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Secretary's Corner:

The Nebraska Beekeepers met Sunday January 17 at Chances "R" in York for a dinner and meeting. 41 people attended. After the delicious meal last years scholarship winners gave a presentation on their first year of beekeeping. Those giving presentations were Stephanie Steele of Osceola, Hesten Soule-Kimball, Trevor DeVries- Glenvil, Maranda Kegley- Kearney. Absent was Mark Keck of Plainview who sent a presentation that was given by Keith Nielson. We really enjoyed all the presentations and thank the mentors who made this possible.

New business: President Mike Slater announced that Steve Schmit of Osceola was named the Bee Keeper of the Year. Steve is an Ag Education Instructor with Osceola schools and has been instrumental in helping mentor first time beekeepers. Starting February 1st the yearly dues are \$15.00 for single membership or \$20.00 for family. Only one newsletter will be sent per family and family members will have the right to vote. The election of officers for this year are: President- Mike Slater, Vice President- Bill Lillie, Secretary- Walter Schwarz, Treasurer- Warren Nelson, Program Director- Todd Fiala, Editor- Keith Nielson. Warren Nelson read a thank you card from Christ Church at 45th and A in Lincoln for our club in being so helpful to their members at the state fair pertaining to bees. Our club should hear soon from the food science club on their decision to participate at the state fair.

Our club welcomed the new scholarship winners: Marissa Kegley- Kearney, Spencer and Mackenzie Hasgard- Lincoln, Calvin DeVries- Glenvil, Coleen Melvin- Curtis, Jacob Olson- Albion, and William Neels- Dunbar. After reading all the applicants essays we can appreciate the Nebraska educational system as they were all so well written. If there are beekeepers in the area of these young people feel free to offer them help with their bees or call Keith Nielson so we can put mentors with the scholarship winners. The next meeting is February 13 at the Gretna Public Library at 736 South Street in Gretna.

Joann Vasko

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<u>Members please contact the people listed above. They are serious about having bees on their property!</u>		

Upcoming Events:

February 13, 2010: 10:00 AM Monthly Meeting, Pesticides and bee toxicity - what you should know to keep your bees healthy, Gretna Public Library, 736 South St Gretna, NE. Presenter Dr. Marion Ellis

February 27, 2010: 9:00AM-5:00PM, Beginning Beekeeper Workshop, Adams County Extension Office, 300 North Joseph Ave., Hastings, NE, Presenter; Dr. Marion Ellis

Late February early March: North Central Nebraska Beekeepers will meet either late February or early March. Listen to the Party line on the O'Neill radio station for details or contact Barb Otto.

March 6, 2010: 1:00 PM Equipment Building, Herschel Staats, Directions: from the west: go to 84th & Pine Lake, then go 1 1/2 miles East and take a left on Prairie Rim Road. Follow that road until it turns into Ellenridge Road. He is at 10700 Ellenridge Road, on the North side. From the east: go to 112 & Old Cheney and then go south 1/2 mile. Turn right on Aspen Canyon Road. After that, the first right turn will be Ellenridge Road. Follow it to 10700 Ellenridge Road. He is on the North side.

March 7, 2010: Beginning Beekeepers and Beekeeper Scholarship Equipment Workshop Part 1. Location: High Plains Community School Ag Shop east of the High School Building at 345 S. Pine Street, Polk NE. All beekeepers are welcomed to attend. Topic will be assembling of a hive bodies and frames. Presenter Keith Nielson

March 14, 2010: 9:00AM-5:00PM, Beginning Beekeeper Workshop, Kimmel Education Center, 5985 Rd G, Nebraska City, NE. Presenter; Dr. Marion Ellis

April 17, 2010: 10:00AM-2:00PM Beginning Beekeeping Field Day, Agricultural Research and Development Center, 1071 County Road B, Ithica, NE. Presenter Dr. Marion Ellis and others

May: Monthly Meeting, TBA

June 10-12, 2010: Master Beekeeping Workshop, Agricultural Research and Development Center, 1071 County Road B, Ithica, NE. Presenter Dr. Marion Ellis and others

July 2010: Monthly Meeting, TBA

July 2010: Heartland Apiculture Society Annual Conference, location Tennessee TBA

August 2-6, 2010: Eastern Apiculture Society Annual Conference, location Boone, North Carolina

August 26, 2010: Bee Culture Entries due for Nebraska State Fair, Grand Island, NE

August 27-September 6, 2010: Nebraska State Fair, Grand Island, NE

August 30 –September 2, 2010: Western Apiculture Society Annual Conference, location Red Lion Hotel, Salem, Oregon

September 12, 2010: So You Want to Know About Honey Bees, location near Chapman, NE, presenter Keith Nielson

October:

November 20, 2010: Monthly Meeting at Agricultural Research and Development Center, 1071 County Road B, Ithica, Presenters Kirk Webster, Dr. Marion Ellis and UNL graduate students

For the good of the association

Please welcome the following new members to the association: Jay Goertzen of York and Mike Hynek of Guide Rock.

