

The Local Buzz

June 2018



President's Message, Jerry Van Heeringen



It's almost time for our June meeting and that means we'll be asking members to sign up to staff the NCBA booth at the Nevada County Fair. In past years we've had some trouble getting enough volunteers to fill all the times but it was different last year. The membership stepped up at the June meeting and filled all the time slots.

I hope to see the same this year, don't be shy or expect someone else to volunteer we need everyone to participate. We have a lot of new members this year and if you're one of them you may think you don't know enough about beekeeping to be in the booth. Don't let that stop you, a big part of what you do is give honey tastings, point out the queens, smile and be pleasant. If you just read the posters on the walls of the booth you'll have answers to most questions, you will probably be surprised at how much you do know. I was so impressed at the number of people who wished to volunteer last year, we even had to turn some away, so if you missed out last year now's your chance.

The real purpose of the NCBA is to educate ourselves and others, what better way to accomplish that than our booth at the fair. We have a very small group of people who put in a lot of time each year to give everyone not only a place to share your experiences in beekeeping, but also a place to have all your questions answered. All we ask of you is four hours a year.

June 4th Meeting – 7:00 PM

The topic for the June meeting will be “Everything you ever wanted to know about Honey Production but were afraid to ask” by our very own superstars, Rob Slay and Dan Wheat of A to Z.

Topics covered will be the 3 W's of adding a honey super, Queens- to exclude or not to exclude, How to Harvest Honey and not Bees, and how to extract honey in the A to Z sauna aka the Honey Shack, or how to lose 3 pounds of water weight in an hour.

YOU DO NOT WANT TO MISS THIS MEETING!!!

World Bee Day

On the 20th December 2017 the United Nations (UN) General Assembly adopted a resolution declaring 20th May World Bee Day. Every year on this day the global public will have their attention focused on the importance of preserving honey bees and all other pollinators, and people will be reminded of the significance of bees in providing for the needs of humanity. They will also be invited to take positive action to preserve and protect pollinators. What did you do to celebrate World Bee Day this year? <http://www.worldbeeday.org>

New Free Manual - Nuisance-free beekeeping

Best-practice guidelines for nuisance-free beekeeping

A very bright professor at Oregon State, Andony Melathopoulos, has co-authored a guide which you should read: Residential Beekeeping: Best-practice guidelines for nuisance-free beekeeping in Oregon. It was written in Oregon for Oregonians but the advice will help urban and suburban beekeepers everywhere.

This new manual is a colorful, user-friendly booklet. Topics include flight path, water for the bees, swarming, defensive behavior, robbing prevention, locating the apiary, proper number of hives to keep, stings, allergies, good neighbourliness, and lots more. It doesn't cover a few things which every beekeeper should know (diseases and mites, for example) but that's not the purpose of this guidebook. Instead, the clear focus is on being a good citizen backyard beekeeper and not a nuisance. There are a few paragraphs about legal stuff, town ordinances, and apiary registration which won't be completely transferable everywhere, but the rest of the manual generally is applicable for most community beekeepers.

This is a well-organized, well-written, and well-illustrated manual available as a FREE download or you can view online. <https://catalog.extension.oregonstate.edu/em9186>

Minutes ~ last meeting

Submitted by Jack Meeks

President Jerry Van Heeringen opened with Q&A.

Lynn Williams Swarm Hotline 675-2924. Most of the swarm calls have been false alarms, ground bees, wasps and others, or were out of reach in trees or walls. Pest Control companies refer swarms to us because their control is extermination with poison which leaves the honey and larva filled nests in the walls to ferment and melt. Beekeepers who extract the bees, honey and queen from buildings properly charge for the extra time and equipment.

Finance Janet Brisson. March and April reports

March 1 Bal: \$4261.71; Inc \$596.00; Exp \$8.36; End \$4849.35

April 1 Bal: \$4849.35, Inc \$886.92; Exp \$305.15; End \$5431.14

PROGRAM

Randy Oliver Q&A on Spring Bee Management

Bees never build on new blank foundation until they have filled every empty cell in drawn comb. If that's all filled with honey and pollen, the queen has no place for eggs unless you replace honey frames with empty brood comb in the cluster area.

Building colonies requires feeding sugar syrup and pollen substitute to allow early spring buildup of young bees before honey flow. During cold and rain periods the hive can starve unless checked often, and provided gallons of syrup for the hives readied for almond pollination.

Nevada County local honey production volume has been declining the last decade. Swarming should be prevented to control varroa explosion when the swarm migrates.

