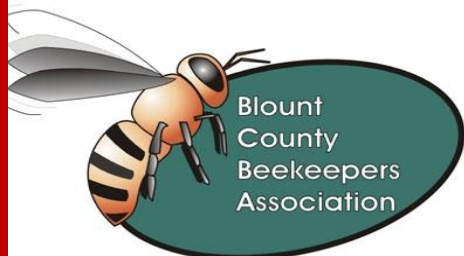


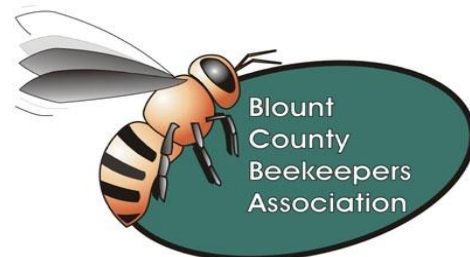
# BCBA

**BLOUNT COUNTY BEEKEEPERS ASSOCIATION**

**AUGUST- 2018**



## BCBA AUGUST



## NEWSLETTER

OUR NEXT MEETING WILL BE AUGUST 13<sup>th</sup> AT THE MARYVILLE CHURCH OF CHRIST, 611 SHERWOOD DR. AT 6:30pm. OUR MEETINGS ARE ALWAYS FREE AND OPEN TO THE PUBLIC. LYNDIA REZARRDI AND DOUG HARDWICK WILL BE SPEAKING ABOUT THE TVA&I FAIR ENTRIES AND HOW TO PREPARE THEM. STATE APIRIST MIKE STUDER WILL BE OUR KENOTE SPEAKER IF AT ALL POSSIBLE. HE IS BUSY WITH THE AMERICAN FOUL BROOD OUTBREAK. IF MIKE CAN'T MAKE IT JAY HESELSCHWERDT WILL BE ON STANDBY TO FILL IN FOR HIM.

OUR DIFFERENT FAIRS ARE COMING UP. I HOPE MANY OF US WILL CONSIDER ENTERING HONEY, PHOTOGRAPHS AND WAX ARTICLES IN THE FAIR. IF YOU WOULD BE INTERESTED IN HELPING AT THE FAIR IN ANY CAPACITY PLEASE CONTACT LAURA ATWOOD. HER CONTACT INFO IS LISTED IN THE DIRECTORS INFO IN ANOTHER PART OF THIS NEWSLETTER. BY HELPING IN THE FAIR, YOU WILL RECEIVE FREE TICKETS TO GET INTO THE FAIR AND ALSO FREE PARKING. IT IS ALWAYS A FUN TIME.

IT IS THE TIME OF YEAR TO START THINKING ABOUT ITEMS THAT YOU CAN CONTRIBUTE FOR OUR ANNUAL AUCTION. THE FUNDS RAISED HELP TO PAY FOR THE GRANTS THAT WE GIVE TO NEW BEEKEEPERS.

OUR PRESIDENT, VICE PRESIDENT AND A DIRECTOR POSITION WILL BE UP FOR RELECTION THIS YEAR. IF YOU WOULD BE WILLING TO SERVE IN ANY OF THESE POSITIONS PLEASE LET ONE OF OUR PRESENT OFFICER'S KNOW.

## **August 2018 - Chuck's Corner**

The heat of summer is here and Fall will be here soon. As the days continue to be warm and dry, you need to consider having a supply of water for your colonies. In the heat of summer, a strong colony can consume over a gallon of water a day. If you've not yet treated for varroa mites, you should consider that now. It seems that mites and small hive beetles have been pretty strong this year.

It is always fun to participate in the TN Valley Fair in Knoxville and the Blue-Ribbon Fair in Townsend. I just received notice in the mail about the Blue-Ribbon Fair which indicated that deadline to register your honey is September 24 and the Fair is September 29<sup>th</sup> at the Heritage Center in Townsend. If you have honey to display, you will get free admittance to the Fair. The TN Valley Fair is September 7-16 in Knoxville. You should set back a bit of honey to display. Also, if you are a photographer, you could enter bee related photographs at the Fair.

