



# Capital Area Beekeepers Association

## **The President's Buzz..**

Happy summer to all of you.

I want to send a thank you to everyone who supported CABA's Short Course in May. As a new-bee in chairing the Short Course, John Novinger did an outstanding job organizing the classes. As always, Dave Anderson had his apiary in tip-top shape and the students were pleased to watch CABA members open the hives. There are too many members who participated in many different ways for me to name each one, but without their help our course would not be successful. Thanks to all of you.

As I'm writing this article, I'm waiting for the day to warm up so I can get into my hives. I'm anxious to check them and see if they need another super since the Black Locust trees are in bloom in my area. I'm also in the process of making splits to replace hives lost over winter.

Several years ago, I bought a Snelgrove Board but never used it, this year I'm trying it, and I'm manipulating the doors on it according to the schedule provided with the board. My plan is to wait until the top hive body bees' raise a queen, and then I'll lift it off the main hive as a new hive.

Also, I did a Juniper Hill split for the first time and have put a Hogg Half Comb super on the hive. I took a peek, the bees are drawing out the foundation, and maybe I'll have some capped honey to sell or give as gifts!

I'll let you know how I make out with both of these adventures in the next President's Buzz.

The next CABA meeting is Friday, June 19 at 7 PM in the Farm Show Complex. Please use the Macclay Street entrance and proceed to the second floor. Vincent Aloyo will be the speaker, Vince is a master beekeeper and I feel sure his talk will be relevant to the season.

This June's meeting is the meeting that was added to the calendar because members expressed a desire to have more summer meetings. I'm hoping we have a big turn out to support the idea of an extra meeting.

I'm looking forward to seeing all of you at the June meeting. I'm sure everyone has much to share about the state of their apiary and their honeybees.

Bee Happy

Linda



*Note from the (New) Editor-*

*Despite my crazy busy schedule, I am pleased to try my hand as C.A.B.A Newsletter Editor. When I joined several years ago, one of the first things I noticed was that the C.A.B.A group is filled with good people. People who are willing to share what they know, take you along to check their bees, or top by to see if you are doing something correctly. Nobody is perfect. I'm talking about me, but it's that spirit of camaraderie, trust, and giving that makes us all friends.*

*To me, summer is happiness. Life goes flying by, but the moments of summer are worth savoring. It's time to clean up from winter and get out new equipment. Time to try new things in hope of saving more tiny lives next winter. A time to watch the girls working and smell the fragrance of honeysuckle and beehives. Time to feel the warm rays of sunshine, visit loved ones, and revel in the sweet fruits and fresh vegetables of the season. Enjoy the moment. Enjoy being a beekeeper. Being a beekeeper isn't something everyone can do.*

*I really wanted to see you all at the next meeting and thank you in person for all your contributions, however, I have another commitment the 19th. Thanks, and enjoy your summer - I'll be back bothering you for newsletter material in the Fall.*

*Susan Fulmer .*

## Important Business

The CABA Bylaws Review Committee has been appointed and is soliciting suggestions from the CABA membership for revisions to our current Bylaws which are provided below. The Committee is chaired by Wil Shirey, email [wshirey@pa.net](mailto:wshirey@pa.net), with members Randy Hair, email [rahair@centurylink.net](mailto:rahair@centurylink.net) and Bob House, email [rwhouse1969@hotmail.com](mailto:rwhouse1969@hotmail.com). Please send your suggestions along with your rationale for the suggestion to one of the three committee members. It would be helpful if you had your suggestions to us by June 30, 2015. We will then begin the process of amending the Bylaws described in Section 14, Amendment.

CABA Bylaws Review Committee

# CAPITAL AREA BEE- KEEPERS ASSOCIATION BYLAWS

## Section 1 Organization

The name of this organization shall be the Capital Area Beekeepers Association hereinafter referred to as CABA.

## Section 2 Objectives

The object of CABA shall be the promotion of beekeeping, honey, pollination, products of the hive and beekeeping education.

## Section 3 Membership

**Membership:** Any person who pays dues as determined by this Association and complies with the rules and regulations of these Bylaws shall be a member entitled to vote and participate in its meetings, programs and activities.

## Section 4 Dues

Dues shall be determined by the Executive Board and approved by the majority of members present at a membership meeting. Dues shall be paid by April 1 of each year to remain an active and participating member.

## Section 5 Officers

The officers of CABA shall be President, Vice President, Secretary, and Treasurer.

## Section 6 Duties of Officers

**President:** The President shall be the executive officer of the Association, preside over all meetings of the

Association and Executive Board, appoint all committees and program chairpersons, call for reports of officers, decide questions of order and shall be a member ex-officio of all committees.

