



OSBA Winter Convention Program December 6/7th

The annual OSBA Winter Convention and Business Meeting will be held on December 6th and 7th at a new and larger site, the Best Western Oceanview Resort in Seaside. This year's themes are "How to Keep Your Bees Alive" and "What Works - Proven Management Practices." As with all of the OSBA meetings, there is a social as well as a technical side to this meeting. Friday night, December 6th, we will gather and trade tales and meet old friends, with a no-host causal get-together at, you guessed it, the bar. We have a very full program starting at 8:30 AM Saturday morning. Registration opens at 8:00 AM, but even with two registration desks, expect a bit of a wait if you are not pre-registered.

The program for Saturday, December 7th is:

8:00 AM Registration opens

8:30 AM Welcome - OSBA President, George Hansen.

8:40 AM "The Latest Mite Treatments," Dr. Eric Mussen, University of California. Dr. Mussen's work is internationally known for its detail and "real-world" approaches. Learn what is happening with all of the legal and not-so-legal treatments and the progress of the latest research on what is really working to control mites on honey bees.

9:15 AM "Honey bee races and the colonization of the New World," Dr. Steve Sheppard, Washington State University. Dr. Sheppard holds the prestigious Thurber Chair of Apiculture at WSU, the first endowed chair in apiculture. His presentation will address how our bees got here and get the way they are today? And, most importantly, how will honey bee genetics affect our future?

10:00 AM Break

10:15 AM "Meadowfoam Pollination Future for Northwest Beekeepers," by Mr. Larry Trosi, Meadowfoam Growers Association. Mr. Trosi is the Technical Field Representative for the Meadowfoam Growers Association and has a long background in hands-on in-field work with growers and pollinators. Meadowfoam, one of the crops of the future, is here

today in the Northwest. This crop demands honey bees in quantity for pollination and can produce a very interesting honey crop. Claims and stories of 2,000 to 60,000 acres have been reported in the press. Hear from the source about the current status of this crop and what is the REAL future for meadowfoam in the Northwest.

10:35 AM "Wooten's Golden Queens, Palo Cedro, CA" - Shannon Wooten and Wooten's Golden Queens is one of the premier queen and package producers in the world. Hear how this facility works and produces quality queens and packages.

11:00 AM "California State Beekeepers Association," Glenda Wooten, President of the CSBA. The CSBA is one of the largest state bee associations in the nation with a large budget and a proactive stance in both the public and private sectors of California. Hear how the CSBA works and how we might adopt some of their techniques and practices to better Northwest beekeeping.

11:15 AM "Nosema's role in Winter losses," Dr. Eric Mussen. Reports from the East coast of large number of winter losses in honey bee hives have sent a shock throughout the beekeeping community. What really happened and how can we avoid repeating these losses?

12:00 Noon OSU Research Luncheon - Our annual OSU Benefit Luncheon will again feature the popular soup and make-your-own sandwich buffet, with the profits going to the OSU Honey Bee Lab.

12:45 PM Research Luncheon Speaker, Dr. Michael Burgett, Oregon State University - "Travels with Dr. Burgett - Asian Honeybees and their Associated Mites." The always fun and interesting travelogue from Dr. Burgett will feature his latest work in Southeast Asia - the home and starting point of the *Varroa* mite!

1:30 PM "When bees collide - Africanized and European honey bees in Argentina," Dr. Steve Sheppard. Dr. Sheppard will enlighten us on how the AHB has affected beekeeping in

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Letter to the Editor

Occasionally I receive a letter from a fellow beekeeper. The letter that follows is from Dirk Olsen and is in response to our discussion about the future of meadowfoam and availability of meadowfoam honey at the OSBA Summer Picnic. Dirk has had more hands-on experience with meadowfoam than just about anyone, making the following that much more interesting. As a side note, Dirk also sent me a copy of his brochure. All of you should get a copy of this excellent piece. Dirk has written one of the best pieces on the value of a beekeeper to a grower. This is must reading not only for the information, but from the professional approach he has taken in presenting the value of his service and company.

October 22, 1996

As you may well know, it is anticipated that there will be a large increase of meadowfoam acreage for the spring of 1997. Many beekeepers will receive calls from growers wanting to rent bees from them. Since we have placed bees on meadowfoam for several years now, I would like to pass on some things to think about to those who may be thinking about renting their bees for meadowfoam.

Normally it begins to bloom around the 10th of May and can last 3 to 4 weeks depending on the weather. Hot weather can burn it up and cool wet weather can prolong the bloom. The college (Oregon State University) recommends 3 hives per acre but all the growers I work with find 2 hives per acre sufficient. We will be charging \$35 per hive for 1997 contracts. There should be plenty of meadowfoam available for all and to charge less than this, to try and gain the business, is foolish.

