The Buzz

The Buzz Newsletter of the Iowa Honey Producers Association

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Greetings from the President

Iowa beekeepers, IHPCA members,

June already! I guess I have been busy! Can we all get any more irons in the fire? Can’t believe how much stuff is going on and how much we can accomplish if we give it our all. We have a lot to talk about. I need to say “good job” Central Iowa Beekeepers on a very good auction! (Back in April) I really felt like we had a solid market for beekeeping equipment and bees too! Let’s remember this auction and see what we can sell there next year.

I have had on my calendar an April date with the Humboldt County-wide 4th grade outdoor field day. This was on a Tuesday all day, and I am still on thin ice with my boss, as anything from Sunday through Friday is pig hauling according to him. I pulled some strings carefully, and met him in the middle on some stuff here. He’s my boss and becoming more like a diaper man upstairs does this to me sometimes. I just wish he would warn me, or tell Jodi or something. It is nice to think maybe I have a problem solved. I will most definitely write more on this later.

We need to talk about state fair. June is bid finalization month due the 30th. I am not going to say a lot here personally. As president I will encourage all who desire to have their honey or honey product in front of the potential million people to check it out, make a call. If there is something you don’t understand and want to know, find out. It is also the time to get with Heidi and reserve your spot to work the booth. We have a lot of new members. I can’t think of a better place to be than this booth for new beekeepers in the state of Iowa. Then getting to know more beekeepers, new friends, meeting customers, telling beekeeping stories, and finding the queen bee in the observation hive. Almost forgot lemonade stand—second to none in the state! Sound like fun? Get signed up, ask about new incentives. I can’t wait to meet you all. This volunteering will make you a better beekeeper. I thank you in advance for making this booth successful.

I have been working on this about long enough. I need to get to bed myself as tomorrow will come and usually too soon. So take care all. Let’s be careful, stay safe, and wear our Veils and protective equipment.

Roy Kraft, IHPCA President.
Greetings from the Vice President:

Ahhhh, splits are done, hives have been inspected, requeened where necessary, fed if needed, pictures taken, activity recorded, bee yards filled, etc. We even did some powder sugar rolls to check our Varroa mite count. Will monitor that level to see how the hives do. It is applying that Integrated Pest Management model we’ve all heard about. Hope your spring activities are going well and that you are checking that Varroa level as well.

Springtime for me is an awesome time. I love getting out into the hives and just love hearing the sounds the girls make as they work, work, work. It surprises me how each year is just a little different. Take this spring for example. We have had some exceptionally wonderful spring (if not summer-like) days. We’ve also experienced some late winter, really chilly (actually cold) days. Knowing what the bees need is sometimes just a guessing game. I am so blessed to have a fellow beekeeper living with me (that’d be my husband, Tim!) who has great ideas and insight. Together, we are the beekeepers. We each have our ‘tasks’ that we do and it is just darn fun working bees together. After being cooped up all winter, we like it just as much being out of our hive as the little ladies do!

So, something happened to me this beekeeping season that has never before. I’m beekeeping without gloves! Now, for some of you that might be no big deal but for me, it is a HUGE deal! It was quite by accident since my gloves dropped in the house and I didn’t have them with me. So, I sucked-it-up and just went with it. Fortunately for me, the girls were very gentle and handled me with care! That is no big deal, you may be thinking but there’s more. Tim and I were going to another bee yard the day after I made the great transition to working bees with my bare hands (which by the way, I loved!). I really thought my bee jacket was in the bee-mobile. So when I went to put it on…..nothing. No jacket! So I actually worked bees in a hoodie – no gloves! Thankfully, the lovely little ladies were lovin’ what we were doing and were very cooperative! Until……one decided to find the pollen up my nose (must have been a scout bee). Well, there was none! She soon found that out and upon exit gave her life for the cause! Yep, stung in the nose and I literally mean in-the-nose! I survived and didn’t even swell up! What an experience. I do believe I’ll leave the gloves at home but double check to see I have my jacket, or at least a veil, next time!

