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The Big 100

First, I would like to thank all of those beekeepers who participated in our great Honey Show in Atlantic City. Please check out the results on page 5.

Second, I want to say how much I enjoyed the large and very informative State Meeting held at Charlie's Other Brother Restaurant in Mount Holly.

Now it's time to look ahead at the rest of our anniversary year. On July 27 we will have our annual summer party with a little twist. We will of course have our annual auction and swim party, however instead of the usual chicken/rib lunch, Tim Schuler has offered to cook a pig. Tim did this for me before and has done a great job. The cost for this event will be \$12.00 for adults and \$9.00 for ages 6-12. Reservations can be made with me.

The final anniversary event will be a great 2 day deal on October 4 and 5. This event will be held at the Ramada Inn in Highstown, NJ, off exit 8 on the NJ Turnpike. Friday, October 4 will start at 9:30 AM, with coffee and registration, followed with guest speakers and workshops until lunch time. After lunch, there will be more guest speakers with short breaks until 5:15 PM. At 7 PM we will have our fall NJBA business meeting followed by social hour with a cash bar.

The cost for Friday's activities is \$65.00 for reservations made before August 15, 2002 and \$70.00 thereafter, per person.

Saturday October 5 will start out at 8 AM with a field trip to Chatsworth NJ to see the cranberries' harvest and then to the Ocean Spray Plant to see how cranberries are processed, followed by talks at the Rutgers Blueberry/Cranberry Research Center. The field trip will end at 4 PM and the group will return to the Ramada Inn. Buses will be provided for this trip.

Also on Saturday October 5 a second trip will be available to those who would rather go shopping. This trip will leave the Ramada Inn at about 9 AM and go to the Jackson Outlet Village, formally known as Six Flags Outlet Village, for a day of shopping. There are some 60-70 outlet stores at this location. All those people on this trip will receive a one day VIP card which will grant discounts on merchandise purchased on participating stores. This trip will also end at approximately 4 PM. Buses will also be provided for this trip.

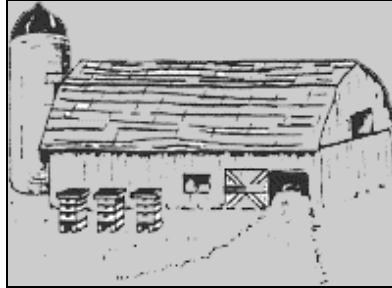
If enough interest is shown there will be a third trip available. It would be from Chatsworth to the shopping location for those who might want to see the cranberry operation but not stay for the afternoon talks. Again, buses would be provided.

At 6 PM at the Ramada Inn there will be a

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PRESIDENT'S COLUMN

Spring is upon us, and so far the conditions have been favorable for overwintering colonies. The warm and dry air has allowed frequent cleansing flights and has helped conserve food stores. Unlike recent years, I've seen small colonies and even nubs make it through the winter.

But we're not out of the woods yet. Even though you may not see visible signs of noisome, you should still consider treating with Fumidil-B to ensure this disease does not hinder the critical spring build-up.

And as always, be on the lookout for American Foulbrood (AFB). I've already heard reports of its detection in central NJ. On the brighter side, there is a lot of pollen being harvested by honeybees in my area, and overall colonies appear very strong. This is going to be a year when early spring management is a must. Check your colonies soon, you'll most likely find some that should be reversed and others that are almost ready for supers, especially if you have been feeding sugar syrup. Don't be surprised if you even find a queen cell. So get busy, and best of luck to everyone this season.

David

EDITOR'S NOTES

This is a big issue. At least for me. And I'm not talking politics here, just newsletters... This is a big issue of the NJBA Newsletter because I seem to have made the mistake of taking over the job on which Jim Puvel spent part of his free time for the last 5 years. And for that, each of us members of NJBA ought to thank him. So, I do my part right here. Thank you, Jim! And good luck with

your future endeavors. Especially, minding your own beeswax.

As for me, and until I get the hang of it, each issue of the newsletter will continue to be a big one indeed. I apologize in advance for all the mistakes that I undoubtedly will make along the way. Hopefully soon, things will run smoothly once again.

