



EJ'S NEWS

EJ is East Jefferson Beekeepers Association's Mascot.

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**East Jefferson Beekeepers'
Meetings cancelled until
further notice**

**For information on club
activities or schedule
changes, please check the
club website for updates.**

Ejbees.org

**Our thanks to Mike Edwards
for keeping our website
current**

THE PREZ SEZ

Dear Fellow Beekeepers,

We remain in partial lockdown meaning no large gatherings. This is frustrating for all us but as soon as the library allows, we'll resume our monthly meetings.

As discussed elsewhere in this Newsletter, Mike Kelley has established an EJBA blog and will also coordinate with Harry to resume apprentice beekeeping classes this winter. Thank you both. Rich Thomas continues to do yeoman's work on mite control. His latest effort, also discussed herein, focuses on mid-summer hive manipulation in addition to chemical treatments. This is a fascinating approach and makes sense. The challenge for some of us is that it requires finding the queen. I'm sure Blake will be available on demand to help with that effort.

Your board recently met and agreed to move forward with the remote nomination and election of officers and trustees. This was supposed to happen in October but will take place over the next month or so. Our Secretary, Susi Thomas, has the lead on this and explains the process elsewhere in the Newsletter. Thanks always to Gloria for editing and publishing our newsletter. For the past several years. Gloria has also served as an ex-officio member of your board.

A recent study in Western Australia showed that bee venom was extremely effective in destroying several types of breast cancer cells including types that have limited treatment options. No word yet if venom has any effect on prostate cancer cells.

Sincerely,
Dave Morris

EXECUTIVE BOARD

President: David Morris

Vice President: Rich Thomas

Secretary: Susie Thomas

Treasurer: Harry Prather

Trustees:

Paul Jendrucko

John Lizwinko

Mike Kelley

EJ BEES' WORKERS

These people have volunteered to head committees...

APPRENTICE CLASSES: Harry Prather

NEWSLETTER: Gloria Neal
Eastjeffbees@gmail.com

MEDIA CONTACT: Gail Moa

WEBSITE: Mike Edwards

MEETING AND ACTIVITY

CO-ORDINATORS:

Tony Goldenberg, Harry Prather, &
Gloria Neal

ADDENDUM TO ASIAN GIANT HORNET ARTICLE ON PAGE 5

Use this web site as a link.

<https://agr.wa.gov/hornets>

This is an extensive site and you can click on "You can also view it on ArcGIS" at the top of the page for the complete history including pictures from the nest removal.

LETTER FROM THE EDITOR

EJ Beekeepers...

Since we are still unable to meet for our regular meetings, we hope to be able to reach out to you with beekeeping help, as we continue to work through these restrictions on bee meetings.

Mike Kelley is presently working on a blog to be used to answer questions as you have them. We are looking forward to that!

Rich and Susi Thomas spent a lot of their time this summer working on a bee friendly garden. Be sure to check out Susi's article on page 5. Then check out their pictures of the beautiful pollinator garden on page 6.

Check out the website for winterizing. It's very appropriate for our region, and some great advice on keeping bees through the next few months!

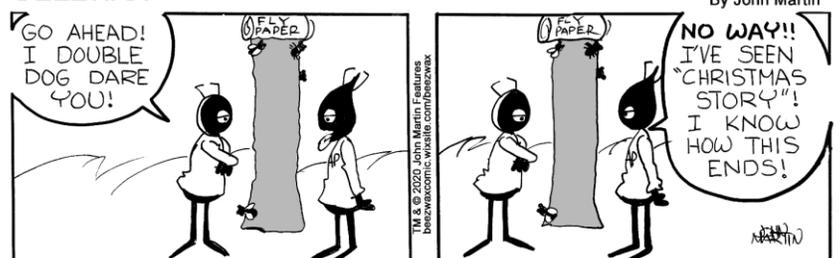
Last year was pretty devastating for our colonies, and many of us lost our colonies because of high varroa infestations. Even after medicating in the fall, we had a mild early winter and because the queens were still laying, the varroa mites prospered.

