

# The Bee Line

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## Tips for the Month

Check your hives to be sure hive tops are secure and that the hive entrances are unobstructed; clean and repair equipment and tools, and plant bulbs and seed for early spring blooms and nectar.

## Upcoming Events

**Tues., Dec. 19—6:30 p.m.** (*note earlier start time*) **SABA holiday potluck and election meeting.** Please bring a main dish, casserole, salad or dessert (using honey if you like!) to share. The club will provide plates, utensils, cups, and soft drinks. (It would be helpful, but not required, if can call the vice-president, Bob Rollins, at 965-3875, before that Tuesday to tell what you plan to bring and help insure a variety of food items.). The formal **election of officers for 2007** will also take place, and our current president, Howard Mann, will provide us with a little entertainment via a special presentation. Please join us for this final meeting of the year, and celebrate the holidays with your fellow beekeepers!

**Jan. 2007 - Installation of new SABA officers.** Date, time, and particulars will be decided at the December meeting and included in the January *Bee Line*.

**Feb. 20 - 7:30 p.m.** Regular SABA Meeting—Topic TBD. Ideas? Please call Bob Rollins.

SABA's **regular meetings** are held the third Tuesday of each month (except July and August) at 7:30 p.m. at the Belle Coledge Community Center, 5699 South Land Park Drive (on the southeast corner of Fruitridge Road and South Land Park) in Sacramento. All are welcome!

**2007 Dues Reminder**—Dues for calendar year 2007 are due in January. Please send your check (made out to SABA) for \$15 to SABA c/o 2110 X Street, Sacramento, CA 95818, Attn: Treasurer. Or bring your check to the next club meeting. Thanks!

## Spring Beekeeping Classes

**Beginning Beekeeping**, will be taught by long-time commercial beekeeper and queen rearer, Randy Oliver, Saturdays March 24 and 31 (two classes).

**Intermediate Beekeeping** will be taught by Eric Mussen, UCD's Coop Extension Apiculturist, Saturday April 14.

All three one-day classes will be held in the Sacramento County Coop Ag Extension auditorium, 4145 Branch Center Road (1 block west of Bradshaw Road at Keifer Blvd.), from 8 a.m. to 5 p.m., with a break for lunch.

The **cost** per class is \$35 per adult or \$60 per couple, and \$15 per child under 18 accompanied by a paying parent or legal guardian.

**To register** or for more information, call Sacramento Beekeeping Supply at (916) 451-2337 (Tues—Sat 9:30—5:15) or email [sacbeek@csnet.com](mailto:sacbeek@csnet.com) If you have a beekeeping hat and veil, please bring them to the class.

**To volunteer.** If you can help set up before the class, "gopher" during it, or take down afterward, or can bring a hive for observation, please contact Bob Sugar at (916) 408-2244.

## New Year Volunteers!

Can you help on a SABA committee in 2007? Please call Nancy at (916) 451-2337 to sign up to help with the classes, fairs, publicity, meetings, library, or website. And all members are encouraged to regularly contribute articles, tips, recipes, book reviews, etc. to the newsletter. (See page 4 for submittal information.)

## November Minutes and Program Notes



The meeting of the Sacramento Area Beekeepers Association was called to order by Vice President Robert Rollins at 7:40 p.m. on November 21, 2006. He introduced program speaker and member George Bleekman.

**Program.** George made two trips to Montreal and eastern Canada for business and adventure, and shared slides, products and commentary. As always, he sought out local beekeepers and all things bee-related. The Biosphere in Montreal devoted some area to beekeeping, but George was disappointed. In contrast, the Bee Museum in Quebec City was outstanding. It sported a very large demo hive with a unique design for the ingress and egress of the bees. Honey samples were given in push jars (like a soap, lotion or ketchup dispenser) with a drip tray underneath. Many varieties of mead were sold, and there were exhibits on making mead.

On Cape Breton island in Nova Scotia, George met with a local beekeeper. There are no mites on the island—tracheal or varroa. The island must import bees for pollination so they are worried about mites being introduced. In Sydney, a beekeeper informed George that those who overwinter hives there must feed them all winter. All the package bees come from Hawaii (not the mainland U.S.). ... Thanks, George, for another interesting program!

The **Business Meeting** began at 8:40 p.m. under President Howard Mann. The **minutes** for October were approved. (Moved Georgianna Pfof, 2d Dennis Larson) **Treasurer's Report.** Treasurer Richard Cuny reported a current approximate balance of \$4,677 and reviewed recent expenses and income. Ruth Anne Rose reports she may have some final State Fair bills to submit.

**Old Business. Status of the Web Page:** Howard Mann has called but not yet spoken with Barney Merrill; he will try to get a status report for the next meeting.

**Spring Beekeeping Classes:** We reviewed the publicity. President Mann has the flyer and will email it to Georgianna Pfof to send out to all on our email list.

**More on the State Fair:** Ruth Anne Rose thanked all who helped this year. (Welcome back to Ruth Anne!) When she meets with Fair officials for 2007 she will bring up the subject of wanting to be back in the Counties' Exhibit Hall as we were for years. Nancy Stewart reports that this was the best year ever in terms of having an excellent response by SABA members and friends to staff this important educational effort.

**New Business.** The **December 19th meeting** will be our annual **potluck** dinner and election of officers at 6:30 p.m. (one hour earlier than usual). Joe Watkins will bring plates, utensils and napkins. The club will provide drinks. Members please bring a dish to share. Vice President Bob Rollins (916/965-3875) suggested members call him (optionally) in advance to let him know what they're bringing so he can help insure a variety of dishes. President Howard Mann will make a while-you-eat presentation for our program, and (as noted below) Nancy Stewart will speak about the California State Beekeepers' Meeting.