**Vice President:** In the absence of the President, the Vice President shall perform the duties of the office.

**Secretary:** The Secretary shall collect dues for membership and other moneys due the Association, maintain an active membership list, conduct such correspondence as directed by the President or Executive Board, maintain records of meetings and report these records whenever directed by the President.

**Treasurer:** The Treasurer shall receive all moneys due the Association, shall make disbursements upon the order of the President and deposit money in the name of The Capital Area Beekeepers Association.

## Section 7 Vacancy

A vacancy in any office shall be filled by the Executive Board appointing a willing member to serve the unexpired term.

## Section 8 Executive Board

There shall be an Executive Board composed of the Elected Officers, Immediate Past President and Members at Large who are appointed by the President.

## Section 9 Committees

The President shall appoint all committees of the Association including the following Standing Committees:

Nominations  
Farm Show  
Membership  
Short Course

## Section 10 Meetings/Activities

Regular meetings are to be

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held in March, April (Elections), May (Short Course), July, September (Annual Banquet), October and November. The President may call a special meeting at any time providing a two-week notice has been communicated to the membership.

**Section 11  
Meeting Order**

Call to order  
Prayer and Pledge of Allegiance  
Introduction of members and guests  
Reading of minutes  
Secretary's Report  
Treasurer's Report  
Standing Committees' Reports  
Old Business  
New Business  
Presentation of Program  
Adjournment  
Receipt of Dues

**Section 12  
Election of Officers**

1. Election of officers shall be held at the annual meeting in April of each year. The Nominating Committee will present its report at the March meeting. Further nominations may be made at the April meeting with the requirement that all such nominees be present.
2. Elections shall be by paper ballot when there are two or more candidates for an office.
3. The term of office for all Officers shall not exceed three consecutive years unless the Executive Board extends or limits the term of office for the benefit of the Association. Incumbent Officers serving at the time of this term limit change may run for reelection indefinitely. Terms of office shall begin immediately after the installation of officers at the April meeting.

**Section 13  
Audit**

The President shall appoint a committee composed of three members to conduct an annual audit of the records and accounts of the Treasurer and at any time a new Treasurer has been elected.

**Section 14  
Amendment**

The Bylaws may be amended by a vote of two-thirds of all members present at any membership meeting providing written notice stating the proposed change(s) have been approved by the Executive Board and mailed to each member at least ten (10) days prior to the meet-

ing.

**Section 15  
Dissolution**

CABA may be dissolved by unanimous vote of the Executive Board and two-thirds of the remaining membership. The permanent membership funds shall be directed to bee research at Penn State University in the name of Milton and Vera Murray. Other funds may be dispersed to other bee related organizations within the CABA membership area generally comprised of Cumberland, Dauphin and Perry counties at the discretion of the Executive Board. Such disbursements shall be identified in the dissolution documents

**Section 16  
Immunity of Executive Board**

To the fullest extent that the laws of the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania, as now in effect or as hereinafter amended, permit elimination or limitation of the liability of Directors, no member of the Executive Board of CABA shall be personally liable for monetary damages as such for any action taken or failure to take action as a member of the Executive Board.

Approved by July 2012 Meeting

Date July 20, 2012

**Past Amendments:**

August 1963  
March 1976  
March 1979  
April 1980  
April 1991  
April 2002  
March 2008  
March 2010

## APPREHENSION

John A. Novinger



This is a good word to describe my feelings about the Short Course this year. To say that I was worried about how it would go is a definite understatement. To the best of my knowledge, I have never been in charge of an event like this; I have been involved, but not in charge. Murphy is always close by me and so if it could go wrong, it would, but I have several weapons to use against Murphy. That is the Capital Area Beekeepers group, truly a great organization to belong to. It is not only a friendly spirit, but such a wealth of information and a willingness to help. I cannot thank those people enough. I have volunteers wanting to help somewhere, to be involved and to share their knowledge. Many thanks to the "first timers" that stepped up and filled a vacancy. I made a few changes to the program and as with any change comes the uncertainty of how it will be accepted. It was a hit according to the evaluation forms. What came across as an important part of the course was the question and answer time. It was informative and well received and will be included in the future courses.

I cannot really express my thank you to all involved in the course, but I would like to send a thank you to several individuals. First are Bob House and Gary Carns for the 101 Course. When this was talked about several years ago, I was apprehensive. I was worried that it would hurt our attendance at the Short Course, and it did, but the attitude of the attendees to the Short Course was different. They were there because they want bees. So the 101 Course helps give the information that people need to decide if they want to pursue beekeeping. And as a beekeeper (or anyone), it is always better to only invest \$10 instead of \$45. You know what I mean? So thank you Bob and Gary.