We will be electing new officers for BCBA soon and are currently planning for the Auction and Christmas Party. Please make suggestions for any of these events to one of our current officers. Lastly, as the Board of Directors plan for speaking topics for the 2019 calendar, please send me an email or text of suggested topics for future BCBA meetings.

Also, just a reminder that all beekeepers must register their hives with the State and should have them inspected at least annually. See the Newsletter for the numbers of the approved inspectors for the club. Here is the link for the TN Apiary Registration Form:  
<https://www.tn.gov/content/dam/tn/agriculture/documents/apiary/AgLicApiaryReg.pdf>

~CHUCK

## 2018 DUES ARE DUE

IF YOU HAVEN'T PAID YOUR 2018 DUES IT IS TIME TO DO SO. AS OF MAY 1<sup>ST</sup> WE WILL ONLY BE SENDING TO PAID MEMBERS. BERNIE HAS ASK THAT WE MAIL OUR DUES IN TO AVOID STANDING IN LINE AT THE MEETING. DUES ARE \$20.00 AND MAIL THEM TO BERNIE McGRAW, 1220 HAVENWOOD DR. MARYVILLE, TN. 37804. HE WILL BE TAKING PAYMENT AT THE MEETING ALSO. TO AVOID INTERUPTION OF THE NEWSLETTER PLEASE PAY YOUR DUES BY THE END OF THIS MONTH.

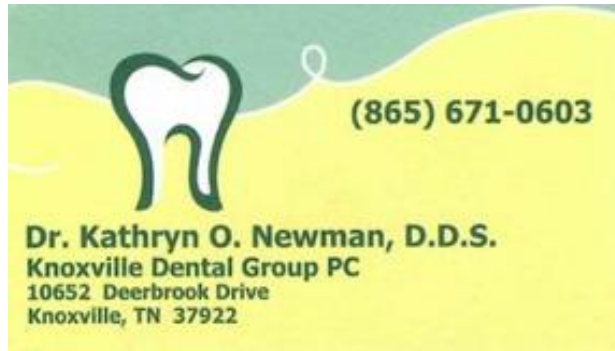
## SEASONAL MANAGEMENT:

AFTER TAKING OFF HONEY SOMETIMES WE AS BEEKEEPERS WANT TO TAKE A BREAK FROM OUR BEES. YOUR DRAWN COMB IS VERY IMPORTANT SO MAKE SURE YOU TAKE PRECAUTIONS TO PROTECT IT UNTIL NEXT SPRING. UNTIL FREEZING WEATHER ARRIVES YOU CAN USE MOTH CHRYSTALS TO PROTECT DRAWN COMB. **DO NOT USE MATH BALLS** FOR IT GETS IMPREGNATED IN THE WAX AND YOU CAN'T GET IT OUT. IF YOU USE IT, **IT WILL KILL YOUR BEES**. THIS IS A VERY IMPORTANT TIME OF YEAR. MITES HAVE BEEN HEAVY THIS YEAR. IF YOU DIDN'T GET YOUR BEES TREATED FOR MITES IN JULY AND YOU ARE GOING TO TREAT FOR MITES, I RECOMMEND THAT YOU TREAT AS SOON AS YOU CAN. WAIT LONGER AND YOU MAY BE TOO LATE. THE VARROA MITE WEAKENS THE BEE'S IMMUNE SYSTEM AND ANY VIRUS OR DISEASE THAT ENTERS THE HIVE CAN BE CONTAGIOUS AND END UP DESTROYING THE COLONY. IT IS IMPORTANT THAT THE BEES HAVE FOOD AT THIS TIME OF YEAR. BEE CAREFUL ABOUT FEEDING FOR WEAKER HIVES WILL SOMETIMES BE ROBBED OUT. MAKE SURE IF YOU FEED, FEED ALL COLONIES IN THE APAIRY AND USE ROBING SCREENS TO HELP AVOID ROBBING. IT IS RECCOMENDED TO HAVE AN ANNUAL HIVE INSPECTION. OUR CLUB INSPECTORS NAMES AND PHONE NUMBERS ARE IN THIS NEWSLETTER. IT IS A GOOD TIME TO START PLANNING FOR NEXT YEAR. IF YOU ARE PLANNING ON INCREASING YOUR APAIRIES, DECIDE WHAT EXTRA EQUIPMENT YOU ARE GOING TO NEED AND BEGIN BUYING IT OR BUILDING IT. READ AND LEARN ALL YOU CAH THIS WINTER. THERE ARE SOME GOOD UTUBE VIDEO'S TO WATCH BUT BE CAREFUL ABOUT WHO YOU WATCH. I RECOMMEND WATCHING ABOUT EVERYTHING MICHAEL PALMER PUTS OUT. HAPPY BEEKEEPING THE REST OF THE YEAR.

