



Greater Cleveland Beekeepers Association

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THE HONEYBEE TIMES

Time to wake-up, get-up and get moving, hibernation is over, beekeeping season is here. That means get out and check those bees for resources, get a pollen substitute on, possibly a stimulus sugar syrup feeding, or whatever is necessary to those colonies, and do a mite treatment. For those who have successfully over wintered your bees, April is the start of swarm prevention season, do it now or regret it later. We have a treat for you this month Gene and Audrey Gargas treasurer and secretary of The Lorain County Beekeepers Association, who are very successful beekeepers, have agreed to share the reasons for their success with the members of GCBA this month, march the 9th. You are not going to want to miss this engagement it may be the key to the best beekeeping season you have ever had, BEE THERE. We had a very adventurous beginner beekeeping class last month, you should show-up and do a meet and greet to all the new-bees, they will need your support and help going forward.

As soon as weather breaks, we will do more outside starting in April with a smoker contest at the beginning of the meeting so start practicing now, awards will be giving to the winners and your name will be in the Honeybee Times all year.

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February Meeting

03/09/2022

Cuyahoga County Fair Grounds

Building #25

Doors open at 6:30pm

Meeting begins at 7:00pm

Board Meeting 02/16/22

same place @6:30pm

The Inspector's Corner

Hi everyone, just reminder we have had 2 confirmed cases of AFB in Cuyahoga County in the last six months. Some people think that it is not a problem that mites are the real issue. Granted mites are a big problem, AFB was a problem for years and was the reason the Inspection program was started. AFB is starting to raise its ugly head again. Do not buy used equipment to save money it is not worth it, also please make sure when buying nuc's and packages that the apiary has been inspected or has been certified by the State that the bees are coming from. I also have people that has been in beekeeping for a lot of years that have posted it is only two reported cases of AFB in six months

They are same people that say 1 mite in a hive is one too many. If you ever lost a hive during winter and have felt bad just think what it feels like to destroy a hive with 20,000 or 30,000 bees that is alive and appears to be booming and burning the equipment.

Thanks,

Phil Bartosh

Cuyahoga County Apiary Inspector

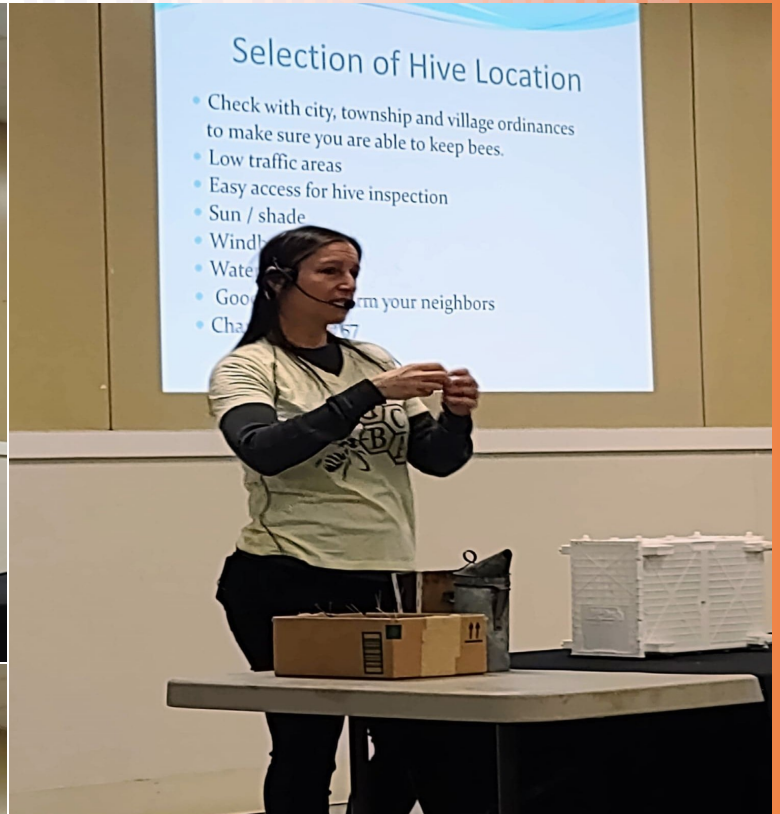
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See what happened at our last meeting.