Finally! We have stressed the importance of the mentoring program. Well that also applies to life. I could not have done this without the help of my mentor, Jim Hoover. We talked many times and I visited him several times. His help was, and continues to be, invaluable to me. Jim, I will never be able to fill your shoes, but "thank you" so much for your help. I am proud to call you friend. Thank You!



# Short Course Snapshots

## Lots Goes on Here!

(Thanks to Jim Davis)



Chats and information exchange



Teaching and Learning



Buying and Selling



And, of course, Eating!

# Old But Still Kickin'

Tom Lehman

If my memory serves me right, it was a little over a year ago when I was asked to take on the responsibility of acquiring and serving refreshments for CABA. I was thrilled for the opportunity as I was told that it was going to be a 10 year commitment and I was then 73! What a thrill to be "told" that you'd live 10 more years! I said yes, and no one has died yet. One of my "special occasions" was turning last June's Friday night meeting into a Sundae Night...(look for a repeat this June.)



I attend yard sales and actions and can't pass up a bargain that will make my presentations bigger and better. I don't do all of this by myself. Cheryl is right by my side so you wouldn't have all that you get without her help.

As the photos show, in order to offer you more I'm going to have to get a bigger car! I never worked for Mayflower but I still can pack a car full. Take notice that the donut boxes were on top of the cooler and NOT under it. Snacks, coffee makers and thermos bottles, bowls, napkins, plates, serving utensils plus forks and spoons, coffee, coffee filters, ice bucket and tongs, creamer, sweetener - both sugar and artificial, beverages other than coffee and the list goes on and on. First I've got to make sure that I have everything for a particular meeting, then box it, then pack it into the car, then drive to the meeting and get everything to the serving area hopefully BEFORE anyone yells, "Is the coffee ready yet?"

I only mentioned Cheryl, but there are so many more that bring good homemade goodies that put the total offerings to all of you "over the top". My sincere THANK YOU to them and to all of you for not dying on me!



## Trash and Bees

by Jonathan Daniels



What does picking up trash have to do with beekeeping?

I would bet that many of us in this club became aware of beekeeping because of the media coverage of Colony Collapse Disorder. Over the last eight years the societal and political response to this issue has raised the profile of beekeeping like nothing else in history. It has always been special to be a beekeeper, but in recent years its popularity is unprecedented. This is not your grandfather's beekeeping anymore in many ways.

Now over these years and after all the money earmarked for CCD research the best answer I have to give to the question I get from everyone (say it with me now... "So how are the bees doing?") is that the researchers believe CCD is most likely caused by multiple stressors on a colony: Pathogens, Parasites, Management stressors, and Environmental Stressors. All those viruses are spread by Varroa which are spread by beekeepers moving hives all over tarnation and there not being enough diverse, season long healthy pollen and nectar sources available in our environment. Oh, and aside from the untold tons of chemicals we as a society are putting out in the environment, we beekeepers put chemicals directly in the colonies, too.

Of course I don't really say that to people now. I have witnessed too many eyes glazing over after the words "caused by multiple stressors." So now my short answer is that CCD is caused by US. Our society is kind of hard on our environment. The positive spin is that we can have a dramatic impact on our environment in positive ways too. Pursuing the Art of Beekeeping is one wonderful example of how we can have a positive impact.

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For me, learning about beekeeping has raised my awareness of the natural and human environments around me more intimately than anything else I have done in my life. I began to pay attention to the smallest flowers in my yard when I began to wonder where my bees were gathering their pollen. And because of honey bees' critical use in our agricultural system, I have learned to think more about where my own food is coming from and how it is grown. I have watched as both the cultivated and wild bushes and trees in the area around where I started keeping my hives appear to have become more fruitful and productive. It felt really good to imagine that I had played a part in that environmental improvement.

My involvement in our club has also been a positive experience which has greatly enriched my life. I have met lots of new friends and have been able to take part in many exciting learning experiences. I also am very grateful that this group was here for me when I was looking for help getting started with beekeeping and I feel a commitment to making sure that CABA continues to serve as a vibrant, healthy resource for good beekeeping and good fellowship among our members. The opportunities this club has given me to work together with other members on projects relating to beekeeping have allowed me to get to know fellow beekeepers in my area. Being able to share my beekeeping experiences with them and laugh and learn in turn from their experiences has made keeping bees a lot more rewarding and fun.

