



THE BEELINE

MARCH 2012

DID YOU KNOW

- Bumblebees can sting more than once.
- There are 20,000 species of bees
- Carpenter Bees are solitary bees.

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NEXT MEETING IS MARCH 12, 2012.

Located at Chinook Middle School, Lacey, Washington

Beginning class starts at 6:00 pm

Meeting starts at 7:00 pm

Time To Order Bees

Dear Members,

It is that time of year to start thinking of your bee orders. We are taking bee orders at our next March 12th, meeting.

If you are ordering bees please fill out form on the next page!

Three pound Italian or Cornelian package bees cost \$63.00. Marked queen will run \$20.00 each.

If you do not have a cage, add \$6.00 per package order (or if you forget to bring your cage). All prices include transportation fees and taxes.

Your order will be ready for pick-up on April 21 between the hours of 8:00 am and 2:00 pm. Pick-up your order at Dave's Ragsdale home located at 3639 Snug Harbor Road NE, Olympia, WA 98506.

If you are unable to attend the March meeting, please fill out form below, and send form and check to Gail Booth. Gail is located at 4526 Pleasant Glade NE, Olympia 98516. Make check out to the Olympia Beekeepers. Please send in your order by March 12.

Package bees are for members only. If you are not a member see last page of this newsletter.

"Bring this form to our meeting"



"Don't forget to bring your spare cage"

Follow the instructions on the first page



Contact # _____

Member Name _____

Bee Packages

Carniolans _____ @\$63 _____

Italians _____ @\$63 _____

Queens

Carniolans _____ @\$20 _____

Italian _____ @\$20 _____

Cages needed _____ @\$6 _____

Total _____

Cages Returned _____

questions? Gail 360-491-4968 Dave 360-438-2145

Bee Installation

http://www.ehow.com/how_8158145_honeybee-package-installation.html

Honeybee Package Installation by Denise Bowman

April 3, 2011

“Preparing the Hive

Assemble the hive and place it on the hive stand in the location selected for the apiary. Make sure the front of the hive slopes downhill slightly to help water to drain off the hive.

Install the entrance reducer into the front opening of the hive. Reducing the size of the entrance protects the new hive from being robbed by other bees.

Remove half of the frames and set aside.

Preparing the Package

1. Put on the bee suit and gloves.

2. Spray the package containing the bees with a 1 to 1 sugar solution. Turn the box as needed to make sure the bees are well coated with the liquid. This will limit how much they are able to fly.

3. Ease out the can of sugar solution and set it aside. Be careful to grasp the metal tab so the queen cage does not fall into the box. Remove the queen cage from the box and gently brush away any bees holding onto the outside of the cage. Set the lid

back on top of the box to prevent bees from escaping.

Installing the Queen

1. Examine the queen to make sure it's alive.

2. Remove the cork from the end of the queen cage with the white candy fondant. Do not remove the second cork, which will allow the queen to escape.

3. Poke a hole in the bee candy using a toothpick or thin nail.

4. Suspend the queen cage vertically between two of the center-most frames with the candy side up. Push the frames together gently to help keep the queen cage in position.

Installing the Bees

1. Spray the bee package again. Set the box into the opening created by the removed frames. Remove the lid from the package so the bees can come out of the box. Close up the hive and provide the bees with a full feeder of syrup. Leave the hive undisturbed for 24 hours.

2. Return to the hive the next day. Open the hive and remove the box. Lean the empty box against the outside of the hive with the opening facing up. Any bees left in the box

will find their way into the hive.

3. Replace the five additional frames and close the hive.

Checking the Installation

1. Return to the hive 48 hours later and check to see if the bees have released the queen. If not, remove the cork from the other end of the queen cage and return it to the hive. Close up the hive.

2. Check the hive two to three days after the queen was released to check for eggs, brood and syrup collection. If there are no eggs or brood present, the queen may have died or she may not have been bred properly. Contact the supplier about a replacement queen.

3. When the wax foundation on at least eight of the 10 frames has been drawn out, add a second super with 10 frames with wax foundation.

