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The ISBA Announces Date for 2009 Annual Fall Meeting ~ November 7, 2009

The ISBA Board of Directors has approved the date of Saturday, November 7 for its 2009 Annual Fall Meeting. Save the date on your calendar and plan on joining us for this informative, all day meeting. The meeting will once again be hosted at the Illinois Department of Agriculture headquarters building, located on the State Fair Grounds in Springfield, IL. The day will be full of presentations, raffles, fellowship and a catered lunch!

Place - the Department of Agriculture facility is: 801 East Sangamon Avenue in Springfield.

Time - 8:30 am until 4:00 pm.

No pre-registration is needed – simply register upon your arrival!

There will be a small registration fee.

Lunch will be available for a small, additional fee or you may decide to visit a local restaurant during the lunch

As additional information becomes available, it will be posted to www.isba.us within the News and Events section. β

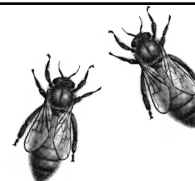
Keynote Speaker for Fall Meeting Announced

The keynote speaker for our November meeting will be Lawrence DuBose from Carol Stream, Illinois. Lawrence started beekeeping in 1933 with a two pound package he ordered from the Sears Roebuck store. Lawrence has a PhD in Civil Engineering and served as a Captain in the Army earning a Combat Infantry Badge as well as a Purple Heart. Currently Lawrence is following the recent research in Colony Collapse Disorder and he will present his findings at our November meeting.



Learn more about Lawrence DuBose at <http://www.dailyherald.com/story/?id=318770>. β

Springfield—November 7, 2009



ISBA - Beekeeper of the Year Candidate Search

The Illinois State Beekeepers Association is proud to announce the ISBA Beekeeper of the Year Program for 2009. This program is designed to recognize, on a yearly basis, an Illinois Beekeeper who most illustrates and exemplifies the key objectives of the ISBA, to promote:

- ◆ Interest in Honey Bees and Beekeeping by encouraging good Beekeeping practices in Illinois
- ◆ The utilization of Honey Bees for pollination of agricultural crops
- ◆ The dissemination of information about Honey Bees and Beekeeping

If you know a Beekeeper who exemplifies these objectives, is a member of the ISBA and a resident of the state of Illinois, we want to hear from you! The initial selection of Beekeeper of the Year candidates relies upon you, the ISBA membership! If you would like to nominate someone for this prestigious award, please send the following information to the ISBA Beekeeper of the Year Chairperson via e-mail no later than October 2, 2009.

Please send a description of why you feel the candidate should be designated the ISBA Beekeeper of the Year (see qualifications above) to ISBA Beekeeper of the Year

Chairperson: Ken Haller at vikinghoneyfarm@comcast.net. Include your name, e-mail address and phone number and the name, e-mail address and phone number of the candidate. β

**Nominate your
choice for Beekeeper
of the year!**

Help! I Have A Bee Problem

How many times have you gotten this phone call? As soon as you become known as a beekeeper, you begin getting calls looking for help with swarms and bees in the walls... even though they are often yellow jackets. If you are receptive to getting these requests for help, Ken Haller—the ISBA web guru—is going to be posting a list of “bee catchers” on ISBA.US. Drop him an email at vikinghoneyfarm@comcast.net.

It is a challenge, a service to your community, a source of free bees, and sometime brings in a little extra cash. People are amazed at what you do. You are considered an environmental hero.

When contacting Ken, let him know if you are interested only in swarms or if you are willing to remove bees from structures. Include your city of residence and where you are willing to go to pick up bees.β

YAHOO! Be a part of the group

Are you part of the ISBA Yahoo group? If not, why not? It keeps you in the loop on the happening in Illinois Beekeeping. Do you have a question? Want some advice? Need to know where to buy a bee grappler? Ask the group. To become a part of the ISBA Yahoo group send an email message to:

illinoisstatebeekeepersassociation-subscribe@yahoogroups.com

See you there! β

Queen breeders' Meeting

On September 26 there will be a meeting sponsored by the Illinois Queen Initiative (IQI, formerly known as the Illinois Queen Project) at the Farm Bureau in Bloomington, Illinois. The IQI goals include greatly increasing production of Illinois queens and nucs for sale so that Illinois beekeepers can have productive, disease resistant colonies that over-winter well in our climate. The

IQI

purposes of the meeting include the following:

1. To trouble shoot queen raising efforts by those who took one of the two queen rearing classes taught by Dr. Joe Latshaw in April at either David Burns' apiary or at the Byron Forest Preserve. We will discuss successes and challenges and share helpful information, including the Cloake Board method of cell starting and finishing and other variations on producing queens. We will also have a demonstration of testing for hygienic behavior, which is relatively simple and should be used by all those who wish to produce quality queens.

