



ILLINOIS STATE BEEKEEPERS' ASSOCIATION

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PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

Dear Beekeepers,

Well, the honey should be off the hives and medication and sugar syrup should be on if needed. If you are lucky enough to have a honey house, your mess is out of the way. If you extract in your residence, the door knobs, stair rails, basement steps and floor are a little sticky. A little warm water and a lot of "elbow grease" will take care of everything but the propolis. When tracked into the basement floor, it becomes a permanent part of the structure. Hope you had a good crop.

The fall meeting is rapidly approaching. Hope you can make it. The Crowne Plaza Hotel is located adjacent to I-55 at Springfield. Take Exit 94 west (Stevenson Drive), and one block west of the interstate turn right on Dirksen Parkway. The hotel is the tall structure just ahead on the right. The meeting is in the Governor's Room.

Hope to see all of you November 11.

Rich Ramsey
ISBA President

ISBA FALL MEETING AGENDA

The full agenda for the ISBA Fall Meeting will be found on page three of this edition of the *ISBA Bulletin*. Registration fee for this meeting is only \$2.00, and is payable at the door. Should you have any last-minute questions about the meeting, the agenda or location, check the ISBA web site for updates or contact ISBA President Rich Ramsey by phone at (217) 498-9374 or via e-mail at rramsey@famvid.com.

DATE SET FOR STATEWIDE BEEKEEPING COURSE

The Heart of Illinois Beekeepers' Association (HIBA) will sponsor their fourth annual Beekeeping Course at McLean County Farm Bureau Building, 402 North Hershey Road, in Bloomington on Saturday, February 10, 2001. The all-day course is designed to help members of Illinois' general public become involved in beekeeping, and will provide the basic information and skills to do so.

The course runs from 9:00 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. There is a \$20 materials fee per household, and pre-registration is required. Registrants will receive the book *First Lessons in Beekeeping* (or another suitable introductory book) as well as numerous handouts.

The course will focus on four main themes: the honey bee colony, beekeeping equipment, managing a colony, and getting started in beekeeping. Participants will assemble a beehive from bottom board to telescoping cover. The finished hive -- along with many other items -- will be given away in a door prize drawing at the end of the day.

For additional course information, phone (309) 454-4164; you may also e-mail us at wenning@phy.ilstu.edu. To pre-register, send the names of all participants from your household who will be attending, your mailing address, phone number, and a check for \$20 made payable to HIBA to: Carl J. Wenning, HIBA Beekeeping Course, 21 Grandview Drive, Normal, IL 61761-4071.

Pre-registration deadline is January 27, 2001, though additional applicants will be accepted after that date so far as resources allow. Confirmation, map, and agenda will be sent by return mail after the deadline date.

Editor's Note: During the past three years the HIBA Beekeeping Course has had nearly 150 participants representing nearly as many households. Other associations are strongly encouraged to consider teaching their own short courses. See the *American Bee Journal* for January and February 2000 for complete details, and to learn about free resources.

HIBA NAMES FIRST HONEY PRINCESS

At its October general meeting, the HIBA membership named 15-year-old Rebecca Wenning the Heart of Illinois Honey Princess for 2001. Rebecca has been a very active promoter of bees, honey, and beekeeping for the past four years. During that time she has made some 33 presentations to school and social groups, as well as assisted at a host of beekeeping displays for the general public. Rebecca, along with her father, started the HIBA Beekeeping course in 1998. Rebecca has taught sections of that course each year.

Rebecca is a sophomore at University High School at Illinois State University in Normal. Her interests include foreign languages, science, math, reading, and travel. During 1999 and 2000 she traveled to both Mexico and Japan, having sold honey to pay part of her way. She will be present at the ISBA autumn meeting in Springfield on November 11th, and will be bringing along her portfolio that illustrates her many efforts aimed at promoting bees, honey, and beekeeping. Rebecca is the daughter of Carl & Carolyn Wenning.

APITHERAPY CD-ROM

During October, Apimondia's Commission on Apitherapy released the first ever CD-ROM dedicated solely to apitherapy. The CD's comprehensive content list can be seen on the website: <http://www.beekeeping.com>. The CD will be available for a price of approximately 75 Euros. It will have English, French, and Spanish versions for both Mac and PC operating platforms. Additional details about this CD can be obtained by writing Roch Domerego, Vice President of the Commission of Apitherapy, using the following e-mail address: roch.domerego@euronet.be.

OLD HONEY LABELS WANTED

Aaron Morris is a label dealer and collector looking for leftover honey labels that he might buy from you. He is especially interested in any honey labels that are left over from pre-1980. He will pay cash for what you have that he wants. If you don't have anything he wants, then maybe you know someone who does. He is willing to pay finder's fees.

If you would like more information about what Aaron is looking for, or have any questions about labels, please contact him. If you are unsure if you have what he wants, please contact him anyway - it may mean cash for you. You may contact him at:

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ANNUAL MEETING

ILLINOIS STATE BEEKEEPERS' ASSOCIATION
CROWNE PLAZA HOTEL
3100 SOUTH DIRKSEN PARKWAY
I-55 EXIT 94
SPRINGFIELD, IL
NOVEMBER 11, 2000

- 8:00 A.M. REGISTRATION -- (COFFEE & ROLLS SERVED)
- 9:00 A.M. OPENING REMARKS -- RICH RAMSEY-PRESIDENT ISBA
- 9:10 A.M. TREASURER'S REPORT -- UDELL MEYER
- 9:20 A.M. SECRETARY'S REPORT -- RITA TAYLOR
- 9:30 A.M. TOM WEBSTER
BEEKEEPING WITH FEWER CHEMICALS (Part I)
ENTOMOLOGIST, KENTUCKY STATE UNIVERSITY
FRANKFORT, KENTUCKY
- 10:30 A.M. BREAK / DOOR PRIZES
- 10:45 A.M. STEVE CHARD, CHIEF APIARY INSPECTOR
ILLINOIS DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE
- 11:15 A.M. RICK NUSS
BEEKEEPING TODAY
BEEKEEPER, CENTRAL EASTERN BEEKEEPERS' ASSOCIATION
- 12:15 P.M. LUNCH (ON YOUR OWN)
- 1:15 P.M. MICHELLE ELEKONICH, Ph.D.
HORMONES AND CAST DETERMINATION IN HONEYBEES
ENTOMOLOGIST, UNIVERSITY OF ILLINOIS -- URBANA/CHAMPAIGN
- 2:00 P.M. TOM WEBSTER
BEEKEEPING WITH FEWER CHEMICALS (Part II)
- 2:45 P.M. BREAK & DOOR PRIZES
- 3:00 P.M. STU JACOBSON
BUYING PACKAGES IS LIKE LIGHTING YOUR SMOKER WITH \$20 BILLS
INSTITUTIONAL RESEARCH, UNIVERSITY OF ILLINOIS -- SPRINGFIELD
- 3:45 P.M. NOMINATION, ELECTION AND INSTALLATION OF OFFICERS
- 4:00 P.M. CLOSING REMARKS AND ADJOURNMENT
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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 are \$2.00 per year, **good only January 1st through December 31st each year**, and includes subscription to this newsletter. 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: Rita Taylor, Secretary, 4274 Taylor Homestead Road, Pleasant Plains, IL 62677-4024.

Reduced Journal Rates (members only)

	1 Yr.	2 Yr.	3 Yr.
<i>American Bee Journal</i>	\$14.44	\$27.38	\$38.96
<i>Bee Culture</i>	\$16.00	\$31.00	N/A
<i>The Speedy Bee</i>	\$13.25	\$25.25	\$34.00

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