5

Payment at time of order, cash, check or credit card.

Pick-Up Location:

The Apiary Store

225 Douglas Pike

Smithfield, RI 02818

Kids Corner

Bee aMazed Adventure



Spelling Bees

Find all of these words either across or down: honey, pollen, beeswax, workerbee, beekeeper, flower, nectar, queenbee, hive, build, clean, feed, drone, larvae, nest, egg, skep

A B H O N E Y B E
 G E F E E D Q C G
 C E L P C L U W G
 L S O O T A E O B
 E W W L A R E R U
 A A E L R V N K I
 N X R E S A B E L
 D R O N E E E E R D
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 B E E K E E P E R
 N E S T W S K E P

Honeybees are amazing insects. They pollinate flowers, make honey, and help plants produce the fruits and vegetables we eat. Solve all the puzzles to get the buzz on some more cool facts about honeybees. (Hint: If you get stuck, you can find all of the answers by reading the signs in the Bee aMazed Garden or on our website at www.longwoodgardens.org)

Busy as a Bee

In any hive you would find worker bees, drone bees, and a queen bee. Draw a line from the correct beehive job to the bee.

Queen Bee

Cleans the hive
 Takes care of the queen
 Feeds all the bees

Worker Bee

Keeps the worker bees happy
 Collects pollen and nectar from flowers

Drone Bee

Makes honey
 Keeps the worker bees calm
 Builds the hive

So who does most of the work in the hive?



Math Buzz

A lot of honeybees live in one beehive. Can you figure out how many?

$$\begin{array}{r} 12,382 \\ + 7,618 \\ \hline \end{array}$$

bees live in a typical bee hive!

How many eggs can a queen bee lay in a day?

$$\begin{array}{r} 2,382 \\ - 882 \\ \hline \end{array}$$

eggs in a day!

How many flowers can a worker bee visit in just one day?

$$\begin{array}{r} 1,404 \\ + 1,096 \\ \hline \end{array}$$

flowers in a day!



Honeybee Mix-up

Honeybees provide us with a lot of very useful products. Unscramble the words to figure them out.

CIDINEME _____
 LEDSNAC _____
 AXW _____
 YHNOE _____
 PUMEKA _____

Bee Hive Maze

Honeybees make honey inside their hive. Help the honeybee get to the empty cell so she can make more honey.

Start



Finish

Recipes

Bean and Honey Burrito Casserole

1 1/2 cups cooked yellow rice
1 serving cooking spray
8 (8 inch) flour tortillas
1/4 cup prepared yellow mustard
1/4 cup sour cream
1/3 cup honey
1/2 cup diced red bell pepper
1/2 cup diced green bell pepper
1 (15 ounce) can garbanzo beans, drained
1 (15 ounce) can black beans, rinsed and drained
1 cup corn kernels
2 cups shredded cooked chicken
1/2 cup shredded mozzarella cheese
1/2 cup shredded Cheddar cheese
1 1/2 teaspoons ground cumin
1 tablespoon honey

Prepare yellow rice as directed on package; reserve 1 1/2 cups. Refrigerate any remaining rice for another use.

Preheat oven to 375 degrees F (190 degrees C). Spray a 9x13 inch baking dish with cooking spray.

Line bottom of baking dish with 4 tortillas. To make the honey sauce, whisk together the mustard, sour cream, and 1/3 cup honey in a small bowl. Combine the red pepper, green pepper, garbanzo beans, black beans, and corn in a large bowl. Scoop out 1/2 cup of the bean mixture and reserve for topping.

Stir the chicken, 1/4 cup mozzarella cheese, 1/4 cup Cheddar cheese, cumin, yellow rice, and honey sauce into the bean mixture. Mix well. Pour mixture into the baking dish. Top with 4 tortillas; sprinkle with the remaining 1/4 cup mozzarella cheese, 1/4 cup Cheddar cheese, and the reserved 1/2 cup bean mixture.

Bake in preheated oven until hot and bubbly, 30 to 45 minutes. Cover with aluminum foil if top browns excessively. Remove from oven, drizzle with the remaining 2 tablespoons of honey.

Honeysuckle Pineapple

4 slices fresh pineapple
1 1/2 tablespoons honey
2 tablespoons cherry brandy
1 teaspoon lemon juice

To Marinate: Combine honey, brandy and lemon juice in a nonporous glass dish or bowl. Mix together and add pineapple; coat well with marinade mixture. Cover dish and marinate in refrigerator for 1 hour.

Preheat grill to medium heat and lightly oil grate.

Remove pineapple from dish or bowl, discarding any leftover marinade. Place pineapple wedges directly on rack or in a basket and grill for about 10 minutes, turning, until pineapple is hot and caramelized.





