



# THE BEELINE

Olympia Beekeeper's Association Newsletter  
June 2010

**Next Meeting:**

**Monday, June 14, 2010**

**Roosevelt Elementary School**

**1417 San Francisco Ave. NE**

**Class at 6:00 Meeting at 7:00p.m.**

## **A Note from club president Dave Ragsdale**

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This is my last entry to the newsletter as OBA president. At our next meeting on Monday, June 14 you will elect new board officers. We have several volunteers for OBA officer positions that I expect will do an outstanding job. Remember that our club is only as good as WE make it. Please continue to help the new club officers make OBA interesting, information and fun.

So, do you want to talk about the rain? All I'll say is that the sun will eventually come out and we can only hope flowers will be blooming. In the meantime, pay close attention to keeping your bees nourished. Large populations of bees in a hive can quickly use up their stores and starve. I lost two to starvation in last week's prolonged rain event.

We had a well attended gathering of the queen rearing workgroup at my house two Sundays past. The weather was not very cooperative but everyone got the opportunity to graft eggs into queen cups in my workshop. We put the frame of grafted eggs into a cell builder colony and the bees proceeded to develop several of the grafts into queen cells. Unfortunately, the bees dismantled all of them after a few days. I speculate that either the eggs were damaged during the grafting process or the queen got through the excluded and did them in. Bob Rice and I hope to organize another try soon. I know that several of our members including myself have a need for replacement queens.

The links below are for some recent honey bee related stories.

<http://www.bigislandweekly.com/articles/2010/06/02/read/news/news05.txt>

[http://sz0047.ev.mail.comcast.net/service/home/~BBC%20-%20Earth%20News%20-%20Our%20bees%20are%20buzzing%20off.%20But%20why.htm?auth=co&loc=en\\_US&id=70400&part=2](http://sz0047.ev.mail.comcast.net/service/home/~BBC%20-%20Earth%20News%20-%20Our%20bees%20are%20buzzing%20off.%20But%20why.htm?auth=co&loc=en_US&id=70400&part=2)

Besides elections for club officers, Rich Kalman will organize an order for OBA tee shirts. The June meeting is our last at Roosevelt Elementary until we resume next September. We have a club potluck picnic at Burfoot Park on July 31. Remember to bring goodies to the club meeting and items for the auction.

David Ragsdale

## **OBA MEETING MINUTES, MAY 10, 2010**

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The May meeting was called to order at 7:05pm, in the cafeteria of Roosevelt Elementary School. The minutes of the April meeting were published in the Newsletter.

### **Financial Report – Gail Booth**

April Balance –	Checking	\$4,300.88
	Savings	1,386.63
	Cash on Hand	20.00

### **Other Reports:**

1. Beginning Beekeeping class – Jody – Bob  
There were 25 people present, nine were new. Chapters 8 and 9 were gone over.
2. Journeyman Class – Bob Smith  
Is ongoing on every available Wednesday evening from 6 to 9pm at the new Lacey Firehall.
3. Newsletter – Kim Knust  
Kim was updating his e-mail list and encouraged the membership to submit articles of interest to him.
4. Librarian – Susan Dolvin  
Susan encouraged anyone with outstanding books/videos to get them back to her. There was further discussion on extracting equipment and sign-out. A motion was made and seconded to purchase a tub and accessories for up to \$250.00. Carried.
5. Website – Yvonne Dettlaff (absent)  
Yvonne is working on this project. We presently have a temporary domain. A posting server is in “the works”.
6. Mentor Program – Rich Kalman  
Rich stated he has a list of 14 mentors and 8 “men tees”. He is striving to match them up regarding location.
7. Queen Rearing Group – Dave Ragsdale  
Will meet on Sunday, May 23. Cell grafting will take place. Frames of bees and nuc boxes are needed. Those interested are to let Dave know. Everyone is welcome.
8. Swarm List for this year – A paper was sent around for those interested to sign up.
9. Order of T-Shirts, hats, etc. – On going project.
10. Hand held microphone – discussion. Jack Howell offered the use of one – Free! Dave Ragsdale will follow through on details.

### **New Business:**

1. Thurston County Fair Bee Booth – preparation for August 4 to 8<sup>th</sup>. Discussion – floor needs to be sealed with epoxy. A motion was made and seconded to provide funding for paint, etc. Carried.
2. Upcoming Picnic – Saturday, July 31<sup>st</sup> at Burfoot Park, the main shelter with four big tables from 9 a.m. to 2:30 p.m.
3. Election of Officers:  
Candidates:  
President – Si Thacker  
Vice President – Mark Emrich  
Treasurer – Gail Booth, Ivor Melmore  
Secretary – Marjorie Smith

Dave stated that the first job of the President is to make an application to the Olympia School District for the use of the music room and cafeteria in the beginning of the year –Very Important! Official elections will take place in June.  
Adjourned at 9:00 p.m.

