



BEE FLIGHT



President's Report

Welcome to 2020, and what we hope will be a better year for bees than what we had last year. Finally we have had some much needed rain and the flora might improve before winter. We have another fun year of club activities planned, including our field day (in combination with the Gold Coast Beekeeping Club) for 2020 on the 8th March.

This is our first and biggest event of the year and we are now well underway with the planning and organising. It will again be held at Peak Crossing School. Ahead of our Field Day, our March Club meeting will also provide an opportunity to hone your skills at submitting honey and wax with our annual club honey competition. Other than just being fun, submitting honey and wax into the local shows is good for ensuring community awareness in honey and bees, so I really do encourage everyone to do your bit and have a go! I look forward to seeing you all at the meeting on the 4th February.

Phil Geeves - Club President

STOP PRESS - Calling all budding journalists and writers!!

After 8 years of creating the Newsletter, I have decided it's time to hand the reins over to someone else. This is a great opportunity to get involved with the Club and refresh our monthly newsletter. We need someone to step up and take on the role, and I am more than happy to help you get started or chat to you if you think you might like to have a go. Please speak to me or any member of the committee if you are interested.

Phil Corbett, Editor

Our club meetings are held on the first Tuesday of each month (except January) at the W.G. Hayden Humanities Centre Cnr. South and Nicholas Streets, Ipswich 7.30pm. Visitors Welcome

This Month

HOW I STARTED IN BEES.

A five-minute talk about "How you became a Beekeeper".

FEBRUARY
GRAHAME YATES
MARCH
NEIL SUMMERSON

SUPPER ROSTER

FEBRUARY
PETER RYAN, LUCY SARGENT,
LILLY SELLARS &
DALE SIMMONS
MARCH
NOEL STANDFAST, ALISON
STEWART, ROBERT WALKER
& GLEN SUTHERLAND.

NOTE: IF YOU ARE ON THE SUPPER OR ROOM SET UP ROSTER AND UNABLE TO ATTEND THE MEETING, PLEASE ENSURE YOU ADVISE SECRETARY NOELA SO THAT A SUBSTITUTE MEMBER CAN BE FOUND.

ROOM SET UP

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ALISON STEWART &
ROBERT WALKER
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NEIL SUMMERSON

Dates to Remember

Club Meeting 4th February

Committee Meeting -10th February

I&WMBA Field Day - 8th March 2020

Club Registration

Before club meetings all members are required to pay a \$2.00 registration fee.

Club events and show dates are on our website calendar

www.honey.org.au

2020 Field Day - 8th March at Peak Crossing School

Calling on all members, we need you! Help us keep I&WMBA great. Our biennial field-day is when we showcase our club to the community and help make people “Bee Aware”. The field-day is our most significant undertaking and only happens every second year. Please book it in your diary, tell all your friends and family, and come along to help out on the day.

Members’ Door Prize

As previously advised, every month our door prize for one lucky member will be a **full hive kit (a bottom board, a lid, brood box, super and a Queen excluder)**.

A fantastic prize especially for new beekeepers trying to build up the hive numbers. Winners will receive a voucher to collect their prize from Quality Bee Keeping Supplies. Remember you can only win it if you are at the meeting and you are a financial member of the Club.


PLEASE NOTE: You must be wearing your name badge to be eligible to win.



Door Prize Winner

As there was no door prize in awarded in December there will be two prizes awarded in February!

Winners should Contact Quality Beekeeping Supplies Tel : 3376 4548 to pick up their prize.



PLEASE FORWARD ANY INTERESTING ARTICLES OR PHOTOS TO ME AT
DRAGUN@ABCLASS.COM.AU
 THANK YOU PHIL CORBETT
 BEE FLIGHT EDITOR AND WEBSITE MANAGER

Club Meeting 4th February

Our Guest Speaker will be **Dr Rebecca Laws** who holds a Bachelor of Science in biology, an honours degree and PhD in zoology. She now works with Biosecurity **Queensland**, within the Department of Agriculture and Fisheries.

Club Meeting 3rd March

HONEY COMPETITION

Our March meeting will include the club's annual honey competition. If you are extracting honey, put some aside to enter the competition. If you are new to beekeeping and unsure of how to go about entering in competitions this is great practice.

