



# *The Buzz*

*Newsletter of the Iowa Honey Producers Association*



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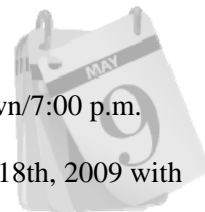
## Dates To Bee Remembered

Nov. 6th, 2008

**IHPA Board Meeting** Best Western Regency Inn/Marshalltown/7:00 p.m.

Nov. 7th-8th, 2008 **Annual Meeting** Best Western Regency Inn/ Marshalltown

Think ahead! CIBA will have their annual beekeeping equipment auction on April 18th, 2009 with the location to be announced.



## Detecting Foulbrood & Varroa Mites

Beekeeping can be a wonderful experience. Weather you are a beginner with one or two hives, or a seasoned veteran managing one or two thousand, there is always something new to learn. For the beginner or intermediate beekeeper, just keeping the bees alive is often a lesson learned the hard way. Both Foulbrood and Varroa Mites will wreak havoc on a hive if left unchecked. In *Detecting Foulbrood & Varroa Mites* we follow beekeeper Phil Ebert as he examines beehives for Foulbrood and Varroa Mites. Learning to identify these two afflictions is a must for the health of the hive and an enjoyable beekeeping experience.

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## The Buzz Newsletter Article Submissions and IHPA Memberships

Please send submissions, classified ads, and photos to Alex W. Ebert by email to [TheBuzz@ABuzzAboutBees.com](mailto:TheBuzz@ABuzzAboutBees.com) or by mail to The Buzz, c/o Phil Ebert, 14808 S. 102<sup>nd</sup> Ave. E., Lynnville, IA 50153. **The deadline for submissions is the 15<sup>th</sup> of each month to be included in the following month's newsletter.** The Buzz is a monthly newsletter published by the Iowa Honey Producers Association which is an affiliate of the Iowa State Horticultural Society. IHPA Membership is only \$10 annually. To join IHPA and receive your complimentary member subscription to The Buzz Newsletter, please contact Melanie Bower, IHPA Treasurer, 207 S.E. Diehl, Des Moines, IA 50315, Phone: (515) 287-6542

## Greetings from the President of the IHPA

Dear Honey Producers,

It was my fault that the September newsletter was so late. I apologize for that. The Iowa State Fair causes such turmoil in everyday life for all of us involved. To get everything that needed to be included in the BUZZ just took extra time and the deadline for the issue was during the fair.

I had decided that maybe I had done enough for this organization as your president. I had made getting another state apiarist one of my goals. That goal has been met with State Apiarist, Andy Joseph. Now appeared to be the perfect time to step down. I have since realized that we have another huge problem that needs to be addressed. That thorn in our side, as an organization, is the chemical spraying and the detrimental effect it has on **all** insects. To work on the situation, a group of entomologists, ISU extension personnel, the pesticide bureau, aerial sprayers, Andy and myself met to discuss possible solutions. There are so many conflicting studies about the proper time to spray, how the labeling law is being misused for the chemicals being applied, the application process itself and what protection the apiary registration is actually doing for us. We met to discuss all of the above plus more. I will report on the outcome in next month's issue. This is now my goal as your president. We need some protection from chemical spraying and other entities have agreed. We are working to better the situation. If you have any ideas or suggestions about this subject, please let me know. My address and email address are listed on the back of this issue. We need your input. (Ivan, I am sorry, I misspelled your last name. I must have missed it when I proof-read the copy.)

One way of increasing the membership in the IHPA was started a couple years ago. That program is the Youth Scholarship program. Mike has received applications from over a dozen youth wishing to be included in our program.

The word is getting out about our program. It is vital to our organization to increase beekeepers and what a wonderful way to do it. We might even have some help with the purchasing of equipment this year. More on that when details become available to us.

How was your honey crop this year? Ours was really good. Remember to get any treatments on your colonies as soon as possible. One of our best defenses is to make sure our colonies go into the winter months as healthy as possible. If you don't have enough honey available to your honey bees for the long, cold winter months to come, make sure that you provide food for them NOW. One of the research questions and ongoing studies for the problems facing our colonies is colony health. Let's provide them with every opportunity to be healthy.

Don't forget to register for the Annual Meeting. The convention will be held in Marshalltown at the Regency Inn Best Western hotel on November 7th and 8th. The agenda will be included in this issue along with other articles concerning the contests, (the more the merrier), lodging, registration forms. If you have further questions, contact Pat Ennis, Melanie Bower, or myself. We will host our youth scholars and will be able to hear and see their year through photos, stories and some even did 4-H presentations. Please welcome them into our meeting. We will also introduce our new members that evening with another group of scholars being named. Please consider this your invitation to become part of an ever evolving group of beekeepers. We need your presence and your input in this organization.

