

# KEARSARGE BEEKEEPERS

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## NEXT MEETING

**SATURDAY, SEPT. 9, 2017**

**9-11 A.M.**

**@KBA APIARY, 223 NORTH RD.**

**SUNAPEE, NH**

Topics: Harvesting, evaluating, combining, and feeding. General bee questions and discussion.

## President's Message:

Hello KBA Members,

The summer is behind us now but there is still plenty to do with our bees. Harvesting, evaluating, combining and feeding come to mind.

At the last club meeting which was at the club apiary we did a bit of extracting with our newest extractor that was donated by Susan Rovell-Rixx. Dana Ramspott had several frames to extract so we took turns at uncapping and cranking. Dana was able to download a manual for the extractor and did a bit of tinkering with the gears. Now she cranks as smooth as new.

This month's meeting will be at the apiary as well. Some of the planned tasks will be to combine a couple of weak hives, do a follow up mite count on the top bar

hive that was treated with MAQS (Mite-Away Quick Strips) and to evaluate the hives for wintering.

Those are the planned tasks to do but probably other things will come up. The bees may not get the memo and may have plans of their own. I have heard of bees swarming at these club meetings!

I had planned to have Andrew Munkres come for our September meeting but quickly changed that when Dana suggested that we continue to meet at the apiary. I know that we have enjoyed having Andrew come and speak but the bee season will be over soon enough and Andrew can come in the winter. We should make use of the apiary while the weather is good. I think that we can all agree that this apiary has been good for most of us.

Whether you are a beginner or have been around for a while there is always something that you can pick up from being around other beekeepers. So come and join us at the apiary and bring your questions or tips, others will be glad to hear them.

Bee well,

John Chadwick

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**Kearsarge Beekeepers Association  
Meeting  
August 12, 2017  
At the club apiary in Sunapee, NH**

**Presidents Report**

John Chadwick reported from the back of truck tailgate that:

- NH State Beekeeper Annual Meeting will be hosted by the Pemi-Baker Beekeepers Association on Oct 21 from 9-3 pm in Bridgewater, NH. (Bring a morning snack).

**Location:** *Bridgewater Town Hall, 297 Mayhew Tpke (Rte 3A), Bridgewater NH 03222*

There will be a honey contest and the two speakers will be

*Chris Cripps*: of Betterbee will be speaking on the relationship between nosema and dysentery, and small-scale wax production if there is time. *Howland Blackiston*: author of ‘Beekeeping for Dummies’, he has been a backyard beekeeper since 1984.

- A motion was made and approved to spend \$100 from the KBA on insurance.
- Honey from the KBA apiary – Discussion ensued on if this would be sold or donated. A number of venues were mentioned where it could be sold or donated. Bam agreed to prepare a label for the honey with expenses being paid by the club.
- Next KBA meeting would be September 9<sup>th</sup>

- October KBA meeting will not be in Warner Town Hall
- November KBA will meet for the Harvest Dinner on the second Friday. Sutton Church will be investigated as the venue.
- Barbara Burns has more shirts if anyone would like to buy them.
- Pemi-Baker Beekeeper Association will be hosting Aug 19 picnic at President House
- Kevin Sargent discussed the preparation and seeding of clover at the KBA Apiary
- Elections will be needed for January and Dave Hartman will see nominations for the open positions.
- David Hartman told of a swarm at Lake Massasecum very high in a white pine.

**Club Activities**

All members donned veils and bee jackets and spent the rest of the morning was spent in the various hives in the KBA apiary. This apiary was formed at a donated site over the past few months with the hard work of a number of members. There are a number of Langstroth hives, a top bar hive and a 4-way queen rearing hive. Kevin Sargent demonstrated a 4 way mating nuc and others checked hives for mites using various methods. The experience to be among so many people inside an electric fence with so many different hives was amazing. It is very astounding what the members of the club have done to create this apiary for hands-on learning. More can be seen at the KBA Facebook site.

D. Dunlop, KBA Recording Secretary

Notes on Activities at the KBA Apiary received from Kevin Sargent on Aug. 24.

