

LCBA Honey Judging at the Southwest Washington Fair



2012: 1st LCBA Honey Contest

**Winner: Bob Harris
Rose of Sharon Farm**



2013: 9 entries

Judge: Roy Schaafsma



2013

1st Prize Dark Amber: Sharette & Alisha Geise



2013:

1st Prize Amber: Kevin Reichert & Grant Inmon tied with several others



2014: 16 entries

Winner: Dan Maughan



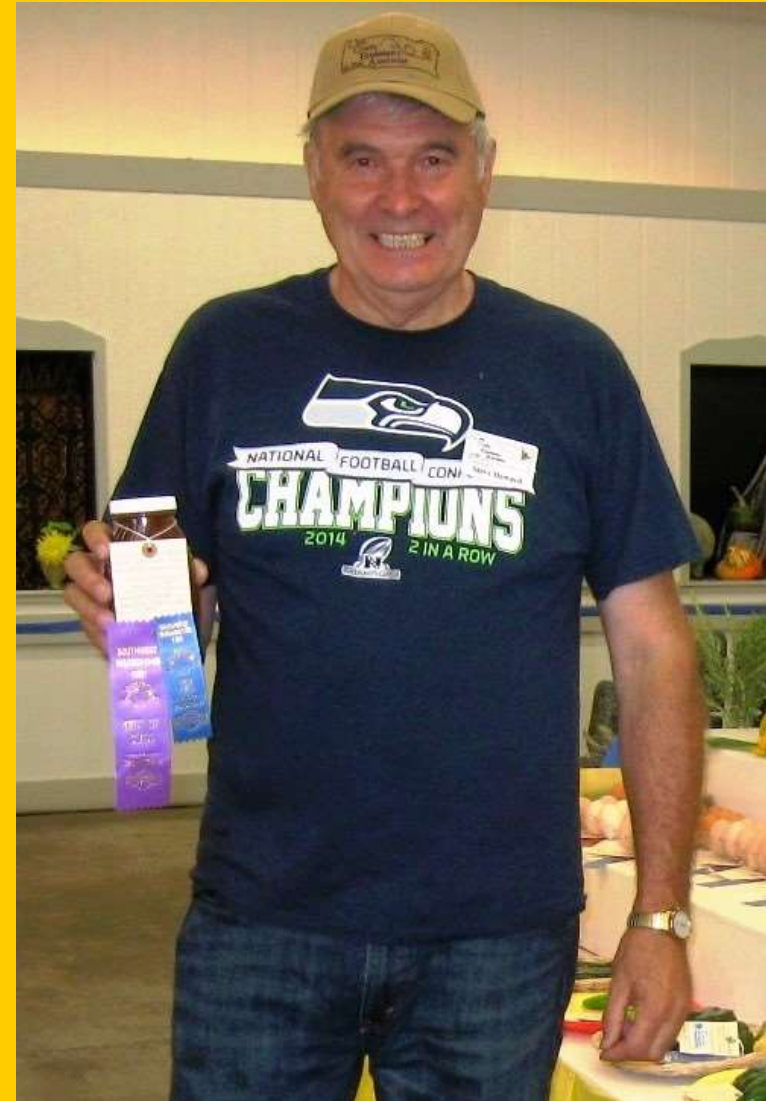
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Training Peter Glover for 2015



2015: 34 entries!

Winner: Steve Howard



How the Judging Works



Judging Tools: The Refractometer



Judging Tools: Jack's Scale

0 MM	WATERWHITE	0 MM
0 MM	EXTRA WHITE	17 MM
17 MM	WHITE	34 MM
34 MM	EXTRA LIGHT AMBER	50 MM
50 MM	LIGHT AMBER	85 MM
85 MM	AMBER	114 MM
114 MM	DARK AMBER	140 MM



Judging Tools: Polariscope (a.k.a. “The Light Box”)