~HARLEN

## PLACE AN AD

If you would like to place an ad in the BCBA newsletter, please call one of our officers listed in this publication. Business card ads are \$32 for a paid member or \$40 for a non-member.



### Smokey Ridge Apiaries

Judy O'Dell

Owner, Manager

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[info@smokeyridgeapiaries.com](mailto:info@smokeyridgeapiaries.com)

865-984-5393

Beekeeping Equipment and Supplies



## Bee Inspectors

It's the state law to have your beehives registered, so don't neglect this important duty. If you want them inspected, below is a list of association bee inspectors. There is no cost for this service. If you are planning to move hives, they must be inspected.

Stacey Adair, 983-6223

Ricky Baily, 250-8123

Dennis Barry, 414-2116

Harlen Breeden, 719-1828

Charlie Parton, 776-1875

Stephanie Tarwater, 293-6229

### BCBA OFFICERS

Chuck Davis, President  
865-566-3690

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865-556-6191

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865-984-1865

Mark Ford, Secretary  
865-603-2016

Harlen Breeden, Alt. Officer  
865-719-1828

## MEMBERS WITH BEE RELATED ITEMS FOR SALE

Coley O'Dell Will have Queens, through October. Call 865-984-5393

Howard Kerr Will have queens and HFC syrup for sale. Call 865-982-6750

Harlen Breeden has quarts of 65% Formic Acid for sale. Call 865-719-1828

### TBA CONFERENCE:

THE TENNESSEE BEEKEEPERS ASSOCIATION WILL BE OCTOBER 12<sup>th</sup> AND 13<sup>th</sup> THIS YEAR. THE TBA IS OUR ORGANIZATION THAT REPRESENTS BEEKEEPERS ALL ACROSS THE STATE OF TENNESSEE. DUES ARE \$10.00 A YEAR OR \$18.00 FOR TWO YEARS. I HOPE THAT MORE OF OUR MEMBERS WILL JOIN THE TBA. THE TBA IN RETURN SUPPORTS OUR LOCAL ASSOCIATIONS THRU REMBURSMENTS FOR HIVE GRANTS, EDUCATIONAL FUNDS AND FOR SHORT COURSES THAT WE HAVE EVERY YEAR. THE MORE MEMBERS OF THE TBA FROM OUR CLUB DETERMINES HOW MANY DELIGATES WE CAN SEND TO THE SPRING AND FALL BUSISNESS MEETINGS. THE FRIDAY AND SATURDAY CONVENTION IS PACKED WITH PROMINENT SPEAKERS, MANY VENDERS, DOOR PRIZES, FOOD, HONEY AND POTOGRAPHY CONTEST AND JUST SOME GOOD FELLOWSHIP WITH BEEKEEPERS ACROSS THESTATE.

**Blount County Beekeepers Association**  
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Knoxville, TN 37920