**Dues:** Finance Committee Chair Dennis Larson reminds us that SABA dues of \$15 are due in January.

**Nominating** Committee Chair Nancy Stewart proposed the following slate for **2007 officers:** President, Robert Rollins; Vice President, David Ogden; Secretary, Ron Melliush; Treasurer, Richard Cuny. Nominations from the floor may be made before the election at the December meeting.

**California State Beekeepers' Association Meeting:** Nancy Stewart reported on the meeting. There were a number of appeals for funds to support various apiary research, e.g., for renovation of the UC Davis bee lab). Perhaps we can consider making a contribution to an endowment for the bee lab. Nancy will address this further at the December meeting.

The meeting adjourned at 9:05 p.m. There was no raffle. Respectfully submitted, *Ron Melliush*, Secretary



### Bee Trivia

*Answer to last month's question:* Milk and honey symbolized a "giver of life" in its early ritual uses perhaps because these were the first foods given to infants in many ancient civilizations.

*New question:* When was the European honeybee first introduced to what's now the continental U.S.?

## Holiday Honey Recipes

Reprinted from *The Monthly Extractor*, newsletter of the Sonoma County Beekeepers' Assn., Dec. 2006.

### Honey Egg Nog— from *In Praise of Honey*

4 eggs, separated	1 ½ Tbsp clear honey
1 1/3 pint skimmed or whole milk	3 Tbsp. brandy
¼ tsp. ground nutmeg	¼ tsp ground cinnamon



Whip the egg yolks and honey together until frothy and turning pale yellow. Heat the milk in a medium-sized saucepan until bubbles are just forming around the edges of the pan. Meanwhile, whisk the egg whites until frothy and just forming soft peaks. Set aside. Pour the warmed milk and the brandy into the bowl containing the egg mixture, whisking constantly until blended. Next, fold in the egg whites using a large metal spoon. Serve immediately in mugs or thick-sided goblets, sprinkled with the ground nutmeg and cinnamon. Makes 1 ¾ pint.

### Honey Pecan Pie - from Nov. 1980 *American Bee Journal*

1 c. Honey	3 eggs
¼ tsp. salt	1 c. pecans, coarsely chopped
1 tsp. vanilla	1 Tbsp. butter, melted and cooled

Preheat oven to 400° F. Line pie pan with plain pastry, and chill while preparing filling. Beat eggs with rotary egg-beater. Beat in honey, vanilla, melted butter, and salt. Add nuts. Bake 35 to 40 minutes or until a table knife inserted in the center of the filling comes out clean, using a hot oven, 400° F., for first 10 minutes, 300° F. for next 20 minutes, and 250° F for last 10 minutes.

### Honey-Cranberry Relish - from Nov. 1980 *American Bee Journal*

2 c. fresh cranberries	1 orange, quartered
1 c. honey	

Put cranberries and orange through food chopper. Add honey; mix well. Let stand overnight. Chill before serving.

### Honey Sweet Potatoes - from Nov. 1980 *American Bee Journal*

1 can sweet potatoes, cut into chunks (or two pre-cooked sweet potatoes)	
½ c. honey	1 ½ tsp. cinnamon
1 tsp. ginger	½ tsp. salt
¼ tsp. cloves	2 eggs
1 c. milk	

Beat all together. Pour in buttered casserole. Bake at 350° F for 45 minutes.

## Planting for Bees—Bulbs for Nectar and Pollen

*Plant, Bloom Time, Nectar/Pollen (N/P)*

Allium— flowering Mar.-June—N,P  
 Crocus—Jan.-April—N,P  
 Dog-tooth violet— April —P,N  
 Grape Hyacinth— April —P,N  
 Narcissus —Feb.-April —P  
 Tulip —Mar.-May —P

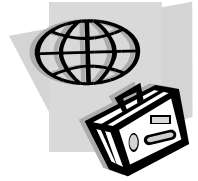
Anemone, windflower— Mar.-June— P  
 Daffodil— Mar.-May —P  
 Glory of the Snow— Mar.-Apr. —N.,P  
 Hyacinth, orientalis —April— N,P  
 Snow-drop, Galanthus —Feb.-April —N,P

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# World Bee Conference Update



Registrations are now open for the Apimondia Conference in Melbourne, Australia, Sep. 9—14, 2007. See website at [www.apimondia2007.com](http://www.apimondia2007.com). The organizing committee indicates beekeepers from Australia, Belgium, Germany, United Kingdom and Yugoslavia have already registered and it's not too early to start planning to attend as you'll need to get a visa.

The organizers report they also recently visited the site for the Technical Tour day on the Friday of Apimondia. The program being devised is very exciting and will have something for everyone. More details will be published on the website soon. And the Melbourne Exhibition and Convention Centre was also visited to firm up the program and this will provide a world class venue for the conference.

In addition, there will be a World Honey Show and any delegate can enter the competition. Make sure you start early and do not miss out on an opportunity to showcase your honey or wax to the world.

See the world! Meet beekeepers from all over!

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## Bee Classifieds

**FOR SALE:** High quality Carl Fritz (Germany) 12-20 **radial extractor!** Holds 15 medium frames radially OR 3 deep frames tangentially. \$850, pick up in Woodland or at Bee Club meetings. Laura, (530) 666- 9713

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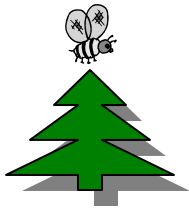
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