Meanwhile, the winter is coming to an end. It was a mild one, and if your bees are doing as good as mine, we all might have a good year. Now we just have to hope for a good spring, for a strong honey flow and for a healthy honey harvest. And above all, even if doubtful, for a peaceful year for all. But that's another issue.

Alejandro Berlin

NJBA SPRING MEETING

The meeting, hosted by the CJBA, will include a bus trip to Wild Earth Nurseries. It will be held on May 25 at the PBA Hall in Yardville NJ. Business meeting will start at 10:00 AM. Dr. Medhat Nasr will bring us up to speed on the latest developments in his research regarding honey bee diseases and mite control. Wild Earth Nurseries, located in Jackson, deals with plants native to NJ and during the tour we will see native species and learn about their habitat and the time of year that they bloom. Other plants known to attract bees, not native to NJ, will also be seen and discussed. Lunch and bus transportation for the nursery tour will be provided.

For directions, please go to page 14.

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cash bar, sit down dinner and dance until 11 PM. The cost for Saturday's activities will be \$75.00 for reservations made before August 15, 2002, and \$80.00 thereafter, per person.

Combo cost for Friday and Saturday before August 15 is \$130.00, and \$150.00 thereafter, per person.

The prices per person indicated above do not include hotel rooms. However the Ramada Inn has given us a special rate at \$79.00 per room per night. When making reservations you must mention that you are there with the NJBA. The Ramada Inn phone number is 609 443-8000.

Reservations for the anniversary events will be made with Dan Kurela at 908 637-6644.

One last note, to commemorate our 100th Anniversary, Al Barker, a well known wildlife artist and member of the NJBA has printed a very impressive beekeeping scene called Winter Silence. Prints are limited to 100 and are now available.

In closing, The anniversary committee consisting of Jake Matthenius, Pat Henderson, Dave Wasitowski, Jim Puvel, Dan Kurela, Pat Ricci, Grant Stiles, Medhat Nasr and myself believe we put together a very informative and fun 2002. I would hope that all of you will join us at both events.

Should any questions arise, feel free to call me at 609 585-4359.

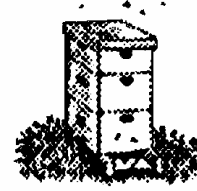
Bob Hughes

Anniversary Committee Chairman

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1/4 page	1st 25% of newsletter	\$75
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Wolfgang Kuehn
for Light Honey