Much of the meadowfoam is grown here in the south valley. The ground here is horrendous when wet. This last spring was a wet one, and in some fields we had a very difficult time placing the bees. Our Swinger, with wide floatation tires, was no match for the muck that much of the meadowfoam is grown on - so you are warned!

We find that meadowfoam does not match well with vetch or many of the wild blackberries - usually when the meadowfoam is done these other crops are well into bloom. You will find that caneberries and meadowfoam overlap considerably.

Meadowfoam is not a big honey producer. Last year we fed bees the entire time they were on the crop. The year before (95) the weather was perfect and we did make a small surplus. The honey is on-the light side and has a delightful vanilla taste to it.

Word has it that 8 to 10 thousand acres of meadowfoam went in this fall. If this is true, it will take nearly 20,000 hives of bees to fill the need.

We all need to realize now that the *Cont. on Page 11*

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President's Message

by George Hansen

Every year is different, bringing new conditions and challenges. However, in many ways beekeeping management hasn't changed in 125 years. The problem for us is to try and decide what situations require a new response and when to simply hunker down and dodge the bullets. Let me give a non-beekeeping example that parallels some of our challenges.

The winter of 1995-96 had a series of spectacular weather events that collectively had a dramatic effect on fruit trees in Oregon, specifically in Hood River. Pears are the main fruit grown there, and Anjou is the main variety. The pollinizer variety has traditionally been the Bartlett. Bartletts have their own market, primarily as a canning pear, so the fit for the grower has always been good, even though the blooms don't always coincide perfectly, and canning pears haven't demanded high prices every year. Going into last winter the bloom on Bartletts was very light to begin with, which was worrisome but not unheard of. Then, a late freeze destroyed nearly all the bloom that was on the trees. Growers were left with a light bloom overall, but far worse, there was no pollinizer bloom at all in large sections of the valley. The short term response were as follows: (1) increase the hives per acre and use bee attractants to maximize what was there; (2) use pollen inserts to spread specially collected pollen on the bees as they left the hive, or; (3) reduce all expenses to the minimum and wait for another year.

Beyond the short range solutions was a bigger issue. Was this dependence on one pollinizer enough of a weakness over time to warrant making sweeping changes in the makeup and management of their orchards. There are other pollinizer varieties available, and some growers have experimented with

them. Asian Pears are a good pollinizer variety, are hearty and bloom coincides with Anjou. Grafting in Asian Pear or interplanting and maintaining trees would be expensive and most growers consider the fruit to be unmarketable in large quantities at this time. Simply put, this solution to the pollinizer dependence comes with a heavy price tag. Every grower has had to balance the vulnerability to lost crop with the cost of solving the problem.

Beekeepers face decisions with short and long range consequence too. Dollar-a-pound honey gives beekeepers some real dilemmas. In recent history, commercial beekeepers in this region have derived the vast majority of their gross income from pollination service. Pollination is the only reason there are commercial beekeepers in Oregon, but some of the work we do is not good for the bees nor for the beekeeper. The question is, does a record high price for honey this winter warrant changing the way we have traditionally managed and placed our bees? Not even two years ago, there were many beekeepers wondering how to manage pollinating colonies so they wouldn't need supers. There was very light demand for our honey at that time, and no market for dark honey at all. Changing management, increasing or decreasing colony count, jumping into and out of pollination accounts are not things done rapidly, cheaply nor without long term consequence.

As always, there is no right answer. Only time will tell what works best, and which balance of management is the best. One thing is for sure. The winter meeting of the OSBA is a singular opportunity to hear and discuss with other beekeepers the issues that confront us all today. I'll see you in Seaside.




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OSBA Honey Cooking Contest Results

by Marjie Ehry

Honey Fruit was the title of the 1996 OSBA Honey Cooking Contest held during the Oregon State Fair. The entries all were required to contain fruit, with honey being the main sweetener. The entries ranged from honey apple tarts to peach sauce. Even a carrot cake was entered, but after long deliberations, the judges came to the conclusion that carrots were not in the fruit family. However, the cake was excellent.

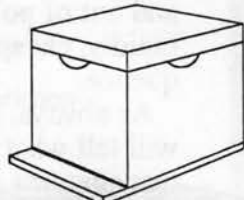
Bob and Betty Ramsey, of Salem, and Marjie Ehry, of Dundee, were judges again this year. The top award went to a wonderful loaf of Honey "Fruit" Whole Wheat Bread, entered by Kathryn King of Independence.