Osceola Ag Teacher Named Nebraska Beekeeper of the Year

During the January 17th annual meeting of the Nebraska Beekeepers Association Osceola Agricultural



1 Keith Nielson, Editor of the Nebraska Beekeepers Association presenting Steve Schmit with a plaque as the 2009 Nebraska Beekeeper of the Year, accompanied by Ashley Drott 2008 scholarship recipient.

Education Instructor Steve Schmit was named the 2009 Nebraska Beekeeper of the Year. Steve is credited with mentoring five students of the Osceola Public School Agricultural Education program the last two years. The first student that he mentored was Ashley Drott who was the first recipient of the associations youth scholarship program which provided her with a complete beehive and personal equipment in 2008. During 2009 he mentored Stephanie Steele one of six scholarship winners of the association along with three other students which started their hives in April of 2009. He also took time out of schedule to take his students to association workshops and meetings. As part of his mentoring program he and his students created a cooperative management and marketing program for the products that they have produced from their colonies of bees. The members of their cooperative named their cooperative "Rising Sun Honey" from the rising sun in the FFA emblem.

Steve started his first colonies of bees in April of 2008.

His interest was sparked after he had attended a beekeeper workshop for agricultural education instructors in the summer of 2006 which was presented by Dr. Marion Ellis, Paul Timm and several graduate students in the entomology department of UNL. The workshop provided teachers with classroom materials about beekeeping and how to add value to products of the honeybee. The North Central SARE program provided teachers with a beehive equipment, veil, smoker, hive tool and gloves as part of the workshop.

Steve has been an advocate to beekeeping by assisting with the beekeepers booth and display at the Nebraska State Fair. He encouraged his students to enter into the state fair as well of entries of his own. Congratulations Steve.



2 Stephanie Steele one of six 2009 scholarship recipients presenting about her experience at the Nebraska Beekeepers annual meeting.

2009 Youth Beginning Beekeeper Scholarship Presentation.



Pictured front row, Maranda Kegley-Kearney, Hesten Soule-Kimball, Stephanie Steele- Osceola, Back row: Trevor Devries of Glenvil, Keith Nielson-Editor & Program Director, Dr. Marion Ellis scholarship sponsor receiving their certificates of ownership to their colonies.

Letters to the Editor

The American Beekeeping Federation sponsored Beekeeping Essay contest may be of interest to your current and future student-beekeepers. Details about the contest can be found at:

<http://www.utextension.utk.edu/4h/beeessay/index.htm>.

Entries should be sent to me no later than Feb. 22.

Marion Ellis, Professor, University of Nebraska, Department of Entomology, 202 Entomology Hall, Lincoln, NE 68583-0816, mellis3@unl.edu

Dear Nebraska Beekeepers Association,

I'm very excited to announce the recent publication of Gene Kritsky's new book, *The Quest for the Perfect Hive*, right on the bicentennial birthday celebration of the Father of American Beekeeping, Lorenzo Langstroth.

Kirtsky believes that innovation is the answer to saving the bees. In this fascinating and exciting read, he eloquently illustrates the thousands of years of beekeeping history, while arguing that we must once again reinvent our current century old hive design.

This is a powerful resource as well for any beekeeper and I strongly believe it will be of great interest to your newsletter readers. I'd be happy to send you a complimentary copy in hopes that we can work together to spread the word about this new book. It'd be great if you could include a feature/review/announcement in the newsletter and even your website. We also offer a great discount for bulk orders. Just let me know if you're interested and I'll send a copy out to you right away. Please see below the signature for more information and a link to our Oxford University Press website.

Thanks for your time and looking forward to hearing from you!

