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LCBA B U Z Z



March 2025

Providing Education in Sustainable Beekeeping

Prepare for Bee Orders!

Nucs are \$160 from Beeline, no return of the nuc box; for Woods, \$175 with a \$10 store credit issued when you return the nuc box in good condition. Woods will not take boxes from Beeline nucs.

Queens: Beeline has both Italian and Carniolan queens for \$43; Woods has Kona queens for \$45. Beeline queens available at pickup day; Woods anticipates having some queens in March and again in April; call Woods to reserve if you want March Kona queens.

Package bees: Beeline has either 3 or 4 pound packages of either Italian or Carniolans, 3# is \$142 and 4# is \$160

These prices are listed WITHOUT tax. In order to get the tax free price from Beeline you MUST have a 2025 apiary registration #. In order to get the tax free price from Woods you MUST complete a Dept. of Revenue tax exempt form. [Link for order forms below on page 2 showing with and without tax prices.](#) Printed forms will be at the March meeting .

You **MUST** be a current (*dues paid*) member of LCBA to get the discount bee prices. You can pay at the March meeting. Check or cash - exact amount appreciated. To not pay taxes on bees, you **MUST** bring your apiary registration number for Beeline orders; for Woods, complete a Dept. of Revenue exempt form (if already on file with Wood's no need to duplicate).

Forms available at the order table.

Order taking begins at 5:15 March 12

UPCOMING MEETINGS

March 12: Meeting is open at 5:15 to take bee orders. Then, usual social from 6-6:30. Steve Grega will speak on Mason bees (bring some cash, there will be some for sale), and a swarming video presentation from WASBA will be shown.

April 9: Dewey Caron will speak on the state hive overwintering survey results then do a brief presentation on spring colony challenges.

Bee order form links (printed forms will also be at the order table)

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MARCH BEES

Remembering that it takes 21 days for new workers to emerge, and they perform other hive tasks before becoming foragers so your hive should be supplemental fed until there are adequate forager bees to support the colony. If temperatures are pretty consistently 50 or greater syrup can be fed; if it's much cooler than that use solid food. Pollen can be fed to support increased queen laying, especially before early pollen flowering trees haven't started blooming (alder, maple, willow) Frequent mite monitoring is essential from spring to late fall! Again, the hive needs sufficient numbers of healthy forager bees to gather pollen.

Beekeeper Swap Meet

Saturday, March 8, 2025

10AM-3PM

at Oakview Grange

2715 N. Pearl St. Centralia, WA 98531

Come to our Second Annual Beekeeper Swap Meet where beekeepers are selling their used equipment and gear. You can find equipment you may need for the upcoming season.



Lunch and drinks will be available for purchase.



360-623-3359  bees@woodsbeeco.com

Meet our youth scholars for 2025



Evan Tupper (left) and Eli Burch (right) are our two youth scholarship recipients for 2025! They had their first bee experience as beekeepers on Feb. 15 at the club apiary, and are on their way to getting bees soon! Welcome both of you to LCBA!



Hive 4 at the apiary died, possibly from mites....There was a cluster of about 300 bees on the top frames; plenty of food remaining. Lots of dead bees on upper frames near the front and on the bottom board. As of 2-15, all other hives are alive.



Swarm list on LCBA website being updated!! Names currently listed will be DELETED; if you would like to be on the list, please provide your name, phone #, and area(s) you'll travel to. Indicate swarm only, or cutout and swarm. Noel will take information at the March bee order table, or please email Noel at nsharp928@gmail.com by March 31. Change will be posted on the website in April



What do you call a bee who lives in America? A USB



Election of Directors Coming!

There are four positions with terms ending in December: President, Outreach Coordinator, Mentor Coordinator and Apiary manager. An elections committee will be selected in May to begin the nomination and election process. If you might be interested in serving on the Board of Directors in any of these positions, please let one of the current Directors know; volunteering simplifies the nomination process significantly! Directors have worked on making lists of tasks they are responsible for to make the transition so much easier! And, delegating some tasks helps make the job very palatable. Please consider taking a position - the club is only as strong as it's volunteers! None of the director positions are overwhelming with help from other members!

For vendors **BEEKEEPERS SWAP MEET**

Do you have beekeeping equipment, protective gear or other items that you don't use anymore? This is a great opportunity to make space and get rid of unused equipment and make a little to invest in the items you do use.



SATURDAY, MARCH 8, 2025

**10AM-3PM
SET UP 830AM**

**AT OAKVIEW GRANGE
2715 N. Pearl St.
Centralia, WA 98531**

**LUNCH AND DRINKS
WILL BE AVAILABLE
FOR PURCHASE**

SIGN UP TODAY!
EMAIL US AT
BEES@WOODSBEECO.COM
OR CALL US AT
360-623-3359



**COST
\$20 FOR A
4 X 6
SPACE**

Spring Youth Fair is just around the corner, May 2-4.
Dottie will present information and start getting
volunteer sign ups at the March membership meeting.