So when I kept seeing the obscene amounts of litter and debris as I traveled route 81 on my way to our meetings in Harrisburg and to other destinations, I realized that this might be an opportunity that would allow us to work together to have a positive impact on our environment. At the very least we could feel good about



cleaning up some trash together, and if we were lucky we might even be able to plant some honey bee and pollinator friendly plants in a spot where thousands of people a day could be reminded, in another small way, of the value of caring for bees and cultivating a healthy and productive environment.

Like many of you, I had noticed the roadside signs saying "Adopt A Highway" with a business name underneath. I learned that in addition to being able to do something with Penn DOT, there were general clean-ups organized across the country through Keep America Beautiful [www.kab.org](http://www.kab.org) and its Pennsyl-

vania affiliate, Keep Pennsylvania Beautiful [www.keppabeautiful.org](http://www.keppabeautiful.org). Every spring millions of volunteers across the country engage in clean-up and beautification projects to improve their communities. By looking at the Penn DOT webpage for their Adopt A Highway program I learned that Pennsylvania has one of the most active AAH programs in the country.



After our March CABA meeting where I got approval from the members present to organize a onetime clean up, I called and spoke with Dauphin County's Penn DOT AAH coordinator, Dave Christensen, to ask

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about a stretch of highway where we could focus our efforts. He informed me that they did not permit volunteer crews to engage in trash pickups along the main stretches of the interstates due to safety concerns. The only interstate highway areas that could be adopted were the ramps and interchanges in certain areas. Because of the visibility of these spots the interchanges in the Harrisburg area were rarely available, but serendipitously a group had just notified him that they were ending their adoption of the north side of a cloverleaf area on route 283 by the Harrisburg East turnpike entrance.

I took some time to go out the cloverleaf to conduct a site survey. I drove around and around the loops, figuring out where we could park for access and inspected the different areas, taking note of the habitats and the trash. I was pleased to see that there were more than just grassy areas. There are steep slopes on the east

side providing an unmown scrub area with small trees and lots of existing tall perennials. On the west side is a large hill with a young-to-maturing woods. I saw maples and basswood trees growing in the woods and also in the grassy areas. Each of the areas has a grate to drain the funneled storm water, and one of these drainages appears to stay boggy as indicated by the cattails growing there.



I thought it looked perfect!

A little more than a week ahead of the April 17<sup>th</sup> CABA meeting I announced through our club email that the authorized one time clean-up would be taking place on the day following the meeting, Saturday April 18<sup>th</sup> starting at 9AM. Deb Buckfelder was gracious enough to go to the Dauphin County Penn DOT office to pick up the safety vests, gloves, trash bags, and the safety DVD donated by Penn DOT. We confirmed that the state would also collect and dispose of the trash collected. At our meeting I reported the availability of the cloverleaf to the members present and suggested that we take advantage of the availability to adopt it. A motion was made, seconded and discussed. The reasonable objection was made that we were potentially getting into a commitment prematurely

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and on short notice, but the motion carried. Our club's commitment will be to conduct four clean-ups per year for a minimum of two years if the agreement with Penn DOT is approved. As you may have seen, I have asked through the club email for names of folks interested in participating to be included on our application. I am happy to report that at this point we have 20 members listed!

The first clean-up of the "CABA Cloverleaf" on April 18<sup>th</sup> 2015 was a success. Deb and Bill Buckfelder, Ronda Fawber, Stan Poleshuk, Tom Lehman, Kirk Moll, Linda Klutas, Becky Davis, Cheryl Laudermilch and myself met at the Wendy's parking lot on Eisenhower Boulevard. We put on our safety vests and conducted the safety briefing. We organized a carpool to reduce the number of vehicles needing



Photo thanks to Linda Klutas

to be parked in the cloverleaf and agreed upon our first parking destination. We got to the first cloverleaf area and fanned out with our bags and trash stickers. It was quite warm that morning, so it was a relief to circle back to the vehicles for refreshments. Tom had generously brought a cooler with chilled drinks from the CABA refreshments stockpile.

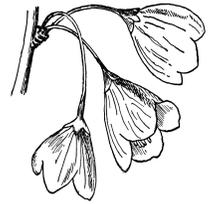
In about two hours of foraging we collected 32 bags of trash, including an aluminum extension ladder, a full bottle of Lucas fuel treatment and a fire hose coupling.

The clean-up dates for the rest of the year are tentatively for the Saturday mornings of June 27<sup>th</sup>, August 22<sup>nd</sup> and October 24<sup>th</sup>. We'll keep you posted and hope to see you there!