Dana and I are figuring on getting the HOWS (Hands-on Workshop Series) going at 5:30 pm now due to its getting dark earlier so we have time to go through hives thoroughly on the 2nd and 4th Wednesdays of the month.

Sept 13th I can be there to hold a preliminary evaluation of hives for overwintering and follow up on mites. Bring a dish to share as Kevin will have the BBQ grill going at 5 pm with hotdogs.

I'm thinking that on the 27th we could do a final evaluation of hives for overwintering including setting up brood and feeding situations. I could be there for about the first 30-45 minutes and then need to head to work.

Dana said he has a hive he needs to marry with another one so that could be a demonstration at the September KBA meeting at the apiary. I could take that "Susie swarm hive" south for the winter and every month or so cut out the BAD wavy foundation and put in plastic foundation sheets. That way when it comes home in the spring it will be pretty much converted over to good straight comb.

Kevin



Save These Dates

Sept. 13: Meet at KBA Apiary at 5-5:30 p.m.

Sept. 27: Meet at KBA Apiary at 5:30 p.m.

Oct. 14: Meet at KBA Apiary at 9:00 a.m.

Oct. 21 NH Beekeepers Fall Meeting 9-3

Nov. 10 KBA Harvest Dinner at 6:00 p.m.

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**Donated hives at club apiary.**



**Susan Rovell-Rixx swarm hive.**



**Queen cell that will be harvested.**



**Queen cells at Muster Field for harvesting.**



**Bam & John at one of Troy's yards several years ago.**



**A modified top bar to hold comb cut from a frame or cut out.**



**Trimmed comb in holder bar.**



**Some of the 2017 smoker contestants at KBA picnic at Troy Hall's.**



**Evidence of one hot smoker.**



**Several hopeful smokers @ 2017 picnic**



**Note 8 bars in 10-bar frame box. Yum, yum**



**Comb taped into top-bar frame.**



**Treating top-bar hive with Mite-Away Quick Strips. (MAQS)**

**NH Beekeepers Association  
Fall Meeting Registration Form  
October 21, 2017  
9am to 3pm**

Hosted by Pemi-Baker Beekeepers Association

Location: Bridgewater Town Hall,  
297 Mayhew Tpke (Rte 3A)  
Bridgewater NH 03222

Speakers:

Chris Cripps: he will be speaking on 'Nosema & Dysentery'

Howland Blackiston: author of 'Beekeeping for Dummies', he has been a backyard beekeeper since 1984. He's written many articles on beekeeping and appeared on dozens of television and radio programs. He is also the author of 'Building Beehives For Dummies'.

Meal -details will be available soon

Honey Contest

Please bring a morning snack to share

Pre-registration required for meal.

Deadline for meal registration: 10/1/17

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

Street or PO Box \_\_\_\_\_

Town \_\_\_\_\_ State \_\_\_\_\_ ZIP \_\_\_\_\_

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

# Attending - meal @ \$20 each \_\_\_\_\_ # Attending no meal @ \$10 each \_\_\_\_\_

Not a paid up member for 2017 yet? Please include your membership fee—

2017 Membership: for individuals \$15 \_\_\_\_\_ for family \$20 \_\_\_\_\_

# Honey-Peanut Butter Protein Energy Balls



**YIELD:** 2 dozen

## INGREDIENTS

1¼ cup old fashioned oats

3 tablespoons shredded coconut

½ cup sliced almonds finely chopped

1 tablespoon hemp seeds shelled (optional)

1 scoop whey protein powder

½ cup honey

½ cup dried apricots chopped

½ cup peanut butter

**DIRECTIONS:** In a medium bowl add the oats, coconut, almonds, hemp seeds and protein powder. Stir until well distributed. Add the honey, apricots and peanut butter and stir well. Put mixing bowl into the refrigerator for about 20 to 30 minutes. Then roll into rounded balls. When chilled, they can last about 5 days.

Above recipe was taken from the National Honey Board website “favorite recipes”. On that website you will find lots of information about honey and scores of tempting recipes. Check it out!

X marks the spot: KBA Apiary at 223 North Road, Sunapee, NH