Members only need to supply 1 bottle for each entry but can enter as many bottles in each class as they like as long as they come from different flora/apiaries. All honey entries to be presented in standard 500g glass bottles with white lids available to purchase at the Club meeting. All entries must be from the exhibitor's own apiaries. Remember you can also enter wax.

The following are the Classes that members can enter:-

1. Light Honey.
2. Golden Honey.
3. Dark Honey.
4. Creamed Honey.
5. Beeswax – block of beeswax – min 500g up to 1Kg.

Queensland Agricultural Shows 2020

<u>Marburg</u>	<u>8th & 9th May</u>	<u>www.marburgshow.com.au</u>
<u>Ipswich</u>	<u>15th to 17th May</u>	<u>www.ipswichshow.com.au</u>
<u>Esk</u>	<u>22nd & 23rd May</u>	<u>www.eskshow.com.au</u>
<u>Boonah</u>	<u>29th & 30th May</u>	<u>www.boonahshowsociety.org.au</u>
<u>Toogoolawah</u>	<u>5th & 6th June</u>	<u>www.toogoolawahshowsociety.org.au</u>
<u>Lowood</u>	<u>12th & 13th June</u>	<u>www.lowwoodshowsociety.com.au</u>
<u>Kalbar</u>	<u>19 & 20th June</u>	<u>www.kalbarshow.net.au</u>
<u>Rosewood</u>	<u>26th & 27th June</u>	<u>www.rosewoodshow.com</u>
<u>Redcliffe</u>	<u>26th to 28th June</u>	<u>www.redcliffeshow.org.au</u>
<u>EKKA</u>	<u>7th to 16th Aug</u>	<u>www.ekka.com.au</u>

I&WMBA & Gold Coast Beekeepers - Joint Field Day 8th March

The Club's Field Day is on Sunday 8th March at Peak Crossing State School. Please write this date in your diary and keep the day free. As always there is a lot of work in setting up for the day as well as cleaning up at the end of the day. Noela will have a work sheet for volunteers at the February meeting. Remember "many hands make light work".

Inter-club Trophy. At the field day, members entering the competition only need to supply 1 bottle for each entry. One entry per member for each class. All entries to be presented in standard 500g bottles with white lids. All entries must be from the exhibitor's own apiary. As indicated above, the 500g glass competition bottles will be available at the February meeting for I&WMBA members. See Entry classes below.

We need as many people as possible to help with the set up and running of the field day, as based on numbers last time we can expect 300 + people to turn up. This day is our biggest event held by our club every 2 years and promotes the importance of bees as pollinators and food providers. The day is an educational day and again this year we have organised some great guest speakers.

Programme

- 9.00am - **Welcome and Official Opening** - Phil Geeves President, John Krause MP
- 9.20am - **Dr Rebecca Laws**, holds a Bachelor of Science in biology, an honours degree and PhD in zoology, and a Graduate Certificate in higher education. Since 2015, **Rebecca** has worked on several plant biosecurity projects in Biosecurity **Queensland**, within the Department of Agriculture and Fisheries.
- 9.50am - TBC
- 10.30am - Morning Tea
- 11.00am - Joint presentation. Dr Tran will be speaking on "Exploring the value of the Australian honey bee propolis". Dr Simon D Williams, School of Science and Engineering Faculty of Science, Health, Education and Engineering, University of the Sunshine Coast speaking on "Manuka Honey and the Trees It Comes From"
- 12.00pm - Lunch, Time to visit the stalls and catch up with friends.
- 1.00pm - Phil Geeves & George Pallot present the Honey Competition Results, Cent Auction Prizes & Inter Club Trophy results - 1.45pm Close

The following are the Classes that Members can enter:-

1. Light Honey.
2. Golden Honey.
3. Dark Honey.
4. Comb Section in Honey.
5. Creamed Honey.
6. Block of wax yellow – min 500g.
7. Block of wax white – min 500g
8. Frame of Honey.
9. Biscuit Recipe.
10. Cake Recipe.

(Biscuit and Cake recipes are in this newsletter)

INTER-CLUB HONEY SHOW SCHEDULE - 2020

Entries: Submit entries in competition standard jars on arrival at the Field Day. One show entry per category per entrant. Judging will be on the 8th March between 9am and lunch. All judging is closed to general public. Entries may be collected at 1pm.