Finally, “I like putting on a baggy bee suit, forgetting myself and getting as close to the bees’ lives as they will let me, remembering in the process that there is more to life than the merely human.” — Sue Hubbell, A Book of Bees: And How to Keep Them

Summer is just around the corner and I’m hoping you have marked your calendars for the IHPA Summer Field Day on June 11th in Goodell. **Please send in the registration.** Enjoy the day with fellow beekeepers, young and old. Great speakers in the morning, a delicious lunch, and then hands-on beekeeping in the afternoon will fill the day. Remember lunch is catered and you can bring a dessert to share if you’d like. Also, remember to bring your very own protective gear so you can enjoy the total experience of our summer field day. Hope to see you there!

Mary Wiltgen, IHPA Vice President

To make a prairie it takes a clover and one bee, 
One clover, and a bee, 
And revery. 
The revery alone will do, 
If bees are few.”

- **Emily Dickinson, The Complete Poems**
Bees, Bees and more Bees  Do you know where the bees come from that our Student Scholarship recipients receive? Since the inception of the Scholarship program in 2007, every bee has been donated by Lee Heine of Hillsboro Wisconsin.

The Youth Scholarship program was the idea of Teresa Jurchen. The first candidates were interviewed at the Annual Meeting in November 2006. Mike and Donna Brahms were the first Scholarship Chairpersons. They were followed by Mike and Julie Swett. Eric Kenoyer is the current Scholarship Chairman.

The program started with a few applicants and today we have 15 Scholars. Our Scholars receive everything they need to learn how to be beekeepers: beginning beekeeping classes, equipment, bees and a mentor, all free of charge. If the students maintain the hive for a year, the hive becomes theirs.

We would like to thank Lee Heine for his generous donation of the bees to our scholarship recipients. This is a great program that Lee has been a part of for many, many years. Until a year ago, I never knew who supplied the bees. He has been a quiet partner behind the scenes.

Lee’s generous donation year after year has helped the Iowa Honey Producers Association scholarship program become the program it is today.

Thank you Lee. As you ride off into the sunset of retirement, please remember all the scholars you made happy and the parents who became beekeepers when the scholar went off to college.

Rhonda Heston, IHPA Secretary

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2016 IHPA State Fair Bid Sheet

- Bids must be received by Thursday, June 30, 2016.
- All liquid honey must be from 2016 harvest.
- Honey must be no more than 18.5% moisture.
- All glass honey containers and creamed honey must have a protection seal.
- All plastic containers must have a pressure seal. This includes all large containers.
- All bottled, liquid honey must be free of foreign materials, with no foam, sticky jars and even filling.
- All products must show proper labeling – i.e. name, address and net weight.
- All beeswax products, candles, ornaments, blocks, etc, must be packaged to maintain cleanliness and for presentation.

The following items will be paid a flat rate:

- 12 oz honey bear $3.37
- 24 oz honey bear $5.45
- 1 pound plastic $4.20
- 1 pound glass $4.50
- 2 pound glass $7.60
- 5 pound jug $15.30
- 12 pound jug (Gallon) $32.50

MINIMUM QUANTITY IS 24 BOTTLES (ONE CASE) OF ANY PRODUCT

- Cut comb must be in a sealed plastic box, well drained without liquid honey. The following quality standards will be used (clean capping with all cells capped). We will pay $5.50 per unit of cut comb, which weighs at least 14oz.
- Clamshells meeting quality standards will be paid $5.00 per unit.
- Ross Rounds meeting quality standards will be paid $4.00 per unit.
- Lip balms, lotions and soaps – please provide your bid price per item and the quantity you will be able to provide. As you may not be able to provide enough for the entire fair, the booth may use several suppliers based on the number of items supplied.
- Please remember, you are able to bid on any items, but you must show the quantity of each item you are able to supply and your bid price.
- You must deliver products to the booth. Please plan to deliver your products between Sunday and Wednesday. All products must be received prior Fair opening at 9:00 am Thursday morning. Please provide an invoice when product is delivered. Please make plans to pick up unsold product on Sunday evening between 9:00 and 10:00 pm or Monday between 8:00 and 12 Noon.
- Any items not listed on the bid sheet or specialty items you wish to bid, is up to the discretion of the booth manager, based on counter space and the ability to supply. (i.e. buckwheat honey, bee related items, etc.)
The queen mother gets respect.

