



# CENTRAL COAST BEEKEEPERS NEWSLETTER

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NEXT MEETING JANUARY 29, 2020

**REMEMBER!!** The January Club Meeting will be a week later than usual on the 5<sup>th</sup> Wednesday, January 29<sup>th</sup> due to scheduling conflict at the Newport Library. We will also be starting at a new time in 2020 with club meetings starting at 6 PM and going to 8:15 PM to allow for 2 sessions to cover both beginning and intermediate topics.

# PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

By Becca Fain

Well the New Year has started off with a big BANG, as in thunder and lightning. Hopefully your bees were all safe and warm inside their hives and are well stocked with food - to fend off starvation over the cold, rainy winter months – and were treated for varroa before it got too cold to open the hives. Well-fed and treated hives have the best chance to make it into the spring, strong and healthy, and ready to take advantage of the good weather to grow their forage force and start making some honey.

We are also starting the year with a big BANG with an early presentation by Rick Olson on varroa and treatment options to get you prepared to treat as soon as the weather allows. This will be followed by a presentation by Dr. Ramesh Sigili from OSU who will give us a heads up on what's new from the research on varroa, discuss the ramifications of the new strain of varroa mite that has been identified and let us know what's happening with the Giant Asian Hornet (a voracious bee eater) which has recently crossed the border from Canada to Washington State, as well as what's new regarding the Hive Beetle. This will be an excellent opportunity to gather the information you need to start the year off successfully.

Some of you have already asked about our annual Bee Sale and we are happy to say that we will once again offer club members the opportunity to purchase nucs and packages at a substantial discount and have them delivered to a location near you. Those purchasing bees this year should anticipate an increase as, in addition to a price increase from our suppliers, a small addon will be included this year to support Bee research at OSU. **The 4-pound packages will run \$115 and nucs will be \$155.** As we did in the past, there will be an additional \$5 per order (not per item ordered) added to cover gas and wear and tear on the delivery truck. Just as a comparison, Shannard's will be charging \$170 for a 4lb package and nucs will run from \$190-210 depending on the queen.

**It is also time to get your 2020 membership in. Membership is \$15 per person or \$25 per family and should be sent, along with the included membership/renewal form, to the address on the form. Even if you have completed a membership form in the past, please do so again to renew so that we are sure that we have the most current contact information for you. Link to form:**

<http://www.ccbaor.org/SupportFiles/Reference/CCBAMembership1.pdf>

If you haven't yet started your adventure in Beekeeping, or you know someone who is considering getting started, a great opportunity for you to explore the idea is scheduled for February 15<sup>th</sup> at the Newport Library. The session is called "To Bee or Not To Bee" and is led by Kathy Cope, one of our club members. See more detailed information below and give Kathy a call if you are interested.

A couple more items related to meetings and the newsletter:

- When you are out and about working your hives, please take some pictures or video that we can share at meetings or in the newsletter.
- Between our early session and the second session we plan to initiate what we plan to call "Bee Moments" where members will have the opportunity to speak briefly about ideas, approaches and management processes that they have found effective or are experimenting with.









Hope to see you all on the 29<sup>th</sup>!

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# TO BEE OR NOT TO BEE

Are you thinking about raising honey bees?



Does the thought of  communing on  a daily basis  
with thousands of stinging insects just   make    
  you quivery all over?

Does your mouth start watering at the thought of all those  
jars of golden honey lining your shelves? 

Then do I have a class for  YOU 

Come learn about the things no one ever tells you  
when they talk about getting into beekeeping...

Such as:

\$\$\$ The hidden (and not so hidden) expense of beekeeping. \$\$\$ The physical  
exertion involved in moving hive boxes. 🤔 The depths of depression when  
 colony dies. 

And most of all:

The mesmerizing and addicting effect of honey bees.

