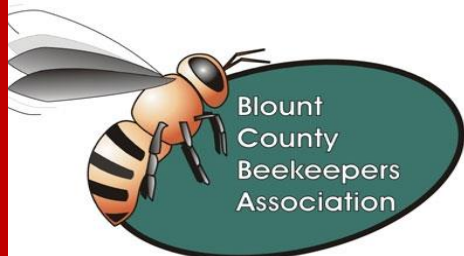


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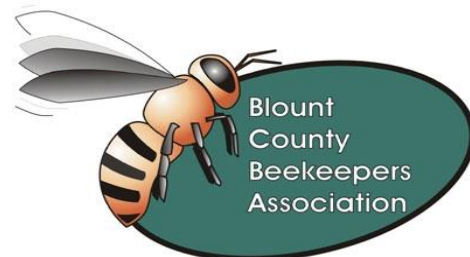
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## DECEMBER

# NEWSLETTER



WE WILL NOT BE HAVING A MEETING IN DECEMBER. INSTEAD WE WILL BE MEETING AT ST. PAULS LUTHERAN CHURCH, 429 SANDY SPRINGS RD AT 6:30pm ON THE 10<sup>TH</sup>. LOOK FORWARD TO SEEING MANY OF YOU THERE FOR A NITE OF FOOD, FRIENDS, FELLOWSHIP AND ENTERTAINMENT. OUR REGULAR MEETINGS WILL CONTINUE IN JANUARY 2019.

OUR NEW OFFICERS ELECTED TO SERVE THE NEXT YEAR ARE AS FOLLOWS:

PRESIDENT:            DALE HINKLE

VICE PRESIDENT:    JOSH CHAMBERS

TREASURE:            BERNIE McGRAW

SECRETARY:           KATHY FLAHERTY

3<sup>RD</sup> YEAR DIRECTOR: LAURA ATWOOD

2<sup>ND</sup> DIRECTOR:        BOB COLES

1<sup>ST</sup> YEAR DIRECTOR: BEN PINNELL

THANK YOU FOR AGREEING TO SERVE AS OUR OFFICERS. THANK YOU CHUCK DAVIS AND MARK EVANS FOR SERVING THE LAST TWO YEARS. YOU DONE A GREAT JOB IN LEADING US.

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

I want to thank everyone for allowing me to serve as your president for the last 2 years. It has been an exciting 24 months and I hope everyone agrees that our club is a great representation of beekeepers across the state.

This coming year we continue to plan to have excellent speakers and programs for the beekeeping community. Some of the events we plan for the coming year will be our Beginning Beekeepers Class and also our greatly attended Beekeepers Short Course. As these events approach, think about how you can be a part of the programs to better these programs. Also, keep in mind that many of our new officers do not know if you can assist or what your talents are. So, it is important for you to verbalize your interest in participating.

As we begin the next year, remember that our club is truly operated by volunteers only. And as our new year begins, do not be shy to volunteer and continue to make the BCBA a great club.

I hope to see many of you at the December Christmas Dinner!

~ CHUCK

## SEASONAL MANAGEMENT:

Now is the time to treat for mites. There is very little brood in the colonies at this time. Apivar Strips is a good way to treat at this time. Place two strips in the cluster and leave there for 42 days. This treatment is not temperature sensitive therefore there is no need to close up the hive.

Oxalic Acid is another good treatment to use. The club has 3 vaporizers that can be checked out and used. Noelle Cleverly has them and can be reserved by calling her at (865) 389-0160. If you have never used an Oxalic Vaporizer please check with me for a demo on how to use them. It's a very good tool for eradicating Varroa mites but can be very dangerous to your lungs. (Harlen Breeden at (865) 719-1828).

If your colonies are light on food, make up candy boards and place them on your colonies. Regardless of the weather, no colonies will survive the winter without food. Make sure your colonies are ventilated. Damp bees will freeze in the winter.

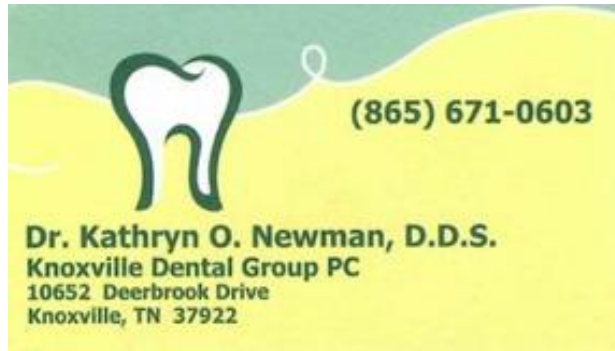
Start making plans for next year. Failing to plan is like planning to fail. It's a good time to clean, repair, and and paint equipment.

Everyone have a very MERRY CHRISTMAS and a HAPPY NEW YEAR AND HAPPY BEEKEEPING THIS NEXT YEAR.

**Blount County Beekeepers Association  
c/o Mark Ford  
3018 French Creek Road  
Knoxville, TN 37920**

## 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

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Owner, Manager

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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

Mark Evans, Vice President  
865-556-6191

Bernie McGraw, Treasurer  
865-984-1865

Mark Ford, Secretary  
865-603-2016

Harlen Breeden, Alt. Officer  
865-719-1828

## MEMBERS WITH BEE RELATED ITEMS FOR SALE

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

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