As you may have noticed by now, beekeepers have many contradictory opinions on most subjects, including this one. Thus, we’re sharing Dr. Dewey Caron’s wisdom on this issue. He led a discussion on the topic at our recent Field Day. When he posed the question “when do you need to find the queen?” it was remarkable how many different opinions there were.

According to Caron, there are really only “about” two times when you need to see the queen. The first instance Caron suggested was in response to an audience answer of “when you want to see how pretty she is!” Right! laughed Caron. He noted that when your uncle is in town and wanting to see the bees you’re so excited about, and you finally get him out to the hive, you should probably try and show him the most important bee in the hive. It’ll be important to him.

The second instance is when you’re requeening. You’ll need to take out the old queen (or queens, as there are often mother-daughter combinations ruling the hive this time of year). “And that’s it,” affirmed Caron. As long as you’re seeing evidence of the queen when you’re inspecting the hive—like capped brood, open larval brood, eggs (one per cell, rarely two), developing queen cells, you’re likely good.

But we understand if you want to find her just to admire how pretty she is.

Source: re-print permission Walter T Kelley Co.

BILL’S BUZZINGS

Hi, let me introduce myself, I am Bill, and I am a Drone bee.

I am an x-con. I emerged from my cell a few days ago—not a nice place, I was getting claustrophobic and was running out of food. Never got much sleep because others were constantly going past my cell, humming and buzzing all the time. My relatives are a bunch that seems to never shut up or sleep. I don’t ever want to go back to that cell again.

One experience you should know about happened about 3 days before my escape. I was just sitting in my cell when suddenly the whole cell block started shaking and I mean shaking! I could hear loud noises. (I understand they were human voices, hope you know what a human is.) All of a sudden I could hear some of my relatives shouting “FIRE! FIRE!” There was smoke everywhere, everyone was running, bumping into each other, going over the top of one another, it was total panic. There was evidently a fire somewhere, there were some of the family that got burnt by sparks, some died, some had breathing problems, their antennas were drooping, there was way too much smoke for there not to be a fire.

Now all of a sudden everyone headed for the local food bank. It’s in another part of the complex. They started eating honey like it was their last meal, I mean they ate a bunck of honey. Evidently when they are dead they want to look fat lying on the bottom board. I never saw the fire, but there sure was a lot of smoke.

I then realized that my whole cell block was being lifted up. All of a sudden it was real bright! My cell block was flipped back and forth and I heard the voice say, “O crap, Drone Cells”. They must not like us. That hurt. What are we, a minority or something?

Well let’s say almost all of my neighbors must have got an Obama’s pardon—they were gone. The scraper just missed me, I guess it is fate that I am here.

They put my cell block on a hanger and then proceeded to look at every cell block around me. I heard they were looking for a bee called “Queen”, she must be missing and dangerous, because they spent a lot of time looking for her. Eventually they put all the cell blocks back into the complex. Another amazing thing, in a couple days you could not even see where my cell mates had been, family came in and cleaned up the whole area. They started building new cells right away. There must be a waiting list for bee cells. A couple days later I realized that my cell door was weak, with some pushing and shoving, even eating parts of the door, I was free.

Well enough for now, next time I will tell you about this good looking bee I saw and will introduce you to my new friend Mike. Remember, “Buzz” is the word. Bill

SAVE THE DATES

IHPA Summer Field Day
June 11, 2016
Goodell, IA

104th IHPA Annual Meeting
Nov. 11-12, 2016
Cedar Rapids, IA
Queen Marking……Some ready reference tidbits

It is common practice to mark the queen with a small spot of paint on her back (thorax). A color code exists within the beekeeping industry to indicate the year the queen was introduced.

