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# The Bee Line

## Oregon State Beekeepers Association

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## Coming Event ... State Fair

The state fair is approaching fast. Now is the time to prepare your entries.

The state fair committee has been working hard to make things easy for you. We have purchased honey entry jars and will send them to any local to sell to their members at \$4 per dozen. They are also available at the bee supply houses.

Glass display cabinets to display most of the honey close to the public are being made for the fair. This is to get the honey close to passers by and still have it out of handling reach.

There are entry blanks and rules of entry at the following bee supply houses: Port's, Glorybee, Heins, and Ruhl's. Extra entry blanks can be obtained from the state fair office. There is also an entry blank enclosed with this newsletter for your convenience. Entry forms are due at the fair office by August 15 so that they have time to prepare their paperwork.

In this newsletter you will find along with an entry blank a set of directions on how to prepare beeswax and honey, and a pasteup of the state fair judging rules and classes. Please fill out the form and send it in soon.

At the picnic on August 2nd. we will have a sign up list for those people who want to man the state fair booth. There are free entry tickets for those who man the booth. I will try and have the tickets at the picnic to give to those manning the booth.

Some people have said that it is too far to drive for their entry so we suggest that a group from the locals get together and have one person deliver the entries.

Remember the contest also. The local organization having the largest percentage of their paid members entering one or more categories at the fair, each member of that local who enter will be entitled to a free dinner at the fall OSBA conference in Corvallis in November. The Willamette Valley group is challenging all other locals.

Please help us to have a great fair this year. We can with your help.



HOW TO PREPARE HONEY FOR  
COMPETITION

BY Bill Ruhl

1. Select 2 or 3 frames of new comb honey for each entry and with a hive tool scrape down to the mid-rib.
2. Put honey and wax into clean nylon stocking, hang to drain.
3. Warm honey to about 120 d., then strain it again through clean nylon.
4. Bottle into 4 1-lb fancy honey jars, filling well to the top. ( 3 jars are required for most county and state fair entries and 4 for national competition.)
5. Place in warm oven at 120 d. so bubbles and any wax will rise to the surface.
6. With teaspoon skim off bubbles and wax to about 3/8" from the top, having all jars equal.
7. Carefully wipe honey from neck of jar and put on good clean cap.
8. Wipe glass clean of all fingerprints and transport carefully, lifting only by the top.
9. Be sure to enter honey in the right category or class as this is important too.

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HOW TO PREPARE BEESWAX FOR  
COMPETITION

By Bill Ruhl

1. Select new cappings wax.
2. Use approximately six pounds of wax (without honey) to get a five pound cake.
3. Heat the wax in a double boiler.
4. Strain the wax through a nylon stocking or fine mesh cloth. Pour from one container into another, leaving any sediment in the bottom each time.
5. Allow the wax to cool almost to the setting up point before pouring into the mold. It has to be cool enough not to shrink, but not so cold it will flake.
6. Pour the wax into a mold and cool slowly. You can put the mold into a cardboard box and cover with a towel. Have the surface level.
7. Remove the wax from the mold. Polish it with a nylon cloth. The longer you polish the better it looks.

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### Bee Venom Therapy Part III- Conclusion

Finally my experience with bee venom is complete, (I hope.) June 14 I was stung by a bee on the arm in the doctor's office and only a "normal reaction" resulted. The plan is for me to get stung once every two weeks at home in order to keep up an immunity. We'll see what happens.

Now I know that most of you aren't excited by this news, but for me it means not being paranoid of getting stung every time I help work our colonies. It means, hopefully, an end to long trips to Portland for shots, getting shots, and paying for shots. (My insurance company will be happy.)

I thought I'd give you a short account of my experience. Before we went to Portland John "volunteered" two bees from one of the landing boards of our hives and put them in a seasoning bottle with a plastic lid with holes in it and a little honey inside the bottle.

At the Portland Allergy Clinic Dr. Bilstrom got the materials ready. He had only reluctantly agreed to the testing. As it turned out the precautions were worse than the bee sting itself. The doctor took my blood pressure and heartrate and then taped a syringe with adrenalin to my arm and inserted a needle so he could administer adrenalin quickly in case of a systemic reaction. Since needles and I don't get along the rest of the experiment was done with me on my back. (This was to avoid having to pick me up.)

After all was ready John got the bees in the bottle, shook one out and grabbed it by the wings to put it on my arm. The bee twisted around and stung him on the end of his finger and we were down to one bee.