**All for the low, low price of  
\$\$\$ ABSOLUTELY NOTHING \$\$\$**

February 15, 2020  
Newport Public Library

Call Kathy at (541) 264-9222 to register

## Creating Buzz about our Club

Our club member, Britte Kirsch, has created a marketing program for our club. A press release, which will go out to local newspapers and online community forums, as well as public service announcements by KXCR 90.7 in Florence, is included below. There will be ongoing promotion of our monthly meetings on a regular basis. Our club has lots to offer our local community of beekeepers and we want to get the word out about our club in a consistent and focused way. We have some great programs planned for every month of this year. Please help get the word out by telling your friends and coworkers about our meetings. Also, if you have a favorite calendar of events site post it there. Let's aim for a great turnout for our 2020 speakers!

Thanks to Britte for organizing these efforts. Press release below.

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### Bee Enthusiasts Wanted!

### Central Coast Beekeepers Association Announces 2020 Speakers and Events

#### FLORENCE, OREGON

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Approximately one third of all the food Americans eat is directly or indirectly derived from honey bee pollination and they are the only insect that produces food for humans. In their six to eight week lifespan, they will fly the equivalent distance of 1 ½ times the circumference of the earth and will only produce 1/12th of a teaspoon of honey. Humans have been managing and keeping bees (European Honey Bee, *Apis mellifera*) for over 4,000 years. Our fascination

with and respect for bees is not only limited to beekeepers, but to everyone who eats almonds, apples, berries, honey and more.

If you too are intrigued by bees and pollinators, then the Central Coast Beekeepers Association of Oregon is a great place to learn more about bees and how they affect our daily life, even if you aren't a beekeeper. It is an opportunity to meet local beekeepers and other like minded passionate pollinator protectors. The group meets the fourth (4<sup>th</sup>) Wednesday of every month at 6 pm at the Newport Library in the large basement meeting room. Several future meetings in Florence and Yachats are also being planned.

“Knowledge about bees and their biology and behavior is not just for beekeepers.” states Rebecca Fain, President of the Central Coast Beekeepers Association. “It is important for all of us to know what is going on in the environment so we can save the bees and all pollinators. Helping the general public understand the latest research and how they can participate is the main goal of our local association.”

Here is a list of some upcoming meeting presenters who will kick off the 2020 calendar year. Please check the website (<http://www.ccbaor.org/>) for more details and information on these and future informational events.

January 29<sup>th</sup> - Dr. Ramish Sagili is an Associate Professor in the Department of Horticulture at OSU. His work focuses on improving honey bee health and nutrition and works collaboratively with beekeepers and growers to ensure protection of the honey bee ecosystem. He also initiated the creation of the Oregon Master Beekeeper Program.

February 26<sup>th</sup> - Carolyn Breece, a Research Assistant with the Oregon State University (OSU) Honey Bee Lab will be talking about the latest developments regarding the health of honey bee hives. She manages the more than 60 hives at the OSU apiary.

March 25<sup>th</sup> - Priyadarshini Chakrabarti Basu is a PhD student at OSU Honey Bee Lab who works on honey bee nutrition and the impacts of pesticides, pests and pathogens on honey bees and their behavior and biology. She will discuss the importance of bee nutrition and recent research findings.

Please feel free to contact the Central Coast Beekeeping Association for more information at [centralcoastbeekeepers@gmail.com](mailto:centralcoastbeekeepers@gmail.com).

The Honey Bee Research and Extension program at Oregon State University focuses on honey bee health, nutrition, and pollination with a goal of servicing commercial beekeepers, backyard beekeepers, producers, and all citizens that are interested in bees.

<https://honeybeelab.oregonstate.edu/>

The Oregon Master Beekeeper Program represents a cooperative effort between Oregon State University and the Oregon State Beekeepers Association to contribute to both the health of honey bee colonies and the integrity of the practice of beekeeping throughout our region.

<https://extension.oregonstate.edu/mb>

The Central Coast Beekeepers Association of Oregon is a non-profit organization of beekeepers that

provides community, advocacy and education for those interested in raising honey bees and supporting their presence in the environment. Monthly meetings take place the 4<sup>th</sup> Wednesday of each month starting at 6 pm at the Newport Library. More information can be found at

<http://www.ccbaor.org/>

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