



# CENTRAL COAST BEEKEEPERS NEWSLETTER

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NEXT MEETING JANUARY 25TH, 2017

**NEXT MEETING DATE – Wednesday, January 25<sup>th</sup> at the Newport Library at 6:30 PM.**

**Anne Schatz will be talking about pollination and how to insure good nutrition for your bees**

## **HAPPY HOLIDAYS!**

Hope that everyone's bees are curled up tight in their hives waiting for Santa to bring them some fondant for Christmas. Let's keep our fingers crossed that none of us has too devastating a winter and that we all come out in the spring with only a few losses.

We had a great end of the year meeting in November. It was a holiday party with goodies to eat, a chance to share ideas for next year's meetings and a raffle.



The honey tasting was the highlight and we even had some Manuka Honey - a medicinal honey from New Zealand – to try. Though there wasn't a lot of honey extracted on the coast this year, we did have 6 entries and after a round of tasting determined that Mark Aiassa won first place, Stan Scotton and Jim Parrish were tied for second place and third place went to Pat Wackford.



We held a raffle of a variety of beekeeping equipment and paraphernalia and everyone present went home with a prize.



We all liked it so much that we plan to have a raffle at the end of every meeting in 2017. Just a reminder – the 2017 meeting dates are: : **25 Jan, 22 Feb, 22 Mar, 26 Apr, 24 May, 28 Jun, 26 Jul, 23 Aug, 27 Sep, 25 Oct, and 29 November**. As usual we have moved the November meeting next year to avoid Thanksgiving travel plans and we will once again not meet in December.

The new Board for 2017 was announced and the President will be Rick Olson, Vice Presidents will be Kathy Cope and Anne Schatz, Treasurer is Stan Scotton, secretary is Becca Fain and Past president is Nancy McDowell. At large members for 2016 are Patti Johnson, Jon Sumpter and Neil Crawford.

A special award was instituted this year by our presidents Anne Schatz and Nancy McDowell for service to the club and this year's winners were Becca Fain and Rick Olson.





WE LOOK FORWARD TO SEEING YOU ALL IN 2017! HOPE YOU ALL HAVE A WONDERFUL CHRISTMAS AND A VERY HAPPY NEW YEAR.

## Don't Forget ... It's Time to Order Bees

It is time to think about your bee order for next bee year. Once again Tillamook Beekeepers and Central Coast Beekeepers will be doing a joint bee order with the bees coming from local suppliers. I need to know at our January meeting who wants bees and how many nucs and packages you want. I know this is difficult to do in January, but Bob Allen with the Tillamook Bee Club, needs numbers when he contacts our suppliers. I encourage you to overestimate your order as we can always reduce the number of packages and nucs but our initial order is the maximum we can get. Bob and I will most likely be unable to accommodate additional requests for packages and nucs after January.

This year you will again be able to order five frame nucleus hives (nucs) and/or four (4) pound packages. Both the nucs and the packages come with Carniolan queens the same as last year.

Bob and I were told last year that prices will be going up this year. I will not know the actual prices until March but last year packages were \$81.00 and Nucs were \$91.00 with a five (\$5.00) dollar handling fee (which will stay the same) for each order. You can expect pickup to be the first or second week of April. Pickup will be at my house in Lincoln City.

You must be a member of either Central Coast Beekeepers or Tillamook Beekeepers to order through our club. That is a requirement of the suppliers. Even with the cost of membership you are still getting a great price. The suppliers are doing this as a service to the clubs to encourage membership in the regional Bee Clubs.

So at our January meeting: I need to know how many packages and nucs you want to order for next bee year.

## Stan Scotton

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