What Polariscopes Let You See: *Crystallization*

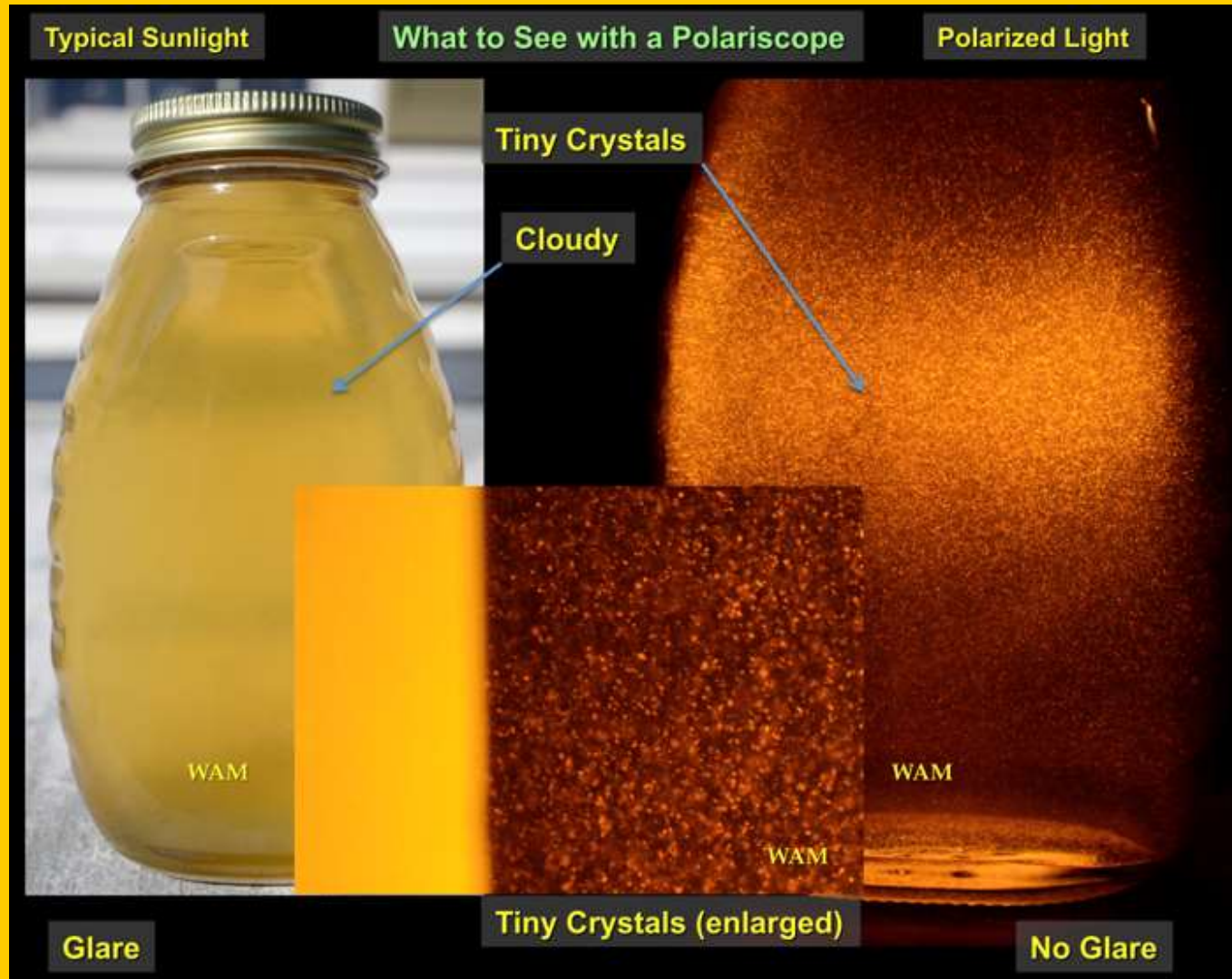


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What Polariscopes Let You See: *Bubbles*



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SW WA Fair Entry Categories

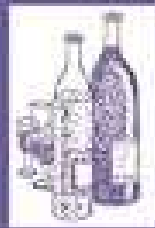
***For Dates & Times to Enter, See August LCBA
Newsletter***

- Division G01 – GRAIN – FORAGE – FARM PRODUCTS
- CLASS 1 – BEE PRODUCTS
- LOT:
 1. Comb Honey w/Sample
 2. Raw Honey Light w/Sample in 1 lb. Queenline Jar
 3. Raw Honey Amber w/Sample in 1 lb. Queenline Jar
 4. Raw Honey Dark w/sample in 1 lb. Queenline Jar
 5. Wax
 6. Other

Honey Judging: the Standard Reference

HONEY SHOWS

Guidelines for exhibitors,
superintendents, and judges



Roger A. and Mary Lou Morse

Honey Scoring Criteria

HONEY JUDGING SCORE CARD: Southwest Washington Fair, 2016

Entry #: _____

Point Scoring Items: Judge's Remarks

___ / 20 **Maximum Density (measured by refractometer: over 18.6% moisture is disqualified)**

15.5 – 17.0: 20 pts

17.1 – 18.0: 15 pts

18.1 – 18.6: 10 pts

___ / 10 **Absence of Crystals**

___ / 40 **Cleanliness (no wax chunks, bee body parts, foam, lint, dirt, etc.)**

___ / 10 **Flavor: points reduced for honey affected by processing/scorching**

___ / 10 **Container appearance (cleanness, neatness)**

___ / 10 **Accuracy of filling (precise jar filling: head room between 3/8" & 1/2" w/no visible gap between honey level & cap)**

___ / 100 **TOTAL**

Let Honey Settle Before Bottling

*Filtering Is Optional:
400 microns maximum*



Bottling Honey

~Helper Kitten Optional~



Bubbles in Just-Bottled Honey

Let It Settle For At Least a Few Days



Common Mistakes: Foam



Common Mistakes: Not Filling Jar



Required to Enter: Glass Queenline Jars *Free to LCBA members*



Cut Comb Honey

*Judged by Completeness of Capping
& Neatness of Presentation*

*2015 Cut Comb Winner
Jennifer Reiman*

*Closeup – note the
complete capping:*



Not Into Rules? Enter Your Honey in the People's Choice Honey Tasting Contest



Kevin Reichert

Winner, People's Choice Tasting Contest
2013, 2014, 2015