This year many of us are taking a different approach. We are treating with oxalic acid treatments through the winter months, when there are no brood cells available for the mites to breed and multiply. Blake is setting up appointments for anyone who would like to have their colonies treated by him. Contact information is on page 7. If you have questions or want to schedule treatments, please contact us.

That's the buzz for November.

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BEEZWAX



EAST JEFFERSON BEEKEEPERS ASSOCIATION EXECUTIVE BOARD ELECTIONS NOVEMBER 2020

NOMINATIONS ARE NOW OPEN FOR THE OFFICERS OF THE EAST JEFFERSON BEEKEEPERS ASSOCIATION (EJBA) "EXECUTIVE BOARD," AS LISTED BELOW.

The duties for each office as described in the EJBA by-laws (September 2012) are based generally on the descriptions in Robert's Rules of Order Newly Revised (<http://www.rulesonline.com/rror-10.htm>).

In our small organization, there is considerable flexibility in the special tasks and responsibilities taken on by each board member, depending on personal interests, beekeeping experience, and opportunities or needs of the EJBA at any particular time. It is a pleasure to be part of an enthusiastic and active board to which each member contributes ideas, skills, and effort. Because we are not currently meeting in person due to Covid-19 issues and restrictions in Jefferson County, nominations and voting shall be conducted via Internet communications (if there are members without Internet access, special arrangements can be made).

The method and schedule are as follows:

1. Nov. 16 deadline to submit nominations to Susi Thomas (Secretary) at Eastjeffbees@gmail.com. Optional: nominees may include brief statement of qualification or wish to serve in office.
2. Nov. 18 members receive email with voting sheet to fill out and return simply by email response.
3. Nov. 23 deadline for votes to be received by Susi Thomas, Secretary, Eastjeffbees@gmail.com.
4. Before Christmas, members receive announcement of new officers in a special "bulletin" email, and after the holidays the newsletter will contain the full list as well.
5. January 9 EJBA meeting (we hope!), new officers begin 2021 term as Executive Board.

President: presides over all EJBA meetings; calls special meetings as deemed fit; and performs all acts and duties required of an executive and presiding officer. Our president also traditionally contributes a section known as "The Prez Sez" to the monthly EJBees Newsletter.

Vice President: stands ready to assume the duties of the president in his/her absence and assists the president as necessary.
Secretary: keeps a permanent record of all official meetings of EJBA; reports official EJBA activities to the membership; and performs other duties as requested.

Treasurer: receives and disburses all funds honestly and efficiently; maintains accurate records of the EJBA's bank accounts; keeps complete and accurate account of all approved financial transactions; and maintains a master list of club assets. The treasurer also prepares a recommended annual budget based on receipts and expenditures of previous years.

Trustees (3): duties are not specifically described in the EJBA by-laws, nor in Robert's Rules. However, our trustees should expect to actively participate in and contribute to the board meetings, and to perform special duties as requested. For example, one such task could be to assist the treasurer by collecting annual dues and member information early in the year.

TIPS & TRICKS

November 2020: a monthly offering of useful hints for beekeepers

- Wrap hives with Mylar foil padding to insulate them during cold weather, leaving a vertical space for entry holes in the front (Figures 1-2)
- Secure bamboo screen to vertically-set pallets that are supported by 5-ft metal fence posts (e.g., "steel T-posts") as a good winter windbreak (Figures 1,2,3).
- Use broken-up pieces of sugar candy on candyboard instead of a solid block, because it allows ventilation. Alternatively, use pure sugar cubes (no additives).

If you would like to submit your own tip or trick, please send it to richandsusi@cablespeed.com.

East Jefferson Beekeepers Association



Fig. 1. Mylar-wrapped hives (vertical opening over entries) with windbreak (Mike Kelley).
Arrows: red = post; green = pallet; yellow = bamboo screen.



