



Southeast Beekeeping Club

Club Meeting

Wednesday, March 2nd, 2022



Agenda

- Welcome
- Beekeeping Calendar - March
- Golden Bee Presentation
- Membership Drive Update (Veronica)
- Round Table #1 – Package/Nucs Overview
- Overview of Swarm Rescue – Debbie
- Round Table #2 – Swarm Prevention
- Events Calendar
- Crud Cutter Confessions
- Raffle



Calendar – March Beekeeping Calendar

- Assess any equipment needs, good time to purchase before spring run-up
 - Swarm Season stuff. Get your paperwork to Debbie to get on the Swarm List.
 - Are you ready for your spring splits?
 - Is everything painted?
- Suggestion: Rotate deeps
- Feeding: check hive weight. Good time for supplemental feeding.
 - Pollen Patties (Pollen Patties - can use spring patties as long as there are some warm days allowing for cleansing flights)
 - Boardman feeders - make sure the hives are tilted forward, so leaks will drain forward
 - Sugar Fondant (no pollen in it at all, just carbs)
 - Candy Boards inside cover
 - Pour some granulated sugar on top of the inner cover around the hole. (Vance's method)
- Prepare for a new year of bee records



Golden Bee Award

Veronica Berry



Membership Update

<https://southeastbeekeepingclub.com/sebc-2022-membership-online-registration>

PayPal: <https://paypal.me/SoutheastBeekeepingC>

- \$22 – SEBC and CSBA
- \$17 – SEBC-only



Round Table: Package/Nucs Overview



3 LB Packages



NUC Box w/5 frames



Overview of Swarm Rescue – Debbie



Debbie Komperda
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More information <https://southeastbeekeepingclub.com/swarms>



Round Table - Swarm Prevention

Causes of Swarming

- The population has grown too large and the hive is too small to accommodate all the bees.
- There's not enough room to build more honey stores.
- The temperature is too hot. With higher temperatures, more space is needed for each bee to maintain a cooler temperature.
- The hive does not have **proper ventilation** and drainage. If the bees cannot ventilate the hive properly, temperatures rise, and they will likely move out of the hive.
- High humidity and poor ventilation make the hive unbearable for the bees.
- Problems with the queen. Sometimes older queens have a tendency to fail to produce enough eggs in times of high honey production of the colony.



Round Table - Swarm Prevention

- **PREVENT & CONTROL SWARMING**

- Always give your bees plenty of room. Extra boxes if necessary.
- Make sure plenty of room for brood. Switch order of deep boxes.
- When bees are in the process of building up the colony and growing, they should get a good amount of sunlight and warmth. Give your colonies plenty of good ventilation
- Use young queens if possible.
- Plan a split



Events Calendar

- March 11-13 Wyoming Bee College (Fri-Sun)
 - <https://wyomingbeecollege.org/>
 - Location: Cheyenne, WY
 - Pre-Conference Workshops: Friday
 - Conference Workshops: Saturday-Sunday
- March 19th, 1pm Package Installation at Tom Garthright's House
 - 17618 East Davies Avenue, Foxfield, CO
 - 1pm
- Next Meeting: April 6th
 - Collecting swarms
 - Presentation on Splits
 - Guest Speaker



Crud Kutter Confessions

Who wants to tell their story?





Raffle