The last bee was kept in the bottle which was tipped upside down on my arm so that the bee would land on me and sting me. It didn't work so John took some tweezers and shook the bee out on a table. It promptly took

off for the window and I think my doctor wanted out of the room then and there. John finally got the bee by the wings and after about three attempts it finally stung me. The rest was anticlimactic. I watched the stinger pulse in my arm for over five minutes and then it was scraped off. A white welt appeared and then redness around it and minor swelling. After about 30 minutes we decided it had done what it would probably do and we left. The swelling increased on my forearm until that night and stayed for two days but was not uncomfortable. I am hoping that as time goes on the swelling will be less and less.

At the end of the experiment my doctor was happy, (and relieved), John was happy, I was happy and my mom still thinks I'm nuts.



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## GENERAL RULES

### Official Hours

10 a.m.-10 p.m. — Monday thru Thursday

10 a.m.-11 p.m. — Friday and Weekends

## BEES AND HONEY

All exhibits must have been produced in the apiary of the exhibitor during the year 1980 and under direct management of the exhibitor. Premiums will be restricted to exhibits within the State of Oregon, and to beekeepers who have honey bees registered with the Oregon State Department of Agriculture.

Honey must be produced by bees, with no additives, entered under the proper classification and be true to type and of distinctive flavor and color.

All honey not otherwise protected shall be enclosed in cellophane by the exhibitor.

All bees and honey to be judged by The American Beekeepers Association rules and guidelines.

### SWEEPSTAKES . . . . . ROSETTE

Sweepstakes shall be awarded on the basis of total ribbon points won, with points to be counted as follows:

1st	2nd	3rd
5 Points	3 Points	1 Point

In case of a tie the exhibitor with the most blue ribbons shall be the winner.

### OREGON BEE ASSOCIATION TROPHY

The Oregon Bee Association will present a revolving trophy to the sweepstakes winner in Bees and Honey Division. The winner each year will have his or her name engraved on the trophy, which will be retained until the next Fair. The trophy becomes the permanent property of the first exhibitor to win it for a total of three years.

### CLASS 1003—HONEY—OTHER TYPES

#### Section

- 01 Comb Honey, Any One Variety (Round Section)
- 02 Comb Honey, Any One Variety (Square Section)
- 03 Chunk Comb Honey, Any One Variety
- 04 Creamed Honey, Any One Variety
- 05 Extracting Frame Full Depth, Any One Variety
- 06 Extracting Frame Shallow, Any One Variety
- 07 Western, Any One Variety
- 08 Semi, Any One Variety

### CLASS 1004—HONEY MEAD

#### Section

- 01 Any One Variety

### BEESWAX DIVISION

MINIMUM QUANTITY: One 5 lb. Piece

BEESWAX NOVELTIES SHALL NOT BE ELIGIBLE FOR PREMIUM AWARDS IN THIS DIVISION

### CLASS 1005—BEESWAX

#### Premiums Offered Per Section

1st	2nd	3rd
\$7.00	\$5.00	\$3.00

#### Section

- 01 Natural or Sunbleached

**HONEY DIVISION**  
**MINIMUM QUANTITIES**

Comb Honey—3 Sections  
 Extracting Frame—3 Frames  
 All Other Honey—Three Wide-Mouth Pint Jars  
 Extracted Honey—3 One Pound Honey Jars

**Premiums Offered Per Section**

1st	2nd	3rd
\$7.00	\$5.00	\$3.00

**CLASS 1002—HONEY EXTRACTED**

- Section**
- 01 Alfalfa and/or Sweet Clover
  - 02 Clover
  - 03 Fireweed
  - 04 Vetch
  - 05 Blackberry
  - 06 Any Other Fruit—State Source on Entry Form
  - 07 Any Other Wildflower—State Source on Entry Form
  - 08 Any Other Mixed Flowers—State Source on Entry Form
  - 09 Any Other Source—State Source on Entry Form

**BEE DIVISION**

**MINIMUM QUANTITY:**  
**QUEEN AND BEES IN SINGLE FRAME NUCLEUS**  
 (QUEEN MUST BE MARKED)

**Premiums Offered Per Section**

1st	2nd	3rd
\$7.00	\$5.00	\$3.00

**CLASS 1001—BEES**

- Section**
- 01 Caucasian
  - 02 Italian
  - 03 Carniolan

**CLASS 1006—THE FAMILY APIARY**

The display must show three main products from your apiary: Extracted Honey, Comb Honey and Beeswax; with a minimum of 10 pounds and a maximum of 15 pounds total products. The design may include tools used in beekeeping, honey plants and products of the Honey Bee. Varieties in texture, shapes, forms and color add interest. Be imaginative. Displays must be maintained for the duration of the Fair. The display area will be 2' x 3'.