Fig. 2. Pallets view (Mike Kelley).



Fig. 3. Bamboo screen view (Mike Kelley).

WINTER BEEKEEPING TIPS

This link is from Puget Sound Beekeepers and Rich felt it was one he would recommend. It provides some sensible recommendations for the months of November through January in our region.

Check it out!

[Hive Calendar- November through January - Puget Sound Beekeepers Association](#)

ASIAN GIANT HORNET UPDATE

An Asian Giant Hornet nest was found and eliminated near Blaine, WA. on Oct. 24. These insects have been trapped in this general area for about 2 months under a program managed by the Washington State Department of Agriculture. The nest was found about 10' up in an alder tree and was located after a live hornet was trapped and fitted with a radio transponder. Specimens were collected from the nest and the queen was not among the captured hornets. Since hornets and wasps overwinter as impregnated queens, and will only live for one season, the old queen of this nest will die at the end of this breeding season. We hope that new queens and drones will also be captured from this nest to be used for future study. The trappers in the program are encouraged to continue trapping in Watcom, Skagit and San Juan counties through November.

This is an extensive website you can click on. You can also view it on ArcGIS' at the top of the page for the complete history, including pictures from the nest removal.

Rich

<https://agr.wa.gov/hornets>

A POLLINATOR-FRIENDLY GARDEN IN 2020

After we made a presentation to the Quilcene Garden Club last February on the topics of beekeeping (Rich) and pollinator-friendly gardening (Susi), we were delighted when our neighbors--who have moved to Quil' but retain their property in Port Townsend--invited us to put in a garden such as I had described: that is, with all the "friendly" features that offer year-round nectar and pollen to honeybees and a variety of native insects, birds, and others, plus seeds and fruit for other creatures, along with shelter, water, resting and nesting sites—essentially everything that supports a healthy and diverse population of pollinators and their associates.

Yes! We started digging right away to prepare the planting beds and to get rid of a serious infestation of morning-glories. Working around existing old fruit trees and other landscape features, we soon had laid out and cultivated major beds, islands, and borders. Our plan was to have one major area consisting mainly of annual flowering plants (so we could dig out morning glories again next year) arranged in large patches of each species or variety, and another that would include a few perennial flower clusters, but mostly annual vegetables that would also provide good blooms for pollinators (e.g., a honeybee favorite is rapini, a fast-growing brassica that can be replanted over and over for nearly continuous bloom, spring through fall/winter) along with produce that we could harvest and share with the neighborhood. We intentionally left intact some weedy areas along the edges and fences, especially encouraging native species among the other weeds. We also incorporated a delightful free-form section of mixed flowers and vegetables, planted and maintained by the current resident. We can provide much more detail on this garden, pollinators, possible tours next year, and a variety of helpful resources if you are interested. Please contact us!

Susi Thomas

(Pictures on page 6)



We would like to share your bee stories from this year with everyone.

If you have a story or something that you learned this year about your bees, please send it to our club email...

Eastjeffbees@gmail.com



BUZZING WITH



Blake

Bee-lieve me. It's a fact!

BEEKEEPERS!

MEDICATE AGAINST VARROA DESTRUCTOR MITES, NOW, OR CHANCE LOOSING YOUR BEES THIS SPRING.

IS IT WORTH THE RISK?.....Blake



KEEP BUZZING WITH BLAKE

Oxalic Acid treatments for your bees....

Treat against varroa during the winter, when there are no brood cells...(No place for the varroa to hide.)

I AM SETTING UP APPOINTMENTS TO TREAT COLONIES. IF YOU HAVE QUESTIONS OR WOULD LIKE TO SCHEDULE A TREATMENT, PLEASE CALL THE PHONE NUMBER BELOW OR EMAIL ME...

Thanks, BLAKE.

buzzingwithblake@gmail.com

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