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Nebraska Bee Trading Cards

The Nebraska Beekeepers have honey bee trading cards that can be sent to a school classroom if the instructor sends a letter to Warren Nelson on school stationery with the number of students in the class and the beekeeper that is presenting to the class. Bee trading cards that are sent out will require a \$5.00 shipping charge. For more information on the trading cards you can find it on the world wide web at

<http://entomology.unl.edu/beekpg/beecards/beecards.htm> .

RENEWAL TIME NOTICE

Members that needed to pay dues in January: Margi & Wendy Fletcher, Mike Terneus, Buzz Vance, Randy Conley, Donald Scheerger, Lori Mraz, Steve Schmit, Jim Arabaugh, Mark Anderson, Robert Davis, Bill Gustafson, Cheryl Osterloh, Marva Wasser, Mark Von Seggem, Richard Fish, Cathrine Howat, Rod Hopkin, Elaine Nowick, Ron Pecha, John Burchard, Barb Otto, Cassie Striblen, Mike Toukan, Joyce Cihal, Roy Boshart, Ellen Boshart, Karen Grove, Hesten Soule, Madalyn Soule, Ashley Drott, Trevor DeVries, Mark Keck, Cooks and Beals, Norman Rhoda, Alex Kasiyanov, Stephanie Steele, Jim Sack, Bobby Jean Burnhardt, Jim Sack, Darrell Dykman, Jack Eager, and Thomas Keep.

Memberships that are up for renewal in February are: Stephanie Arabaugh, Jeffery Calkins, Joe Strecker, Tom & Linda Schwarz, & Mike Merryweather.

If you have paid your dues thank you, if you have not please use the membership form in this newsletter and please send them to Warren Nelson. If you have paid your dues and listed here please call Warren Nelson and he will send me a correction to your newsletter subscription. Note there is a dues increase to \$15.00 per year for single membership and a family rate of \$20.00 per year.

Treasurers Reports

January

\$27,367.74	Beginning Balance 12/28/09	
\$12.00	Pilcher - Dues	
\$13.00	Sandoval - Dues	
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\$24.00	Pensick - Dues	
\$24.00	Shepherd - Dues	
\$12.00	Patterson - Dues	
\$24.00	Knoche - Dues	
\$12.00	Witters - Dues	
\$12.00	Goertzen - Dues	
\$12.00	Lecci - Dues	
\$35.00	Geiger - Bee Cards	
\$9.00	9 Bee Card Sets for Members	
\$24.00	Lillie - Dues	
\$24.00	Nielson - Dues	
\$24.00	See - Dues	
\$12.00	Kegley - Dues	
\$17.00	Neels - Dues	
\$12.00	Schwarz - Dues	
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\$21.53	Neels - Banquet	
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\$30.00	Valhalla Bee Farm - Banquet	
\$36.00	Devries - Banquet	
\$43.00	Lyons - Banquet	
\$44.00	Kegley - Banquet	
\$60.00	Nielson - Banquet	
\$185.55	Cash - Banquet	
\$24.00	Rau - Dues	
\$12.00	R. Nelson - Dues	
\$814.24	Total Income	
\$48.10	Awards Unlimited - Beekeeper of the Year Plaque	
\$9.77	Rudy Vasko - Meeting Expenses	
\$81.37	Keith Nielson - Newsletter Expenses	
\$536.74	Chances R - Banquet	
\$675.98	Total Expenses	
\$27,506.00	Ending Balance 1/28/10	

February to Do List for Nebraska Beekeepers

With the extreme temperatures that we have experienced in November, December and January now is the time to start checking the weight of your beehives. If the hives are light and easy to pick up or tilt it is time to use a sugar board or dry sugar over newspaper in your beehive. Colonies in Nebraska with inadequate surplus honey die in late February and March.

Now is the time to be placing your orders for new packages of bees if you intend on starting a colony in April. Most suppliers of bees will require a 50% deposit on any order that you will place for a package of bees. Package prices currently are in the range of \$80 - \$85 depending on the weight of the package.

Also it is time to assemble or refurbish your equipment. Frames that are weak need to be replaced or repaired and now is a good time to change foundation if you have a lot of drone comb or comb that has been in the hive for a long period of time. Hive bodies need to be inspected to make sure they are still tight and repair

any frame rest that may be damaged. It is also a good time to paint the hive bodies so the paint is dried and aired before they are returned to service this spring.

This is a good time to work on beeswax products that you may want to sell which would include hand bars, balms and soaps. You can sample your own products before you go to the farmer's markets or town festivals in the spring and summer.

