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Boulder County Beekeepers Assoc. Newsletter

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From Tom's desk-

Dear Beekeepers,

It's time for the annual meetings:

Dates

7 p.m. Tuesday, Feb. 8

7 p.m. Tuesday, March 8

Place

Left Hand Grange, Second and Franklin, Downtown Niwot.

Programs

The officers and board members have had some discussion about the results of the survey Pat Butler did this spring and although not too many of you returned it, one recurring request was for more advice and information from the "experienced beekeepers". At the February meeting we will have a round table Q&A with some experienced beekeepers in the barrel, and we'll see how it goes. In March, unless something pops up, I think we will spend the time normally allocated to a program of some kind and just socialize.

Elections

Nominations will be taken at the February meeting for the annual election in March. There may be changes of board members or officers as we make the transition from the old guard to the new. I may or may not serve one more year, depending on the wishes of the members.

Spray Maps

Spraying problems have declined significantly in the past 10 years, but have not ended entirely. While agricultural spraying has declined, mosquito spraying has increased. It is important to keep the spray map up to date and the lines of communication with the

applicators intact. We ask that you update the map at least every other year.

Misc.

A number of items of interest will be discussed, among which are: the 200,000 colony shortfall for almond pollination; passage of the amended Wholesale Food Registration Fee; re-registration of the pesticide carbaryl; bears, fairs and Stock Shows.

See you in February.

Tom Theobald

Stock Show

Can you tell a worker from the queen or talk about wasps vs. honeybees? If yes, you qualify to be a "Bee Ambassador" at the Stock Show! Call Ric Harris at 303-964-8770 or send a message to : ricsbees@earthlink.net. Get on the schedule and get your free ticket and parking pass. Don't wait! The Stock Show booth begins January 8th!

**Deadline for April newsletter
March 29, 2005**

**NW Stock Show
January 1 – 23, 2005**

**Next BCBA Meetings
February 8, 2005, 7pm
March 8, 2005 7pm**

Treatments for Varroa

If you used ApiLife-Var or Succroside in your hives this season, please drop a line to Pat Butler. She used both and would like to compare notes. Pat is at: butler@csd.net

Be Thinking About –

More items to cover at our Spring meetings: A suggestion to hold subsequent years' Feb/March meetings on a Saturday morning (rather than Tuesday evenings)

We'll ask for volunteers to:

- a) create a 'beekeepers' year' calendar
- b) compile resources on beekeeping in the Rocky Mountain region (ie, other states' and organizations' web sites, books, pamphlets, etc)

New Editor Needed

June Eakin will be moving to Maryland this summer, so we will need a newsletter editor in order to continue the newsletter.

Time commitment: 2-3 hours once per quarter

Job description: receive information, sometimes solicited, and fit it into a pre-formatted Word file. Convert to PDF for e-mailing to distribution list. Print labels, copy newsletter, fold and mail paper copies (about 60). All printing and mailing expenses paid by the club. It takes about 1 hour to edit, about 1 hour to fold and stamp, and 1 hour getting copies, stamps, etc.

I'm happy to show you what I do. Please contact me ASAP if you feel this newsletter is worth 3 hours of your time!!

Show-off!

Wren Siegel, an environmental science teacher at The Logan School for Creative Learning, is seeking a beekeeper to give a talk (about 30-45 mins.) showing their equipment and tools, etc. Wren says, "I am teaching a

year-long unit on Creepy Crawlies, and would like to focus on bees this April. I thought that a visit from a beekeeper could be a really neat thing for the students."

Wren Siegel

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Seeking an Apprentice?

A woman who wants to learn about beekeeping over the next year before she moves back to a farm in Oklahoma where she plans to keep bees (she won't be keeping them here), wishes to follow a woman beekeeper this season to get a feel for the craft. If you are willing to take on an apprentice, contact Pat Butler, at butler@csd.net.

New Group Forming

A group is forming in the Boulder area from the course, "Bee-Here-Now"; to provide support and networking for beginning, hobby, and sideline beekeepers. For more information, contact Shere at Life Long Learning at 303-499-1125 ext. 230 or Al at 303-702-0202.

The BCBA Website:

www.bouldercountybeekeepers.org

Join the Beekeepers Net: send a message to beekeepers-request@village.org

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