Honey Fruit Whole Wheat Bread

by Kathryn King, Independence OR

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The honey given as awards at the Contest was donated by Charles Mock, our own vice president. Thanks Charlie, your raspberry honey was a real hit!

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Honey Board Seeks Participants in Export Program

The National Honey Board oversees a brand marketing program available to U. S. honey exporters as part of its international marketing efforts. Under this program the NHB matches funds with companies who conduct overseas promotions of branded U.S. honey products. Promotions may be conducted in many countries throughout the world (excluding the U.S. and U.S. territories). Funding is contingent upon the company's adherence to Foreign Agricultural Service's regulations and NHB guidelines. Participating firms are charged a five percent submission fee which is based upon the total amount of award received through the NHB. The NHB does not use honey industry assessments to manage the branded program. Instead, the submission fee serves to offset administrative costs.

The brand marketing program has been a useful marketing tool for many U. S. honey exporters. Several participants of the branded program have experienced increases in international honey sales.

Applications are being accepted for the 1997 branded program. The deadline for submission of applications is Dec. 15, 1996. If you are interested in further information on the branded program, contact Sherry Jennings (800) 553-7162, voice mail ext. 14.

Robert F. "Bob" Gorham 1924-1996

Beekeepers lost a friend, June 18, 1996, in Robert F. "Bob" Gorham, of Wapato, WA. He was born in Hermiston, OR April 24, 1924.

We remember Bob as a long time beekeeper and mentor of many successful beekeepers in the Northwest. Always willing to listen, giving advice and helping where he could. For 50 years, he was a beekeeper, honey producer, packer, pollinator and sold a full line of bee supplies. He invented and improved machines while manufacturing a complete line of beekeeping wooden ware. In 1946, he established "R.F. Gorham Beekeepers" in the Wapato area and operated the business until he retired in 1993.

Bob and his wife Evelyn loved attending the OSBA meetings, taking part in the auctions, both with many donations and brisk bidding. We suspect that secretly Bob attended the OSBA meetings not only for the great company, but for all the fishing and hunting between here and home.

Bob will be missed and we wish Evelyn and family our love, knowing that we all share their many wonderful memories.

by: Alan and Marjie Ehry

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Basics in Northwest Beekeeping

by Ron Bennett

Winter is the time to care for your hives and equipment and make plans for next year. One of the most important things you can do is attend your state beekeeping meeting and learn first hand what is going on in beekeeping. The steps you take now will determine how your bees will start the year - either strong and healthy or weak and in poor health.

Winter poses some serious problems for bees. The cold weather limits their activity and all efforts are focused on keeping warm. To keep warm, they need to eat, and to eat they must move away from the warmth of the cluster. Eating honey and the cold also cause condensation within the hive body and can wet and cool the bee even further. Ventilation of the hive will go a long way towards helping your bees get through the cold winter.

You should provide top entrances for your hives. This will aid the bees in ventilating the hive and provide them with an easier way to get out on the few days that are warm enough for them to fly and relieve themselves. One way is to have a $\frac{1}{2}$ - $\frac{3}{4}$ -inch hole drilled into the side of the top box. Another is to modify an inner cover by cutting away about an inch of the border on one side of the two ends of the inner cover. When this side is down on the hive box, the bees would have an 1-inch by $\frac{3}{8}$ -inch slot on either end of the hive to crawl out and moisture can vent as well. The inner cover needs only to be inverted in Spring and Summer for normal use.

But in any case, provide rain-tight covers and raise hives onto stands, off the ground. Tilting the hives forward by placing a piece of wood along the back underside of the bottom boards will allow any moisture that accumulates to run out the front entrance.

The hives should be exposed to the sun and protected from winds, and the location should be well drained and not subject to flooding. (George Hansen tells a wonderful story about having to swim after some of his hives one year).

With all the above said, disturb the bees as little as possible and only open a hive when necessary and only on a days warm enough for the bees to be flying. Work quickly and carefully so as not to break the cluster or chill the bees. If you open a hive, look for any Apistan strips you might have missed and remove them - they will not help your bees and can lead to mites building up resistance to the strips.

Protect the bees and comb from mice. Raising the

hives off the ground, and reducing the front entrance (or better yet using only a top hole or slot in the inner cover edge) will help keep mice out of your hives.

Store comb in a cool dry place and protect it from wax moths and mice. Your bees put a lot of energy and their lives into making that comb and by reusing good comb you give your bees a jump start next year.

