



# Pawtuckaway Beekeepers' Association

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

## March Meeting:

Getting your bees ready for the nectar flow  
Coop. Insurance - Jeff Young from Angus  
Group Insurance (see pg

**Raffle of Package of Bees donated by  
The Chadwicks, Spring Fever Farm**

(April delivery)  
*Don't Miss This Raffle!!*

## April Meeting:

Update on Varroa Monitoring Methods  
**FOOD DRIVE Candia Church**

The officers are again looking for topics and suggestions for the upcoming year of meetings. If you have methods or experiments that you want to share with the group we would love to hear from you. Email or call any officer to get on the agenda.

Hopefully your bees are alive or you have already ordered your bees. Every year they sell out faster. Heard that George had snow the other day...that can't be good. April is always interesting and we usually get our patience tested. It's a great way to ease into the season...practicing patience & waiting for the bees to do their thing.

*Wendy B.*

## Calendar

- **March 10**, Deadline for meal registration NHBA Spring Meeting
- **March 15, 2010 7-9 PM**  
**Pawtuckaway Beekeeper's Monthly meeting @ St Paul's Church, 54 Main St. (off Rte. 27), Candia, NH.** *The Chadwicks will be set up at 6:00 to allow for all the new keepers to shop before the meeting in addition to at the meeting.*
- **March 20, 2010 NHBA Spring Meeting**, Northwood NH. 9-3 PM. Details on page 4
- **April 19, 2010 7-9 PM**  
**Pawtuckaway Beekeeper's Monthly meeting @ St Paul's Church, 54 Main St. (off Rte. 27), Candia, NH.**
- **March 27, 2010 MA State Bee Meeting** Topsfield Fair Grounds [www.massbee.org](http://www.massbee.org) *Speaker Nick Calderone, David Meldrum*

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

*Send your reviews, suggestions and articles to:*

**Wendy Booth, Interim Editor PBA Newsletter**

Email: [info@hivehealthy.com](mailto:info@hivehealthy.com)



## Ads from PBA Members:

### Local Bee Supplies Spring Fever Farm

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



**New Beekeepers: We sell a  
FULL LINE OF  
BEEKEEPING SUPPLIES  
& EQUIPMENT.**

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

**We will have package bees this April  
minimum 3 pkgs. per club 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)

#### BEESUIT 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 Pawtuckaway Beekeepers
- Bee Safe\* Bee Smart\* Be Protected  
~Dorinda Priebe~895-6036

Don't forget 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.

### 2010 Officers

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

Pres. Bill Booth called the meeting to order @ 7:10 pm. Vin Gaglione from Crystal Bee Supply, Peabody, MA, demonstrated making combed honey using shook swarms. After break there was a discussion on emergency feeding. The treasurers' report and secretaries' report were motioned 2nd and all in favor as presented in the newsletter. Wendy led a discussion on Ag in the Classroom, its purpose and with a new booklet that emphasis beekeeping, the booklet is geared towards grades 4-6 and incorporates English, science and math lessons among many, using the criteria according to national classroom standards. It was motioned, 2nd and none opposed to donate \$500 from PBA to Ag in the Classroom. If you know of any teachers or are willing to go to a classroom to talk about beekeeping, please get in touch with Wendy. There was a discussion on NHBA spring meeting at Lakeshore Farm in Northwood NH. March 20 from 8:00am-3:00pm. Maryann Frazier will be the primary speaker. You will receive your quick reference pamphlet by MAAREC worth \$2 for signing up or renewing to NHBA. Meeting adjourned @ 9:10pm. The raffle was held. *Respectively submitted by E. Palmer*

**Have your renewed your dues for 2010?  
Check your label...  
if it shows 2009 it's time to renew!**

## PBA Treasurer's Report

*Submitted by Moe L'Heureux*

Dec 31, '09 - Feb 28, 10

### Ordinary Income/Expense

#### Income

Donations ***	195.00
Meeting Raffle-Jan	41.00
Meeting Raffle-Feb	77.00
Meeting Raffle-Lip/ Fondaante	66.00
Membership Dues	420.00
Raffle - Bee Hive-School	20.00
School	2,405.00
Signs/Stickers	30.00
<b>Total Income</b>	<b>3,254.00</b>

#### Cost of Goods Sold

School - Cost	620.21
<b>Total COGS</b>	<b>620.21</b>

**Gross Profit** 2,633.79

#### Expense

Guess Speaker ***	75.00
Internet Service	179.00
Meeting Supplies	7.38
Office Supplies	100.00
Postage	30.36
<b>Total Expense</b>	<b>391.74</b>

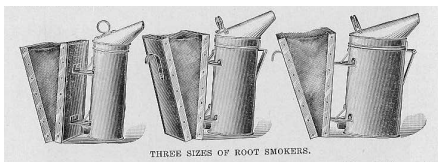
**Net Ordinary Income** **2,242.05**

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**Cash Balance 1/1/10** **4743.87**

**Cash Balance 2/28/10** **6,985.92**

\*\*\*Fee donated back to club by Gaglione - Thanks



**BEV CHADWICK**  
has **DONATED** one of her  
**HANDMADE AFGHANS**  
to a special **NHBA Spring Meeting RAFFLE**  
Bev & her afghans are a common site at bee  
meetings around the **WORLD...now is your**  
chance to own one!