Package Installation!

Thank you Shannon Warder



Congratulations to all that finished Beginner Beekeeping!



Renew your GCBA membership today!



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GCBA Membership Registration

New Renewal

Name: _____

Street Address: _____

City: _____ State: _____ Zip: _____

Phone: _____ Email: _____

Annual Membership cost is \$20.00 per family. Membership in Greater Cleveland Beekeepers Association means you can learn and enjoy a new hobby, keep current with beekeeping, and meet other beekeeping members who live in the Greater Cleveland area.

GCBA monthly meetings are focused on educational topics including beekeeping best management practices, current events in beekeeping, research, and hive health.

Register at a GCBA monthly meeting or see more options on our website.

Your personal information is for club use only and will not be shared with anyone.

I acknowledge the risks involved in beekeeping activities which include and not limited to: stings, falls, shock, allergic reactions and personal injury. I agree to hold harmless the Greater Cleveland Beekeepers Association free from any liability, including financial responsibility for injuries or property damages, regardless of whether injuries are caused by negligence in the State of Ohio.

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APPLICATION FOR APIARY REGISTRATION

PLEASE INCLUDE PAYMENT WITH APPLICATION ON OR BEFORE JUNE 1

Form section for company information including fields for COMPANY NAME, ADDRESS, CITY, STATE, ZIP, PHONE, EMAIL, and COUNTY. Includes checkboxes for 'Registered previously', 'Additional Locations', and 'New beekeeper'.

Payment is required with application. Applications postmarked after June 1st are subject to a \$10.00 late filing fee.
Exceptions to late fee after June 1: New Beekeepers or registering additional locations.
Fee of \$5.00 per apiary location (property address) made payable to the "Ohio Department of Agriculture"
Number of Locations: _____ @ \$5.00 each = Total Amount Due \$ _____ .00
Payment by check or money order only; Payment Method: [] Check # _____ [] Money Order # _____
PLEASE DO NOT SEND CASH

Table with 7 columns: Hive Location, # of Colonies, County, Township, Location Information (Address, City, Zip Code), Property Owner's Name, and Beekeepers (YES/NO). Contains 5 rows for location registration.

*Please write on back of form to provide inspector with additional directions and/or hive location information, if needed. (GPS Coordinates are helpful and appreciated; please indicate by Longitude and Latitude, in Decimal Degrees.)

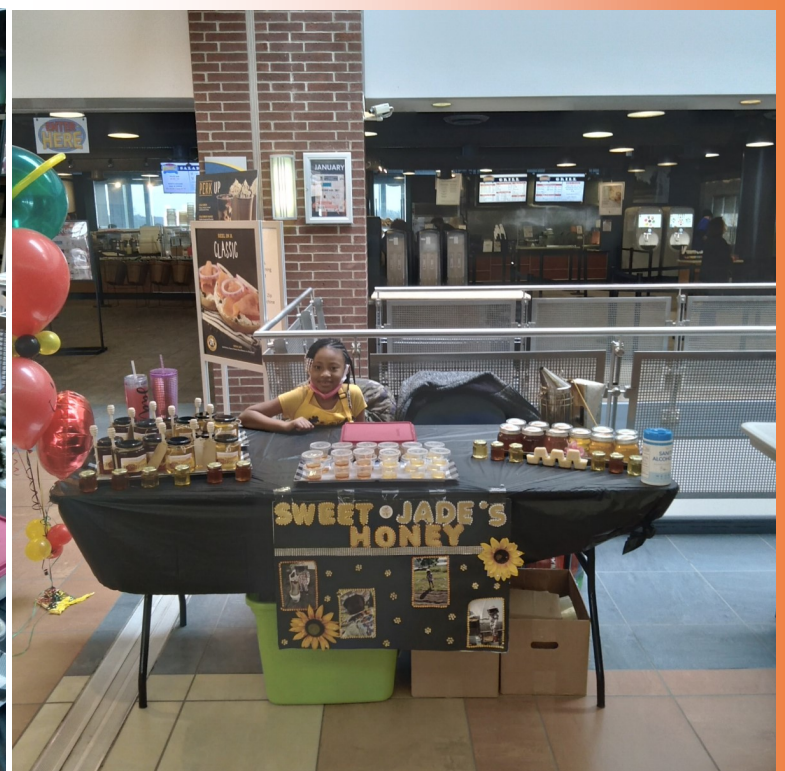
My signature below certifies that the information provided above is true and accurate to the best of my knowledge.

