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N Next Meeting : October 24, 2021

S Smithtown Brush Barn 1-3PM

Wally Blohm-Bee Venom

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*BoBoard Meeting: November 16, 2021 via ZOOM
7 P7PM*

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Conni Still

***EAS and Cornell Master Beekeepers Program**

Master Beekeepers are certified beekeepers who have a detailed knowledge of honey bee biology, expertise in the proper practices of beekeeping, and can present this information to the beekeeping and non-beekeeping public in a detailed, accurate, clear and authoritative manner.

Master Beekeepers provide education and assistance to beginning beekeepers and serve in other capacities in the community as experts in beekeeping. The Master Beekeeper program was developed by Dr. Roger A. Morse at Cornell University. The program has been expanded by the Eastern Apicultural Society of North America to other areas.

You can learn more about the Master Beekeeper Program by visiting the Eastern Apicultural Society website: <http://www.easternapiculture.org/master-beekeepers/certification.html>



I have to apologize for the lack of the newsletter for the last few months. Between my knee surgery, getting a new computer and trying to learn how to log into the website I have been very behind. Thanks to the extreme patience of our webmaster Nick hope this newsletter will go out smoothly. Its hard to touch type with my fingers crossd.!

Check your account on the website every month to access the newsletter!

STSTAY SAFE and WASH YOUR HANDS and WEAR YOYOUR MASKS!

Annual dues are \$35.. PLEASE send a check payable to LIBC to Conni Still at 82 Stephen Road, Bayport, NY 11705, go to the club website Longislandbeekeepers.org.

Any member who does not pay their dues will not receive future newsletters nor have free advertising in webwebsites.

LIBC Meeting Schedule for 2021

NOTE: The meetings are the fourth Sunday of the month at announced location. OK
....Everyone here we go again....

October 24th...1-3pm @SHSWally Blohm - Bee Venom Therapy - Information on how it is done and who it can help.

Grace Mehl: The last preps for Winter.

Nick Hoefly: How to negotiate the website.

November 28th ...1-3pm @ SHS Sam Comfort - The Good the Bad and the Buggly - Recent efforts to simplify a complex bee world

December 5th ... 1-5pm Holiday LIBC Party @Elks Club Smithtown - Notice sent to membership about details

January 23rd --- 1-3pm @SSJ Landi Simone - Tips and tricks of Working Bees

February 27th ..1 - 3pm @ SSJ Stephen Repansky - Understanding and Controlling the Swarming Impulse

March 27th ...1-3pm @SSJ John Gaut - Precision Beekeeping

April 24th ...1-3pm @ SSJ Guillermo Fernandez - Climate Effects on Honeybees and Beekeeping

May 22nd TBA

June 26th TBA

July 24th Club Picnic

Hey Beeks!

Have you done a varroa count lately? Beekeepers have told me their tale of finding a substantial jump in their count in the last couple of weeks. The picture below is a surprise to the beekeeper who sent it and shows that you get what you inspect, and not what you expect!

Another beekeeper told me this morning she tested 2 weeks ago and the mite count was 2/300. Tested today and the count was 73/300! How did that happen? My guess is somebody else's hive nearby donated a lot of robber bees from this hive. Don't be the next neighborhood "Mite Bomb". If test a

I myself lost one hive that I delayed in treating because they were making a new queen. I knew I needed treatment as I saw some bald brood in the frames and brood still left and got the treatment started after the other hives were treated. Did you take a count as I knew they needed to be tested. When I went back to take the queen off, the only bee walking around in the hive was the queen! Other hives will get tested again based on that.

Several beekeepers this year have said they watched the mite counts rise during the treatment. Why is that? I don't know if it could be resistance and it could be that the treatment was wrong, or it was out of date, or not stored properly or something else. But, this shows how important it is to test AFTER you treat as well as before. Make

sure what you used was effective. In the case of Apivar, test during treatment, since it is such a long treatment (42-56 days).

I want to mention one more thing about the "dead out" I had in my yard. As soon as I found it I took off the 2 honey boxes and picked through them and gave those resources to other hives. I put an escape board under the brood boxes to get the robbers out and went back the next day early in the morning. That is when I found the queen. I also found a few small hive beetles. When I looked at the frames more closely, I saw the itty bitty small hive beetle larvae in the comb. YUCK! I bagged those frames up and brought them directly to the curb in time to get picked up by the garbage pickup! My trash here goes to the incinerator, so, those guys are toast! The morale of this is once again, don't be the problem for your neighbors' hives or even your own other hives by allowing a dead out to become a pest breeding station. There were only about 5 adult SHBs walking around. But, there were hundreds, if not thousands of larvae that would have gone out to infest other hives. All now dead and burned.

The Honey bee season is coming to an end for this year. We are all hoping to have strong healthy hives in the Spring. Don't let your guard down now! Make sure you are testing and treating and thinking about other pests as well.

See you at the next meeting and until then, stay healthy and take care of your bees! --Grace

