



The Skep

March 2022

Columbiana & Mahoning Beekeepers' Association Newsletter

President's Corner

Hello Fellow Beekeepers,

Thank you for all who went to Wooster. Picked up new equipment and supplies for this bee season. Learning from different speakers on a variety of things.

This month meeting, members will talk on what they learned at Wooster.

Make sure that all new and old equipment is assembled, cleaned, and painted.

Bees are coming in April. Bee ready 😊

-Bruce D.

March Meeting Information:

Meeting Date: 3/20/2022,
Monthly Membership Meeting and
Luncheon

[Austintown Senior Center](#)
[100 Westchester Drive](#)
[Suite 110](#)
[Austintown, Ohio 44515](#)

Potluck Lunch at 1 pm
Membership meeting at 2 pm

Guest Speaker: Members that were at
Wooster

Next Meeting: 4/24/2022



Meeting Highlights:

- Free catalogs and new vendor material available at the library
- Theme: If you plant the seed the bees will come.
- Sponsoring the fair: will have limited edition poker chip with club bee logo to promote the club
- Introducing new products: Honey on a stick (soap), hand lotion, butter lotion
- Inventory completed and budget reviewed for club products, equipment
- CiCi Sweeney discussed swarm prevention
- Unveiling of library bookshelves
- Fair will have educational games and prizes for kids.

This Month/Next Month in Beekeeping:

March: Clean and prepare equipment for bees arriving in April

Continue feeding on warm days.

Last call for ordering bees with Steve and Kelly

Place orders for club shirts at meeting

April: Bees will be arriving from order

Install packaged bees

Strengthen hives with queenless packages

Cut out old/bad brood comb

Equalize colony, reverse boxes

Announcements:

- Scholarship program has been revamped new forms may be obtained at meetings.
- Looking for anyone who will build cherrywood frame cases.
- Looking for someone who will build a brochure stand for the fair display.
- Don't forget to pay membership dues.
- Start thinking what you will need for the fair, supplies and entries.
- Jars and other supplies may be purchased through the club at cost.
- April meeting will be on April 24, 2022, due to Easter
- The Niles Artisan Farmers Market is seeking beekeepers to sell products on Sundays from June-October
- The swarm and mentors list will be sent out in April.
- Shirts: Color is sport grey for both Golf style and t-shirts.
 - T-shirts logo on front only, XL and smaller are \$10.00 XXL and greater \$2.00 more per size increment.
 - Golf shirts XL and smaller are \$15.00 XXL and greater \$2.00 more per size increment.
 - July meeting is the deadline for order and payment.

Comb Honey Basics:

The next time we meet will officially be the first day of spring. At this point we should have an idea which hives will be used for the comb honey production. The most successful producers will start these hives as early as possible in the spring, and with new queens. We have learned that using packages or splits from a strong over wintered hive reduces the chance of a swarm that will decrease honey production. Spears demonstrates a method of making splits that have been highly successful.

- 1) Make splits by taking brood from strong hives (shake or brush the current bees off the first just in case the queen is among them) and put them over an excluder for nurse bees to populate them overnight.
- 2) The next day set up a new hive or nuc with all the nurse bees, a frame of open brood, a frame of honey and pollen, and one or more empty drawn frames.
- 3) After at least 12 hours introduce a new queen by just releasing her into the new hive.
- 4) In about 7-10 days add another frame of mostly sealed brood.
- 5) Wait 10-14 days and then take a frame of mostly sealed brood from any hive and put it in the new box. Don't forget to shake or brush the bees off the frame as you do not want to accidentally move the queen. While you are there look for eggs from the new queen. If you find them, she is fine, and you should not spend more time looking for her. If you don't find eggs, it means they do not have a queen and the frames should be combined with other hives.

This method is considering that there is at least one over wintered hive that can be used for the split. By adding the full frame of brood is speeding up the process of honey production. Also, this allows the two-week verification check to ensure the queen is alive. It is recommended to prevent swarming to place a medium or shallow under the deep and not to add a deep

Banquet News:

Just wanting to thank the 2021 banquet team for doing an excellent job at putting forth their time, energy, ideas, talents, commitments, and gifts. Outstanding as always!!

Floyd Marshall donated vintage items from his collections, Phil Coy made sugar bricks, David and Amy Shoaff donated man can seed, Lori Mowad donated her beautiful soaps she makes. Roseann Toth decorated the entrance using her beautiful bee décor, and donated the awesome sugar cookies, Laurie coy donated the bee towels, and decorated around the room using her bee items and items that were donated from Floyd Marshall and provided excellent teamwork and management. Laurie Coy's sister-in-law Dianne, Sue Wilson and Kathy young for their time as well.

Also thank you to all that did sign up with good intentions on helping, being apart, but you know how it goes, sometimes life happens! And that's okay, next time. If I forgot anyone, I apologize just let me know. Banquet coordinator

-Dorothy Sabol.



The Library Corner:

If you haven't heard, I'm here to tell you, the club library corner is a buzzing with all sorts of fun goodness. Club members Ralph and Dianna Pericco have donated not one but two hive mobile bookcases to hold clubs' books. Dianna's idea, Ralph's creative own designs created such unique pieces. Must come and look at. You'll be amazed. These bookcases will be very well utilized to help further our education. Thank you! Ralph and Dianna Pericco!

Also, I would like to thank all the club members who have and continue to help support the club library. You all are very much appreciated. You are making a difference, thank you!

Sharing some ways you can help your club library, donate honeybee books for growing our education, you can come early to help set up library, or pack up at the end of meeting, Be a library greeter during peak times, pass out library materials (time requirement), if you find none of these things work, but you still would like to help the progression of the club library, you can donate funds to the hive bank that sit by the library books.

Looking forward to a great season of sharing time with wonderful beekeepers and working together to help share the education and resources. Your club librarian

-Dorothy Sabol.



HONEY-ORANGE BROCCOLI SLAW

A quick recipe with hints of honey and citrus.

A great anytime recipe to eat and share. How or

In what way would you use this recipe?



Picture from Clipart Library http://clipart-library.com/clipart/honey-jar-cliparts_14.htm

INGREDIENTS:

1 package {12 oz.} broccoli coleslaw mix

1/3 cup sliced almonds

1/3 cup raisins

2 to 3 Tablespoons Honey

2 Tablespoons olive oil

2 Tablespoons orange juice

4 teaspoons grated orange zest

DIRECTIONS:

In a large bowl, combine the coleslaw mix, almonds and raisins.

In a small bowl, whisk the remaining ingredients.

Pour over salad; toss to coat.

Let's Eat!

Credits for recipe: Country Woman Magazine August/September 2019. Shared by Debbie Cassar Rockford, MI.

Cooks from the hive needed to help make it sweet and fun:

Looking for delicious ways to incorporate honey into our favorite old and new dishes or products, tinctures, tonics, skincare and so forth.

Wont you help by submitting a written or typed recipe using honey. making sure to provide credits and or resources on recipe origins if any, along with your contact information, and if you want to share anything about your recipe.

You can submit your recipe to Dorothy, Laurie Coy, or Nate

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