

Insurance for Beekeepers

by Ron Bennett

Two months ago, I mentioned there were reports that a major insurance company was no longer writing new policies for beekeepers. This set off a wide range of responses from beekeepers concerned about their coverage. What follows, which is by no means a definitive report on insurance for beekeepers, none the less does give you some paths to consider and some resources to pursue.

Most homeowner's policies will cover you and your hives if you are a hobbyist and are not moving your hives or selling honey. What I found out some time ago from my own agent is that my company really didn't want to know that I had a bee hive and were very concerned about public coming in contact with my hives and coming to my door to buy honey. As long as I was keeping bee for my own "entertainment", I was covered (and as long as I didn't tell them specifically that I had bee hives).

But, once I made the decision to rent colonies, all bets were off with my homeowners' policy and I needed a liability policy specifically for beekeeping. I want to state here and now very clearly, if you are renting bees or selling honey WITHOUT insurance, you are putting everything you own at great risk. The cost of a policy is a small amount, and when compared to the potential loss exposure you have once you take a hive off of your property, not having insurance is truly foolhardy.

Insurance companies are not real big on giving out specific information or documentation until you are signed-up. I found that most of the major consumer insurance companies (Farmer's, State Farm, etc.) do not offer coverage for beekeepers. One interesting note is that State Farm would not write a new policy for beekeeping, but if you already have a farm policy and start keeping bees as part (or all) of your farm operation, you would be covered. I guess one could get a policy from State Farm and the next day, suddenly become a beekeeper and be covered.

Each company I talked with seemed to have a different concern about liability related to beekeeping. One company would insure me as a sideline beekeeper as long as I didn't move my bees over 150 miles away. Their concern was that I'd be driving bees too late into the night and had a greater risk of an accident if I was

moving them more than 150 miles at a time.

Another company was concerned that I might be buying honey from another beekeeper and that selling it under my name, they had liability from "bad" honey from the other beekeeper.

And one company was very concerned that I would be sued by a grower for the failure of my bees to pollinate their crop.

The major driving force behind these insurance underwriter's concerns is how likely are you to get involved in a lawsuit. It is not necessarily the potential of loosing the lawsuit that concerns them, it is the cost of defending you and how likely you are to get sued in the first place.

In my own case, I found that I could get the coverage I would need from several companies for somewhere between \$250 - \$300 per year which covered me as a pollination service provider and as a seller of honey and bee supplies. But, keep in mind that this number applied to my specific situation and your operation may require different coverage and costs.

One company I talked with asked if I desired coverage for damage and/or loss to my hives. They had one of their beekeepers covered for \$400 value per hive and I could buy as much or as little coverage for \$0.90 per hundred dollars of declared value and your can put just about any value on your hives and equipment you want to pay.

At the end of this article is a copy of a sheet I received just as I was writing this article from the American Beekeeping Federation. As a member of the ABF, you could avail yourself of this coverage. I've included it here to give you some idea of a typical policy's coverage and as a resource to use in discussing your insurance needs with agents you call for a quotation. Remember, most of these agents, even those with extensive knowledge in farm policies (which is most likely your best route - a whole farm policy will cover your house, bee business, and your vehicles). This information is not meant as an endorsement of the ABF over some other path to insurance coverage, but ABF membership does have this and other programs as a benefit of membership.

I again want to stress that the following is for your information and as a guide to ques-

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Basics in Northwest Beekeeping

by Ron Bennett

Examine each colony every 10 days and treat as in May. Give supers with foundation, but only to those colonies that are working in the supers. Place new supers directly over the queen excluder (if you are using one), except towards the end of the month reduce the number of empty combs provided in the supers to about 5.

Order queens for July delivery. Requeening is your best management tool and loosing a queen now or having a failing queen now will dramatically effect your honey crop. You will need queens to make your June nucs even if you do not plan to expand the number of hives you have. Having nucs on hand will allow you to successfully requeen colonies late into the year. Keep in mind that brood laid in late May are not going to be old enough to be field bees during the honey flow. So, have new strong queens on hand to make your nucs. Make queen mating nucs as in May.

Give supers with foundation as long as there is nectar coming in, the bees will draw the foundation into comb.