SIGNATURE: _____ DATE: _____

GCBA Proud!

Jade Malcolm is 6 years old and she is in first grade. She has been keeping bees since she was 3 years old with her proud grandmother Laura Brown assisting her, along with Fred Hardman.

Jade has one hive, and loves going into the beehive to see her girls and take care of them. Her favorite time is harvesting honey and she tries to eat all of it! Jade also likes to garden and participate with the youth outdoors program. Recently on February 9th she was invited to Akron University to participate in the Black Business expo, it was a success, and she has been invited to come back in April. Though a bit shy, be sure and stop to say hello if you see her at her booth or when you come to a GCBA meeting you will find her helping at the Information table.



Congratulations to our 50/50 Raffle Winner!!!

1st Beekeeping Class February 2, 2022:

Take: \$68.00; Split: \$ 34.00 Winner: Tom Kennesh

2nd Beekeeping Class & General Meeting February 9, 2022:

Take: \$78.00; Split: \$39.00 Winner: Joseph Petrek

3rd Beekeeping Class & February 16, 2022:

Take: \$124.00; Split: \$62.00 Winner: Tom Kennish

4th Beekeeping Class February 23, 2022:

Take: \$74.00; split: \$37.00 Winner: Doug Oconke

Beginner Beekeeping Raffle Kit on February 23, 2022:

Winner: Rob Kostya



As the Club is providing Coffee at our Meetings, we thank the Members who have brought pastry and candy each month. It is greatly appreciated!



GCBA has quarterly presentations
at the Rocky River Nature Center

Bees are amazing creatures, and beekeepers get to witness many of their wondrous behaviors up close in their backyard hive.

Join us for a presentation on what it is like to be a backyard beekeeper. We will cover equipment, processes, and what to expect when receiving a package of live bees in the spring.

Program is from 1–3 pm at the Cleveland MetroParks Rocky River Nature Center 24000 Valley Parkway; North Olmsted, Ohio 44070



Stay buzzed in for the next one in May (date tba).



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Happy St. Patrick's Day with Honey

Submitted by: Michelle Killin-Keith

<https://www.today.com/recipes/irish-whiskey-honey-pork-chops-champ-mash-carrots-recipe->



Irish Whiskey-Honey Pork Chops with Champ Mash and Carrots

Donal Skehan



COOK TIME: 30 mins

PREP TIME: 30 mins

SERVINGS: 4

Ingredients

Pork

- 3 tablespoons Irish whiskey
- 2 tablespoons honey
- 1 tablespoon whole-grain mustard
- 1/2 cup apple juice
- 1 tablespoon neutral oil
- 4 pork loin chops, cut 1/2-inch thick, bone in, skin on and scored

Champ Mash

- 11 pounds potatoes, peeled and cut into chunks
- 3/4 stick butter
- 1/2 cup milk
- 6 scallions, finely sliced
- sea salt and freshly ground black pepper, to taste

Carrots

- 1 pound carrots, cut into 1/2-inch diagonal slices
- 1/2 stick butter
- 1/2 cup water

Chef notes

An Irish whiskey, tangy mustard and sweet honey marinade make these pork chops truly outstanding. Serving them alongside buttery herbed carrots and classic champ mash makes it the perfect St. Patrick's Day dinner.