Check the yard occasionally for molestation by vandals (critters, human and otherwise.) Skunks in particular destroy a hive in just a few nights by scratching at the front and gobbling up bees that run out to find out what the problem is. Screening the entrance area or carpet tack strips will discourage skunks. A roll of chicken wire laid in the front of the hive helps as well - the skunks don't like to put their feet into a hole and the wire looks like a lot of holes to a skunk.

Prepare and repair your equipment and make plans for next year. This is the time to build new boxes and frames and not wait until you have a swarm and nothing to put it into next Spring.

Lift the hives to find any light ones (by comparing the weight to your heavier hives) and give these emergency feed of sugar candy or dry sugar. This is better emergency feed than syrup because the bees can use it directly without having to reduce the moisture in the syrup.

Watch the flight intensity on warm days to spot weak colonies. Reduce weak colonies to one story.

1996 National Honey Board Report

by Joann Olstrom

The NHB Annual Meeting was held in Scottsdale, AZ in late September. Four committees reviewed and evaluated the 1996 plans and projects and finalized their 1997 plans and budget. Board members and committees hold several meetings throughout the year.

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The Nominations Committee members attended only this meeting (39 of the 46 members). Four states have no delegate. We chose, from lists of persons selected by beekeepers, honey producers, packers, co-operative, and importer-exporters. This year, Producers, Regions 5 and 7, 1 exporter and 1 co-op member positions were up for renewal/re-election. Our choices for these positions will be sent to the USDA for final approval as the new Board members and alternates (1st, 2nd, and 3rd).

I am impressed with the people of both the Board and NHB staff. Their work looks good to me. The research and other projects are interesting, seem to be well thought out, and I think are increasing the use of honey. From reading the resumes of folks from which we were to choose incoming Board members and alternates, I would say the industry is sending out some of their best folks to help lead and give direction to the Board and staff. Only staff in Longmont, CO is paid. All the rest — nominators, Board, and alternates serve as volunteers. NHB pays transportation, lodging and meals at any NHB meeting that a delegates is asked to attend. I just completed the third and last year of my first term as nominator. All delegates are chosen for one or two three-year terms and then go off.

In no special order, I would like to present some interesting facts, tid-bits, ideas for thought. The Washington state nominator will present a "what's happening" report at OSBA meeting in December.

— If you think a penny a pound for NHB is too much, consider that Sioux Bee members contribute six cents a pound to Sioux Bee for advertising and honey promo!

— The Tuscon Bee Lab will be open yet another year, so if you are pleased, say so to the USDA.

— John Miller, NHB President, reminded us that "all segments of the honey industry must be partners and work together to meet the needs of our customers — the honey consumer." All segments would include hobby beekeepers, side-liners, commercial producers, pollinators, importers, sellers of equipment, etc. "And, we all need to keep our products pure and safe."

— Mary Humann reported that 50% of honey is sold to bulk users (cereals, etc.), 35% in retail and 15% to food service (restaurants, school lunch, hospitals). 82% of retail honey is sold in grocery stores.

— One half of consumer food dollars are spent in eating out.

— NHB often co-ops ads with other commodities — peanuts or apples, for example, because it combines compatible products and makes everyone's dollars go farther. NHB found consumer retail honey buying to be down 6 or 7% this year; due to price? Food service use is up and bulk sales (food manufacturing) is down 7%.

Marcia Cardetti works with product development and basic and applied research in honey uses (micro and



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home brewing, snack foods, breads, cookies, dry cereals, food services uses, etc.). This information eventually goes into consumer, bulk and food service uses/recipes. New research will include honey in cosmetics, ethnic foods, medical/pharmaceutical uses.

— Projected 1996 assessments are expected at \$3.2 million, Bruce Booynton reported.

— More beekeepers need to get involved in their local and state and national associations. More and more, governmental agencies are making regulations that will affect all of us. Be involved or get regulated out, cautioned one speaker.

— The International Trade committee introduced a new member of NHB staff, Wayne Seney. He comes with 32 years in ag services marketing experience, both international and domestic. He will help on the import/export work. NHB is continuing to encourage other countries to set-up their own Honey boards.

— Apimondia will meet in Vancouver, BC in 1999 and has invited NHB to be a sponsor and present seminars to worldwide attendees. Many exports of honey from USA go to the United Arab Emirates and Saudi Arabia area, and France to promote US honey. Next year, they will study and perhaps try promoting honey in the Singapore area.

— Proposed standards for Organic Honey are very impractical and unrealistic. Troy Fore, NHB and others have written to the proper authorities and organizations to help create workable, appropriate regulations. Watch the *Speedy Bee* for updated information.