Class #1: EXTRACTED LIGHT

1st Wolfgang Kuehn
2nd Creek Junction
3rd Jake Matthenius

**Class #2: EXTRACTED LIGHT
AMBER**

1st Creek Junction
2nd Jake Matthenius
3rd Bob's Buzzy Bees

Class #3: EXTRACTED AMBER

1st Ken Preteroti
2nd Whitetail
3rd Joe Batic

Class #4: EXTRACTED DARK

1st Honey Lady
2nd Whitetail
3rd Creek Junction

**BEST OF COMB &
SPREAD DIVISION**

Powder Mill
for Creamed Honey

Class #5: SECTIONS

1st Chandler

Class #6: CREAMED HONEY

1st Powder Mill
2nd Wolfgang Kuehn

Class #7: CHUNK HONEY

1st Honey Lady
2nd Bob's Buzzy Bee
3rd Creek Junction

Class #8: FRAME OF HONEY

1st Cathy Skove
2nd Ken Preteroti

3rd Gerd Boehnke

BEST OF MEAD
DIVISION

Wolfgang Kuehn
for Sweet Mead

Class #9: DRY MEAD

1st Wolfgang Kuehn
2nd Ken Preteroti

Class #10: SWEET MEAD

1st Wolfgang Kuehn
2nd Sanger/Schreiner
3rd Mark Sopko

**Class #11: MEAD WITH FRUIT
JUICE**

1st PJ Apiaries
2nd Joe Batic
3rd Len Klinker

**Class #12: MEAD (sparkling) MADE
WITH or WITHOUT FRUIT JUICE**

No entries

**BEST OF BEESWAX
LOTIONS & SOAPS DIVISION**

Mind Your Own
for Novelty Beeswax

Class #13: BLOCK OF BEESWAX

1st Powder Mill
2nd Marian Chandler
3rd Mind Your Own

Class #14: NOVELTY BEESWAX

1st Mind Your Own
2nd Cathy Skove
3rd Landi Simone

Class #15: CANDLES

1st Powder Mill
2nd Morning Dew
3rd Cathy Skove

Class #16: NOVELTY CANDLE

- 1st Cathy Skove
- 2nd Morning Dew
- 3rd Wolfgang Kuehn

Class #17: BEESWAX HAND CREAM / LOTIONS

- 1st Mind Your Own
- 2nd Goose Rock
- 3rd Honey Lady

Class #18: BEESWAX SOAPS

- 1st Goose Rock

Class #19: BEESWAX LIP BALM

- 1st Honey Lady
- 2nd Mind your Own

BEST OF SHOW Mind Your Own

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Note to Honey Show Winners: If you did not receive your ribbons, please call Bob Hughes at (609) 585-4359. He will see that you get them.

BEE-GINNER'S BEEKEEPING COURSE 2002
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April 26 and 27

Not April 19 & 20!!!

Holly House, Rutgers University
New Brunswick, NJ

In our festivities celebrating the Centennial Anniversary of New Jersey Beekeeping Association (NJBA), Rutgers University and NJBA are offering Bee-ginner's Beekeeping Course, which is designed to provide the information that new beekeepers need to start and care for a honey bee colony. In two days, participants will be introduced to bee biology and management. Participants will also have hands-on sessions, learn how to assemble hives, open and examine

colonies and see how honey and beeswax are harvested. Teachers will be Dr. Medhat Nasr, Mr. Jake Matthenius, Mr. Bob Hughes, Mr. Pat Henderson and Mr. Jim Puvel. These teachers collectively accumulate over 100 years of experience. For further information please contact Bob Hughes at (609) 585-4359 or Pat Henderson at (973) 644-9024 or at Pathender@aol.com. The cost for the course is \$70.00 if registered before April 12, and \$90.00 thereafter. For registration please contact Rutgers University. Phone (732) 932-8451 or 9271, fax (732) 932-8726, e-mail ocpe@aesop.rutgers.edu

Bee-ginner's Course Schedule

Friday 26

- 9:00 Introduction
- 9:15 Introduction to Teachers
- 9:30 NJBA Beekeepers Tape
- 10:00 Bee Biology and Anatomy
- 11:00 Coffee Break
- 11:15 Bee Equipment and Uses
- 11:45 Apiary Locations
- 12:30 Lunch
- 1:00 Buying Queens, Packaged Bees and Hiving Bees
- 1:30 Seasonal Management
- 3:00 Coffee Break, Q&A
- 3:30 to 5:00 Bee Yard Visit. Hands-on

Saturday 27

- 9:00 Honey Bee Diseases & Pests. Biology & Control
- 10:00 Coffee Break
- 10:15 Honey Plants
- 11:15 Honey Extraction, Rendering Wax & Candle-making
- 12:15 Lunch & Honey Tasting
- 12:45 Showing & Judging Honey
- 1:15 Beekeeping Organizations, Publications, Bee Regulations, & Centennial Anniversary of NJBA
- 1:45 Modern Bee Management & IPM
- 2:30 Coffee Break, Q&A, Evaluations
- 3:00 - 5:00 Bee Yard Visit



**DELAWARE VALLEY COLLEGE
BEEKEEPING COURSE**

**Friday, Saturday & Sunday
June 28-30**

Delaware Valley College campus
Doylestown, PA

DVC will offer its Beekeeping Course this summer, under the direction of Dr. Robert Berthold, Professor of Biology, and Mr. Gary Bradshaw, professional beekeeper. Mrs. Marren Berthold will present a special segment on the household uses of honey.

The class is intended for all levels, and none should be dissuaded due to lack of knowledge. Last year's course boasted participants ranging from professional beekeepers to beginning hobbyists. Several teachers and nature center directors also attended and plan to use the material in their own classrooms. A number of people included the course in their summer vacations. The cost of the class is \$75.00. Delaware College students, their immediate family and senior citizens will receive a \$10.00 discount. Please register as early as possible as class size is limited. For further information contact:

Dr. Robert Berthold. 215 489-2285

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Course Information

Place: Feldman Building Room 113

Equipment: If you own a bee veil, please bring it with you. Also bring a 3-ring loose-leaf binder for the materials that will be distributed.