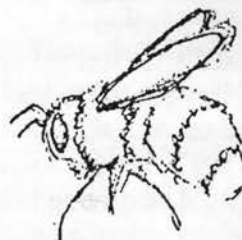
Keep on the lookout for American Foulbrood. You can spot it by piercing sunken capped brood with a tooth pick (or similar tool) and looking for "stringy" filling in place of brood. A second method is to hold the comb by the top bar at an almost flat angle, with the sun to your back, look for dark or black scale on the bottom of cells in the brood area. Treat with terramycin, but do not treat when supers are on that you intend to extract honey.

Check your stored comb for possible wax moth infestation - like rust, wax moths never seem to sleep.

Remove and extract the supers containing well ripened honey.

Give the single story colonies getting full of bees a second story.

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Bart Snyder, OSBA vice president announced the program for this Fall's OSBA Conference. This year's conference will be held in conjunction with beekeeping groups from all over the Northwest, including Canada. Bart has assembled a powerful program designed to offer quality information to beekeepers of all interest levels. The program features speakers from around the United States, including Fred Rossman from both the National Honey Board and Rossman Apiary in Moultrie GA, Gloria Di Grandis-Hoffman from the Carl Hayden Bee Lab at Tucson AZ, Dr. Mark Winston from Simon Fraser University at Burnaby BC, Drs. Michael Burgett, Lynn Royce, and Ms Jenny Gavilenz all from our own Oregon State University Bee Lab in Corvallis OR, Dr. Keith Delaplane from the University of Georgia in Athens, GA, and Dr. Steve Shephard of the Washington State University Bee Program in Pullman WA. This "Who's Who" of beekeeping promises to make this conference one of the highlights of the year, nationally!

AGENDA

Thursday evening, October 30, 1997

7:00 - 7:30 PM Welcoming Reception - Mead, Wine, Honey Beer & Cheese tasting social
7:00 PM Registration - Don't forget to buy luncheon & banquet tickets!

Friday morning sessions, October 31, 1997

7:00 - 8:30 AM Registration
8:30 AM Welcome from the OSBA - George Hansen, President OSBA, Foothills Honey, Colton, OR
8:50 - 9:50 AM *Evolution of a "Full Service" Apiary* - Fred Rossman, Rossman Apiary, Moultrie, GA
9:50 - 10:20 AM Coffee & Refreshment Break
10:20 - 11:00 AM *Bee Economics Software* - Dr. Gloria Di Grandis-Hoffman, Carl Hayden Bee Lab, Tucson, AZ
11:00 - 11:45 AM *"Of Mites and Bees"* - Dr. Mark Winston, Simon Fraser University, Burnaby BC, CANADA
12:00 AM - 1:00 PM Lunch

Friday afternoon sessions, October 31, 1997

1:00 - 1:30 PM *"Pollination Requirements and Characteristics for Meadowfoam"* Dr. Lynn Royce, Oregon State University, Corvallis, OR
1:30 - 2:00 PM *"Squash and Pumpkin Pollination Requirements"* Ms. Jenny Gavilenz, Oregon State University, Corvallis OR
2:00 - 2:45 PM *"Varroa and Secondary Infections"* - Dr. Keith Delaplane, University of Georgia, Athens, GA
2:45 - 3:15 PM Refreshment Break
3:15 - 5:00 PM State/Province Business Meetings and Elections

Friday evening, October 31, 1997

5:00 - 5:30 PM *American Beekeeping Federation and National Honey Board Report* - Fred Rossman, National Honey Board, Boulder, CO
5:30 - 6:00 PM No Host Social Half-hour
6:00 - 8:00 PM **BANQUET** with the feature presentation - *"Problems in the industry and How to solve them,"* Dr. Mark Winston, Simon Fraser University, Burnaby BC, CANADA
8:00 - 10:00 PM **BENEFIT AUCTION** - bargains galore and too much fun!

Saturday morning, November 1, 1997

7:30 - 8:00 AM Registration for Saturday
8:00 - 8:15 AM Announcements and drawings, George Hansen, OSBA President
8:15 - 9:00 AM *"Essentials Oils for Varroa Control Experiment,"* Dr. Steve Shephard, Washington State University, Pullman, WA
9:00 - 10:00 AM *"How Much Mite Infestation Can You Live With?"*, Dr. Keith Delaplane, University of Georgia, Athens, GA
10:00 - 10:30 AM Coffee Break
10:30 - 10:45 AM Drawings and Announcements
10:45 - 11:30 AM *"1997 Oregon and Washington Pollination Survey,"* Dr. Michael Burgett, Oregon State University, Corvallis, OR

11:30 AM - 1:30 PM Annual Oregon State Bee Lab Research Luncheon, with Dr. Michael Burgett, Oregon State University, Corvallis, OR

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News from the National Honey Board

HOLLYWOOD IS BUZZING

Hollywood's newest starlets are creating quite a buzz with their latest big screen appearance this summer, while still keeping up with their regular busy day jobs. Honey bees are starring in Orion Pictures' summer release "Ulee's Gold."