General Rules

An entry must be from the exhibitor’s own apiary.

Any entry should be no more than 3 months old.

Entrants may enter ONCE only in each class from the same apiary.

Family members entering the same category should enter products from different apiaries or different sources.

All entries to be presented in standard 500g glass bottles with removable lids.

Please do not present labels on the jars.

Judging Criteria - When judging extracted honey, the judges consider the following characteristics of each entry:

Cleanliness of the jar and lid

Correct fill level

Cleanliness and clarity of the honey

Moisture content

Aroma and flavour

Field Day Recipes

HONEY BISCUITS - makes 30	HONEY CAKE
<p>INGREDIENTS: 60g Unsalted butter at room temperature 3/4 cup Caster sugar 1/2 cup Honey 1 Egg, lightly beaten 420g Plain flour 1 teaspoon bicarbonate of soda 1/2 teaspoon ground cinnamon Pinch Ground cloves 1 Egg white, lightly whisked for glazing</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Cream the butter and sugar in an electric mixer until pale and creamy. Warm the honey gently in a saucepan until lukewarm, then add to the butter mixture. Add the egg and mix well. 2. Sift together the flour, bicarbonate of soda, cinnamon and cloves. Beat into the butter mixture on a low speed until a soft dough forms. Shape the dough into a ball, cover with plastic wrap and rest in the freezer for one hour (or the fridge for 2 - 3 hours). 3. Preheat oven to 180 degrees C, and line two baking trays with greaseproof paper. 4. Roll out the dough on a lightly floured surface to about 5mm thick, then cut out shapes with a biscuit cutter and place on the trays well spaced apart. Brush with the egg white and bake for 10-12mins until golden brown. Cool on the trays. Store in an airtight container. 	<p>INGREDIENTS: 250g Clear honey, plus tbsp to glaze 225g Unsalted butter 100g Dark muscovado sugar 3 large eggs, beaten 300g self-raising flour</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Preheat oven to 140 C fan force/160 C conventional/gas mark 3. Butter and line a 20cm round loose-bottomed cake tin. Cut the butter into pieces and put into a medium pan with the honey and sugar. Melt slowly over a low heat. When the mixture looks quite liquid, increase the heat under the pan and boil for one minute. Leave to cool for 15-20 minutes, to prevent the eggs cooking when they are mixed in. 2. Beat the eggs into the melted honey mixture using a wooden spoon. Sift the flour into a large bowl and pour in the egg and honey mixture, beating until you have a smooth, quite runny batter. 3. Pour the mixture into the tin and bake for 50minutes - 1 hour until the cake is well-risen, golden brown and springs back when pressed. A skewer pushed into the centre of the cake should come out clean. 4. Turn out onto a wire rack to cool. Brush with warm honey to give sticky glaze.

Flora - January

We should be seeing Blue Heliotrope, Brush Box, Carpet Weed, Flat Weed, River Coolibah, Molly Red Box, Pumpkin, Red, Stringy-bark, Silver-Leafed Ironbark, Brown Bloodwood, Brown Box, Gum-top Box, Grey Gum, River Red, Gum, Pink Bloodwood, Swamp Mahogany, Turnip Weed and Blackbutt and Narrow leaf Ironbark.

Name Badges

Please wear your badge to all club events and meetings. We currently have over 300 paid up members and it's almost impossible to remember everyone's name. It also shows that you are a member and it helps with introductions. Try not to lose your badge, as we can order replacements but at a cost of \$13 for the member.

Library

Library books and DVDs are able to be borrowed for one month at a time. If you wish to keep the book, or DVD for another month, bring it back and it can be re-issued to you. Any books or DVDs lost or damaged will need to be paid for by the borrower.

Club shirts, badges and caps

If any members of the Club are interested in having a club shirt and/or badge, please see Secretary Noela. The price of shirts is \$18.00 and the badge is now only \$4.00.

Committee Meeting

The next committee meeting will be held on the 10th February.

Support those who support you

Our club has been very fortunate to benefit from the generosity of Noel Hutchinson of Quality Beekeeping Supplies (3376 5404), and Burnett Beekeeping Supplies (0429 130 167). Please remember these very good friends when you require Apiary supplies.