Take in a good bee book and learn more about the business of beekeeping while the snow flies UNL Entomology Foundation Report

I thought the membership would like to know how apiculture students at the University of Nebraska have benefitted from the NE Beekeepers'

Association Foundation account. The fund is dedicated to providing students professional development opportunities such as attending scientific meetings and professional development workshops. The following is a list of professional development opportunities and the students who have been provided an opportunity to participate by the NBA Foundation account:

Susan Cobey's Artificial Insemination Workshop	Sarah Mack
Nick Aliano	Paula Macedo
Reed Johnson	Mahmoud Ali
Marla Spivak's Queen Rearing Workshop	Eastern Apiculture Society
Jeremy Wagnitz	Reed Johnson
Nick Aliano	Nick Aliano
Mahmoud Ali	Paula Macedo
Entomological Society of America	North Central Branch of Entomological Society of America
Nick Aliano	Jeremy Wagnitz
Jeremy Wagnitz	Nick Aliano (2X)
Paula Macedo	Paula Macedo
American Bee Research Conference	Mahmoud Ali
Reed Johnson	Doug Golick
Lizette Peters	Jinquan Wu
Jeremy Wagnitz (2X)	
Nick Aliano (3X)	

These opportunities have contributed greatly to the education and professional development of these students. All of these students and I thank you for the opportunities you have provided them.

A recent graduate, Jeremy Wagnitz, has accepted a job at the USDA Honey Bee Breeding and Physiology Laboratory in Baton Rouge, Louisiana. He is working on the propagation and selection of the Russian Bee Stock maintained by the Laboratory. You can send him an encouraging word at:

<Jeremy.Wagnitz@ARS.USDA.GOV>

Marion Ellis

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From Catch the Buzz- Honey Fits Right In With Food Channel's Predictions

According to the Food Channel's top 10 list of food trends for 2010, "back to basics" is in, meaning a focus on home-cooked meals made from basic, healthy ingredients.

The Food Channel's foodies say it "isn't about retro, or comfort food, or even cost -- it's about determining the essentials and stocking your pantry accordingly." They also anticipate consumers will shop more frequently in order to purchase the freshest ingredients while minimizing waste.

Food vetting is another emerging trend, the Food Channel says, including issues like Fair Trade and organics. Sustainability will remain front and center, too, with consumers adopting sustainable practices such as eating locally sourced and seasonal foods, as well as purchasing products in sustainable packaging.

Another trend will be "food with benefits," meaning functional foods high in nutrients, which ties into another anticipated trend: bartering for consumables. Farmers markets and CSAs will continue to grow in popularity, and the Food Channel analysts even predict food swaps -- eg a box of tomatoes in exchange for babysitting.

Free Webinar On Urban Beekeeping

We will hear from 3 experienced Urban Beekeepers. Learn from these people and issues they confront and mistakes they have made.

Toni Burnham has been an urban beekeeper for 5 years, starting with 2 still-thriving hives on her Capitol Hill rooftop. She now manages 10 hives in the city and the suburbs, mentors about a dozen other urban beekeepers, participates in teaching at several local short courses, and is Vice President of the Maryland State Beekeepers Association. One of her great privileges in 2009 was an invitation to inspect the beehive managed by Charlie Brandts at the White House. She has blogged her beekeeping experiences at

<http://citybees.blogspot.com>

Cameo Wood currently owns a beekeeping supply & honey shop in the Mission district of San Francisco, California called Her Majesty's Secret Beekeeper. I enjoy this a great deal, as I'm helping to create food, pollinate flowers and fruit trees in my city, and I am contributing to making the world a little better. She

keeps a few hives in the Mission and Castro districts of San Francisco, and is working on putting up new hives all the time! She has only been working with bees for the last year, but this has been her life and full time job since she started building her store in October of 2008.

Cindy Bee (yes, it's really her last name) is a beekeeper near Atlanta, Georgia. She is a past President and currently on the Board of Directors for the Metro Atlanta Beekeepers' Association. They meet in the heart of downtown Atlanta where there are a good number of beekeepers who have their hives in small backyards there. As a club, they've had beehives at the Atlanta Botanical Gardens, Zoo Atlanta, and other inner city locations. Cindy has a fulltime business removing bees from within structures for the past 14 years, and most of her removals are in the Atlanta area neighborhoods.