Age: Participants must be at least 13 years of age unless accompanied by an adult

Lunch: Please bring your own. A video will be shown at this time.

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together a list of these volunteers and will publish them in the newsletter. In addition, we will give this list to the Department of Agriculture for them to refer any beekeeper calling them to a person on this list. It is strictly voluntary and help will be provided at the discretion of the person on the list. If you are interested, please contact Pat Henderson (973) 644-9024 or PatHender@aol.com with your name, address, phone number, and e-mail address. So far, we have two volunteers as listed below.

Sussex, Tom Webb, (973) 875-3889
Essex, Joe Lelinho, (973) 228-4806

Research Activities

To bring you up to date since the last newsletter, we were able to meet with a number of important deans at Rutgers to discuss a research program. In my opinion, it went well. We were scheduled for one hour; the meeting lasted almost two. I made a formal presentation that outlined the problems we are experiencing and some of the objectives we felt were necessary to solve our problems in New Jersey. We had a good cross section of people impacted by our problems;

growers, beekeepers, and the department of agriculture. The deans asked numerous questions which implied they understood our problems and objectives. There was a good rapport established among the participants which was one of my objectives. Dr. Adesoji Adelaja, Dean of Research, asked Dr. Daniel Rossi to establish a small working committee to further evaluate our problems and put together a plan to pursue a research program.

This committee met on March 1, 2002. Present was Dr. Rossi, Dr. Sridhar Polavarapu, Bill Cutts, Bob Balaam, and myself. This proved to be another productive meeting. Several issues were discussed and action items defined. The major obstacle to develop a long-term research program at Rutgers boils down to the all-mighty dollar. Nothing seems to be easy these days. So we are essentially back to looking for a source of funds. Unless one of you out there wishes to exercise your philanthropic powers to grant a large sum of money to Rutgers for honey bee research, we must begin hounding the only viable option; our state government. And you all know how bleak that avenue appears today.

I have attended two separate meetings in Washington recently. I have come out from both meetings being given basically the same advice. It's a numbers game. You have to contact those people who control the money. I'm told it is nice to let the governor and secretary of agriculture know what you want, but they don't really control the money. I was informed it is as good as, if not better to deal with the aids of the senators and assemblymen. These people will talk to you and once they get a few calls and letters, they begin to put this information before their boss. I'm also told it is better to get your requirements known early in the year.

My recommendation to each of you is to call, write, or e-mail both your local senator and assemblymen. There are 40 districts in New Jersey; each district has one senator and two assemblymen. And, get anyone else that you can to do the same. The easiest way to find out the name and address of your state senator and assembly person is to go on the internet www.njleg.state.nj.us. It is really easy and there is everything you need to know about your representatives. If you need help, give me a call and I will get the information for you. Also, get your farmers to write expressing their need for the honey bee. Two years ago, I wrote letters for all my farmers, took the letters to them for their signature, and then mailed the letters myself. It takes a little extra time, but we need a research program here in New Jersey; and it would really be nice to keep Dr. Medhat Nasr in that position. If you really care, **start now!**

Pat Henderson

Attention All Beekeepers

In the latter part of 2001, the NJ DEP changed the rules on honey bees' medications. Effective in 2002, coumaphos (CheckMite+), can no longer be purchased or administered to honey bee colonies without a private applicator's license. Also, starting in 2003, fluvalinate (Apistan), formic acid and any other pesticides will require the same applicator license as well. Because of this new ruling I have spent a lot of time talking to several people in the DEP and have been able to set up the following:

On April 24 at the PBA Hall in Yardville, at 9 AM sharp, a representative from Burlington County will spend about two

hours going over the books with us, to prepare us for a test to get the license. Following the book review a representative from the DEP will give the test. Total time for review and test will be about 4 1/2 hours. Total cost for the books and test is \$25.00. If you pass the test your license will be good for 5 years with no renewal required. It is very important that I know who wants to be included ASAP, because I must send an application to the interested individuals, and then I must get them back with a check made out to NJBA for \$25.00. Please make sure the applications are filled out completely.

Because there will be a limited number of seats available in this one-time only offer, I will handle the forms on a first come first serve basis.

Coffee and doughnuts will be available starting at 8:15 AM, April 24. Also coffee and sodas will be available at lunch time, but you will be responsible for bringing your own lunch.