## Apiary Observations

Wil Shirey

As I write this on May 11, the dandelions and fruit blossoms are gone and the autumn olive and bush honeysuckle blossoms are opening. If you don't have surplus honey supers on your hives yet, you should hurry because you don't want to miss this nectar flow. It's probably the first real opportunity the bees have to store some surplus for you. Although it will be late this year, the granddaddy of nectar flows in my area, black locust, will be popping those beautiful white flower pods within the next two weeks. If we have warm weather and not too much rain, a strong hive of bees will fill a medium super in a week or ten days. Whatever you have to do to get ready for that flow, do it now.



Especially for your strong hives, we are also into swarm season and whether your swarm control plans are to let them fly and try to catch them, or some more elaborate manipulation, be observant on a daily basis for swarms landing in trees and bushes near your bees. Their favorite time for leaving the hive is between 10:00a.m. and 2:00 p.m. They also love to go on sunny days immediately after two or three days of rain, which we badly need. One of the best uses for five frame nucs is to capture swarms. Keep a nuc in your vehicle so you are ready. Swarms are always ready to make wax so they are a good way to get foundation drawn out quickly. Controlling swarms is every beekeeper's challenge. If they get away, your honey crop for that hive is probably gone.

My other current bee activity is selling five frame nucs with bees included. I make nucs with last year's survivor queens so my queens are not real young, but they have demonstrated an ability to make it through the winter. I have a customer coming this afternoon so I was screening off entrances last night after sunset so I would have the foragers included. Since the temperature is predicted to be in the mid-eighties today, I will put them in my basement garage so they don't get too hot until she arrives this afternoon. I have a couple other CABA members that I trade nucs with so I can diversify the gene pool in my apiaries. One of the requirements for selling nucs in this state is that you have your bees inspected twice each year. Nate Weber, our inspector, is very willing to work with you to arrange times that are convenient for you. I always enjoy my time in the bees with Nate because I always learn something.

I'm off now to trim the grass around the bees which seems like a never ending job even without much rain. It always seems to grow best and fastest immediately in front of the hive entrance because of the dead bees deposited there by the undertaker house bees. I haven't used my weed whacker yet this season, so I hope it starts.

Good luck with your bees. I'm on the mentor list so if you have questions, don't hesitate to email me at [wshirey@pa.net](mailto:wshirey@pa.net) or call at 717-486-4665.

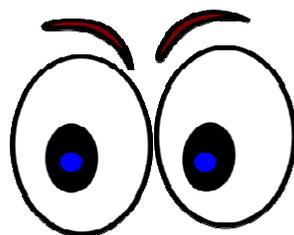
## SEEING .....BUT NOT SEEING

John A Novinger

Now be honest, we have all been there and done that. The old adage - we can't see the forest through the trees applies to all of us at one time or the other. We, as CABA members, have been stressing the importance of nuc boxes in our operations. In case you missed it - nucs should be standard equipment in every operation. In the beginning of April, I received three packages of bees and I ordered 2 extra queens. I pulled 3 frames out of two of my strong hives. I placed the queen in and let them go for a few days. When I checked them, queens were out and a few days later, fresh eggs. A bright and sunny day, life is good! I have 2 nucs started and ready to make more. Then - (always then or but) I checked my last two overwintered hives.

The middle of April and not a single egg or capped brood in either hive. Yes, nice big queens running around on the frames, but not a single egg. So out came both queens and they received the ceremonial shoe stomp. Back home and pulled out my two extra queens. Caged them and back again to install them. End of story, *but* not quite. The next day I checked the 2 nucs. Both had fresh eggs, so let nature take its course. I marked the lids as "queenless". I checked 8 days later and sure enough, both had filled queen cups. I checked again days later, and both cells were capped. When I checked again, both queens were out and running on the comb. So every other day I would give sugar water and occasionally check for a laying queen. One nuc was doing great, eggs in the cells; the other one, nothing. There is the queen, but not a single egg. She was nice and slender and looked like she should be a good laying queen.

Then the first week of May, I went to add sugar water and not a single bee in the nuc! They absconded! I was so busy looking for fresh eggs, I failed to notice that all the other brood had hatched out, and away they went. Seeing, but not seeing. So what is the point of this article? Don't let narrow sightedness blind you when looking at your hives, or better yet, as you live your life. Try to see everything instead of only a single thought. Expand your horizons. Look beyond a single tree and see the forest!



The Pedigree of Honey  
Does not concern the Bee -  
A Clover, anytime to him,  
Is Aristocracy.

