

Kearsarge Beekeepers Association

PRESIDENT’S MESSAGE

I hope everyone’s summer is going well. This past weekend was just beautiful! Of course I spent the majority of it beekeeping! Did you go to the club cookout? I heard we had a good turn out and the rain held off. I was flying back from Florida that day. We had a full week of sunshine, 90 degree days and 90% humidity. Not my favorite place to be in the summer.

The club jar order went very well. Thanks to everyone who took part. Thanks Bam for arranging the delivery and off loading of the pallets. My garage became a jar storage center. The orders were organized and lids counted out and bagged. We purchased around \$4300 worth of jars and lids. 15 members took part in the order.

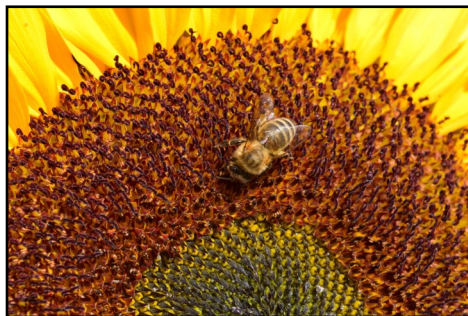
My hives have been doing well, so well, that I wish I ordered more jars! They are busy packing nectar away and this season is looking pretty good despite all the rain. I’ve begun to pull some of the supers and extract the honey. So far the honey humidity has been around 17%-18.5% depending on the relative humidity in the air. This is a nice article explaining honey moisture and what problems it can cause. [Moisture Content Of Honey | Busy Beekeeping](#)

Some of the goldenrod is just starting to bloom. Usually I don’t see my girls working the early goldenrod. All this rain has me wondering if it will produce this year and our usual dearth will be abbreviated? So far, the bee’s are not hovering around the garage because of the smell of honey. Milkweed is done. Globe thistle is blooming which usually signals the dearth in my area.

With the end of the nectar flow near hopefully you have a plan to do mite checks and treat if needed.

NH Beekeepers Association cookout at Musterfield Farm is coming up July 29th. EAS will be the following week. So much to do and so little time! Next HOWS will be August 5th at the apiary. Join Dana Ramspott for Honey Harvest. Please make sure club extractors are back for this HOWS. Thanks!! Next KBA monthly meeting will be Saturday August 12th at the Warner town hall.

At your service,
Shreve Soule
KBA President



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NEXT MEETING

AUGUST 12 , 2023
@ 9:00 AM

In person @
the **Warner Town Hall**

AGENDA TO INCLUDE:
Minutes from the Previous Meeting
Treasurer’s Report
Old Business
New Business

EAS 2023 in Amherst, MA

JULY 31 – AUGUST 4, 2023

About Eastern Apicultural Society



The Eastern Apicultural Society of North America, Inc. (EAS) is an international nonprofit educational organization founded in 1955 for the promotion of bee culture, education of beekeepers, certification of Master Beekeepers, and excellence in bee research. EAS is the largest noncommercial beekeeping organization in the United States and one of the largest in the world.

Every summer EAS conducts its Annual Conference consisting of lectures, workshops, vendor displays, short courses for beginning and advanced beekeepers, Master Beekeeper examinations and an annual business meeting in one of its 26 member states or provinces in the eastern U.S. and Canada. Over 400 people generally attend the conference each year.

**New Hampshire Beekeepers Association Annual Picnic at Musterfield Farm, Sutton NH. July 29, 2023...
... a great day for a picnic!!!**



Guest speaker Sam Comfort.



John Chadwick winner!



Kearsarge Beekeepers Annual Picnic at Ramspott Farm

It was so wonderful to see everyone at the KBA picnic! Good food, good friends and good times. I was having so much fun, I forgot to take pictures! Thank you to everyone who contributed to bring it all together and make for a wonderful day!



This year's smoker contest winner... or should I say winners... Fred and Quinn Chancey. Yup! A tie! Congratulations Fred and Quinn!!!

KBA COMITTEES

Apiary Committee

Randy (Bam) Fleury

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Kim Pease

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Kim Pease

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Nomination Committee

John Chadwick

If you are interested in participating on a committee, reach out to any of the officers listed on the back page of this newsletter or any of the chairs listed above. Email KBA at kbanhclub@gmail.com for contact information.



In the Hive in August

[Beekeeping Calendar for the Northeast.pdf](#)

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There is a second, smaller swarm season in August and September. The bee population begins to diminish faster than it is growing; the brood area may contract. Many of the bees born from the end of August onward are called "winter bees" and live longer than their summer sisters.

Left untreated, the Varroa mite population usually peaks in August or September. Remember that Varroa is tough to manage because the mites thrive in healthy, populous colonies, unlike many of the other maladies that affect honey bees. The summer heat requires the bees to ventilate and perhaps beard outside the hive on the hottest evenings.

Seasonal conditions

In Ithaca, NY, in August, the average minimum and maximum temperatures are 56°F and 79°F, with 4" of precipitation.

Blooms that began last month or earlier are ongoing: milkweed, summer-sweet or sweetpepperbush, buttonbush, common jewelweed, alfalfa, hairy and purple vetch, clovers and sweetclovers, mint, chicory, viper's bugloss, asters, birdsfoot trefoil, purple loosestrife, Joe-Pye weed, sumac, buckwheat, Japanese knotweed, corn, knapweed, and thistle. The goldenrod (*Solidago* spp.) nectar flow is greatest in August. "(Don't be alarmed by the smell of its honey, which has been compared to dirty socks!)"

2023 KBA CALENDAR

Month/Date	Day	Time	Location	Topic	Mentor
Aug 5	Sat	9:00 AM	Apiary	HOWs: Honey Harvest	Dana Ramspott
Aug 12	Sat	9:00 AM	Warner	KBA Monthly Meeting	
Aug 26	Sat	9:00 AM	Apiary	HOWs: Mite Treatment	
Sep 02	Sat	9:00 AM	Apiary	HOWs: Feeding for Winter	
Sep 09	Sat	9:00 AM	Warner	KBA Monthly Meeting	
Sep 16	Sat	9:00 AM		TBD	
Sep 23	Sat	9:00 AM		TBD	
Oct 14	Sat	9:00 AM	TBD	KBA Monthly Meeting	
Oct/Nov				Winterization	
Nov 10 (tentative)	Fri	TBD	TBD	KBA Harvest Dinner	
Nov 11 (tentative)	Sat	TBD	TBD	KBA Regular Meeting and Guest Speaker	

Additional events and HOWs may be added through the month. Check the KBA Facebook page for announcements and updates.
KBA Apiary: 223 North Road, Sunapee NH

There have been some great HOWs so far this season, and more to come! Hope to see you at the Apiary!



Checking out the topbar hive... looking good!



A little too much space in this hive!



Solar wax melters.



Grafting queens.

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