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PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

Fellow Beekeepers,

What an excellent meal we had at our banquet! I know we will book this place again next year. I'm still full from all the home cooked food! Congratulations to the winners in the honey contest. We always get such excellent honey here in central Illinois. The year has ended now and the bees should all be ready for winter. Now it's up to Mother Nature. I sure hope she treats us right next year. I'm still waiting for a one of those years of bounty Charlie Ott tells me about where you're looking for every bucket and washtub you can find. I guess we just do everything as right as we can, then hope the weather is good.

I have found a new editor, Gary Grose, for our *Heart of Illinois Beekeeper* newsletter. I work with Gary and, while he is not a beekeeper, he is a very capable computer person and can publish the newsletter. Carl Wenning has contributed greatly to the growth of HIBA and ISBA. Our grateful thanks goes to Carl for a job well done!

I hope to see lots of HIBA members at the state meeting on November 10, 2001. Steve Tabor will be one of guest speakers. Don't

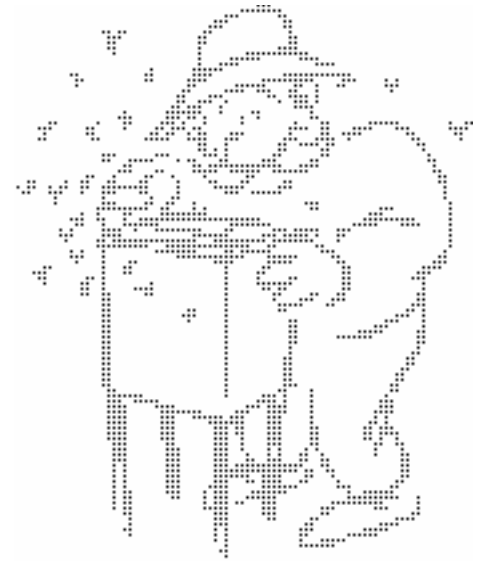
forget to check those hives, and good luck to all of us this winter!

Steve

Steve Mayes, President

MINUTES OF THE OCTOBER GENERAL MEETING

The last general meeting of the season was held on October 12 at the Jubilee Cafe near Kickapoo, IL, just off route I-74. 27 members and guests attended. The evening's events began about 7:00 PM with Steve Mayes and Tom Elston announcing the winners of the honey products competition. The big winners were Bill and Cheri Miller who claimed 1st place awards in three categories; creamed honey, half comb honey and beeswax, plus second place awards in two; chunk honey and light amber liquid honey. Dan and Janet Hart received three first place awards; light liquid honey-



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glass jar, light liquid honey – plastic jar, and chunk honey. Doug and Sue Voltz received a second place for their light amber liquid honey. 3rd place liquid honey awards went to Bob Coppernoll (light) and Don Waldman (light amber).

Next the group enjoyed a delicious family style dinner. Following that, Steve Mayes reminded the group of the State Association fall meeting to be held at the Springfield fairgrounds on November 10. Charles Ott indicated that the primary counties showing small hive beetle infestation were Will and Kankakee.

Conversation at the gathering indicated that honey production per colony varied considerably in our area this year. Charles Ott reported excellent production from his spring package bees.

Earl Lutz announced that the officers for the past year have all agreed to carry on their duties for another year. New arrangements are being made to publish the newsletter as Carl Wenning is stepping down after serving in that important position for four years. Also, Bob Coppernoll will replace Dan Hart on the board of directors. Dan has completed his three-year assignment. Many thanks to both Carl and Dan for their dedicated service.

The last event of the evening was a drawing for more than a dozen door prizes. These included various honey and beekeeping products, the most notable being a 1,324-page reference work titled *The Hive and the Honey Bee* (a \$40 value) going to Paul Moens of Eureka.

Don

Don Waldman, Secretary

**REBECCA WENNING
HONORED BY INDIANA
BEEKEEPERS ASSOCIATION**

The Indiana Beekeepers Association (IBA) has named HIBA beekeeper Rebecca Wenning **Young Beekeeper of the Year** for 2001 at their annual meeting in Anderson, IN, on Friday, November 2. Rebecca was presented with a certificate and a \$500 cash prize in recognition of her efforts on behalf of beekeeping. Jerry Brelage, Chairman of the IBA selection committee, introduced Rebecca to the membership and heaped praises on her while providing a summary of her recent promotional activities. Among her many efforts cited were the following:

- keeping bees with her family since 1997,
- co-creating the now annual HIBA bee-keeping course,
- presenting some 60 apicultural talks to public and private groups,
- serving as the first ever HIBA Honey Princess during 2001,
- getting Governor Ryan to proclaim September Illinois Honey Month

Rebecca is currently a junior at University High School in Normal where she maintains a straight-A average. From January through April 2002 she will be living in Dijon, France, as an exchange student. While greatly interested in beekeeping, Rebecca plans on a career in international

relations working possibly for the U.S. State Department. After graduating from high school, she hopes to attend either the Air Force Academy or one of the nation's renowned universities such as Georgetown, Princeton, or Yale. Rebecca is the daughter of Carl and Carolyn Wenning of Normal, IL.

**3RD PLACE HONEY RECIPE
FROM
HEART OF ILLINOIS FAIR**

Last month the 1st and 2nd place honey recipes from the Heart of Illinois Fair appeared in this newsletter. This month the 3rd place recipe is brought to you through the diligent efforts of Janet Hart who gathered these recipes on behalf of our membership. Thanks Janet!