Register Online: <https://www2.gotomeeting.com/register/153470658>

Killer Bees Aren't So Bad After All

The researchers at the university's Institute of Food and Agricultural Sciences say while the bees ruined domestic hives and damaged profits in South and Central American when they arrived in 1956, the analysis shows little or no impact on North American honey production.

Charles Moss, one of the analysts behind the report and a professor in the department of food and resource economics, says a more pressing economic concern for beekeepers is colony collapse disorder.

Moss says the analysis, published online by the journal of Ecological Economics, seems to indicate virtually no hive loss to the bees and any economic loss was likely due to the cost of preventive measures taken by hive keepers to keep the Africanized bees away.

"This helps to show that the primary concerns with Africanized honey bees are liability and safety, which are everyone's concern and aren't strictly attached to beekeepers," he says. "Beekeepers already have a much more pressing economic concern from CCD."

Moss says the analysis indicates beekeepers have been taking the optimal actions to reduce the effects of Africanized bees – actions such as those widely promoted by state agencies.

Jamie Ellis of the university's Honey Bee Research and Extension Laboratory says beekeepers usually change their management styles when Africanized bees are in the area. These steps can reliably keep Africanized bees from overtaking domestic hives. "I am not surprised about the lack of effect of Africanized bees on honey production," he says.

Ellis, who did not participate in the economic analysis, says certain factors, such as the need to replace queen bees more often, may drive costs up. And some beekeepers may lose money if they choose to leave lucrative bee-removal businesses due to worries about Africanized bee encounters.

Florida Department of Agriculture and Consumer Services head of apiary inspection Jerry Hayes says he's worried that a more severe economic impact on beekeepers may come from overzealous zoning of domestic beekeepers due to misguided worries that having domestic bees may attract the Africanized bees.

"Honey is a byproduct of pollination, which is the most important aspect of managed honey bees," he says. "If beekeepers are zoned, ordinance and restricted out of areas because of fear – then it is people putting the strain on the keepers and their ability to produce, not the Africanized bees."

Recipe

Ingredients	Directions
<ul style="list-style-type: none">• 1 (10.5 ounce) can beef broth• 3 tablespoons honey mustard• 1/4 cup honey• 1/2 cup water• 1/4 cup honey barbeque sauce• 1/4 cup soy sauce• 1/4 cup maple syrup• 3 pounds baby	<ol style="list-style-type: none">1. In the crock of a slow cooker, mix together the beef broth, honey mustard, honey, water, barbeque sauce, soy sauce, and maple syrup. Slice ribs apart, leaving an even amount of meat on each side of the bone. Place them into the slow cooker so that they are covered by the sauce. If there is not enough sauce, you may add a little water or beef broth to compensate.2. Cover, and cook on High for 5 hours, or until the meat falls easily from the bones.

Editorial- If you missed the annual meeting in January you missed out on a very good program. The meal was excellent and the scholarship class of 2009 did an outstanding job of talking about their experiences with beekeeping. I must take some time to commend Joann Vasko for her superb job of always having the minutes of the meeting to me in a timely fashion. Also to her husband Rudy for all of the work that this couple has done for the association since they have been members. I will miss having them on the officer team but they will never be too far away from the action of our organization as they have said they will still be active and involve with the association. As the 2008 Beekeeper of the Year I was honored to take the 2009 Beekeeper of the Year award to a friend of mine (Steve Schmit) and present it to him on the Monday after the meeting since he was unable to attend because of it being his wedding anniversary. I did catch him a little off guard when I showed up into his classroom the last period of the day with Ashley Drott and presented it to him in front of a junior high class that was studying agricultural statistics. Our new program director Todd Fiala has taken the drone by the antennae and started getting the program for this next year buzzing. It sounds like he will add some new material to our program and I am looking forward to working with him as an officer. Congratulations to Bill Lillie as VP and Walter Schwartz as Secretary, they both will do our hive justice. Well I had some experiences with making candy for some of my hives and the last batch did not turn out so well. It would not set after I had mixed and heated it. I can't blame the humidity on that mix up. So several days later I tried to reheat the mixture that partially crystallized and liquid and I finally had crumbly hard candy. At least it is not so small that the bees will carry it out easily. I may or may not see you at the next meeting since the queen is having back surgery on the 10th, finally. See you at a beehive down the flyway.

Keith Nielson

Editor, Nebraska Beekeepers Assn.