**Premiums Offered**

1st	2nd	3rd	4th
\$20	\$15	\$10	\$5

**Score Card**

Quality of Products	20%
Artistic Design	30%
Variety	20%
Interpretation	30%

**SPECIAL AWARDS**

The first place winners in each class will compete for a special award presented by the following local beekeeping associations:

- Lane County
- Portland
- Southern Oregon
- Tillamook
- Tualatin Valley
- Willamette Valley

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**JUDGES CHOICE**

The Heins Honey Company of Albany will award a revolving trophy to the top winner in the Bees and Honey Divisions. The Sweepstakes winner will not be eligible for this award.

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Ruhl's Bee Supply of Portland will award a Hobbyist Trophy. This award will be given to the best exhibit entered by a beekeeper with 25 or less colonies.

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The Happy Bee Apiary of Dundee will sponsor a Youth Award. This award will be given to an exhibitor 18 years of age or younger. There must be a minimum of three exhibitors for this trophy to be awarded.

## SUMMER picnic

Come to the picnic! The annual OSBA summer picnic will be held Saturday, August 2nd at Peavy Arboretum, Oregon State University, Corvallis.

Peavy Arboretum is part of the school of Forestry and is located six miles North of Corvallis just off Highway 99W. The lodge has full kitchen facilities in case some Oregon rain shows up.

Please bring a main dish and or a salad or dessert. Punch will be provided. You will need your own table service.

President Gene Garner asks that all board members meet at 12 o'clock for a short business meeting.

At the picnic will be a sign up list for taking care of the booth at the state fair. We hope to see you all there!

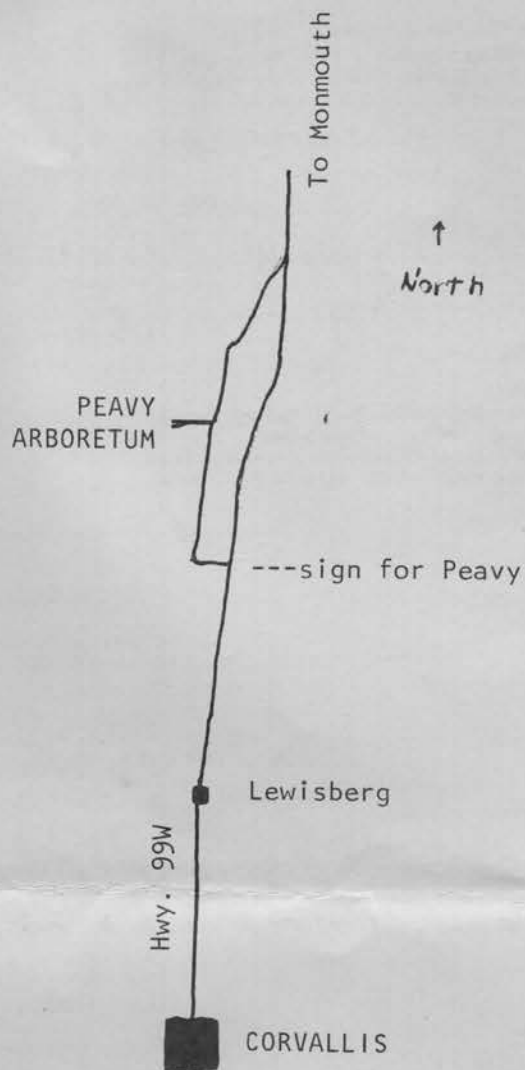
Serving will start at 1 pm.

## MAGAZINE RATES UP

Current magazine rates for members are as follows. American Bee Journal, one year \$6.75, and two years \$12.93. This is a 25% membership savings.

Gleanings in Bee Culture is \$6.60 per year. Membership discount rates for one year only.

We just got a letter from the Speedy Bee newspaper. They are offering a \$1.00 per year discount on their subscription rates each year up to three years if ordered through your association secretary. As of August 1 the rate for a one year subscription will be \$6.00 per year through the secretary.



## ADDRESS CHANGE ?

If you change your address, PLEASE notify the newsletter. Each Beeline that is returned costs the OSBA money that could be put to a better use. Each returned newsletter also delays your receiving it on time.

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