Young Beekeeper of the Year, Rebecca Wenning

HONEY OF A FUDGE SAUCE THIRD PLACE

1/2 cup butter
1/2 cup cocoa
2 tablespoons cornstarch
1 cup honey
1 cup water
1 cup miniature marshmallows
1/2 teaspoon salt

Melt butter. Remove from heat. Mix cocoa with cornstarch. Stir into butter. Pour honey and water into chocolate mix. Beat, stirring constantly until mixture comes to a boil and thickens. Remove from heat. Add marshmallows and salt. Stir till marshmallows are melted. Serve over vanilla ice cream. Makes 2-1/2 cups.

REMINDER ABOUT STATE MEETING NOVEMBER 10TH

Don't forget the autumn meeting of the Illinois State Beekeepers Association that will be held at the Department of Agriculture offices on November 10th. Complete agenda details will be found in the *ISBA Bulletin* newsletter which you should have recently received. In addition, the agenda can be found on the ISBA website at www.isba.ws.

Please note that the meeting will be held at a new location this year — the Department of Agriculture Building on the southwest corner of the Illinois State Fair Grounds in Springfield. The Ag Building is located at 801 E. Sangamon Avenue. East Sangamon Ave. intersects Interstate 55 on the northeast corner of Springfield. Proceed west from I-55 along E. Sangamon Avenue for approximately 2 miles to the State Fair Grounds.

Attendees need to enter the State Fairgrounds through Gate 11 located

at 8th and Sangamon Avenue. This is the gate immediately west of the Main Gate to the fairgrounds on Sangamon Avenue. The Dept.'s building (red brick) is immediately visible after entering Gate 11. Ample parking is available in the large lot immediately west of the Department of Agriculture building. Attendees are not to park in the spaces directly in front of the building. Those spaces are designated as handicapped spaces and 1-hour parking spaces.

The meeting will be held in the building's auditorium. Attendees are to enter the Dept.'s building through the double set of doors on the west side of the building. Upon entering the building, they will see the receptionist's desk. Immediately behind the reception desk is the auditorium. Hope to see you there!

HIBA BEEKEEPING COURSE

To the best of the editor's knowledge, no one has yet stepped forward to manage the 5th annual HIBA beekeeping course that is normally held in February. Carl Wenning has managed this course for the past four years and now feels that it is time to pass on the torch so that he can turn his attention to other matters such as preparing for the Tri-State meeting hosted by Dadant and Sons next March. Rebecca Wenning has offered to take on this task, but she'll be in France from January through April and her parents thought it best that she not get involved with this project.

The main task of preparing for this course has already been done. There is an established agenda, written procedures, and a host of printed handouts. Additionally, Carl is willing to serve as advisor. The course historically has been

presented in Bloomington, but there is absolutely no reason why this course couldn't be presented in Peoria and any other community in the Heart of Illinois area. Planning for next year's course must begin soon so that arrangements can be made for a facility to house the workshop.

If you are willing to take on the effort to coordinate next February's beekeeping workshop, please let Carl Wenning know of your interest immediately. Without someone to take over the coordinator's role, this course will not be held in 2002. It would be a shame if this tradition would fail due to a lack of leadership among the members of this Association.

HIBA DUES TO INCREASE?

HIBA members are reminded that there will be a \$4 dues increase this year for membership in the Illinois State Beekeepers Association. This increase ostensibly will be reflected in HIBA dues as part of our membership fee in 2002 because it is used to pay state memberships for individual members. HIBA is an official affiliate of the ISBA. HIBA membership automatically confers membership in the state association. So, unless the HIBA Board of Directors acts otherwise, the HIBA dues for 2002 will be \$14 per year. This change has **not** yet been incorporated into the membership application / renewal form found on the last page of this issue of the *Heart of Illinois Beekeeper* newsletter. Similarly, new prices for beekeeping journals in 2002 have not yet been announced. This information will be included in the next issue of *Heart of Illinois Beekeeper*.

2001 HIBA Membership Application/Renewal Form

NAME _____ E-MAIL _____

HOME ADDRESS _____

HOME PHONE NUMBER (_____) _____

LBS. 2000 PRODUCTION _____ NO. OF PRODUCING COLONIES _____ YEAR STARTED BEEKEEPING _____

2001 Association Rate Journal Subscriptions

Orders for journals are accepted December through May only.

	Renewal	New	1 Year	2 Years	3 Years	Amount
<i>American Bee Journal</i>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	\$15.00	\$28.50	\$40.25	\$ <u>XXX</u>
<i>Bee Culture</i>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	\$16.00	\$31.00	N/A	\$ <u>XXX</u>
<i>The Speedy Bee</i>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	\$13.50	\$25.50	\$34.25	\$ <u>XXX</u>

Please be certain to indicate "renewal" or "new."

2001 Dues Check membership application type: Renewal New \$ XXX

Donation for Princess / Ambassador Program \$ _____

Total Submitted for Journals and Dues **\$ XXX**

Remit this application/renewal form along with membership dues and payment for desired journals to:
 Don Waldman, HIBA Secretary, 14409 Schlink Rd., Brimfield, IL 61517. Make checks or money orders payable to "HIBA." For answers to questions about membership, contact the HIBA Secretary by phone: (309) 446-9728 or e-mail: donwald@npoint.net.

Check out the HIBA Web site today at *www.hiba.ws*

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