

The Nevada County Beekeepers Association ~ December 2013



Local Buzz

President's Message

Jeremiah Farrell, President

It has been an honor to serve as president and I would like to wish good luck to next years elected officials. I hope everyone has a great Thanksgiving. I will see you all next year as I will be with family in sunny San Diego for the Thanksgiving holiday. Have a great rest of the year!

December 2nd Meeting - 6:00 PM **** 1 HOUR EARLY****

Grass Valley Veteran's Memorial Building
255 South Auburn Street in Grass Valley

This meeting will be our Holiday Potluck and Pirate Gift Exchange and will start at 6:00 PM at the Grass Valley Veteran's Hall. The main course, turkey and ham, will be provided by the Association. Last names beginning with A-M please bring a side dish to share; N-Z please bring a dessert to share. Please bring serving spoons, knife etc. to serve your item, and bring your own place settings and drinks.



Per Veteran's Hall policy candles cannot be lit. We have a creative place setting contest but no lighted flame candles are allowed. After dinner we will have a pirate gift exchange.

Please keep your gift at a \$15.00 value. Once again, Deborah will be overseeing the gift exchange and have numbers ready for people to pick. Each person that brings a gift will get a number and participate in the fun.

Ho-Ho-Ho! See you there!

Raffle Prizes

Karla Hanson, Coordinator

Thank you all for bringing some great items for our raffles, keep it coming. Plants, eggs, jewelry, soaps, bee items, jams, beautiful metal garden art, the list goes on and on... Thanks to everyone!

Goodies Sign-up

Karla Hanson, Coordinator

Please let me know if you can bring a treat for any of the coming meetings. We still need treats for our 2014 meetings. Contact Karla Hanson, queenbeez@att.net

Club Membership

Janet Brisson, Treasurer

If you are a new member and want to sign up but can't make it to the meeting, you can sign up on line at NCBEES.net or email Janet at rubes@countryrubes.com

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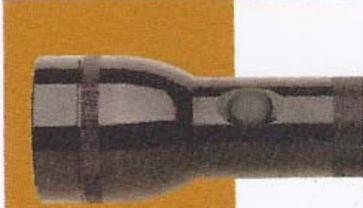
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Minutes from Last Meeting

Jack Meeks, Secretary

Pres Jeremiah Farrell opened with Q&A

The Christmas party and pirate exchange will start at 6:00PM Monday Dec 2.

Wrapped unmarked gifts at \$15 maximum value will be exchanged.

The Club will prepare entree, members bring salads, bread, dessert.

December is minimum brood, and oxalic acid treatment will be easy to apply and is effective.

Tenwyn Slattery, our versatile librarian, received an Elly regional theatrical award for sound design in production of CATS Community Asian Theater of Sierras "Journey To The West" which won five Elly awards from SARTA, Sacramento Area Regional Theater Alliance.

John Miller announced Nov 19-21 CA State Beekeepers Convention at Harrah's Lake Tahoe.

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Program: Randy Oliver presented details of his ScientificBeekeeping research on cyclical bee numbers. Bees aren't becoming extinct, and an annual loss of 15% is acceptable. 2000 commercial beekeepers account for 95% of US bees, and 1.6 million hives pollinate dense groves of almonds. Hive rental jumped from \$40 to \$140 due to supply and demand, since the cost of establishing a new hive colony is \$150up. Most US bees are in North & South Dakota and California. ScientificBeekeeping.com has details.

Present club officers were reelected for 2014 by acclamation.

Beekeeping dog detects infected hives

Reprinted from treehugger.com

This story from Australia might be the most original yet, or at the very least the cutest.

The photo is Bazz, a black Labrador that beekeeper Josh Kennett has trained to detect by smell a serious bee disease called American foulbrood.

The Paenibacillus larvae caused by the infection are usually only visible under high-magnification microscope, but thanks to Bazz, that's not necessary.



Complete story is at:

<http://www.treehugger.com/natural-sciences/beekeeping-dog-astronaut-suit-finds-infected-hives-smell.html>

This Month's Recipe

Submitted by Sue Tally

Fruit and Fiber Bread - Makes two loaves

Original recipe attributed to Marg Clark from "Christmas Thyme at Oak Hill Farm" with Sue's additions.

2 cups boiling water	2 cups whole wheat flour
1 ½ cup chopped prunes	2 teaspoons baking powder
½ cup raisins	1 teaspoon baking soda
3 eggs	1 teaspoon ground cinnamon
¾ cup firmly packed light brown sugar	½ teaspoon ground cloves
1 cup chopped nuts	2 cups bran

Sue's additions: add 1 diced orange, or small can mandarin orange pieces, 1 teaspoon orange zest. Substitute ¼ cup orange juice for water. Diced pineapple will add extra flavor, too.

Preheat oven to 350 degrees, or 325 if using glass pans. Pour boiling water over the prunes and raisins. Set aside. In a large bowl, beat eggs until light, continue beating while adding brown sugar until light and creamy. Sift 1 cup flour with the baking powder, baking soda, cinnamon and cloves, and stir into the sugar mixture. Now stir in half of the prune mixtures, and then the rest of the flour and bran. Stir in remainder of the prune mixture and the nuts. Pour into 2 greased and lightly floured 9 X 5 inch loaf pans. Bake for about 45 to 55 minutes, or until done.

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

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Program:
Christmas potluck and gift exchange.

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