Year ending in:

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Model car paint may be used to mark the queen. The identifying mark should be small, so that it does not cover any other part of the queen. A 1/16” stick, lightly dipped in paint, is a good applicator. Generally, queens are marked before being introduced, but they can, however, be marked at any time. Paint should be given ample time to dry before the queen is released into the colony. In fact, queens may be purchased already marked by the queen producer.

Some beekeepers also identify queens by clipping the tip of the tip of one forewing. If queens are replaced every two years, the beekeeper clips the left wing(s) on queens introduced in odd years, and the right on queens introduced in even years. The clipping practice may also supplement the paint spot technique as a back-up should the queen lose her paint mark. If clipped correctly, the queen will not be able to fly. However, if clipped too closely, the queen may appear damaged and be superseded.

Source: http://www.backyardbeekeepers.com/facts.html
JOIN THE CHOIR, ANYONE?
Adaville, IA – The rural Adaville United Methodist Church recently boasted a choir of 40,000 plus; though most of the members could only buzz. Church members had tried for several years to remove the bee colony dwelling in their choir loft, but to no avail. It wasn’t their presence in the choir loft that was such a problem, but their attendance at Sunday School classes and fellowship hall meals did cause some concern. Pastor James Strickland of the Le Mars Church of the Nazarene had started beekeeping two years prior, removing a colony from the home of some of his own church members. His experience gave him the confidence to take on the major task of removing what was clearly a large hive. Using probes in walls and ceilings, he was able to locate the hive within the building; discovering that it was estimated at 15’ by 6’.

In mid-April, as the weather warmed, church members cleared the choir loft of the first layer of flooring, finding bees peeking out through knot holes in the 100-year-old subflooring. At that point, they were done! Then Pastor Strickland came in, joined by two other members of the newly formed Siouxland Beekeepers club (Dean Johnson, and Jeff Fylstra – first year beeks) in the task of opening up the subfloor and removing the hive.

The work was hot and tedious as each comb was methodically removed from the cavity in the floor and transferred to one of Pastor Strickland’s top bar hives. It took the three beeks eleven hours (minus a few breaks) to remove what ended up being an eight-and-a-half-feet hive that was a full 17” wide and 11” deep. Twelve full-size frames of brood nest were found, and six five gallon buckets were filled with honey comb, along with no small amount of comb that could not be transferred to a hive.

Out of curiosity Pastor Strickland performed a sugar roll on the brood nest, knowing that these bees had been untreated for at least five years in this location. A count of 4.8/100 was observed. He plans to monitor the colony closely for varroa resistance. For now the bees are doing well, located near Pastor Strickland’s garden in Le Mars.

New E-Mail Address
Do you ever wonder if the Treasurer received your e-mail? I have often wondered did I respond to the e-mails that have been received. Starting immediately, Rhonda Heston will begin using a new e-mail address that will strictly be used for Iowa Honey Producers Association e-mails. The new e-mail address is: ihpatreasurer@gmail.com. She will be able to respond to your e-mails in a timelier manner. The phone number will stay the same, 515-724-2124.

IHPA Merchandise

New merchandise will be arriving within the next few weeks. We will have all sizes of Keep Calm Keep Bees t-shirts. These will range in size youth small through adult 3XL. The colors of these shirts are yellow, gray, hot pink, lime green, black and camouflage. Camouflage shirts will be available in Adult X-Small through Adult 2XL. We have a limited number of the yellow traditional t-shirts. New black hats with gold lettering have been ordered. Long black aprons with front pockets will also be available with Keep Calm and Keep Bees logo will also be available for purchase. The cookbooks will be available for sale in the store. All merchandise will be available for purchase at Field Day. So come to Field Day and save the postage and handling fee.

When the store is up and running you will be able to register for Field Day, June 11 in Goodell; register for the Annual Meeting in Cedar Rapids on November 11 and 12; and pay your membership dues as well. The store will be able accept credit cards and pay pal accounts.