For directions to the PBA Hall, go to page 14.

Bob Hughes
609 585-4359

Royalty News

This has been a busy winter for the young ladies representing us beekeepers in the Honey Queen/Honey Princess program. First, Tina Puvel and Lauryn Kurela, the NJBA 2001 Honey Queen and Princess, participated in Agriculture Week and attended the Delegates' Dinner in Atlantic City on February 5. They were joined by Kira Simone, who participated as the Essex County Honey Princess. All of the girls helped pass out samples of delicious honey confections made by their moms for the NJBA booth.

The following Saturday saw the changing

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of the guard at the Winter Meeting at Charley's Other Brother in Mt. Holly, NJ. The club thanked outgoing Tina and Lauryn for their years of service and presented the girls with bouquets and savings bonds in appreciation for their efforts. We then welcomed Amanda Burkhardt as the new Honey Queen and Kira Simone as Honey Princess. Both Amanda and Kira spoke to the membership, thanking them and pledging to do their best to represent the industry.

The girls are already hard at work. Kira joined Grant Stiles at the Garden State Exhibit Center in Somerset for the annual Flower and Garden Show on February 23 and 24th. She helped with the booth and passed out samples of honey while Grant showed the public frames of bees in a bee cage.

Upcoming events include the Essex County Fair, which will take place May 8-12. Amanda is planning on assisting with the fair festivities. Kira is scheduled to help at her home club's ECBS Honey Fair on May 11, so both girls will be busy bees in May. Let's hope they don't miss any swarms at home!

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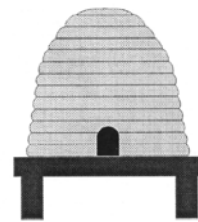
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NJBA MEETING DATES

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May 25, NJBA Spring meeting. PBA Hall Yardville, NJ. More on page 3.

Directions to the PBA Hall:

From the South: Route #130 North (North of Bordentown). At first underpass exit (Groveville). Top of jug handle bear right and there you are.

From the North: Route #130 South (South of Route #195). Through the traffic light, about 1 mile, look for fork in road, Rte #156 off to the right. Through traffic light to 2nd cross road and there you are.

July 27, Auction, party & pig roast. \$12 for adults, \$9 for 6 to 12's. At the Hughes. Call Bob for reservations at (609) 585-4359.

October 4 & 5, 100th Anniversary Event in Highstown, NJ. More on article on front cover.

BRANCH MEETING DATES

CENTRAL JERSEY

April 26, Spring meeting/EB meeting
At Pat Ricci's house.

May 3, GM meeting & Pizza Party
PBA Bldg. Yardville

May 25, NJBA Spring meeting.
Yardville, NJ. More on page 3

June 8, Workshop. Chaired by Ken P
At Bob Hughes home.

August 16, Summer meeting/EB meeting

August 23, GM meeting. Ocean County
Ag. Building.

October 25, Fall meeting/EB meeting.

NORTH EAST

2002 Meeting Dates

April 19, Glen Rock Annex 7:30 PM.

May 18, Outdoor Site McFaul Wildlife
Center. Wyckoff, NJ 10:00 AM.

September 20, Glen Rock Annex 7:30
PM.

October 18, Glen Rock Annex 7:30 PM.

NORTH WEST

April 6, Club Meeting, 12:30 -3:00,
Spring Management. Echo Hill Ctr.

May 11, Club Meeting, 1:00 - 3:00, Start
Nucs & Ross Rounds. Echo Hill Ctr.

SUSSEX COUNTY

May 19, Field Day w/Dr. Medhat.
Sussex Fairgrounds.

July 28, Fair Stup/Picnic.
Sussex Fairgrounds.

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Sussex Fairgrounds.

August (TBA), Picnic.
Mike & Linda Osborne's

September 15, Picnic w/South NY.
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OTHER EVENTS

May 4, Annual Perkiomen Valley
Apiaries bee meeting. Bob Brooks. 610
754-7631

June 22, Delaware Valley College, in
conjunction with Montgomery and Bucks
County Beekeeping Associations Speaker
Dr. Medhat Nasr on a subject of his
choosing. Bring your own picnic lunch at
noon. Program starts at 1:30 p.m.. For
further information call Dr. Berthold at
215 489-2285.

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