

The Nevada County Beekeepers Association ~ December 2014



Local Buzz

President's Message

Leslie Gault, President



Dear Beekeepers: Happy start of the holiday season. It's been a pleasure to serve as your president this past year. I do so enjoy the variety of personalities, creativity, skills, and viewpoints that make up this group of beekeepers! A hearty thank you to all the people who've helped make the Association work this year. Please give them your thanks whenever you can, and then help us welcome our newly elected executive committee and board members for 2015--Brion, Jerry, Janet, and Jack.

I will miss the December holiday potluck (darn it), only the second time in 16 years. But (oh boy) I will be in

Oaxaca City Mexico visiting a friend at that time. For those of you who've never been to an NCBA holiday party and potluck, it's a lot of fun and a great easygoing way to start the December holiday season. We will look forward to seeing all of you in January.

December 1st Meeting – 6:00 PM **** 1 HOUR EARLY****

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

HoHoHo! It is time for our Holiday Potluck and Pirate Gift Exchange. The event will start at 6:00 pm at the Grass Valley Veteran's Hall. The main courses, turkey and ham, will be provided by the Association and prepared by Karla Hansen and Debbie Cavallaro. Last names beginning with A-M please bring a side dish to prepare; N-Z please bring a dessert to share. Please bring serving spoons, knife, etc to serve your item. You will also need to bring your own place settings and drinks. Per Veteran's Hall policy, alcoholic beverages are not allowed.

We have a creative place setting contest. Per Veteran's Hall policy, NO lighted candles are allowed. The winner gets a free year membership.

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 will have numbers ready for people to pick. Each person bringing a gift will get a number and participate in the fun. See you there!!!



Help wanted moving bees

If you are interested in working evenings and/or early mornings in January, please contact Brion Dunbar at brion@bourbonhillbees.com or (530) 559-1422

Sacramento Area Beekeepers Association Classes

Submitted by Bob Sugar

The Sacramento Area Beekeepers Association has planned a series of beginning beekeeping classes for 2015:

Saturday, February 21, 2015 – Instructor: Serge Labesque

Sunday, March 22, Instructor TBD

Sunday, April 19, Instructor TBD

May 23 Instructor, TBD

June 20 Instructor, TBD

July 25 Instructor, TBD

Class fees are \$35 per person for SABA members and \$45 for non-members. All classes are held at the UCD Extension Center, 4145 Branch Center Road (off Kiefer Road west of Bradshaw Road) in Sacramento. Classes start at 8:30 am. and end at approximately 4:30 pm. For additional information, contact Ron Nies or Debbi Gable, Course Coordinators, at sabaclassbees@gmail.com, or phone Ron at 530.941.3554, or Debbie at 916.202.8320.

Natural Beekeeping Group

There is a new Beekeeping group in Nevada County for those that want to keep bees without antibiotics, pesticides, or any chemical inputs. This is open to anyone with any type of hive.

If you are interested, sign up at: ncnaturalbees@googlegroups.com

Or contact Jenna Brager jennajbrager@gmail.com or Steve Hill stephenhillnc@gmail.com

Minutes from Last Meeting

Jack Meeks, Secretary

Pres Leslie Gault opened with Q&A. Egg laying tapering off for Autumn.

Finance Janet Brisson: SeptBal \$5102.60; Inc\$123; Exp \$150; SeptEnd \$5075.62.

2015 Officers nominated: Pres Brion Dunbar; V-Pres Jerry Van Heeringen; Treas Janet Brisson; Sec Jack Meeks. All elected by acclamation of members. Board members in addition: Debra Morawski, Karla Hanson and Randy Oliver.

Holiday party: Debra Morawski: December 1 at 6PM Karla Hanson will roast meat, members A-L side dish/salad, members M-Z dessert/baked goods. Pirate exchange gifts valued approx \$15+/- wrapped , not identified for as many as want to play pirate.

Visitor: Cindy Anderson Nevada County Farm Bureau, Sue Robinson President.

Thom Staser, Nevada City beekeeper, announced the Dec13 motorcycle Food & Toy Run.

PROGRAM: Neil Hannigan Mann Lake beekeeping supply Woodland Store manager, displayed BeePro and UltraBee, frametop thin patties and 45# soft brick Pollen substitute products. Also Apivaz 3% amitraz strips for 42 to 56 days with no honey supers on, and Hopgard II strips for 14 days treats bees on contact, not larvae in cells. Formic acid quickstrips for 7 days when honey supers are in place. Tylosin treats for American foulbrood and terramycin with sugar treats European foulbrood in spring. He also demonstrated corrugated Hive Beetle trap inserts baited with oil and vinegar.

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Raffle Prizes

Karla Hanson, Coordinator

Thank you all for bringing some great items for our raffles, keep it coming. Raffle prizes are necessary for the financial survival of the club and it's just plain fun! Plants, cuttings, 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 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

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

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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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