Jacket Found
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Pictures can be found here: https://drive.google.com/open?id=0B-DjSGr02K2FzXF3vmdnMzNVE
Scholarship Mentors

Steve & Rhonda Heston would like to thank the following people for their help in the delivery of the youth scholar’s bees in April. On Monday, April 18th, we dropped bees at Jed Becker’s house outside of Cresco, Iowa. We met Carol Weir in Iowa City. We met Phil Ebert at the Grinnel exit off I-80, we met Butch Wetzel at exit 149 off I-80, who picked up three packages. We drove to Ames to meet Steve Hanlin and Mason Claude’s mother to deliver their bees. We met Doyle Kincy and Eric Kenoyer in Grimes to pick up a total of five packages. The final two packages were delivered to Connie Bronnenberg in Perry. On Friday, Vance Grell picked up the last package from Spring Valley Honey.

Membership Dues

Do you know a beekeeper that does not belong to Iowa Honey Producers? Or someone who wants to read about bees but is unable to keep bees? Do you need a gift for Dad for Father’s Day? How about a new graduate? What better gift can you give than an annual membership to IHPA? Each month when The Buzz Newsletter arrives they will think of you and your generous gift.

Annual dues are $20 for the first beekeeper in the house and $5 for each additional beekeeper. One newsletter will be sent per address.

Send your dues or your gift membership to Rhonda Heston, 52735 187th Ave, Chariton IA 50049.

CORRECTION AND APOLOGY

In the May Buzz, an article ran titled “A Few Notes From the Albuquerque Meeting”. That article was not credited to Phil Ebert, and since he was the author, apology goes to him for giving him no credit.

The Buzz Newsletter Article Submissions

Please send submissions, classified ads, and photos to rrhpa@gmail.com or mail to The Buzz, c/o Ron Rynders, 890 13th Ave SE, Sioux Center, IA 51250.

The deadline for submissions is the 10th of each month to be included in the following month’s newsletter. The Buzz is a monthly newsletter published by the Iowa Honey Producers Association which is an affiliate of the Iowa State Horticultural Society.
FOR SALE:

Queens—Italian and Carniolan = $30. Call for availability.

Taking pre-orders for 2lb. and 3lb. packages for Spring 2017. Email contact info and quantity to timwilbanksbees@gmail.com or call

Tim Wilbanks
West Chester, IA
(319) 321-2494

“Unique among all God’s creatures, only the honeybee improves the environment and preys not on any other species.”
- Royden Brown

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2105 110th St Goodell, IA 50439
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We do not ship package bees. We will ship Queens!

Prices:

Carniolan or Italian Queens

3 pound package with queen
1-9 $113.00  10-99 $108.00  100+ $105.00

2 pound package with queen
1-9 $96.00  10-99 $88.00  100+ $85.00

There will be a $7.00 Deposit on cages.

We have a supply of Italian & Carniolan Queens $32.00 each

5 frame Nucs
1-9 $135.00  10-99 $130.00  100+ $125.00

We will supply 1 gallon corn syrup and 1 # protein patty for an extra $7.00 with purchase of a package or nuc.

Corn Syrup

40# bucket $18.00  50# bucket $23.00  $.40 per pound your container  500#s or more syrup $.35 per pound

Protein Patties

$2.00 each  Case of 40....$70.00

50# Bucket Honey $127.00 ($2.40 per pound + $7.00 bucket)

Honey Styx for sale

I sent 2 barrels of honey to Oregon to
have put into styx. Good flavored light honey.
$0.09 each in boxes of 2000 - $180.00
0.12 each   500 - 1999
0.15 each   1 - 499

We will update website on any changes! find us on Facebook

Connie 515-480-6076
Curt 515-480-6075
What a clever way to decorate a hive! I was so glad to hear from Laura Seiser that I decided to place her photo on the cover and feature her as **Beek of the Month**.