Preparation

FOR THE PORK CHOPS:

- Whisk together the whiskey, honey, mustard, apple juice and oil in a flat, high-sided dish. Add the pork chops to the dish and turn until coated and submerged. Cover and place in the fridge to marinate for at least 1 hour or overnight.
- Once the pork chops are ready to cook, remove from the fridge and allow to come to room temp.
- Heat a griddle pan over a medium-high heat.
- Remove the pork to a plate lined with kitchen paper and pat dry before transferring the marinade to a small saucepan.
- Simmer the marinade over a medium heat until sticky and slightly thickened.
- Place the pork on the griddle pan and cook for 3 minutes on both sides, until it has deep char marks and is cooked all the way through.

FOR THE CHAMP MASH:

- Add the potato chunks to a pot of cold water, cover, place over a high heat and bring to a boil. Reduce heat and simmer until the potato is tender when pierced with a fork.
- When the potatoes are cooked, remove from the heat, drain into a colander, then add back into the pot with the butter and milk. Using a potato masher, mash the potatoes until smooth and creamy.
- Add in the spring onions and season with sea salt and ground black pepper, stirring to combine.

FOR THE CARROTS:



Do you have a question for Buzz the Beekeeper?

Ask anything!

Send your questions to our “contact” button on our website.

Questions will be chosen, answered, and published in next month’s edition.

<https://www.greaterclevelandbeekeepers.com/contact/>





Dear Buzz the Beekeeper, I have a question.

Hello Buzz The Beekeeper: In late February and early March how do I know if my bees are okay and have enough stores to get through the remainder of winter? What do I look for and what is the best way to feed them?

I have enough material here for a book. I am going to simplify this four part question into just two questions. One: How do I know if my bees are okay, and what do I look for will be the first question addressed.

There is no substitute for looking. Guessing the condition of a colony of bees has probably killed more colonies than any other combined factors. KNOWING what you started winter with and having confidence in your decision making, or confidence in the person you are receiving instructions from goes a long way in having a pleasant outcome. Feeding a colony during winter out of necessity is the result of poor planning. If you suspect or have reason to suspect resources are deficient for the time of year, the first step would be to tip the colony forward in a rolling motion, using the handhold on the bottom box on the back of the colony; of course after removing any weighted material from the top of the hive or anything else that may give false indications. If after performing this action you suspect the colony has insufficient resources, further investigation is necessary; no matter the time of year or weather conditions, open the colony and look to see. With as little disturbance as possible, do your best to determine cluster size and location,

Buzz the Beekeeper Continued:

With as little disturbance as possible, do your best to determine cluster size and location, if brood is present and how many frames, these can be indicators. If food is determined to be deficient, have fondant ready to apply above where cluster is determined to be. If the day you are opening is fair to nice (weather 50 degrees or better) look at the outside frames of each box and if they contain honey move these frames as close as possible to the brood nest.

Second question: What to look for and what is the best feeding method?

We always have days during winter months when bees can fly and do cleansing flights, watch for these and other activity at the entrance. If no activity is observed place an ear to the side of the colony and pound the side of the hive, while listening for the agitated BUZZZZZZZ - if still nothing - open the colony. There are always dead bees at the entrance of a healthy, overwintered colony, and these should be removed/pulled out with a clothes hanger or other similar instrument before the entrance becomes blocked. IF you are an experienced beekeeper, feed a pollen substitute at any time late winter; this should never be done by novice beekeepers. Again, IF you are experienced at beekeeping, a stimulas syrup feeding should be done. Both of these last instructions will build colonies artificially and can be overwhelming to any inexperienced beekeeper, even before winter is completely over.

The best method to feed bees is the one that works, and that is going to be the one that is in direct contact with the cluster. Direct contact means touching, not four frames away. This means syrup in a hive top feeder four inches away from the cluster is out of reach during the winter months for ANY colony. The same would apply for fondant. This is by no means a complete answer to the above question, much more space and time is needed for a proper response. Do a mite treatment NOW!!!!!!! ~ Buzz

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“Limited Edition for a Limited Time”

While supplies last, only two hats left. If you are interested in the hats or shirts please **click the “contact” button** on our website to inquire.





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GCBA events held throughout the year:

- Field Day in May
- Picnic in July
- Special Event in September
- Car Show in September
- County Fair Booth in August
- Holiday Party in December

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