

June 2023

BROWN COUNTY BEEKEEPERS NEWSLETTER



Mission: We are dedicated to promoting sustainable, responsible and healthy beekeeping practices in Northeastern Wisconsin for both experienced and first time beekeepers. We strive to create a fun environment where learning opportunities exist for association members and the public.

www.browncountybeekeepers.com

PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

Dear BCBA Members,

On the day of our last meeting, Steve Hupfer, friend and mentor to many club members, died unexpectedly while working in his bee yard. He was a self-taught Master Beekeeper and lifelong learner who gave his time to provide guidance and support to the club in multiple ways. Providing education in the Intro to Beekeeping class to attending all the club meetings asking probing questions, Steve was always keeping us thinking.

Steve had his own style of teaching in the moment. Just yesterday I heard someone say, "I just wanted the answer." It made me smile because I've heard that from others before. To be truly successful in beekeeping it's important to consider your goals and understand "the why" before taking a course of action. Those that reached out to Steve with questions knew there would be no short, one size fits all answer, but at the end of that usually long conversation would walk away a smarter beekeeper.

Steve was a 25 year club member and past President. He had a passion for the club and its rich history. He told me at an Intro to Beekeeping Class that he felt like a "Proud Papa", because the club was moving forward and in good hands with members who shared his passion for learning and teaching.

He was truly one of a kind.

Dave



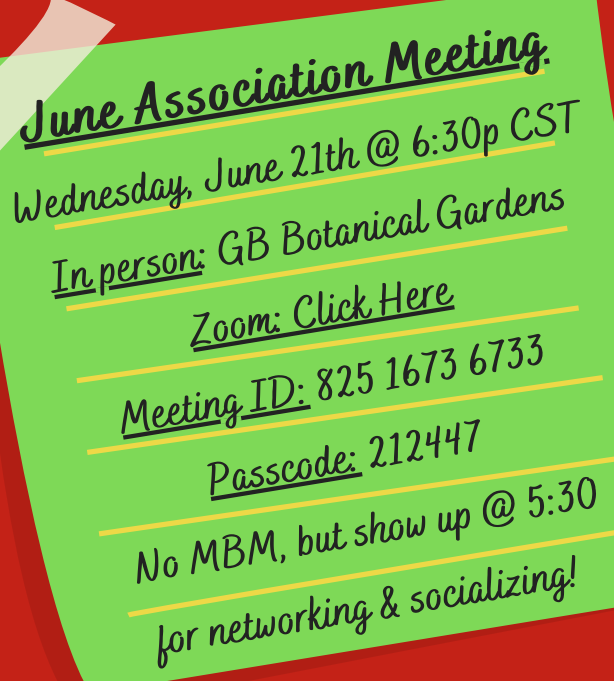
Steve's Beekeeping Legacy

Steve was a queen breeder and kept multiple hives, typically in nuc-rearing wooden-ware. Upon his passing, Sarah Mueller, fellow BCBA member, is kind enough to help Steve's widow manage his beekeeping "estate". Due to bees being livestock and needing immediate redistribution from Steve's apiary, I sent an email earlier this morning with the following information. Please reach out to Sarah if you're interested in purchasing his nucs. Here is the body of that email:

I am assisting Steve Hupfer's widow in finding new homes for his overwintered nucs. Since Steve was a queen breeder, the nucs are in 2 deep wooden 5-frame boxes with top covers and entrance boards. The nucs will sell for \$200 each.

If you are interested in one of these nucs please contact me before Sunday 5/28. The little ladies need some good homes.

Thanks Sarah Mueller
Text at 920-737 3215



June Association Meeting.
Wednesday, June 21th @ 6:30p CST
In person: GB Botanical Gardens
Zoom: [Click Here](#)
Meeting ID: 825 1673 6733
Passcode: 212447
No MBM, but show up @ 5:30
for networking & socializing!

Broodminder

Part of the Club's mission is to keep abreast of new technologies available in beekeeping. Some of the new hive monitoring capabilities have been of particular interest to many in the Club. Back in 2019 Rich Morris, CEO of Broodminder spoke at a club meeting. Broodminder is a Wisconsin company and a leader in this space. To help members augment the Broodminder costs the club approved \$1,500 in funds for the Brown County Beekeepers program.

Here are the specifics:

- Each membership in good standing and actively participating in club meetings (must have attended at least 3 meetings in the calendar year) is eligible for a total lifetime award of up to \$100.
- There are several videos on the website at Broodminder.com and YouTube so you can evaluate which products best meet your needs
- Go to Broodminder.com to Purchase products. Enter BCBC10 to receive a 10% Club Discount.
- After your purchase, please provide a copy of your Broodminder receipt to Tom Cashman or Dave Elsen. Also create a receipt for BCBA for the amount being requested for reimbursement.
- In return, members agree to provide updates to the club for 2 years at meetings and or the club's Northeast WI Beekeepers FB page.
- The Club Meeting Agenda will have time set aside for you to share your information. Please let the Club President know if you have information to share.
- Membership will be notified when funds are no longer available

Hopefully this is self explanatory. If you have any questions, please feel free to send me a note at DaveElsenBK@gmail.com

"Bee"ing Funny"

What do you call a bee
that works for the
government?



**FACEBOOK SITES
MANAGED BY BCBA**

Brown County Beekeepers
updates on club happenings

Northeast WI Beekeepers
beekeepers helping beekeepers



June

What's going on in the World of Bees

Seasonal conditions (WeatherWX.com)

In Brown County, Wisconsin

Average Temperatures: High: 74F Low: 56F

Average Precipitation: 1.7 inches (0 inches of snow, 1.7 inches of rain)

Average Hours of Sunlight per Day: 14 hr 42 min

MITE CHECK YOUR NUCS!