She writes: “My husband, John, and I are beekeeping newbies this year. We are very excited! In fact, I was so excited that I decided to do a little artwork on our new hives! I am not artistic by any stretch of the imagination, but I just wanted to create a cheery place for our bees to call home. I also thought they would liven up our pasture where our hives are located.”

She goes on to tell a little more about herself: “My husband, John, and I are both elementary teachers at Northeast Hamilton in Blairsburg. He teaches 5th & 6th grade; I teach 2nd grade. We have wanted to become beekeepers for several years, so we just decided to take the plunge this year. We took an ISU extension class in Fort Dodge this winter with Roy Kraft as the instructor. When the class ended, the students and Roy decided to form our own bee club - the Boone River Bee Club. So we are becoming fully immersed in the bee culture! We are equal parts excited and nervous! We live on an acreage outside of Blairsburg. John enjoys gardening and has been actively planting a bee-friendly garden of flowers to go along with his fruits and vegetables. I love being outdoors taking nature pictures and am really excited to include the bees in more of my shots. We can’t wait to see where this new journey takes us!”

A shout out of encouragement to all the new beeks in our midst, and please let me hear from more of you! (editor)

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**For Sale:** FOR SALE: Reasonably-priced new and used beekeeping equipment & supplies. Also offering bulk sugar @ 1-500 lbs @ .35 / 501-1,000 @ .30 or .20 by the tote (1,800 – 2,000 lbs). Also offering honey, beeswax and bottling supplies. P & P Honey & Bee Supply, Goodell IA. For more information, please call Pat Ennis @ 641-444-4767

**Nucs for sale:** $140.00

5 frame 9 5/8 nuc includes in disposable box. 1 marked queen (Carniolan/Russian cross) 5 frames 9 5/8 of bees (various stages of their life) Our bees are breed for Honey production and Iowa winter hardiness. Nucs will out produce 4 or 5 lb. package bees.

**For Sale - 9 5/8 9 frame wooden box with 1 marked queen & bees : $175.00**

9 frame 9 5/8 box includes (no lid or no bottom board) in a 10 frame hive. 9 frames 9 5/8 of bees (various stages of their life) I specifically select bees for mite resistance (not yet mite proof) Our breeder queens are VSH (Varroa sensitive hygienic) and daughters are tested for the best hygienic and also for Iowa winter hardiness and for honey production. You may add a lid, inner lid, and bottom board with an entrance reducer for $47.50.

**New Complete assembled painted Hive Kit $290.00**

Includes 2 - 9 5/8 hive bodies 2 - 6 5/8 supers 20 - 9 1/8 frames with foundation Waxed Rite-Cell Telescoping cover with inner lid Bottom board with reducer (NO BEES) AND How to Get Started FREE. (You will want to get this so you are ready when your bees arrive.) Curtis Barnhart

**For Sale:** 5-gallon buckets of honey for sale. Light amber in color. $2.50 per pound. Jeremy Van Donselaar, Cedar, IA. 641-670-7468
2016 Iowa Honey Producers Association Summer Field Day

Saturday, June 11, 2016

Goodell Community Center and Pat & Peggy Ennis’ Apiary
(315 Broadway Goodell, Iowa)  (2105 110th St. Goodell, Iowa)

Goodell, Iowa

Registration: 8:30  Field Day: 9:00 – 3:30

Field Day Topics:  Guest Speakers – Gregg McMahan, the Bee Guru, from Colorado and Andy Joseph, our state’s apiarist. Afternoon sessions will include information on the Varroa Destructor Mite and various treatments, what to do with your wax, the need for pollinating plants and seed bombs, tricks of the trade from various beekeepers, and hive inspections (please bring your bee gear).

A delicious lunch will be provided except for the dessert. Please bring one to share! Bottled water, honey lemonade, and coffee will be available throughout the day.

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ADDRESS:___________________________________________
CITY:___________________________ZIP:_________________
PHONE:(___)_______________  CELL:(___)________________
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Registration: Amount

Single (member):  $35 before May 28, 2016
Number attending: _____________ x $35 = _______

Walk-in on June 11, 2016 (member)
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