



# Pawtuckaway Beekeepers' Association

Monthly Newsletter [www.pawtuckawaybeekeepers.org](http://www.pawtuckawaybeekeepers.org) February 2010

## February Meeting:

Shook Swarm for comb honey  
production by Vin Gaglione

Emergency Feeding

## March Meeting:

Pollen

Is it Spring yet? Florida has seen days where night time temperatures run into the low 30's. Washington, DC has had record snowfall. New Hampshire has been without snow for nigh on 24 days straight. What season is it in your bee hive?

It's a great question and one you will need to answer for yourself. But how will you know? Time to take a peek—that's how! Many text-books claim Spring inspections should not be done until it is 50 degrees with no wind, but many beekeepers feel what they will see on that type of day is deceiving. On a 50 degree day, your bees may not be in their cluster, and they are sure to be unhappy by your visit. You will need to know where your bees are in the hive. Do they have enough food. Do you need to begin feeding right away?

*Attend our next meeting for more details* Editor

## Calendar

- **February 15, 2010 7-9 PM**  
**Pawtuckaway Beekeeper's Monthly meeting @** St Paul's Church, 54 Main St. (off Rte. 27), Candia, NH.
- **February 22, 2010 7-9 PM**  
**Bee School @** St Paul's Church, 54 Main St. (off Rte. 27), Candia, NH.
- **March 1, 8 and 22 2010 7-9 PM**  
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- **March 20, 2010 NHBA Spring Meeting,** Northwood NH. 9-3 PM. Watch for details to come in 2010.

**The PBA Newsletter is looking for photos, recipes,  
poetry and other bee items.**

*Send your reviews, suggestions and articles to:*

**Barbara Lawler, Editor PBA Newsletter**

Email: [bee-lady@blawlergroup.com](mailto:bee-lady@blawlergroup.com)



Want to see your name in LIGHTS? Ok...how about in print? PBA is looking for a newsletter editor.

## Ads from PBA Members:

### Local Bee Supplies Spring Fever Farm

Ben & Bev Chadwick  
49 Lane Drive  
Alton, NH 03809  
603-875-3544



See you in February with our  
FULL LINE OF  
BEEKEEPING SUPPLIES.

Call in your order and pick it up at the  
February meeting

We will have package bees this April.  
Packages are limited to 3 per member.

KLD Tractor Works  
Landscaping, Farm and Garden  
Pittsfield NH  
603-396-4384



Hive Side Lessons  
Hive Maintenance  
Lectures

[www.MyBeeBuddy.com](http://www.MyBeeBuddy.com)

Do you have a farm related Service or Product  
you would like to advertise in the newsletter?

Have pictures or product reviews?

Send them to the Editor by the first  
of the each month.

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### BEE SUIT RECONDITIONING

*~In the off-season have your suit inspected for  
tears, worn-out elastic, faulty zippers.*

*~Spot treating and laundering available.*

*~estimates on request and a portion of all  
proceeds returned to Pawtucketway Beekeepers  
for the perpetuation of the art and science of  
Beekeeping.*

Bee Safe\*Bee Smart\*Be Protected

*~Dorinda Priebe~895-6036*

Please remember the monthly  
raffle table. Bring any item (not live please)  
to donate  
and raise \$ for the club.  
Or bring a few bucks to buy tickets.

## Member Photos:



Thanks to [Bob and Linda Krewson](#) for sharing these pictures taken while on vacation. Top: Bee Keepers Club, Luxembourg Gardens, Paris Center: Open Air Museum, Black Forest, Germany Bottom L: Rue Cler Apiary Store, Paris bottom: Bottom R: Open Air Museum, Black Forest, Germany. Thanks for sharing Bob and Linda. PS Did you bring any honey?



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NHBA Update: Our annual Spring meeting is March 20th at the Lake Shore Farm in Northwood. The guest speaker will be Maryann Frazier from Penn State discussing her research on Entombed Pollen and Pesticides in and outside of the hive. Dave Rousseau, Dir. of Pesticide will speak to the group about how NH fits into the Pesticide story and well as Daniel Keirstead, from the Natural Resources Conservation Services will discuss the NRCS natural pollinator programs. The cost for the meeting will be \$20 per member (\$35 non members) and will include am snacks and lunch. Registration is required by March 15, 2010. For more info contact NHBA, Wendy Booth, [info@hivehealthy.com](mailto:info@hivehealthy.com) or 603-679-1971.

