

## FROM THE PRESIDENT

Hello all,

Most of us have already finished extracting our honey and have basically put our bees to bed for the winter. However, yesterday and today, I was out in the apiary and noticed that the bees were flying quite well as the sun was out and the temperature was warm enough. They were bringing in tons of bright yellow pollen. It seems that here on the outskirts of Tacoma, the bees can find pollen all year round. This is extremely important, as the bees that are reared at this time will be the ones to carry the colony through the winter. So if your bees are strong and bringing in tons of pollen right now and you've treated for mites, you stand a very good chance of having strong colonies at the start of Spring.

Now is a good time to plan what your apiary will look like next year. Us beekeepers usually use this time to clean up frames and boxes, build new frames and boxes, paint, and get ready for the Spring build-up. We can't stress enough to make sure the bees have enough food going into the winter.

The PCBA will have elections of officers at our November meeting. If you want to get more involved and/or want to get 15 service points toward your Journeyman certification, you might consider running for one of the offices. You might also consider joining the board by becoming a committee chairman or member.

Also, in November, we will be having our annual auction, both a silent auction and live auction. Please consider bringing items for each of these auctions. Who knows, you might take home something of great value to you.

In December, we have our annual Christmas Party and white elephant gift exchange. We need someone or a group of people to help plan this party. Please come forward. Remember, you can get journeyman points for this as well.

Our new Apprentice classes will be begin in January. Please tell everyone who wants to learn about bees to come and begin the classes. We also have our last pre-orientation seminar taking place before the November meeting. Spread the word.

I hope you had a very good beekeeping year. This year was very good to me as the honey production was very good. Last year was not a good year for honey production. Be aware that every year you need to manage the bees differently based on weather and environmental factors.

One thing I'm hoping we do next year is bring in more local beekeepers with ideas on queen rearing, wax rendering and candle making. If you're interested in giving a presentation on your particular specialty in the beekeeping industry, let us as we would love to hear new ideas on how to use the products from the bee hive.

Louis Matej  
President, PCBA



Regular meetings are at 7:30pm on the first Monday of each month, except July and September.

July is our annual club picnic. The September meeting is held on the fourth Monday of August to prepare for the Washington State Fair.

Club meetings are held at:

Allmendinger Building  
WSU Extension Center  
7612 Pioneer Way East,  
Puyallup, WA

From January through June, Master Beekeepers classes are held at 6:15pm before the general meeting.

Board meetings are the third Monday of each month at 6:00pm.

Puyallup Public Library  
324 South Meridian  
Puyallup, WA

All members are welcome to attend and comment, but voting is limited to board members.

All club correspondence should be sent to:

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## VP REPORT

It has been an up and down season for me. Like always, I learned new things from the bees and many of you. The honey was not what I expected this year, but there was enough for the family. From what I have gathered, it was a feast or famine season for a lot of us. I did learn to keep a very close eye when warming frames for extraction in an oven. Let's just say that when you have a highly distractible keeper, a 7 month old Labrador, and a ball...As Lou said, 'Bet you don't do that again.' Please, just smile and don't ask :)

I did take part in the WSU study on neonicotinoids. I am looking forward to the results with HD so close. I was a bit surprised with a comment that he made related to sampling. He talked about visiting a lot of sites that only have 1 or 2 hives. He was happy to take sample from 3 of my 4 on site. I made this same comment at the last board meeting and it started a conversation about how Beekeeping has become a real hobby and that we have less and less commercial keepers in the club. This change was represented by the format of the convention earlier this month.

Our next general meeting will be the last for nominations for officers and the current revisions of the by-laws. Please take the time to read the by-laws. The committee has been looking at these for the entire season. Please take the time to read them. There is a lot of history with this club and we need to work to preserve and improve what this club is.

Lastly, if you have any club items out, please return item(s) for inventory. I will be working on the refractors, microscopes, etc. and we will start on the Honey House supplies soon. I hope this will be done during an apiary day.

Wayne W. Ward  
PCBA VP 2013

P.S. I have decided not to run for the VP position for the 2014 season. I need to stay closer to home with 2 young teens and a job that takes more hours than I like. I will be active and involved when possible, but the club needs someone who can attend more regularly.