--Emily Dickinson

# Sugar Syrup Ratios: Which One To Use

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Sugar syrup is usually made in two different ratios depending on the time of the year. Light syrup or spring syrup is 1 part sugar to 1 part water by either weight or volume. Heavy syrup or fall syrup is made from 2 parts sugar to one part water.

The rationale behind this is that light syrup is similar to nectar. The availability of nectar stimulates the production of brood in the spring, and light syrup tends to do the same thing. With a ready supply of nectar or light syrup, the workers will build comb and the queen will lay eggs. Some people advocate the use of 1 part sugar to 2 parts water to stimulate brood rearing, although this isn't as common as it used to be.

Fall syrup resembles honey and bees tend to store it for winter. It is used in the fall if the beekeeper feels there is not enough honey stored in the hive to make it through the winter. One gallon of heavy syrup (2:1) may increase colony reserves by about 7 pounds.

It is important to use just plain white granulated sugar, not brown sugar, molasses, sorghum, or fruit juices as these all have impurities that can cause dysentery in bees. Confectioner's sugar has corn starch in it, which is also not good. Some older recipes recommend the use of cream of tartar (tartaric acid) to keep fall syrup from crystallizing, but this practice has been largely abandoned because it, too, may be bad for bees. Bee dysentery is not a disease caused by a pathogen but a condition caused by poor quality food. It appears as spots of feces around the hive entrance, or inside the hive, and is easily confused with *Nosema*, which is caused by a pathogen.

The source of the plain white sugar doesn't really matter. Refined table sugar (sucrose) is a disaccharide derived from glucose and fructose, and has the molecular formula  $C_{12}H_{22}O_{11}$ . It is the same whether it came from cane or beets.

In the spring, discontinue syrup when the hive is strong and the nectar is flowing, when the bees lose interest in syrup, or when you install a honey super. In the fall when the weather gets cold enough, the bees will simply stop taking the syrup. When that happens, remove the remaining syrup to prevent fermentation or moisture build-up in the hive.

Rusty

September 17, 2011 at 3:47 pm

Any idea of how much honey bees can make from a gallon of 2:1 sugar syrup?

Peggy,

The real answer to this question is zero. Bees can't make any honey from a gallon of sugar syrup because honey is made from nectar.

However, if you mean how much capped syrup can they make, I will give you a *very loose* estimate.

A gallon of 2:1 syrup is 2/3 sugar and 1/3 water so it is roughly 66% sugar and 34% water. Now, the bees cap nectar at about 17-18% water and we can assume they do the same for syrup. So to get to 17% water, they need to lose about 1/2 of the water in 2:1 syrup. So they are need to lose 1/2 of 1/3 of the gallon, or 1/6. If you assume there are 128 ounces in a gallon, then there are about 21 ounces in 1/6 of a gallon. So  $128-21=107$  ounces of dehydrated "cappable" 17% syrup. 107 ounces is about 84% of a gallon or 3 quarts and 11 ounces.

July 26, 2014 at 9:12 pm

What amount of cider vinegar to two-to-one mix of sugar to water.

Gav.

Try about one tablespoon per gallon of sugar syrup.

## I'll Show You Mine If...

Here's Dave Anderson's Apiary



Share a picture of your apiary, bee yard, or even a single hive in your backyard. Everyone's curious and there's always something to learn! We'd like to have a new picture for each upcoming newsletter.

Thanks to Dave for kicking this off. .

### **Bee Heard!**

Gripes, Hypes, Tips, Tricks. If you're thinking about 'it' someone else probably is too (or should be!)

Share those thoughts here. Submit your contributions to the editor at [education\\_pa@hotmail.com](mailto:education_pa@hotmail.com)

Tips and Tricks: Be sure to check your stored pulled supers that are not being used. Wax moth are flying.

John Novinger



## Help Wanted

### 2016 Farm Show Display Committee Needs You!

Stan Poleshuk and I have accepted the invitation to co-chair the Display Committee for the Farm Show, and we are asking for your help. The theme of the 2016 Farm Show is centered on its 100<sup>th</sup> anniversary. We would like the theme of our display to mirror the Farm Show theme. Last year we took 1<sup>st</sup> place and would love to be 2 time champions! We are asking anyone who has an idea or suggestion to let us know. We will be scheduling a planning meeting for the end of June for anyone who wants to volunteer. That seems very early but time goes by fast. If you have an idea or want to volunteer please drop me or Stan an email. I can be reached at [ronda.fawber@gmail.com](mailto:ronda.fawber@gmail.com) and Stan's email is [spoleshuk285@comcast.net](mailto:spoleshuk285@comcast.net).