**A few highlights from our January meeting**  
Questions about Snow cancellations: if it is still snowing after 3-4pm; check the PBA front page of the website or call an officer.

[Wendy Booth](#) gave a demonstration on making beeswax lip balm. Member could purchase the product for \$1 with 100% of the purchase price donated to the club. Her recipe and many others can be found on [honey.com](http://honey.com).

[George Dean](#) gave a demonstration on making creamed honey. He makes it look so easy that I think we all wanted to try it! His recipe is from the National Honey Board, [nhb.com](http://nhb.com).



# Bee School News

## Happy 25th Anniversary!

President [Bill Booth](#) reports another exceptional year for enrollment. This year marks the 25th annual Pawtuckaway Beekeepers' School.

Can you imagine the number of Beekeepers our club has educated?! What a testament to the many contributions from our membership at large. It can't be done alone. Thanks to the many volunteers who come early and stay late to set up chairs, put out snacks and insure everything runs smoothly!

| **Pawtuckaway Beekeepers'**  
25th Annual Bee School  
2010 Schedule

**February 22** 6:30 Video 7-9 pm  
**March 1** 6:30 Video 7-9 pm  
**March 8** 6:30 Video 7-9 pm  
**March 15** 7 pm. - Monthly Meeting  
**March 22** 6:30 Video 7-9 pm  
**March 29** 6:30 Video 7-9 pm  
**April 5** 6:30 Video 7-9 pm  
**April 12** 6:30 Video 7-9 pm  
**Last Class TBD** Live Hiving

A 1/2 hour before Bee School meets we will be having a Live Demo or video showing beginning at 6:30 for those who choose to arrive early.

Raffle hive to one lucky new Bee School student. One ticket comes with your enrollment and students will have the opportunity to purchase more tickets on class nights.

March 15 is our monthly meeting so there is no class. We'd love to have you at the meeting. Please consider attending.

Submitted by

[Moe](#)

[L'heureux](#)

PBA

Treasurer

Ordinary Income/Expense	Jan-Dec 2009
<b>Income</b>	
Donations	605.00
Meeting Raffle	774.00
Membership	
Dues	810.00
Raffle-Bee	
Hive-General	325.00
Raffle - Bee	
Hive	440.00
School	1,400.00
Signs/Stickers	<u>45.00</u>
<b>Total Income</b>	<b>4,399.00</b>
<b>Cost of Goods Sold</b>	
Hive Raffles	
Cost	176.80
School - Cost	<u>327.25</u>
<b>Total COGS</b>	<b><u>504.05</u></b>
<b>Gross Profit</b>	<b>3,894.95</b>
<b>Expense</b>	
<b>Functions</b>	
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Cookout	51.23
Summer	
Cookout	<u>432.19</u>
<b>Total Functions</b>	<b>483.42</b>
<b>Guess</b>	
<b>Speaker</b>	75.00
<b>Insurance</b>	200.00
<b>Internet Service</b>	235.00
<b>Meeting Supplies</b>	30.13
<b>Postage</b>	364.56
<b>Printing and Reproduction</b>	12.00
<b>Rent</b>	300.00
<b>Supplies</b>	<u>44.08</u>
<b>Total Expense</b>	<b><u>1,744.19</u></b>
<b>Net Ordinary Income</b>	<b><u>2,150.76</u></b>