BCBA discusses mites in almost every conversation we have. There's a reason for that! Varroa mites are one of the biggest threats to our hives and our bee's health. On 5/20 I purchased and installed a "certified mite free" nuc, adding a 3rd hive to my apiary. On 5/25 I mite checked all 3 of my hives (by means of powdered sugar shake). My existing hives came out "clean" with no mites detected. My brand new hive produced 14 mites! Luckily I have formic pro on hand and immediately treated my hive. I will treat with 1 pad for 10 days, come back, remove pad 1 and repeat with another pad for another 10 days. This is label option #2, and because I killed a queen using label option #1 earlier this month, this is the option I will always use. I will mite check all my hives monthly.



"Bee"ing Funny"



A pollentician.



Honey Themed Eats

Join fellow BCBA members for a fun filled, informative evening at **Gather on Broadway** while enjoying "heavy appetizers" prepared by award winning Chef Jyll Everman.. Three unique dishes will be provided, all using honey, of course. There will also be a short honey tasting class.

Where: Gather on Broadway, 139 N. Broadway, Green Bay

When: Tuesday, July 11, 2023

Time: 6:00 to 6:30 Happy Hour cash bar

6:30 to 8:30 Food stations and honey tasting

Cost: BCBA Member \$30 (only one member per family)

BCBA Guest \$45

● Limit -75 persons

● Event held indoors

● Door Prizes, maybe some bee trivia challenges

Learn more about Gather on Broadway <https://gatheronbroadway.com>

Event is not open to the public but all BCBA members and their invited guests (family and friends) are welcome.

Registration Form

BCBA Member Name: _____ \$30

BCBA Guest Name: _____ \$45

Total: _____

Email address: _____

(to verify registration)

Send check made out to Carl Fisher
to: BCBA C/O Carl Fisher
2811 Otto Court
Green Bay, WI 54313



2023 BCBA Meeting Education Calendar

(a work in progress)

Reg = Regular Meetings: 3rd Wednesday of every month at 6:30p

MBM = Meeting Before the Meeting: Same Wednesday, starts at 5:30p

Date	Education	Type	Presenter
June 21, 2023	Foul Brood: Identification, Testing & Treatments	Reg	Donna Stine, WI State Apiary Inspector Dr. Jammie VerGiesen, Veterinarian
July 2023	No Meeting. Club Event TBD		
August 16, 2023	Honey Extraction	MBM	TBD
	Fall Management	Reg	TBD
September 20, 2023	Varroa mites	Reg	Donna Stine, WI State Apiary Inspector
October 18, 2023	Overwintering Indoors	Reg	TBD
November 15, 2023	TBD	Reg	
December 2023	No Meeting. No Club Event. Enjoy your holiday!		

2023 BCBA Outreach & Teaching Opportunities

Want to help kids understand the amazing magic of the Honey bees? Want to share your excitement and knowledge with local gardeners about bees and how they impact their landscapes? Do you have kids or grand-kids in school, summer school or camps that would benefit from learning about bees and pollination?

PLEASE VOLUNTEER and help our outreach and education program. All presentations are available and easy to use. We will be there along side you to make sure you have whats needed and comfortable- its easy, its FUN and above all rewarding.

Please reach out to Julie Mazzoleni at mazzojm@gmail.com for more information.

Date	Time	Opportunity	Volunteer
June 23, 2023		GBBG - Critter Camp - kids camp	Need someone to lead education. Julie is out of country.
June 30, 2023		GBBG Critter Camp - kids camp	Need someone to lead education. Julie is out of country.
TBD		GBBG - Adult Pop-up - adult summer class	TBD
TBD		GBAPS - Summer School Programs	TBD

Brown County Beekeeping Association

Member Benefits



Club Sponsor – Hansen Honey Farm, Rhinelander, WI

- \$5 off each package or nuc of bees until May 2023
- 5% discount for all BCBA members for ongoing purchase
- For online discount code, contact secretary@browncountybeekeepers.com
- When purchasing in-store only, let them know you are a member of the BCBA.

Club Sponsor – Let It Bee, Inc., Greenville, WI

- 15% Discount for all first-time purchases
- 5% discount for all BCBA members for ongoing purchase
- For online discount code, contact secretary@browncountybeekeepers.com
- When purchasing in-store only, let them know you are a member of the BCBA.

[Click here for the Club Sponsor Website Page](#)

Club Equipment Rental

Perks of being a member! [Click here for the full rental list.](#)

American Bee Journal Subscriptions

(Contact Club Treasurer for Discount form)

Club Education Reimbursement Opportunity

Club members are eligible for up to \$25/ calendar year for continuing education

Eligibility Guidelines:

- Must be a current member for at least 12 consecutive months.
- Member must submit their request to the Leadership Team prior to the event including details on how it aligns to the Club's Mission.
- Note: BCBA sponsored events, books or magazines not eligible for reimbursements.
- Club Expectations of Members Receiving Education Reimbursement
- Overview of the education to the club or an education session.
- Write-up with photos and/or video for club publication.

2023 Club Officers

President: Dave Elsen

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Website Chair: Carl Fisher

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Tcash99930@aol.com

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secretary@browncountybeekeepers.com

Education Chair: Julie Mazzoleni

Board Member at Large: Dick Sturm