### Notes from PBA President

The NH Beekeepers would like to thank all the PBA members for the help at the Farm and Forest Booth in February. The Expo had one of the largest turnouts in years and the NHBA booth certainly was packed. Wendy Booth gave 2 presentations to a room full of eager beekeepers waiting for spring. The NHBA passed out over 400 brochures about local clubs and bee schools.

NH Agriculture in the Classroom would like to thank PBA for their generous donation to sponsor a teaching module for grades 4-6 to be placed in schools throughout our members communities.

St. Paul's Church may very likely be closing some time this year. The Church as assured the club that the PBA can continue meeting at the building until the building is sold, at some point. The club is growing by leaps and bounds due to renewed interest in keeping bees and we need to be able to accommodate our growing club. Some inquiries have already been made by members (thank you for helping!) to other area churches. If you know of any possible new locations or have contacts at a school or town hall (in the Candia or surrounding areas) please let an officer know so we can pursue these leads.

Bee School is underway with 37 families registered; registration is closed due to space limitations. Past years students are welcome to attend for a refresher and the schedule is on page 5.

The Chadwick's have generously donated 2 packages of bees to the club; one for the Bee School hive and one for the club to raffle. We will hold this raffle at this months meeting (MARCH) and you will get your bees when they arrive in April.

Speaking of generous, Vin Gaglione gave a great talk (see notes pg. 4) on Shook Swarm for Comb Honey Production. We had over 65 members in attendance for his presentation. Vin & Jan own Crystal Bee Supply in Peabody MA and are PBA members. They donated the check we tried to give them back to the club. We really appreciate their time and membership!

Don't forget about the NHBA Spring Meeting March 20th in Northwood. The raffle is usually very good, the meeting should be excellent with national and local speakers and the venue is always nice. We hope to see you there.

*Thank you,  
Bill Booth, Pres. PBA*

**NH Beekeepers Annual Spring Meeting  
March 20th, 2010**

**Lake Shore Farm, Northwood NH  
275 Jenness Pond Rd (603) 942-5921**

*Doors open at 8:30 to Sign-In  
Meeting time: 9:00 AM-3:00 PM*

**Speakers:**

**Maryann Frazier**, Penn State Sr. Ext. Associate  
Department Focus: Integrated Pest Management  
(IPM)

***Pesticides, Pollinators and the Honeybee,  
Research,  
Varroa and CCD update***

***New research "Entombed Pollen"***

**David Rousseau**, Director of Pesticide Control  
NH Dept. Agriculture, Markets & Food  
***Beekeepers and NH Pest Control Div.***

***Approvals of Varroa treatments, New MA-  
Quick Strips***

**Donald Keirstead**, USDA NRCS  
National Resources Conservation Services  
***"Bee Feeding Plots" Understanding pollinator  
habitats  
and how to enhance them.***

**NHBA Business Meeting will include:**

*Officer Elections, Beekeeper of the Year Award  
Smoker Champ Award, Honey Tasting ) and Raffle*

The cost for the meeting is \$20 per member (\$35 per non-member) **REGISTRATION REQUIRED.** The meeting will include light AM snacks, coffee & tea, Stuffed Chicken or lasagna lunch with dessert.

*Please note the cut off for meal reservations is March 10.  
Please call Wendy if you may miss the deadline by mail  
603-679-1971. Use the registration form page 5.*

**Some Highlights for the upcoming presentation at the March meeting from Jeff Young, The Angus Group Insurance Agency**

- A competitive market for home, mini-farm, auto, and personal umbrellas policies.
- A comprehensive coverage program for individual needs and specific to bee farms.
- A knowledgeable company with 90+ years experience in this mini-farm market.
- A group discount of 10% on home and auto policies.
- Excellent claim services.
- Excellent agency services from The Angus Group.
- Once the group program is in place your association will be able to attract new members and hold onto existing members because of all the benefits offered.

The Angus Group Insurance Agency  
116 Rockingham Road, Londonderry, NH 03053  
tel: 603-421-0021 fax: 603-421-0052

**Using a Shook Swarm for  
Comb Honey Production**

The Pawtuckaway Beekeepers had Vin Gaglione, owner of Crystal Bee Supply in Peabody MA, give a presentation on using artificial swarms to produce comb honey. Comb honey production can be a frustrating endeavor. With the method Vin uses it serves dual purpose by dividing the hive during swarm season.