Minutes of the Pawtuckaway Beekeepers' Association 1/16/2010

Pres. Bill Booth called the meeting to order @ 7:00 pm. Pres. Bill talked about snow cancellations: if it is still snowing after 3-4pm; check the PBA front page of the website or call an officer. Wendy gave a demonstration on making beeswax lip balm. Many recipes are on honey.com. George gave a demonstration on making creamed honey. His recipe is from the National Honey Board, nhb.com. After break, questions, from the question box were answered: What should we be doing to the hive this time of year. There was a discussion on Bee School. Registration is required; it is now \$60 plus \$15 for extra family members. There was a discussion on Farm & Forest (Center of Manchester Feb.5 &6). NHBA will have a booth there, but it will be for education only, no honey will be sold. Wendy will be giving two seminars one on Basic Beekeeping on Sat from 11-12, and another on Pests in the Hive on Sat. from 1-2. Farm & Forest are giving the booth in exchange for the seminars. The Treasurer and secretary's report were motioned, 2nd, all in favor. There was a discussion on raising our dues. It was motioned, 2nd, all in favor to raise PBA dues to \$15 per family. There was a discussion on having the Chadwicks set up at meetings, it was voted unanimously to have them at the club. Next month: Vin Gaglione will demonstrate making combed honey using shook swarms. There was a discussion on the possibility of leaving the church, Colin offered to find out about the church in Auburn, to try and keep the club in the area. There was a discussion on the churches donation; which was put on hold to prorated according to the amount of the year the club occupies the church. There was a discussion on the NHBA spring meeting; Maryann Frazier will be the speaker. There was a discussion on NHBA; members will receive a pamphlet by Maryann for renewal or signing up for NHBA. Dave brought up that perhaps the club could donate books from PBA to the Candia Library in memory of Doc. It was motioned for Dave to act as a liaison to get more information from the Candia Library, 2nd and all in favor. Barbara informed PBA that Doc's family gave her all of Doc's books to donate to the club. It was discussed to perhaps donate them to the Candia Library, but dismissed

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### **Ingredients**

6 cups of self rising flour  
1 cup of sugar—1 cup of orange juice  
2 cups of olive oil  
1 tsp each of cinnamon and ground cloves  
1 ½ teaspoon of soda  
½ cup of brandy—2 teaspoons of baking powder—Orange zest

**For the Syrup:** 2 cups of sugar  
2 cups of honey—3 cups of water  
Orange peel

coarsley chopped walnuts for sprinkling on top  
**Method**

Beat the olive oil well. Add sugar and beat . Dissolve the soda in the orange juice together with the brandy. Add to the mixture. Mix cinnamon and cloves with the flour and the baking powder. Add to fluid mixture a little at a time. Add the orange zest , Knead until a soft, fluffy dough is made. The mixture must have an oily consistency.

Take a small piece of the mixture, about the size of a big walnut, and give it an oval shape about 1 cm thick. To make a pattern on top we usually press the grater and little patterns appear. Place in an oiled tin and bake in a pre-heated oven (355 oF) for about thirty minutes or until the bottom side is golden brown.

In the meantime prepare the syrup by placing in a pan the sugar, water, honey and orange peel. Bring to boiling point skimming if needed. Remove from heat. Preserve the syrup warm. Before the cookies cool, dip them in the syrup for a few seconds. With a slotted ladle remove into a platter.

Finally pound the walnuts and sprinkle on top of the cookie  
Thanks to [Chris Rallis](#) - he knows bugs AND cookies!

<http://kopiaste.org/2007/12/melomakarona-honey-cookies/>

<http://kopiaste.org/2008/12/melomakarona-with-pecans/>

(Minutes continued) because the library has control and can do whatever they want with the books. It was also discussed to have a shelf at the Church, but also dismissed for now with the Church 's future in question. Doc's family's donation was decided to go on hold for the present. Meeting adjourned at 9:05. Raffle was held. Submitted by E. Palmer, Secretary

**Did you know? Last Year's Bee Schoolers can attend this year for free. Please join us and share your experience.**

**PAWTUCKAWAY**

**BEEKEEPERS'**

**ASSOCIATION**

c/o Barbara Lawler

48 Woodhill Rd

Bow, NH 03104



*Time to renew your dues for 2010. Check the date on mailing label.*

**PAWTUCKAWAY BEEKEEPERS' ASSOCIATION 2010 membership form**

ANNUAL DUES for **PBA** (\$15 pending vote)      New \_\_\_\_\_      Renewal \_\_\_\_\_

ANNUAL DUES FOR **NHBA** (\$15.00 person, \$20 family) \_\_\_\_\_      *To receive newsletter by e-mail check here \_\_\_\_\_*

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