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A Website and New Logo

We're live! The Club now has a website. Thank you to Daphne Murphy for suggesting a website host. After some deliberation, we decided to go with Blacksun.ca out of Saskatoon for our host. In its current state, the website is simply a landing page with our logo and basic contact information. There are plans to develop a fully featured website, but we are waiting to talk with the Saskatchewan Beekeeper's Association (SBA) and Saskatoon Bee Club to see if we can merge the 3 organizations

into a single website that is partitioned into the 3 identities.

Have an idea for this or for the website in general? Give us a shout; we'd love to hear your feedback.



After a flurry of communication, going through and analyzing 6 different versions, the

RDBC executive team came up with a new and exciting logo for the Club. The idea behind the logo was to represent the club's beekeepers both in the city and surrounding districts. The queen bee sits in between the 2 towers from downtown Regina, surrounded by her retinue of worker bees. We have 2 variations of the logo, a circular one and a horizontal one; this ensures that we can place the logo on a variety of media, including the website, newsletter, letter head, etc.

New Executives for RDBC

The April 24, 2010 Annual General Meeting brought many changes to the club. Our long time President, Alvey Halbgewachs and his trusty Secretary, Doreen Bradshaw both stepped down from their positions on the Board of Directors.

Three new board members were voted in: Colette Stushnoff as President, Conrad Shultz as Director and Keara Bistretzan as Secretary/Treasurer. They join

Michelle Frischholz, Director.



Colette Stushnoff is a beekeeper from outside of Qu'Appelle. She and her husband, Rick, operate 250-300 colonies as Fort Trail Apiaries.

Colette has been a member since 1998 and has served as a Director on the Board since 2002.

She is actively involved in the Agri-Ed booth at Canadian Western Agribition (CWA).

"I am happy to be part of such an energetic and enthusiastic team of people, all of whom are committed to serve the members of this club as best they can."

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Keara Bistretzan has had a handful of hives. Living in the city, she keeps her bees on her grandfather’s farm west of Regina.

Keara has been involved at Agri-Ed and has been on the Honey Show Committee. A reoccurring ‘Pierre the Bear’, she has done the CWA auction the past 2 years.

“Being on the board is a new experience for me and I look forward to contributing as much as I can and learning a lot. The RDBC is a group of great people and I am glad to be a part of it.”



Conrad Schultz has a handful of hives and has been a member since 2009. He and his wife, Lauren, live in Regina. He keeps his bees in the Zehner Area.

Conrad is a Programmer Analyst, operating a web design company. He has volunteered at Agri-Ed and has even jumped into the ‘Pierre the Bear’ suit.

“This is an important time for us beekeepers. The industry is getting a lot of attention and we have an opportunity to ride on that. I am looking forward to getting to know all the members. I am excited to be working with a fantastic executive team and I am looking forward to the new season. Thanks to everyone who has contributed their time and efforts into the club over the years - thanks especially to our past president Alvey Halbgewachs and Doreen Bradshaw.”



Michelle Frischholz is from Zehner, SK. She and her husband, Perry, operate an organic grain farm as well as their beekeeping operation, Zee-Bee Honey.

Michelle has been a member of the Regina and District Bee Club for 5 years. She has helped with the Trade Show and Agri-Ed booth’s at CWA for a number of years and has been on the Board of Directors for approximately 3 years.

“I have always loved being a part of the Regina and District Bee Club. The Club was my starting point. It guided me through my learning curves....all of them! I met and mingled and gathered all sorts of good information from people who had been in the industry for years and who didn't mind sharing their experiences with a "new-bee". I found a member who mentored me and helped me through those rough first years. (Thanks Sig) My hope is that everyone who joins will feel welcome, network with some great folks...and most importantly continue to enjoy and love the art of beekeeping!”

Used Beekeeping Equipment Package

- 2 smokers: 1 fair, 1 poor
- 2 uncapping knives, 1 basic, 1 steam-heat
- 2 uncapping planes: 1 steam, 1 electric
- ~10 gallon galvanized oblong tank with 1 ½” honey gate
- 1 galvanized, hand-crank extractor for 2 frames, reversible baskets
- ~50 gallon galvanized tank with gate

\$50 or best offer (sold as is)
Colette & Rick Stushnoff, Qu’Appelle
(306) 699-2599

Field Day: No Business, Fun and Learning Only!!!