"Ulee's Gold" also stars Peter Fonda who plays a Florida beekeeper, Ulee Jackson. Ulee is a man who chooses to lead a simple, isolated life, but still gets stung by the violent modern world. As a war veteran devastated by his wife's death and the collapse of his family, he lives to work his bees and avoid the hurt of the past. With his son Jimmy in jail and his daughter-in-law Helen missing for two years, Ulee is caretaker to his two granddaughters. The trio live an ordered life until a call from Jimmy changes everything. Helen is found in trouble, and only Ulee can bring her home. Help comes from surprising places - a new neighbor across the street, a friend from the past, and the thoughts and insights of a child. Torn from his comfortable routine, Ulee must draw on old strengths and craftiness to save his family and, ultimately, himself.

The beekeeping industry was pivotal in the filming of "Ulee's Gold." On location in Florida, the cast and crew received professional assistance from many Florida beekeepers. Peter Fonda had little difficulty learning his role. His father, the legendary Henry Fonda, was a dedicated hobbyist beekeeper. In fact, the Florida beekeepers were so pleased with Peter Fonda's work in this role that they awarded his character Ulee Jackson the honor of "Florida Beekeeper of the Year."

Florida Deputy Agriculture Commissioner Carl

Carpenter expressed the value that this movie may have to the beekeeping industry by saying, "Many times, people learn as much from movies and television as they do from school ... This movie "Ulee's Gold" that celebrates and illuminates the life of a beekeeper - however fictional - has touched a common chord. Beekeeping is not just a profession - it is a way of life. It takes patience, dedication and a true love of what you do." In this day and age, it's a refreshing point of view.

The National Honey Board is proud of the industry's contribution to this film and is pleased to have the opportunity to help Orion create additional excitement for the release of "Ulee's Gold." The Honey Board will support media screenings at New York's Drake Hotel May 30-June 1 with on-site observation hives, a honey tasting and handouts about honey. The Board is also helping with a honey tasting at the Beverly Hills Academy of Motion Picture Arts and Sciences premiere June 10 and providing honey samples at promotional screenings across the country.

Specialty honey varieties and "Ulee's Gold" will also be the subject of upcoming Honey Board publicity.

Watch your local movie theater listings for "Ulee's Gold." "Ulee's Gold" is rated R.

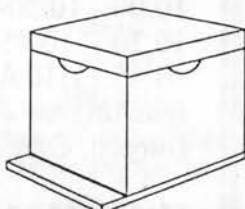
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My apologies for the all uppercase - whoever wrote this for the Federation seemed to think that by "shouting" we might better understand what they were trying to say.

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I had talked briefly to two companies about a "group" policy concept for the OSBA and would be willing to discuss this with interested members at our Fall Conference. The OSBA could become a group policy holder with members buying into the group, but we would have to have a good number of participants and someone who would be willing to supervise this program. I'm not volunteering for that position (you ALL owe me BIG TIME for spending a week talking to insurance agents and companies).



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Honey Sales Brisk in March

Nielsen reports that retail honey sales were down 2.7 percent in pounds and up 15 percent in dollars for the four-week period ending March 15, 1997. For the 52-week period ending March 15, honey sales were down 4.8 percent (pounds) and up 19.1 percent (dollars). Data is based on grocery stores with sales over \$2 million. In similar news, Research

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(Cont. from Page 6) Dimensions' packer tracking study, based on data from 15 honey packers representing approximately 50 percent of all honey sold, reports that total honey sales in March were up 6.47 percent with the following changes reported in these segments:

Retail	+ 12.09 percent
Foodservice	+7.80 percent
Bulk	+1.15 percent
Export	-36.77 percent

Allergy Reactions to Bee Stings

by Ron Bennett

Most of you know by now how I feel about non-scientific research or non-documented statements about beekeeping, but here is a non-scientific bit of "research" I've been doing on a non-volunteer basis.