Submitted by A Marjorie Smith, Secretary

## **BEE NEWS**

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Ken Skillen forwarded this URL of up-close bee images. Great close-ups!  
<http://discovermagazine.com/photos/18-alluring-alien-sights-of-bee-ultra-close-up>

Roy Manicke forwarded this URL from the Wall Street Journal.

‘A Backyard Battleground to Save the Honeybee’

[http://online.wsj.com/article\\_email/SB10001424052748703957904575252292593683862-1MyQjAxMTAwMDEwOTExNDkyWj.html](http://online.wsj.com/article_email/SB10001424052748703957904575252292593683862-1MyQjAxMTAwMDEwOTExNDkyWj.html)

What do you call a bee born in May?

A maybe!

## **Mark Your Calendars!**

OBA Annual Picnic – July 31<sup>st</sup> at Burfoot Park. We have the covered pavilion from 9:00 am to 2:30 pm. If you’d like to volunteer to help with the event, see Gail Booth or drop an email to [olympiabeekeepers@hotmail.com](mailto:olympiabeekeepers@hotmail.com)

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## **An invitation to the Pierce County Picnic!**

“Hi everyone, hope that things are all good with the bees. The PCBA is having our picnic on July 17th at the WSU Omindinger site and invite your club to attend if possible. The meal will start at 1PM. All you need to bring is a chair, a plate, silverware and (the most important) a good appetite. See you there!  
PCBA President DR'D

The Thurston County Fair runs from Aug 4th through the 8<sup>th</sup>. The OBA bee booth has always been a big crowd pleaser. Please consider volunteering as booth staff for a 2-hour shift. Its great fun and you get free access to the fair! Bee sure to sign up at the next meeting!

## **Club Library Titles – Contact Sue Dolvin for availability**

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<b><u>WHAT--?</u></b>	<b><u>TITLE</u></b>
book	ABC XYZ of Bee Culture 1923 edition
book	ABC XYZ of Bee Culture 1980 edition
book	Bee Sex Essentials
book	Beekeeping for Dummies
book	Befriending Bumble Bees

book	Health from the Hive-----Carlson Wade
book	Hive Management ---- Richard Bonney
book	Honey Harvest
book	Langstroth's Hive and the Honey Bee
book	Lessons from the Hive----- not honey bee related
book	Natural Beekeeping 2007
book	Practical Beekeeping Tompkins and Griffith #2
book	Queen Rearing
book	Scientific Queen Rearing
book	Starting Right with Bees
book	The Honey File (grade 4-6)
book	Keeping Bees and Making Honey
booklet	Farming for Bees
booklet	Honey Bee Diseases and Pests
book	Pollinator Conservation Handbook
booklet	Pollinator Friendly Parks
cd	Beekeeping Classes 101,201, 301
dvd	Bees Tales from the Hive
dvd	Bees Tales from the Hive
dvd	Health and the Hive A beekeepers Journey
dvd	City of Bees A children's guide to bees
dvd	Silence of the Bees
vhs	An Introduction to Beekeeping Ed Weiss
vhs	Bee venom
vhs	Bee's Life 54 min
vhs	Controlling varroa mites and small hive beetles in hb col
vhs	Finding and Treating Bee Diseases
vhs	Harvesters of Honey
vhs	Insect World
vhs	Killer Bees
vhs	Mites and Ticks: Varroa Mites
vhs	Mysterious Bee 60 min Bees Life 60 min
vhs	Orchard Mason Bee
vhs	Slave to the Queen
vhs	The Africanized Honeybee in Texas- The Future Plans

vhs	The Status of USDA Apis Mite Research
vhs	The Swarm India's Killer Bees National Geographic
vhs	The USDA ARS Africanized Honeybee Resch Prog
vhs	Trachea Mite Detection, Protection, and Cure
vhs	Trachea Mites on Bees
vhs	Varroa Mite
vhs	Why Honeybees?
vhs	Killer Bees of India
vhs	The Honey Files (grade 4-6)
	<b>NATURAL BEEKEEPING PAMPHLETS</b>
Pamphlet	Beehive Construction
Pamphlet	Beekeeping Natural Simple and Ecological
Pamphlet	The Garden farm Guide to Beekeeping
book	Beekeeping in California 1987
book	First Lessons in Beekeeping 1975 PB Dadant
book	First Lessons in Beekeeping 1980 HB Dadant
book	How to Keep Bees and Sell Honey Walter Kelley
book	Practical Beekeeping Tompkins and Griffith
book	The Joys of Beekeeping Richard Taylor
	<b>EQUIPMENT</b>
	4 FRAME EXTRACTOR
	HEATED KNIFE
	5 GALLON COLLECTION BUCKET W/ 3 SEIVES
	UNCAPPING TUB
	FOOD GRADE GREASE

## **NEXT MEETING Sep 13 – Have a great summer of beekeeping!**

What goes zzub, zzub?

A bee flying backwards!

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