Field Day 2009 was held at the farm of Colette and Rick Stushnoff, north of Qu'Appelle on June 13, 2009.

There was a good turnout, the weather was ideal, and Geoff Wilson was on hand to demonstrate mite sampling in the bee yard.

There was a tour of the honey house, demonstration of our winter wraps, our honey warming box, and our overwintering method for 4-frame nucs.

A blind taste test of many different kinds of honey--amazing how different

people's tastes are.

A beef-on-a bun lunch with salads was provided, and there was lots of time for socializing and sharing with other club members.

We were pleased that the president of the SBA, Calvin Parsons and his wife Jocelyn were able to attend.

This year's Field Day will take place at the farm of Perry and Michelle Frischholz of Zehner, SK on June 13, 2010.

Beekeeping tools and equipment demos will be taking place – ever wonder

how to use a Refractometer? How about a Jenter Kit?

Have a cool invention that you use for your beekeeping? We are having a show and tell!

Contests for longest smoker (bring it with you) and bee trivia too!

These are just some of the great things that will be going on this year – and don't forget the taste testing!!!


Want to learn more?

Contact Michelle at 781-4457 or email us!



Doreen Bradshaw, Jocelyn Parsons and Conrad Schultz enjoy the 2009 Field Day.


Did You Know?

 At the Standing Committee on Agriculture and Agri-Food meeting on December 8, 2009, the committee recommended that the government follow in the footsteps of the Province of Saskatchewan and the over 40 Municipalities across Canada that have issued proclamations declaring May 29, 2010, as the Day of the Honey Bee.

It was a unanimous vote, making, May 29, 2010 the first National Honey Bee Day.

Check it out at:

<http://www2.parl.gc.ca/HousePublications/Publication.aspx?DocId=4310703&Language=E&Mode=1&Parl=40&Ses=2>

 It's easy to make a healthy difference and add the unique flavor of honey to all your recipes:

- Substitute 250 ml (1 cup) of honey for 250 ml of sugar and reduce liquids by ¼ cup
- Add ½ teaspoon baking soda for each cup of honey used
- To prevent honey from sticking to utensils and

measuring cups, coat them lightly with vegetable oil or vegetable oil spray

- If the recipe calls for oil, measure it in the cup first
- Honey is easier to pour and measure when it is warm
- Honey should not be fed to infants under one year of age. Honey is a safe and wholesome food for older children.

Pure Honey 100% Canadian Pamphlet, Agriculture and Agri-Food Canada, Canadian Honey Council

Queen Cells for Sale
\$7.00 each
Available approximately mid to late June & early July.
Colette & Rick Stushnoff,
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"May 29, 2010 is the first National Honey Bee Day."





Queens

Available for June, July and early August

To place an order contact Lloyd Harris

(306) 347-2847

or

LHarris@agview.sasktelmail.com

Beginner Beekeeping Course

May 29th & 30th at U of S campus in Saskatoon.

\$150 for Registration, including 2 lunches and course material.

Contact Lee or Garry at 374-3420

or mlg208@mail.usask.ca

Please register by May 22nd to ensure position.

Buzzing Connections

Hivelights is a quarterly publication of Canadian Honey Council (CHC). Must be a member of the SBA, which includes a membership in the CHC. It also includes a quarterly newsletter from the SBA.

For beekeepers with less than 100 hives, membership is \$85 a year.

For more than 100 hives it is calculated at \$0.35 per colony + \$100 or more for CHC.

For Membership, contact SBA Secretary:

Wink Howland
Box 55, RR3
Yorkton, SK S3N 2X5
Ph: 306-783-7046
Fax: 306-785-6001

Cheques payable to Saskatchewan Beekeeper's Association.

For schools, libraries, non-beekeepers, university or gov't personnel, it is possible to receive Hivelights as a "Friend of Canadian Apiculture".