I'm one of those who suffers from rye grass allergies. I have finally found a prescription group of drugs that relieve all of my symptoms without leaving me a "drugged-out zombie" for the month of June.

But, on two separate days recently (both of

which were rainy and should have normally decreased my allergic reactions) I've had typical to extreme allergy reactions (processing most of my fluid intake through my sinuses, red and itchy eyes, etc.). The only thing in common with these two days is that I had been stung approximately twelve hours prior. Could the histamine reaction to the bee sting overwhelm my meds? Anyone else have anything to report on this front?

Keep Your Mouth Shut

by Ron Bennett

A most interesting observation resulted from a video program I watched on "Killer Bees". A researcher on AHB demonstrated that by putting a long tube in his mouth and trailing it behind him as a breathing tube, he could approach and handle a AHB swarm without any reaction from the bees. But, by dropping the tube from his mouth, an almost instant attack resulted.

Taking this tidbit and putting it to practice, I found that when I have bees buzzing at my veil wanting me dead, just by closing my mouth, the bees reaction quickly subsides. If I again start talking, the bees are again at my veil. Try it out next time you're working your bees.

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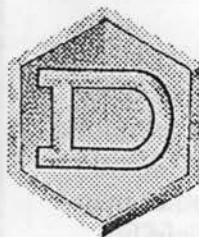
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Saturday afternoon, November 1, 1997

1:35 - 1:45 PM Announcements and

Drawings

1:45 - 2:15 PM "Report on the OSBA
WWW HomePage and the Pollinator's List," with

open discussion on future plans and directions,

Ron Bennett, Luckiamute Bee, Monmouth, OR

2:15 - 2:30 PM Refreshment Break

2:30 - 2:45 PM Final Announcements and

Drawings

2:45 - 4:30 PM "Crop Pollination Issues" a

Forum, Moderator - George Hansen

Panelists

Dr. Michael Burgett

Dr. Steve Shepherd

Squash Growers, TBA

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Blueberry Growers, TBA

Apple Orchardist, George Ing

Meadowfoam Growers Assoc., Larry Trosi

Commercial Beekeeper, John Mespelt

Commercial Packer, Joann Olstrom

A Question and Answer session will follow
the brief panel presentations.

4:30 - 4:45 PM Conference Wrap-up -

George Hansen, OSBA President

Terramycin Treatment For Bees

by Fritz Skirvin

Terramycin is a registered name for the antibiotic material Oxytetracycline hydrochloride. This title is owned and used by Pfizer. There are other marketers of this compound such as Duramycin by Durvet. Beekeepers are interested in the soluble forms of this medication. Also, they must be aware of the strength and formulation, i.e., what else is in the mix. Some formulations contain inert matter intended for cattle that bees don't like. Thus, it is wise to stick to what you are accustomed to using or seek advice from others who have had long term success with a given product.

The most commonly available form of Terramycin is a 6.4 ounce package that contains 10 grams of the active ingredient. Pfizer rates its product by the concentration of Terramycin therein. TM 10, TM 25 & TM 50 are available from this source. These TM designations are for Pfizer products only and depict how many grams of Terramycin are pre-

sent in 1 pound of the formulation. Also, available are the instructions from Pfizer on how to use it for pigs, calves, lambs, sheep, mink & bees. These instructions are usually located near or under the product display. However, the instructions are for TM 10. To make this most interesting, the package often does not have a TM designation on it.

This little ditty hopefully will help you solve this problem. The instructions say to mix 1 lb of TM 10 containing 10 grams of Terramycin in 2 lbs powdered sugar. Since the 6.4 oz package is really TM 25, it contains the recommended 10 grams of antibiotic. So, just combine it with 2 Lbs of sugar.

After mixing, efforts to avoid excessive exposure to moisture & oxygen (air) will prolong the life of your medicine. It can be stored in a deep freeze between application seasons. If stored dry, it need not be frozen between weekly applications.

Another question is how much of the mix should be applied to each colony. There is no fixed answer. My view is that there should be some left between applications. Thus, after the first application, you develop a feel for what's about right. The real important things are to get it in the hive, have the bees consume it (not throw all of it out), cover a brood cycle and discontinue treatment before any nectar flow from which you will be extracting.