Club Dues R Due

Submitted by Janet Brisson

Please continue to be a valuable member of the Nevada County Beekeeper's Association. 2018 Dues are \$20/yr. (print newsletter) or \$15/yr. (email newsletter).

Are you paid up? Look at your email Subject Tab or your mailing label. If you see the words "Dues R Due!" you are not current.

Please update your membership or join today. May is your final issue without a current membership. You can pay dues at the May meeting or mail dues to (make check out to NCBA)

NCBA C/o Janet Brisson

20693 Dog Bar Road Grass Valley, CA 95949

Or go our website at <http://nevadacountybeekeepers.org> and look under the Join NCBA. You can pay through PayPal even though it says NEW MEMBER. I get notified and will figure it out.

Any questions, please feel free to call me at 530-913-2724 or email me at rubes@countryrubes.com

June Honey Recipe

Submitted by Leslie Gault

No Oil Honey Almond Cake

This gluten-free, no-oil-added recipe is very easy to make—and even easier to eat! Because it's made with honey it has a deliciously moist texture somewhere in between angel food and sponge cakes. Makes about 8 servings, takes about an hour.

Preheat oven to 325 degrees F. Prepare an 8 inch by 8 inch baking dish or bread pan by spraying with your favorite cooking spray.

Ingredients

4 eggs

½ cup honey

1 Tablespoon vanilla extract

1 ½ cups blanched almond flour (e.g. Bob's Red Mill brand available at Briarpatch)

¼ teaspoon salt

½ teaspoon baking soda

Directions

Put dry ingredients in a bowl and stir until combined. In a separate bowl, lightly beat together eggs, honey, and vanilla, then mix wet and dry ingredients together until well combined. Scrape into baking dish with a rubber spatula. Place in oven and bake until puffed up and lightly browned and a toothpick comes out clean. 8 X 8 inch pan takes 31 minutes in my oven, bread pan about 40 minutes. Cool on rack about half hour, then slice and serve.

Serving suggestions

Excellent with cut up strawberries or other fruit and drizzled with honey! Or drizzle with infused (fig extract or chocolate extract especially good) balsamic vinegar. If you don't have any infused balsamic vinegar, try adding a Tablespoon of Honey to 3 Tablespoons of regular balsamic vinegar (may need to warm slightly to get them to combine).

Note: You can make your own almond flour by grinding almonds in a blender, but unless they're blanched unsalted almonds and you grind them very finely, the texture of the cake won't be as good.

Goodies Sign-up

Karla Hanson, Coordinator

Please let me know if you can bring a treat for any of the coming meetings.

We only need a couple of folks each month, so pick a month and let me know. Contact Karla Hanson, queenbeez@att.net

From the Librarian

Tynowyn Slattery

Library books are checked out for 1 month, if you want to extend it for a second month just call or e-mail.

Remember...If you can't make meetings to return books, you can always mail them to:

Tynowyn Slattery 20493 Rome Road Nevada City, CA 95959 swoolman@saber.net 530-265-6318

Raffle Prizes

We always need more contributions to the monthly raffle! Almost everyone loves having more plants. Be creative. For every item you bring, you receive a free raffle ticket. The raffle helps with the club's expenses.

Thanks!

Apiary Registration and "Do Not Spray" signs

Did you know that State law requires all apiaries to register with their County Agricultural Commissioner during the month of January of each year. This regulation is designed to be beneficial to beekeepers as well as people who live and work near bee yards.

Registration Fee for hobbyist beekeepers is waived. A hobbyist beekeeper is defined as having less than 10 hives in the apiary. If you have 10 or more hives, a \$10 registration fee is required with the registration form.

The Nevada County Dept of Agriculture maintains information and registration forms related to beekeeping. www.mynevadacounty.com/982/Agricultural-Commissioner

The County Department of Public Works is responsible for roadside spraying. If you want to get "Do Not Spray" signs for your frontage, you'll need to complete an agreement with the Road Maintenance Division. www.mynevadacounty.com/374/Road-Maintenance



CLASSIFIEDS

Honey Extraction House

A to Z Supply has a honey extraction house available for rent. Equipment is provided and the room is heated and there's lots of hot water for cleanup.
For more information: 530.273.6608

Dadant Little Wonder Honey Extractor with stand. Hand extracts 4 deep or shallow frames per load. Used twice. Excellent condition. \$380 for both.
274-1098 Kathleen