Call CHC at 403-208-7141 or email to chc-ccm@honeycouncil.ca

Trivia Time

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| bees | dandelion | golden | preservative |
| blossoms | dark | gooey | sage |
| buckwheat | desserts | honey | sources |
| cakes | flavor | light | spreads |
| clover | flowers | liquid | sucrose |
| color | fragrance | mead | sweet |
| comb | fructose | nectar | viscous |
| cooking | glaze | orange | whipped |

Presidents Report

The Regina and District Bee Club emerged from the 2010 Annual General Meeting with several changes to the executive. Alvey Halbgewachs surprised the membership by resigning (for health reasons), so three positions were up for election rather than the usual two. As Doreen Bradshaw did not wish to let her name stand for Secretary/Treasurer, the board has two new members, and a new president.

I wish to thank Alvey and Doreen for the many years of dedicated service they have given the club. During their time on the executive, they turned a cash-strapped club into one that is financially sound. They have positioned the club well at Agribition, giving us an opportunity to educate the

public, young and old, about the wonders of honeybees and the products of the hive. In so doing, Agribition has become one of the club's main fundraisers. The Saskatchewan Beekeeper's Association recognizes the value of the promotion we do for the industry with financial support to continue this good work. Thanks to the effort of many club members for making our Agribition booths a success.

With younger members on the executive, the club will be taking a giant leap into the technological age with website development and more electronic communication. For those club members without e-mail, don't worry -- we will continue to communicate with you via Canada Post. Our

intention is to produce quarterly newsletters, and to offer additional meetings or opportunities for the members to share information and skills, and to know each other better.

The membership voted to discontinue the honey show at Agribition. Due to difficulty attracting and retaining sponsors, steadily declining entries from beekeepers and lack of media and public interest, it was felt that we could do a better job of promoting beekeeping and honey by focusing more attention and dollars on the Agri-Ed booth and the trade show booth. In the future, we may be able to find a different way to offer a honey show to our members.

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Colette

Recipe Box

Cereal Slice

Melt: ½ cup honey
½ cup brown sugar

Just until crystals are gone.

Stir In: ½ cup peanut butter
½ cup chocolate chips

Until melted together.

Add: 4 cups of any cereal, in any combination. Coconut, raisins, oatmeal, sunflower seed, etc are good too. Works well for using up the last in cereal boxes.

Press into 8 x 8 pan and cool on counter. Cut into squares.

Honey Orange Cream Cheese Sauce

(perfect for fruit)

250 g package of cream cheese

¼ cup honey

1 TBSP frozen orange juice
Concentrate, thawed

1-2 TBSP milk

Combine all ingredients, using enough milk to make a soft, spoonable sauce.

Spoon over fresh berries and fruit, or let guests dip their own.

Makes approx 12 servings

"Honey provides natural food energy with just 64 calories and 17 carbohydrates in each tablespoon."



See something you like?

Have questions?

Do you have ideas or feedback?

Let us know!!!

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We're on the Web!
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www.reginabeeclub.ca



Geoff's Corner

Have questions and need information about beekeeping in Saskatchewan?

Do you want to become a registered Beekeeper in our Province?


Contact Saskatchewan's Provincial Apiarist:

Geoff Wilson (306.953.2790)

Email: geoff.wilson@gov.sk.ca



Honey Today

 Honey bulk price in 45 gallon barrels is approximately \$1.55/lb.



About Our Club...

The Regina and District Bee Club has been active in the City of Regina for over fifty years as a cooperative for ordering honey bees and as a network for education and information on beekeeping.

It is a priority to inform members about current issues in the beekeeping industry to ensure that a proactive role is taken with all industry issues such as bee diseases, mites and pesticides.

The Regina and District Bee Club participates in the Agri-Ed Show Case at Canadian Western Agribition. The focus is to educate children from Grades 4-6 about agriculture and food. Club members volunteer their time to speak about the

bees and beekeeping to well in excess of 10,000 visitors each year.

The Regina and District Bee Club in partnership with the Saskatchewan Beekeepers Association profile the bee keeping industry as a whole in the Trade Show area in order to:

- Promote and sell products of the hive;
- Inform visitors about the industry and its role in the Saskatchewan economy; and
- Develop a relationship with other Saskatchewan agriculture producers.

Membership Benefits:

- A cooperative for ordering bees;
- At the annual meeting, guest speakers are invited to give presentations on current issues;
- Communication of industry issues to enable members to have a voice in provincial decision making;
- Hold "Field Days" to enable members to learn about beekeeping best practice methods; and
- Information and support system for fellow beekeepers.

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