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Some Conversion Factors for Beekeepers

by Fritz Skirvin

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- 1 gal = 3.785 liter = 4 qt
- 1 qt = 32 fl oz = 4 cups
- 1 lb = 454 gm 1 kg = 2.2 lbs
- 1 gal H²O = 8.34 lbs 1 qt H²O = 2.09 lbs
- 1 cup H²O = 0.52 lb
- 10 lbs sugar = 21.5 cups = 5 qt + 1.5 cups

Recipes of the Month

from the National Honey Boards "Sweetened Naturally with Honey"

If I don't put in a good recipe (and a 16th century cure for baldness doesn't count as a "good" recipe it seems), I catch all sorts of grief from our printer. So, here are some excellent ones from the NHB.

Linguini with Honey-Sauced Prawns

Serves 4

- 1 pound prawns, peeled and deveined
- 1/4 cup honey
- 1/2 cup julienne carrots
- 1/2 cup sliced celery
- 1/2 cup diagonally sliced green onions
- 3 cloves garlic, minced
- 2 Tbs olive oil
- 1/2 cup water
- 1/4 cup honey
- 4 tsp cornstarch
- 1 tsp salt
- 1/4 tsp crushed red pepper flakes
- 1/4 tsp crushed dried rosemary leaves

1 pound cooked linguini pasta, kept warm

Stir-fry prawns, carrots, celery, green onions and garlic in oil in a large skillet over medium-high heat about 3 minutes or until prawns start to turn pink. Combine remaining ingredients except pasta in a small bowl; mix well. Add to prawn mixture; stir-fly about 1 minute or until sauce thickens. Serve over pasta.

Steak Jamaican

Serves 6

- 1/3 cup honey
- 1/3 cup lime juice
- 2 tsp vegetable oil
- 2 tsp prepared mustard
- 2 cloves garlic, minced
- 1 tsp grated lime peel
- 1/2 tsp salt
- 1/2 tsp coarsely ground black pepper
- 2 pounds lean top round steak
- lime wedges

Whisk together all ingredients except steak and lime wedges in a small bowl. Score steak across top and place in a shallow baking pan. Pour marinade over steak, turn to coat all sides. Refrigerate 6 to 8 hours, turning occasionally. Broil 4 to 6 inches from heat source 3 minutes per side for medium rare or continue to cook to desired doneness. Slice thinly on the diagonal. Serve with lime wedges.

Finger-Licking Honey Spareribs

Serves 4

- 1 cup chili sauce
- 1/2 cup honey
- 1/4 cup minced onion
- 2 Tbs dry red wine (optional)
- 1 tbs Worcestershire sauce
- 1 tsp Dijon-style mustard
- 3 pounds pork spareribs
- salt and pepper, to taste

Combine the first six ingredients in a small saucepan and bring to a boil over medium heat, stirring constantly. Reduce heat and simmer, uncovered, 5 minutes. Sprinkle spareribs with salt and pepper. Place on a rack over a roasting pan; with foil and bake at 375°F 35 to 45 minutes. Uncover and brush generously with sauce. Bake 45 minutes, brushing with sauce every 15 minutes, until spareribs are fully cooked and tender. Cut spareribs into serving portions and serve with remaining sauce.

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	7	Southern Oregon Beekeepers
	10	Portland Beekeepers
	8	Lane County Beekeepers
	8	Tualatin Beekeepers
	18	Coos County Beekeepers
	27	Willamette Valley Beekeepers Picnic & Field Day
August	9	OSBA Summer Picnic Salem
Oct. 30- Nov. 1		Tri-State/OSBA Fall Conference, Hood River

WVBA Picnic & State Fair Sign-up

The Willamette Valley Beekeepers Association, one of the most active beekeeping groups in the Northwest will hold its annual picnic and field day on July 27th at Doug & Mary Ann Davis' Rossmoor Ostrich Farm in Gervais, and all Northwest beekeepers are invited. Since the WVBA is the host association for the Oregon State Fair, the booth sign-up sheet is first passed around at their picnic meeting.

This picnic meeting typically draws 50-60 beekeepers and their families for a day filled with an embarrassing amount of food, fun, and tall tales. The day includes a tour of the Rossmoor ostrich breeding facility (Rossmoor is one of the founding members of the Ostrich Producers Co-op) and a chance to "meet" these big birds, the red meat livestock of the future, up close and personal. Doug & Mary Ann Davis, and Ron and Judy Bennett (also ostrich growers) will offer their traditional barbequed ostrich for all to try. The day also

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