Amy Husted, Bear River Bees
Consultations, Swarm Removal
One on One Mentoring
530.613.7171
BearRiverBees@gmail.com

A to Z Supply 
13396 Ridge Road
Grass Valley, CA 95945
530-273-6608/274-3871
FULL LINE OF BEEKEEPING SUPPLIES

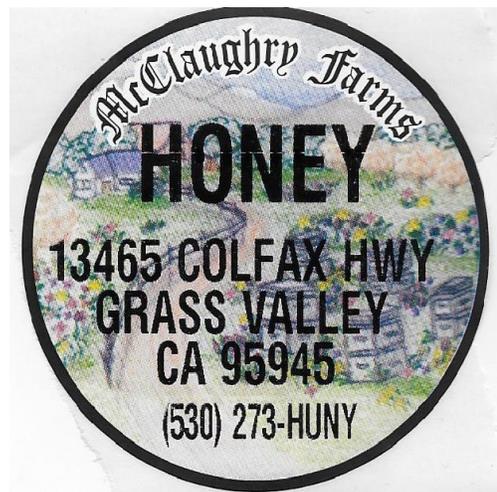
HOURS:
M-F: 730 AM—530 PM
SAT: 8 AM—5 PM
SUN: 9 AM—4 PM
www.atozsupply.com
sales@atozsupply.com



Sacramento Beekeeping & Honey
2110 X Street
Sacramento, CA 95818
(916) 451-2337 Fax (916) 451-7008
www.sacramentobeekeeping.com
info@sacramentobeekeeping.com
Open Tuesday through Saturday
10:00-5:30
Call now to order!

Family owned business since 1985
Come and see us!

- Everything you need for backyard beekeeping & lots more
- Exclusive U.S.A. dealer for BJ Sherriff suits
- DIY candle and soap making - scents, molds, dyes, wax, etc.
- Honeycomb sheets for rolling candles - over 30 different colors!
- Bee themed gifts & decor for home and garden
- Wide variety of books - children's, beekeeping, DIY soap & candle making



**YOUR AD
HERE**

Advertising space (3" by 2") is available here and need not be bee-related.
Advertising rates are \$7 per year for NCBA members and \$16 per year for non-members.

The Nevada County Beekeepers Association is dedicated to apiculture education and promotion of the art and science of beekeeping among beekeepers, agriculturists, and the general public. This is a "not for profit" organization. Donations are welcomed.

Meetings are held the first Monday of each month at 7 PM at the Grass Valley Veteran's Memorial Building at 255 South Auburn Street in Grass Valley. All visitors are welcome. Use the back entrance.

The newsletter is published monthly as a service to the membership. Articles, recipes, commentary, and news items are welcomed and encouraged. Contributions should be received by the 20th of the Month to be included into the next issue. Submit to garyg@newpress.com

Advertising space (3" by 2") in this newsletter is usually available and need not be bee-related. Advertising rates are \$7 per year for NCBA members and \$16 per year for non-members. Please email Janet Brisson at rubes@countryrubes.com

NCBA Leadership

For 2018 all the Officers, Board Members and Committee Chairs will remain the same with the exception of our new Fair Booth Coordinator, Rob Slay.

Nevada County Beekeepers Association
www.nevadacountybeekeepers.org



c/o Janet Brisson
20693 Dog Bar Road
Grass Valley, CA 95949
First Class Mail

June 4th Meeting - 7PM

Everything you ever wanted to know about Honey Production but were afraid to ask -- from the guys at A-Z

Nevada County Beekeepers Association

Officers

President – Jerry Van Heeringen jerryvan29@gmail.com	913-5709
Vice President – Amy Hustead fawkes1977@gmail.com	613-7171
Secretary – Jack Meeks jackvmeeks@gmail.com	432-4429
Treasurer – Janet Brisson rubes@countryrubes.com	913-2724

Board Members

Leslie Gault	346-7092
Randy Oliver	277-4450
Karla Hanson	265-3756
Deborah Morawski	675-2924
Brion Dunbar	559-1422

Committee Chairs

Fair Booth Coordinator - Rob Slay	263-5618
Swarm Hotline Karla Hanson	265-3756
Lynn Williams	675-2924
Librarian – Tynowyn Slattery swoolman@saber.net	265-6318
Membership – Janet Brisson rubes@countryrubes.com	913-2724
Newsletter Editor – Gary Gustafson garyg@newpress.com	478-1216

All area codes are 530 unless noted otherwise.