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Reminder

- The Seacoast Beekeeper's Association newsletter is always looking for items to add. If you would like something advertised, or would like something bee related, do not hesitate to contact Christopher Somma.

President's Corner

Dear SBA Members:

Come hear Tom Perry talk about his Warre Hives

This winter, in between shoveling trips on the roof, I have been catching up on some of the "American Bee Journals" that I let pile up over the busy late summer and fall. If you don't get this journal, or if you haven't caught up yet, I want to highlight an article in the December 2010 issue called "Standardized Sampling Plan to Detect Varroa Density in Colonies and Apiaries".

As many of you know, we have been talking a lot about a new varroa testing technique developed by Marla Spivak, Kathie Lee and Gary Reuter at the University of Minnesota. We have handed out instruction sheets at meetings, Wendy Booth demonstrated it at the NHBA summer picnic, and I demonstrated it at the July SBA picnic for anyone interested. Well, they have written up an excellent article which

tells how to do the testing, step by step. There is, however, a slight change in technique from what we learned originally. Instead of using a half cup of bees, Dr. Spivak says that it is considerably more accurate to use 0.42 of a cup. Here's how you get this seemingly obtuse amount of bees: take a transparent measuring cup and add 1/3 cup + 1 Tablespoon + 1 1/4 teaspoon of water. Make a permanent mark where the water line lies, and that is your 0.42 cup-o-bees mark!

What seems clear from many articles coming from the scientific community, is that varroa infestation is still at the heart of our honeybees' problems....and accurate varroa testing is critical if you want to be able to track trends in your apiaries. This new technique is more accurate than sticky boards, and doesn't require killing any bees, so if you don't get ABJ, consider ordering this one issue at a nominal cost.

For me, Valentine's Day signals



not hearts and flowers but a visit to the hives to check for honey weight. This is the time that food can run out, so give those girls a visit!

I just got an email from the lady who runs the NHTV auction and I want to ask members to bring in stuff well in advance this year. So could you put in a notice to solicit items for the auction basket? It can be honey or beeswax products. We do this every year...it is good publicity and usually brings at least an \$80 bid for NHTV.

See you at the Grange!

Amy Robinson

Secretary's Notes

Dear SBA Members:

I hope everyone is doing well. As a recap from the last meeting, Bev Chadwick was nominated and voted in as our nomination committee for club officers. It is my under-

standing that this will take effect at our next election cycle. As for this year, the club voted for its officers and they are the same as last year. As always, the Seacoast Beekeeper's Association is always looking for articles, book

reviews and ideas. Please feel free to email me with suggestions. Thank you.

Sincerely,

Christopher.

February 2011

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
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6	7	8	9	10	11	12
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Schedule of Events

- February 17, 2011-**
Monthly meeting, Jeremiah Smith Grange Hall, Lee, New Hampshire
- March 17, 2011 -**
Monthly meeting, Jeremiah Smith Grange Hall, Lee, New Hampshire
- April 21, 2011 -** *Monthly meeting, Jeremiah Smith Grange Hall, Lee, New Hampshire*



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SEACOAST BEEKEEPERS' ASSOCIATION 2011 MEMBERSHIP FORM

ANNUAL DUES (\$12.00)

New _____ Renewal _____

NAME: _____

DATE: _____

ADDRESS: _____

TELEPHONE NUMBER: _____

EMAIL: _____

Make check payable to Seacoast Beekeeper's Association, and bring completed form to our next monthly meeting