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New England Hive 1 (10 Frame Equipment)

A New England Hive contains each of the following items

Item Num	Description	Qty per Kit		
277	10 Frm IPM Bottom Board	1		
371DT	10 Frm Hive Body	2		
688	10 Frm Hive Top Feeder	1		
211	10 Frm Imirie Shim	1		
671	10 Frm Inner Cover	1		
667	10 Frm Telescopic Top	1		
201	10 Pack Crimped Wire Foundation Deep	2		
127	Wedge Top Divided Bottom Frames Deep	20		
697	Support Pins Pack of 100	1		
683	Wooden Bound Queen Excluder	1		
495	Hive Tool	1		
775	Bee Brush	1		
751	Smoker	1		
839	Smoker Fuel 1#	1		
673	Entrance Reducer	1		
	Total Kits Ordered	Qty	Cost/Kit	Ext. Cost
			192.20	

New England Hive 2 (10 Frame Medium Back-Savers)

New England Hive 2 contains the following items

Item Num	Description	Qty		
277	10 Frm IPM Bottom Board	1		
371DT	10 Frm Hive Body	1		
381DT	10 Frm Medium Supers	3		
688	10 Frm Hive Top Feeder	1		
211	10 Frm Imirie Shim	1		
671	10 Frm Inner Cover	1		
667	10 Frm Telescopic Top	1		
201	10 Pack Crimped Wire Foundation Deep	1		
401	10 Pack Crimped Wire Foundation Medium	3		
127	Wedge Top Divided Bottom Frames	10		
147	Wedge Top Divided Bottom Frames	30		
697	Support Pins Pack of 100	1		
683	Wooden Bound Queen Excluder	1		
495	Hive Tool	1		
775	Bee Brush	1		
751	Smoker	1		
839	Smoker Fuel 1#	1		
673	Entrance Reducer	1		
	Total New England Kit 2 Ordered	Qty	Cost/Kit	Ext. Cost
			241.85	

New England Honey Expansion Kit

New England Honey Expansion Kit contains the following

Item Num	Description	Qty		
381DT	10 Frm Medium Supers	2		
147	Wedge Top Divided Bottom Frames Medium	20		
401	10 Pack Crimped Wire Foundation Medium	2		
697	Support Pins Pack of 100	1		
	Total New England Honey Exp. Kits Ordered	Qty	Cost/Kit	Ext. Cost
			61.85	

Additional Items To Consider

Clothing

Item Num	Description	Qty	Cost	Ext. Cost
989Z	Inspector Jacket Circle Size	S M L	49.00	
989Z	Inspector Jacket Circle Size	X XX XXX XXXX	54.00	
986Z	Bee Suit Circle Size	S M L	74.00	
986Z	Bee Suit Circle Size	X XX XXX XXXX	79.00	
713	Plas. Coat Gloves Size	S M L XL	10.50	
719	Cowhide Gloves Size	S M L XL	19.95	
720	Goat Skin Gloves Size	S M L XL	19.50	

Additional Tools

Item Num	Description	Qty	Cost	Ext. Cost
495	Hive Tool		6.50	
762	Hive Lifter Hive Tool		12.95	
764	Frame Grip		17.95	
590	Economy Frame Grip		9.95	
592	Frame Perch		21.95	
368	Smoker Holder		15.95	
750	Pro Smoker		36.95	
644	Smoker Fuel By The Pound		2.25	
683	Wooden Bound Queen Excluder		9.50	
209	12 ½# Box of Deep Crimped Wire Foundation		78.50	
202	50 Sheets of Deep Crimped Wire Foundation		44.95	
201	10 Sheets of Deep Crimped Wire Foundation		9.95	
401	10 Sheets of Medium Crimped Wire Found.		6.50	
454	12 ½# Box of Medium Crimped Wire Found.		82.50	
211	10 Frame Imirie Shim		2.95	
422S	Small Plastic Entrance Feeders		2.95	
422L	Large Plastic Entrance Feeders		3.75	
664	Pail Feeder Hold Approx. 1 Gallon of Syrup		5.75	
686	Cypress Entrance Feeder		3.50	
323	Deep Plastic Division Feeder		6.95	
423	Plastic Hive Top Feeder		13.95	
212	Heavy Duty Hive Top Feeder		27.95	
N423	Plastic Nuc Feeder		11.95	
645	Baggie Feeder		5.95	

Books

Item Num	Description	Qty	Cost	Ext. Cost
958	The Backyard Beekeeper		24.95	
923A	First Lessons in Beekeeping – English		8.95	
923S	First Lessons in Beekeeping – Spanish		8.95	
483	The Beekeepers Handbook		26.50	

5 Frame Nuc

Item Num	Description	Qty	Cost	Ext. Cost
676	5 Frame Standard Nuc		39.95	
127	Wedge Top Divided Bottom Frames Each		.95	
201	10 Pack of Crimped Wire Foundation Deep		9.95	

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