4. Continue to feed the bees until they stop taking the syrup”.

February Minutes

Meeting Minutes

February 13, 2012

Meeting started at 7:02.

Approximately nine newbees introduced themselves. Newbees lived anywhere from Tenino to Lacey

Checking the club has \$3366.23. Saving the club has \$1411.71 with \$20.00 cash on hand.

The club has twelve new members.

Paul Mullen: Seeking mentors and those seeking mentors.

Mark Emrich is seeking those nominations for vice-president, treasure ,and secretary,

Mark is seeking volunteers for the State Farm Green Day Fair. This is the second year we attended this fair. This is a large fair, with ample attendees. This fair is free. Fair is April 17 from 10 to 2. Please inquire with Mark E. to sign-up for the fair.

Dave Ragsdale has offered to pick-up the clubs bees. He talked to the apiary, this year the cost is \$58 per three pound package. All queens will be marked. Dave will start taking orders next month. Dave recommended bringing in the boxes. If you don't have the box, it will be additional \$6.00. Queens are only \$18.50. Add \$5.00 for transportation. Likely picking up the bees around April 21. Dave would prefer having all the orders by next month. Order form should be in the Beeline. The deadline is the next March 12 meeting. We can refine that order in April.

42 people attended the beginning class. Twelve new people attended the class.

Bob Smith handed out certificates. For the first time, three Journeyman received their certificates, Gail Booth, Rich Kalman, and Roger McMaster. They are certified to be teachers. Journeyman class is in the first and third Monday each month. For more information check with Gail Booth. They meet at the monastery.

Do not forget that the club has a library, and equipment usage.

Glen Buschmann had a mason bee discussion. Glen enlisted a few high school classes to look if mites are actually in the cocoons. So far they have not discovered any mites on recently merged bees. With the help of high school students, Glen will continue to investigate the mite issue with mason bees. Glen is trying to investigate why their high mite loads. This mite feeds on pollen, which larvae also fed on. Little research has been completed, and Glen would like to discover more. Mites appear to be traveling between the cocoons.

Discussion on alternative bee hives.

Olson's (in Eastern Washington) stored their hives (instead sending them south), CO2 was extremely high, they tried to monitor, and reduce the CO2 but failed. They only lost 5 percent of their hives (compared to 50%). WSU has taken to lead to investigate why the Olson's had such success.

Meeting ended at 9:03.

RESOURCES FOR BEE SUPPLIES

Brushy Mountain Bee Farm – 1-800-233-7929 website www.brushymountainbeefasrm.com

Dadant – Fresno, CA branch 1-877-432-3268

Chico, CA branch 1-877-332-3268 Website www.dadant.com

Mann lake Ltd. 1-800-880-7694 website www.mannlakeltd.com

Ruhl Bee Supply 1-503-657-5399 website www.ruhlbeesupply.com

The Bees Neez 1-360-568-2191 403A Maple Ave. Snohomish, WA

Olympia Bee Club Members who sell supplies

Rich Kalman – 360-866-1415, email - rich.beekeeper@gmail.com

Jack Robertson – 360-352-9512

Harvard Robbins – 253-588-7033, email – robbinsh@aol.com

Tim Weible @ The Honey Hut – 708 Harrison Ave. Centralia, WA. Website - www.centraliadelisteakandbbq.com



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MEMBERSHIP RENEWAL DUE ARE PAST DUE !

RETURN IN PERSON AT MEETING OR MAIL TO :

Becky Emrich

PO Box 1039 Rochester, WA 98579

NAME _____

ANY CHANGES TO PREVIOUS INFORMATION ? YES _____ **NO** _____

IF YES PLEASE LIST CHANGES

DUES ARE \$ 20.00/YEAR CHECK OR CASH.

AS A CLUB WE HAVE MANY ACTIVITIES THAT NEED VOLUNTEERS PLEASE LIST WHAT YOU WOULD LIKE TO OFFER YOUR TIME TO ASSIST WITH. ie : THURSTON CO. FAIR, COMMITTEE, NEWSLETTER BEELINE, ETC