Please don't worry if you are not "crafty" or "handy". Everyone brings something unique to a team and anybody can have the winning idea. We want to hear everybody's thoughts and ideas. We look forward to hearing from everybody. Thanks!  
Respectfully,

Ronda Fawber



Danielle Wadsworth, Chairperson for the 29th Annual Marysville Lioness Craft Festival, is reaching out to CABA members with the following request:

"I have been growing the Marysville Lioness Craft Festival over the last couple years and thought that a stand from a beekeeper/honey association would make an amazing addition to the show. The show is October 3 from 9am - 3pm at the Marysville Lions Club."

Crafts, vendors, food, prizes, raffles, and much more!  
\$25 for 1 inside table, \$30 for 2 inside tables, \$20 for an outdoor spot. Inside space is very limited.

If you are interested in having a stand please contact Danielle at [dwinn717@yahoo.com](mailto:dwinn717@yahoo.com) or look them up on Facebook.

## One More Sweet Thing!

### Strawberry Shortcake

1 1/3 cups whole wheat flour  
1 teaspoon baking powder  
2 eggs  
1/2 cup honey  
1/3 cup oil (I use coconut oil or grapeseed oil)  
1 teaspoon vanilla extract  
1/2 cup milk  
4-5 cups of fresh, sliced strawberries

Mix together flour and baking powder. Add in eggs, honey, oil, vanilla and milk. Stir well. Pour into a well buttered 8×8 inch baking pan. Bake at 350° for 20-25 minutes.

Allow cake to cool completely. Top with fresh strawberries. Serve with milk or fresh whipped cream (healthy choice could be almond milk).



Picture from Susan Fulmer

If you have a honey receipt to share, send it to [education\\_pa@hotmail.com](mailto:education_pa@hotmail.com)

## 2015 CABA MEETING CALENDAR

Friday, June 19	Regular meeting, @7:00PM Farm Show Building use Maclay Street entrance, second floor. Speaker- TBA
Saturday, June 27	Cloverleaf Clean-up
Friday, July 17	Regular meeting, @7:00PM, Dept. of Agriculture, 2301 North Cameron Street Harrisburg. Speaker- TBA
August	Ag Progress Days, Rock Springs, PA
August 14 - 17	International Conference on Pollinator Biology, Health and Policy, The Nittany Lion Inn on University Park campus. State College
Saturday, August 22	Cloverleaf Clean-up
Friday, September 18	Regular meeting, @7:00PM Farm Show Building use Maclay Street entrance, second floor. Speaker- TBA
October	Farm City Day, Farm Show Building
Saturday, October 17	CABA Banquet Hoss's Restaurant @4:30 speaker- TBA
Saturday, October 24	Cloverleaf Clean-up
November 13, 14	PSBA Annual Meeting, Country Cupboard, Lewisburg
Friday, November 20	Regular meeting, @7:00PM Farm Show Building use Maclay Street entrance, second floor. Speaker- TBA
January 2016	Pennsylvania State Farm Show, January 9 - 16, 2016

## Extractor Available to CABA Members

CABA is now making available on loan for all their members: a stainless steel 4 frame manual extractor with uncapping equipment which includes one bucket with a gate for bottling and an electric knife and scratcher for uncapping. There is also a capping drain bucket included so this will make all your extractions a breeze!

It is suggested that you have bottles on hand or a food grade bucket to store your honey so the equipment can be used and returned in a timely fashion.

You will be asked to sign the form below stating your name and phone number and your willingness to return the equipment in the same, clean manner in which you received it. We hope this will prove to be a help to any in CABA with a need for such equipment!



To reserve using the extracting equipment, please, contact Becky Davis.

Email: [pbdavis5@gmail.com](mailto:pbdavis5@gmail.com) (email preferred)

Phone: [717 802-6609](tel:7178026609)

1. Name \_\_\_\_\_
2. Address \_\_\_\_\_
3. Email \_\_\_\_\_
4. Phone \_\_\_\_\_
5. Date of pickup \_\_\_\_\_
6. Date of return \_\_\_\_\_
7. To my knowledge my hives are not infected with any foul brood of any kind (a state apiary license insures you an inspection every two years) Y \_\_\_\_\_
8. The equipment was clean when I picked it up for my use and I will return it in the same condition. Y \_\_\_\_\_

The materials that I picked up include:

- 4 frame extractor
- electric uncapping knife
- uncapping scratcher
- honey buckets with spigot
- uncapping equipment in a storage bag