2. To identify those beekeeping associations that might be interested in sponsoring queen rearing workshops like those offered last year.

This meeting is for intended for two groups of persons:

1. Those 32 persons who took one of the two queen rearing classes last April.

2. Representatives of beekeeping associations that might be interested in sponsoring queen rearing workshops. (The workshops are intended primarily for those who plan to raise queens for sale to other beekeepers in addition to their own needs.) At this stage we are not looking for a solid commitment but wish to gauge the level of interest in sponsorship. During the meeting we will explain what will be needed in order to sponsor a successful queen rearing course. Eventual decisions will be made on geographical considerations and on which associations evidence capability to sponsor a workshop.

If you believe that your association has the interest and resources, including a location for a small (even temporary) apiary adjacent to a classroom setting in which cell grafting could be carried out, we are inviting your organization to send 1-3 representatives who could share information with the association members and leaders. Due to time limitations, this meeting will not be teaching the basics of queen rearing per se. These will be covered in next year's queen rearing classes. β

Those Cute Little Beetles

Larry Kregel

I had my first encounter with the small hive beetle in the spring of 2008. They seemed to be harmless enough. There were a few dozen of them below and on top of the inner cover. They were still there in the spring of 2009—yet I found no apparent damage to the comb. But... I have heard the horror stories.

Just to check my identification, I sent a sample to the USDA lab in Beltsville, MD. They agreed. I had found small hive beetles.

I recalled a visit from Dr. Jamie Ellis at one of our Springfield meetings. He was involved in research involving the use of nematodes to control small hive beetles. A quick email got me the nematode's name—*Steinernema Riobrave*—and a source, Southeastern Insectaries in Perry, GA. Following the directions from Southeastern Insectaries I applied six million microscopic nematodes to the soil around the hives.

Now this is far from scientific evidence, but when the hives were inspected during the last week of August, there was not a small hive beetle to be found. Is it a cure for small hive beetle infestation? I doubt it. But this beekeeper is happy. β



2009 Bees and Honey Professional Class

| | <u>1st Place</u> | <u>2nd Place</u> | <u>3rd Place</u> |
|--------------------------------------|------------------|------------------|------------------|
| Display of white comb honey | Cook-Dupage | Illiana | Lincoln Land |
| Frame of honey for extracting | LincolnLand | Illiana | Cook-Dupage |
| Frame of white for cut-comb | Cook-Dupage | Illiana | Lincoln Land |
| Frame of amber for cut-comb | LincolnLand | Illiana | Cook-Dupage |
| Amber cut-comb in plastic boxes: | Cook-Dupage | Illiana | Lincoln Land |
| White comb honey in plastic boxes: | Illiana | Cook-Dupage | Lincoln Land |
| White comb honey in round sections: | Illiana | Lincoln Land | Cook-Dupage |
| Light extracted Honey 50 lbs: | Cook-Dupage | Lincoln Land | Cook-Dupage |
| Amber comb honey in round sections: | Cook-Dupage | Illiana | Illiana |
| Amber extracted Honey 30lbs: | LincolnLand | Cook-Dupage | Lincoln Land |
| Dark extracted Honey 6 one lb. jars: | Illiana | Lincoln Land | Illiana |
| Variety of Honey: | LincolnLand | Illiana | Cook-Dupage |
| Designs in comb honey: | LincolnLand | Illiana | Cook-Dupage |
| Chunk honey in 2 1/2 lb square jars: | LincolnLand | Illiana | Cook-Dupage |
| Light Chunk honey: | Cook-Dupage | Illiana | Cook-Dupage |
| Amber chunk honey: | Cook-Dupage | Illiana | Cook-Dupage |
| Commercial Beeswax: | Cook-Dupage | Illiana | Cook-Dupage |
| Art Designs in Beeswax: | Illiana | Lincoln Land | Cook-Dupage |
| Photography: | LincolnLand | Illiana | Cook-Dupage |
| Creamed Honey: I | Illiana | Lincoln Land | Cook-Dupage |
| Honey Gift Pack: | Cook-Dupage | Illiana | Lincoln Land |
| Best Booth: | LincolnLand | Illiana | Cook-Dupage |
| Sweepstakes: | LincolnLand | Illiana | Cook-Dupage |