— NHB supports Ag in the Classroom projects with the video *What's Buzzin'* and printed materials. I was astounded to learn that videos often cost \$1,000 or more per finished minute! Filming, editing, travel, graphics, etc., costs lots of money. This is another reason I think our support of the Honey Board is good. None of us, not even state associations, could afford to make a video (except for volunteer efforts like Marshall and some others did once). We cannot do the caliber of research, hire the professionals, do the PR, have the clout, etc., except by banding together.

— NHB was voted in for 5 more years by an 82% yes vote (representing 77% of the

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2:15 PM **"Mite Control in the Northwest, What Works and What Doesn't,"** Dr. Michael Burgett. Get the real scoop on what works and what doesn't work in our climate area. There has been so much published on different treatments around the world, but all that you read and hear may not work in our area. Hear what really does work and how we can address these problems.

3:00 PM **"National Honey Board: Latest Honey Market Trends,"** Randy Johnson, Chairman, National Honey Board and renowned Idaho beekeeper. With honey in demand and selling at record prices and buyers considering other sweeteners, what is the future of the honey market and what is the National Honey Board doing to help us market our products? Hear from one of the Northwest's leading beekeepers and the chairman of the NHB what the future may hold for the honey market.

3:30 PM Break

3:45 PM Panel Discussion **"What Works - Proven Management Practices."** In keeping with our theme of **What Works**, we will have a panel discussion by leading Northwest Beekeepers describing tools, methods or resources that really work for them. Moderated by Dr. Burgett and featuring Shannon Wooten, George Hansen, Torey Johnson, Chuck Sowers, and others.

4:30 PM Business Meeting - Election of officers (slate not available at press time), delegates, resolutions.

6:00 PM No Host Bar and Social

7:00 PM Banquet with Dinner Speaker, Randy Johnson - **"Beekeeping in Armenian and Slavic**

Georgia." Dinner will feature a Salmon and Baron of Beef buffet dinner and will be followed by The OSBA Auction - a social event NOT TO BE MISSED! For any of you who have not had the chance to attend this event, it is NOT your standard staid convention banquet or dry charity auction. Come and see all of your old and new friends get embarrassed.

All through the day there will be a silent auction, ending at 3:30 PM. This is a chance to get some great goodies at a good price, or just have fun bidding up an item that one of your friends really wants!

Seaside, Oregon - one of Oregon's premier resort areas is our destination this year.

Registration will be available on-site and rates for the Convention are as follows:

OSBA Members	\$25
Member family rate (2 passes)	35
Non-member	40*
Non-member family (2 passes)	50*

The special non-member rate includes a year's membership in the OSBA and 10 issues (one year) of *The BeeLine*.

The **OSU Research Luncheon**, featuring a presentation by Dr. Burgett of OSU Dept of Entomology Honeybee Lab, is **\$25 per person**, with the profit from this luncheon going to the Research Fund of the OSU Honeybee Lab. Seating is limited.

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Nov.	25	WVBA Meeting, Salem
Dec	6-7	OSBA Fall Conference, Seaside

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game is different than it was a couple of years ago. With the high price of honey, one has to consider if it is really worth it to move that hive of bees and pass up a honeycrop for a pollination fee - and if you do, to charge a price that makes it worth it.

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— The Education and Communications committee would like to hear from you. Steve Conlon of West Virginia is the Board member heading that group. Or you can talk to Sherry Jennings at NHB or even to me. What would you like NHB to do or not to do? Any compliments? Complaints? Also remember — the same goes for OSBA and your local association. Officers, committee persons need to hear from you — suggestions, pats of the back, why don't we's as well as complaints. Our sticky product should help us clump together to work for the good of our industry.

— There is talk of including bee research in the new NHB goals, depending on USDA approval and a change in the

marketing order.

P.S. — If you heard that I had a heart attack this summer, you heard correctly. It was "minor" as heart attacks go. I was fortunate to have an observant Mom who realized something was a-miss and insisted we go to Emergency. I'm now ballooned, Rx'd and am gonna be ok.

If you get prolonged chest discomfort — doesn't have to be pain (I had little pain in the chest, just a slight pressure feeling), pain in one or both arms (both hurt really bad!) or in your throat, jaw, back or too much "indigestion", call the doc. I ignored it for nearly 24 hours; stupid, eh? Didn't realize what was going on.

So you be smart and avert disaster for yourself or an ailing friend. And in the meantime, watch your fat intake, take a brisk 30 minute walk at least 4 times a week (I'm doing 60 minutes 4-7X), and do what I didn't — don't get in such a dither about everything!

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