Sign and Date \_\_\_\_\_

Becky Davis continues to house and organize the use of the club's extractor. She can be reached at [pbdavis5@gmail.com](mailto:pbdavis5@gmail.com)



# CABA SHIRTS & HATS

## ORDER NOW

**Shirts-** 100% combed cotton, no-pill, no-fade, no-shrinkage, no-wrinkle performance

**Ladies Shirts-** gently shaped for woman's body, narrower more feminine placket

**Ladies Sizes-** S, M, L, XL, 2XL, 3XL

**Men's Shirts-** relaxed fit, side vents

**Men's Sizes-** S, M, L, XL, 2XL, 3XL

**COLOR CHOICES-** men's & ladies' shirts: marigold, stone, true royal

**COLOR CHOICES-** hats: navy/khaki, putty/navy

### ORDER FORM

NAME \_\_\_\_\_

PHONE \_\_\_\_\_

TOTAL PAYMENT ENCLOSED \$ \_\_\_\_\_

PAYMENT MUST ACCOMPANY ORDER.

CHECKS PREFERRED MADE PAYABLE TO CABA



**SHIRTS- \$20 EACH**

**HATS- \$8 EACH**

Men's Shirt : size \_\_\_\_\_ color \_\_\_\_\_ quantity \_\_\_\_\_

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Hat: color \_\_\_\_\_ quantity \_\_\_\_\_

Shipping: \$5.00 per item *(if requested/required)*

Please mail this completed form along with payment to:

**Deb Buckfelder**  
731 Gravel Hill Rd.  
Palmyra, PA 17078





# CAPITAL AREA BEEKEEPERS ASSOCIATION

## Membership Application

Membership term: April 1 through March 31

Checks should be made payable to “Capital Area Beekeepers’ Association”

Please print or type:

Name \_\_\_\_\_ Spouse (if joining) \_\_\_\_\_

Address \_\_\_\_\_

City \_\_\_\_\_

County \_\_\_\_\_ State \_\_\_\_\_ Zip \_\_\_\_\_

Telephone (\_\_\_\_) \_\_\_\_\_ Email Address \_\_\_\_\_

Husbands and wives joining together complete one application.  
Individual members complete one application for each person.

\_\_\_\_\_ please check if you would be willing to mentor a new beekeeper.

**At the request of the association members, the CABA Executive Board is compiling a membership list to share with all Club members.**

\_\_\_\_\_ please check if you wish to be excluded from the membership list.

*Check membership and subscriptions desired.*

_____ CABA Dues (one year)	\$10.00 per _____	person(s) = \$ _____
_____ CABA Dues (lifetime)	\$200.00 per _____	person(s) = \$ _____
_____ PSBA Dues Single	\$20.00 per _____	person(s) = \$ _____
_____ PSBA family membership	\$25.00 per _____	family = \$ _____

Bee Culture Magazine

For Subscription information, contact Bee Culture directly, phone: 800.289.7668

American Bee Journal

Check category: new \_\_\_\_\_ renewal \_\_\_\_\_

1 yr. subscription @\$21.00 = \$ _____
2 yr. subscription @\$39.75 = \$ _____
3 yr. subscription @\$56.25 = \$ _____

Method of Payment: Cash \_\_\_\_\_ or Check Number \_\_\_\_\_ TOTAL \$ \_\_\_\_\_

**Mail this form with correct payment to:**

**Deb Buckfelder, 731 Gravel Hill Rd., Palmyra, PA 17078  
(717) 838-6934 deb.bee.caba@gmail.com**

**IF YOU PLAN TO PAY YOUR DUES AT THE MEETING,**  
**PLEASE BRING THIS COMPLETED APPLICATION**

**CABA Officers**

President-Linda Purcell  
717-566-6327

V. President-Gary Carnes  
717-215-9934

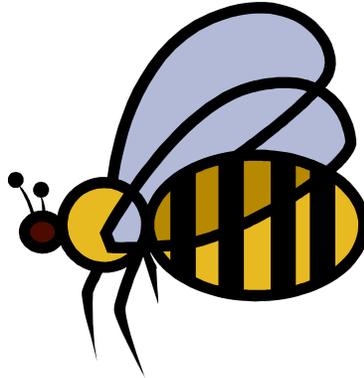
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Treasurer-Scott Plank  
717-657-0236

**Members at Large:**

- Jonathan Daniels
- Tom Jones
- Stu Mathias
- John Novinger
- Wil Shirey

Executive Board: Present  
Officers and Members at  
Large



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ics are welcome. Send your  
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