Hives & Equipment For Sale

Colin Kirkwood: Two hives both with 10 frames in the brood box (Queens 10-12 months old) and 9 frames in the super, both strong hives. Any enquires to Colin Kirkwood **0419473432**

Glen Bartkowski: Glen is retiring from beekeeping and has surplus equipment for sale. Please contact Glen directly if you are interested in any of these items. **Ph 07 4635 6007**

Four frame extractor with motor \$500
 Steam Knife \$80
 20 litre pails \$5 each
 10 metal trays for hive transport \$8.00 each
 4 Bee escape clearer boards \$10.00 each
 New vinyl mats for honey boxes \$1.00 each
 New leather be gloves \$25.00
 Assorted honey boxes with assorted stickies, built outs and new foundation \$45 each
 Complete triple box \$120
 4 Second hand lids complete (10 frame) \$10.00 each
 10 metal lid covers \$3.00 each
 7 boxes with wired frames have been irradiated \$40.00 each

Approximately 50 loose wired frames have been irradiated \$50 for the lot
 7 painted used honey boxes empty \$30 each
 Wire Crimper \$15.00
 2 stainless steel strainers, plastic rim fits 20 litre bucket \$25.00 each
 12v electric 4 pin foundation embedder \$50.00
 12 Brand new assembled wired frames \$35.00 the lot
 5 metal excluders \$10.00 each
 20 plastic excluders \$20 for the lot
 Frame gripper \$10
 New 40mm plastic gate \$25

Items for purchase or hire are only available to club members.

Nucleus Hives (Members Only)

At the present time the club hives are not strong enough to be split. It is therefore unlikely that NUCs will be available for the foreseeable future. If the hives build up and can be split preference will be given to newer members that do not yet have any bees.

Club Nuc's will be in corflute non-returnable hive boxes each with a marked Queen, bees and 5 frames. Club nucleus hives will be \$120.00. If you require any additional information please contact Phil Geeves' his email is: pwgeeves@tpg.com.au Tel 0409 485 447

Apithor Beetle Traps (Members only)

The club currently has stock of beetle traps. They will be available at the next meeting at the cost of \$6.00 each. If you need large numbers of these please advise Noela beforehand.

Honey Buckets, Bottles and Jars (Members only)

If you require a large number of jars (more than 100) we respectfully request that you purchase them from one of our recommended Apiary Suppliers. Should you wish to purchase jars from the club please talk to Noela 07 3281 4165.

- Plastic 1 kg jars are 70c each and are available in 50 or 100 jar cartons.
- New 20 litre honey buckets with lids are \$7.00 each.
- 500g bottles for competitions are available at 90c each.



The club does not stock or supply items other than the items mentioned.

Wax Melter (members only)

The club now has a wax melter available for hire. Please Contact Peter Anderson if you would like to access this club equipment. Phone: 3800 3562.

Wiring Board (Members only)

Just a reminder the club has available for loan to members a wiring board, a box to make frames up in and an embedder to put the wax on the frames. Our thanks to Noel Scholz for these items.

Extracting Van Hire (Members only)

Should any member wish to hire the club van please contact Peter Anderson on 3800 3562 to make a booking. The cost of using the van is \$20.00 per day

Club Hand Extractor (Members only)

The club has two hand extractors for hire by members who only have a small number of frames to extract. To hire one of the extractors members should book and pay at the Club meeting prior to picking it up. The cost is \$10.00 per day for a max of 7 days. The extractor must be returned clean. An electric uncapping knife will go out with each extractor.

Depending upon your location

**Peter Anderson at Forestdale has one of them. Phone: 3800 3562
Phil Geeves at Blackstone has the other one. Phone: 0409 485 447**

Field Day HONEY SHOW ENTRY FORM 2020

Entrant's Name _____

Club or society _____

Please refer to honey show schedule (rules of competition).

CATEGORY	ENTRY REFERENCE	NOTE IF NOVICE	PRIZES AWARDED JUDGED US ONLY	TALLY OF SCORES (STEWARD USE ONLY)
Light	L			
Golden	G			
Dark	D			
Creamed	CR			
Comb in Honey	CB			
Frame	F			
Block of Beeswax White (at least 500grams)	W			
Block of Beeswax Yellow (at least 500grams)	DW			
Honey Cake	CAKE			
Honey Biscuits	BISC			

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