## JOURNEYMAN GROUP

Our group continues to grow! Very active members! We are facilitating a new forum for discussions on bees by Journeyman Michael. He has done a very good job at it. I would also like to congratulate Kris Urv-Wong on completing her Journeyman certification! If you're a completed student of apprentice please feel free to join our group which meets first Monday each month at 6:15pm. See you at our next meeting!

James Getty

Election of officers for 2014 will be held at the November general meeting.

## FORUMS

We have added an online forum for our club to help support the education program and improve communications. Have you ever wanted to ask a question about your bees but didn't want to wait until the next meeting? Or maybe you forgot the question by the time the meeting came around? Or, there just wasn't enough time.

The PCBA has now joined the WA State Beekeepers forum along with several other clubs. Just go to <http://wabeekeepresforum.proboards.com> to register. After registering you will be able to participate in PCBA discussions as well as discussions or Q&A from other clubs in the area. A link to the forum will be added to our website shortly but until then, you can go directly to the Proboards site by following the link above. I will be presenting a brief presentation on the new board in the November meeting.

Michael DeAngelo

## SUBSCRIPTIONS

Don't forget, because you are a member of PCBA you can get a discount on your subscription to *Bee Culture* and *American Beekeeper* Magazines. If you want to take advantage of this discount, see me at the next general meeting.

Hannah Carter

## Annual Auction

Silent Auction & Live Auction  
at the November general meeting

Tools, bees wax, bee suits, veils,  
gloves, and other great items to be  
auctioned off.

Questions? Contact Larry at [lgolden56@outlook.com](mailto:lgolden56@outlook.com)

## NOVEMBER 2013 MEMBERSHIP REPORT

### Active Members:

176 less 3 Comp & Other Bee Clubs

### October Meeting Attendance ~64

#### Due September

Nancy Parsons

#### Due October

Lincoln Mettler,  
Patrick Cain,  
Franclyn Heinecke,  
Carrie Little,  
James Martinson,  
Robert Pietila,  
Christopher Smolko,  
Sherri Thomas

#### Due November

Ron & Lynda Barnard,  
Charlie & Ginger Carter,  
Steve Chanthavisay,  
James Erickson,  
Ryan & Beth Hennigan,  
Sarah Jackson,  
Jeff Jones & Brian Rewert,  
Fred Masella,  
Andy Matelich,  
John Miller,  
Charles Schaffer,  
Annette & Mike Smith,  
Lou Torre,  
Larry & Patti Worwick

#### Member Renewals:

Bob Hartman,  
Larry Jungers,  
Steve & Kay Pederson,  
Robert Matthews,  
Lin & Lanita Miller,  
Mark & Kelly Stave

#### New Members:

Angie Clausen,  
Tricia Grace,  
Steve Gregg & son,  
John Hirsch,  
Jennifer Lucas,  
Allison Shinkle,  
Ashlee Tarbox,  
John Thomas

# UPCOMING EVENTS

## November 4th

- 6:15pm - Journeymen group
- 6:15pm - Beekeeping: Is it for me?
- 6:30pm - Study Grant Interviews
- 7:30pm - General Meeting:  
Elections, Auction,  
Study Grant Presentation

## November 18th

- 6:00pm - Board Meeting at the Puyallup Library

## Thanksgiving - November 28th

## December 2nd

- 6:00pm - PCBA Holiday Potluck  
No General Meeting

## December 16th

- 6:00pm - Board Meeting at the Puyallup Library

## January 27th

(please note date change)

- 6:00pm - Board Meeting at the Puyallup Library

## February 24th

(please note date change)

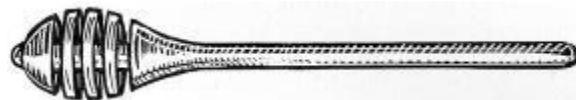
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Do you have a photo, poem, short story, article or recipe you would like to contribute to *Cappings*?

If so, send it to me at:  
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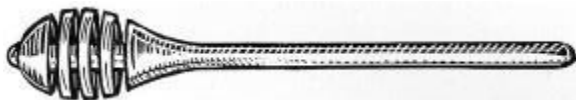
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