Begin to plan for a large colony by feeding in late April/early May to encourage brood rearing. *You will have to watch this colony very carefully or it will swarm before you get there.* If the weather cooperates, the colony will build up and begin swarm preparation by making queen cells. *This is the time to act just after the cells are capped or are about to be capped.*

Prepare to move the large hive at least 8 feet from the old location and turn the *entrance facing the opposite direction.*

In the old location place a new bottom board and a medium box of wired foundation. Staple a sheet to the front entrance (facing the same way the old hive was) and drape it on the ground in front to cover the grass.

Find your old queen and place her in the medium box. Place a queen excluder (QE) on top of the medium and begin to shake bees from the old strong colony onto the sheet in front of their new hive. Shake bees mostly from honey and pollen frames. Gently brush young nurse bees off brood frames - do not shake brood frames or frames with queen cells. Do not take all the nurse bees, leaving 1/2 behind to care for the brood.

Replace all the shook and brushed frames, as they were, into the old colony - now in it's new position 8+feet away. Carefully move the frames with queen cells as this new colony will need to rear the queens.

Back at the new "comb honey hive" place a top feeder with 1:1 syrup on it for about one week to get them excreting wax and building comb in the single medium box. Hopefully by then nectar is flowing and you can remove the feeder. Place your comb honey box on top of the QE to keep them free of eggs. Keep an eye on their work in this box and add another if the flow is strong. You can put the second comb honey box below the first one to minimize foot traffic across the white wax. *Continued page 5*

**SHOOK SWARM** *Continued from page 4*

Once you have harvested your comb honey (hopefully sometime around July 1) you can either combine this colony back with the parent colony once you pinch the old queen. Or you can add more brood space to the new colony, move the medium you started with (with the wired foundation) above the excluder and the bees will now store honey in frames ready to extract.

Storing your cut comb honey in the freezer will suspend the crystallization and when it thaws will be liquid again. This also kills any wax moth eggs that may hatch on the shelf when at warmer temps.

Give the method a try this year and let us know how it works out. Wendy Booth

NH Fish & Game has advised taking down your birdfeeders NOW...BEARS are out.

Save you Bees by getting your electric fencing up & on ASAP. Taking these measures helps to save bears as well. Tell your neighbors.

*Thanks to Gayle W. for sending this in!*

**2010 Bee School Outline**

7:00– 9:00 pm

March 8th, 7:00pm - Hive Management Part I Getting started with your Bees, The Basics. 6:30 Demo - Frames, box, outer cover assembly

March 22nd, 7:00pm - Hive Management Part II Going Deep—Beyond Basics

6:30 Demo - Using the Smoker inside the hive - When and why

March 15th, 7:00pm PBA Monthly Meeting

*The Chadwicks will be set up to sell supplies from 6-7 for the students.*

March 29th, 7:00pm - Hive Management Part III Swarming and what can go wrong.

6:30 Demo - Hive Tool Tips and Working the Hive demo (no live bees, sorry)

April 5th, 7:00pm - Pest and Diseases and how to control them using IPM. Bee Buddies 6:30 Video—TBD

April 12th, 7:00pm -Products from the Hive, Extracting, Q&A and Summary. *Hive Raffle drawing*

6:30 Come in early to ask members your questions or Buy Supplies

Last class TBD . Live Hiving Bees and weather depending. More to be announced.

**NH Beekeepers Association**

**2010 Membership, & Meeting Registration Form**

Name(s) \_\_\_\_\_

Street or PO Box \_\_\_\_\_ Town \_\_\_\_\_ State \_\_\_\_\_ ZIP \_\_\_\_\_

Phone \_\_\_\_\_ E-Mail \_\_\_\_\_

Single \$15 \_\_\_\_\_ Family \$20 \_\_\_\_\_ New: \_\_\_\_\_ Renewal: \_\_\_\_\_ Donation to Bee Research fund \$ \_\_\_\_\_

I prefer my newsletter (check one): PAPER \_\_\_\_\_ E-Mail \_\_\_\_\_ **Please make checks out to: NHBA**

**NHBA SPRING MEETING REGISTRATION FORM**

March 20, 2010 9 AM-3 PM (Doors open at 8:30)

Number of Members Attending \_\_\_\_\_ \$20 per Member (includes meals and beverage)

Number of Non-Members Attending \_\_\_\_\_ \$35 per non-member (includes meal & Membership)

Number of Members Attending NO MEAL \$5 \_\_\_\_\_

**PRE-REGISTRATION IS REQUIRED**

**RESERVATIONS MUST BE RECEIVED BY MARCH 10, 2010.**

Please use above section to enter the names of attendees and update your mailing information.

**Mail to: Wendy Booth, Treasurer NHBA 37 Swan Dr. Nottingham NH 03290**

**PAWTUCKAWAY  
BEEKEEPERS'  
ASSOCIATION**  
c/o Frank Harrison  
264 Tower Hill Rd  
Candia, NH 03043



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

**PAWTUCKAWAY BEEKEEPERS' ASSOCIATION 2010 membership form**

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

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

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Mail check, payable to **PBA**, and completed form to:

Treasurer PBA, Moe L'Heureux, 83 Hanover St. Manchester NH 03101