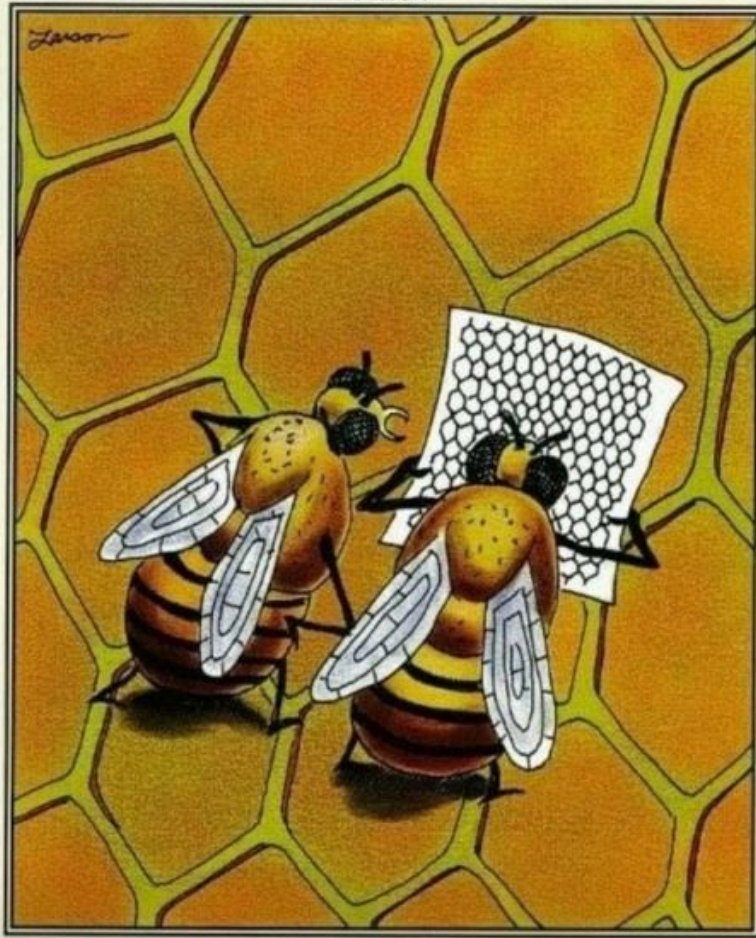
**The Annual WASBA
Pacific Northwest Beekeeping Conference
OCT 3-5, 2025**

Early Bird Tickets go on sale Saturday, February 1st at 11:00am for \$175 thru July 1st on EventBrite (go to the WASBA website) You may notice a slight increase in ticket prices this year because we will have Morning Refreshments for both Saturday & Sunday and a Saturday Lunch ALL included in your ticket price (Friday Banquet Tickets will be sold separately)!

Fri. 10/3 – Sun. 10/5, 2025

Embassy Suites by Hilton Seattle North Lynnwood
Early Bird Tickets ON SALE Feb. 1, 2025

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“Face it, Fred—you’re lost.”

Some of the beginning beekeeper’s class met at the apiary Saturday February 12. A chilly and drizzly day, but a fun time (I think) by those attending. They were tasked with starting a smoker and keeping it going for an hour. We went through the hive that died so they had the experience of getting a frame out of a box. We did a demonstration of a sugar roll test to count mite load; it was pretty simple using dead bees, but hopefully they are all a bit more confident doing it to calculate mite loads on their hives. We swept dead bees from all the hives, and fed hard candy and fondant.



Dead bee sweeps, sugar roll, trying to keep warm! Thanks to Ross, Noel, Darrell and Bev for teaching the apiary visit class content.



Whether you get a nuc or a package, you will need to feed (syrup) and you should consider doing a mite treatment. One advantage of getting a Kona queen is having new genes mixed into the area gene pool .

Another reason to pay club membership dues? Keep getting the newsletter! I will be updating the email list soon - removing names of those who have not paid for 2025

LCBA would like to thank Ramesh Sagili for taking the time to present to us on Feb 12, and especially for keeping it at a level that we all could understand. Important take home messages were:
For OA vaporization treatment, 3g per brood box were optimal (for more mite drop and less killed brood). Because 1 gr OA is about $\frac{1}{4}$ teaspoon, dosage is approximately as follows:



2 deep hive: 6 gr OR 1 $\frac{1}{2}$ teaspoon

1 deep hive: 3 gr OR $\frac{3}{4}$ teaspoon

5 frame NUC: 1.5 g OR $\frac{3}{8}$ teaspoon

He was giving his hives 3 treatments, one week apart. Because over 50% of the mites are in capped cells, it is important to vaporize more than once.

Also, there are micronutrients present in pollen that are not present in “protein supplements” (i.e. most pollen patties). The example he gave is the lipid (fat) sterol, which is necessary for cell membranes and also for a hormone required for molting (the larva will molt 5x before capping!). Therefore, we should be using protein supplements that contain 5-10% real pollen. Or at least ensuring that real pollen is entering the hive, in addition to you protein supplement. Read your labels! I just checked mine....guess what....NO pollen at all!

Theresa has opened the new LCBA library. So far, we have ten books available for checkout, listed below. If you would like to check out a book (recommended loan period, one month) please see Theresa at the next meeting. If you have any old beekeeping or pollinator books/videos that you would like to donate to the library, please let Theresa know! We would like to thank Bev Phoenix and Noel Sharp for their book donations!



Blackiston, Howland: Beekeeping for Dummies

Crowder, Les and Harrell, Heather: Top-Bar Beekeeping

Dadant & Sons, editors: The Hive and the Honey Bee

De Layens, Georges: Keeping Bees in Horizontal Hives

Esbaum, Jill: Honey Bees

Gregory, Pam and Waring, Claire: Keeping Bees

PennState Extension: A Field Guide to Honey Bees and Their Maladies

Kearney, Hilary: Queenspotting

Morse, Roger A: The Complete Guide to Beekeeping

Stiglitz, Dean and Herboldsheimer, Laurie: The Complete Idiots Guide to Beekeeping