2009 Bees and Honey Open Class

| | 1st | 2nd | 3rd | 4th | 5th | 6th | 7th | 8th | 9th |
|---|-----------------------|------------------|-----------------------|-------------------|-------------------|-----------------------|--------------------|---------------------|-------------|
| 14722: Frame of honey for cut-comb | Charles Lorence | James Belli | Larry Waller | Robert Walters | Patricia Nagel | Craig Schultz | | | |
| 14723: Display of white cut-comb honey in plastic boxes | Robert Walters | Patricia Nagel | Larry Waller | James Belli | Charles Lorence | | | | |
| 14724: White Comb honey, 3 sections | Fred Gerberding | Larry Waller | James Belli | Charles Lorence | | | | | |
| 14725: Comb Honey in rounds, 3 sections | Fred Gerberding | Charles Lorence | James Belli | Craig Schultz | Audrey Gerberding | Gabe Gerberding | | | |
| 14726: Light extracted honey: | James Belli | Charles Lorence | Gabe Gerberding | Audrey Gerberding | Fred Gerberding | Larry Waller | Terry Breen | Richard Chamberlain | |
| 14727: Amber extracted honey: | Robert Walters | James Belli | Garret & Grant Kaiser | Gabe Gerberding | Audrey Gerberding | Charles Lorence | Fred Gerberding | Larry Waller | Sarah Roddy |
| 14728: Dark extracted honey: | Larry Waller | Nichalos Barrows | Charles Lorence | Gabe Gerberding | Audrey Gerberding | Fred Gerberding | Robert Walters | | |
| 14729: Amber chunk honey: | Charles Lorence | James Belli | Robert Walters | Nicholas Barrows | Larry Waller | | | | |
| 14730: Light chunk honey: | Garret & Grant Kaiser | Patricia Nagel | Charles Lorence | James Belli | Larry Waller | Robert Walters | | | |
| 14731: Chunk honey in square jars: | Charles Lorence | Larry Waller | Garret & Grant Kaiser | Robert Walters | James Belli | | | | |
| 14732: Creamed honey: | Charles Lorence | Fred Gerberding | James Belli | Gabe Gerberding | Robert Walters | Larry Waller | Ferry Leon Bilbrew | | |
| 14733: Beeswax in commercial forms: | James Belli | Fred Gerberding | Audrey Gerberding | Larry Waller | Gabe Gerberding | Charles Lorence | | | |
| 14734: Beeswax art design: | Fred Gerberding | Gabe Gerberding | James Belli | Larry Waller | Nicholas Barrows | Audrey Gerberding | | | |
| 14735: Beeswax candles: | Nicholas Barrows | Robert Walters | Audrey Gerberding | Fred Gerberding | James Belli | Garret & Grant Kaiser | Gabe Gerberding | | |
| 14736: Sweepstakes: | James Belli | | | | | | | | |

ISBA Executive Board 2009

Membership in the Illinois State Beekeepers Association is open to all persons interested in bees and beekeeping. Beekeepers are urged to join through their local associations. Dues for 2009 are \$10 for the calendar year January 1 through December 31 only. Dues include a subscription to this newsletter, the ISBA Bulletin. Beekeeping journals are available at about 25% discount to members as listed below; rates are subject to change without prior notice. Make checks payable to: Illinois State Beekeepers Association and mail to: Rita Taylor, Secretary, 4274 Taylor Homestead Road, Pleasant Plains, IL 62677-4024

Please indicate new or renewal subscription when ordering journals.

Address Changes: Send old and new address six weeks prior to date of change when practical to the association secretary.

Reduced Journal Rates for 2009 (members only)

| | 1 yr | 2 yr | 3 yr |
|----------------------|-------|-------|-------|
| American Bee Journal | 19.10 | 36.15 | 50.95 |
| Bee Culture | 21.00 | 38.00 | N/A |
| The Speedy Bee | 13.25 | 25.25 | 34.00 |

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