I wish you all a wonderful autumn season and hope you enjoy the out-of-doors and beautiful fall foliage. Have a "beewitching" season.

Sincerely,  
Donna Brahms, IHPA president

### **Membership dues for 2008:**

**Dues for 2008 must be paid in order to be able to vote at the 2008 IHPA Annual meeting.** They are still \$10 for the primary member and \$5 for each additional family member at the same address. The November Buzz will be the last one sent to members who have not sent in their 2008 dues. 2009 dues are being accepted now if you want to send it in.

**Melanie Bower, Treasurer**  
**207 S.E. Diehl**  
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### **Extractor for Rent Through the Department of Ag**

The Department of Ag has some small-scale extracting equipment available for loan:

**Small motorized extractor**

**Hot knife**

**Honey filter baskets**

Just call me (Andy) at (515) 725-1481 if interested

### **The Nebraska Beekeepers Association Chemical Free Workshop**

**November 14:** Deadline to register for Chemical Free Workshop; submit registrations to Nancy Holman Southeast Community College, Continuing Education Division, 301 South 68th Street Place, Lincoln, NE 68510, phone 402-437-2712, fax 402-437-2703

**November 21-23:** Chemical Free Beekeeping Workshop at Southeast Community College, Lincoln NE, Current speakers confirmed are: Dee Lusby, Randy Quinn, Dean Stiglitz, Laurie Herboldsheimer, Corwin Bell, Kelley Simmons, and Michael Bush. Topics Small cell beekeeping, Experiences in natural cell beekeeping, Bee breeding, Top bar hives, Natural cell size and varroa, Small cell management, several others are in the process of deciding and making arrangements details will be updated as available.

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## Notice to Members of the IHPA

The officers and board members of the IHPA would like to propose some changes to our by-laws. This is being published so that members having questions or suggestions could present them to us before the annual meeting so that the amendments can be finalized for voting during the business meeting section during the convention.

Article III-Membership, Section 2-The Annual membership dues in the Association shall entitle the holder to membership from the beginning of one annual business meeting until the beginning of the next annual business meeting. Proposed change: THE ANNUAL MEMBERSHIP DUES IN THE ASSOCIATION SHALL ENTITLE THE HOLDER TO MEMBERSHIP FROM JANUARY 1 UNTIL DECEMBER 31 OF THE CURRENT YEAR.

Article IV-Officers and Directors, Section 1- The officers of this Association shall be a president, a vice-president, secretary, treasurer and historian. There will also be seven directors, one of which will be the immediate past president. All officers will hold office for one year and be elected at large from the State of Iowa. Proposed addition: EACH OFFICER OR DIRECTOR SHALL BE OVER THE AGE OF 21.

Article VI-Duties of Officers, Section 3-The secretary and the treasurer shall keep the records of the Association, handle all funds and carry on all business of the Association. Their activities shall be under the directions of the Executive Board. They shall close their books prior to each annual meeting and make a report at the annual meeting. The books shall be audited annually. Proposed change: THEY SHALL CLOSE THEIR BOOKS ON DECEMBER 31 WITH THE ANNUAL AUDIT TO BE PUBLISHED IN THE ASSOCIATION NEWSLETTER. A REPORT WILL BE GIVEN AT THE ANNUAL MEETING CONCERNING ASSOCIATION FINANCES.

## Featured Beekeeper of the Month

Our featured beekeeper of the month is Marlyn Duncan. He and his wife, Kathryn, are from Vinton, Iowa. Their business name is "D's Busy B's".

Marlyn became interested in bees in 1967 while he was working in Central City, because Mr. Gibb Sellers had bees in his back yard. Marlyn started with 2 hives. Two years later he had 10 and at one time he had 60 hives. Now he has 50 colonies. He produces comb honey and extracted honey to sell.

Marlyn enjoys just watching his bees during spring build-up through the summer, supering and the final extracting of honey. In the future, he plans to continue his current number of colonies.

Marlyn is a member of the East Central Iowa Beekeepers, a group that meets four times a year. He likes to attend the meetings and share information about what is going on in his area. He says the weather this spring has been a big factor in beekeeping in this area too. The group presents programs to schools, children's library summer programs and other interested groups. Marlyn says he also enjoys reading the "Buzz" and the information it contains.

Marlyn writes about the flood and says, "During the flood in June 2008, 12 hives of my bees had to be moved. I spent 3 ½ hours moving them. When I checked on a Tuesday evening, I raised the hives up 1 foot. The water was not around the hives yet. The next morning, Wednesday, the water had risen 2 ½ ft. and the water was 1 foot deep around the hives. I waded and moved them to higher ground. Each hive had to be broken down and carried by hand. Lots of stings. All hives were saved. These hives are located 2 ½ miles from the Cedar River 500 year flood. Because of the flooding of the area the bees don't have a good nectar source so there will be just a very small honey crop from these hives."

Thanks for your story Marlyn and sorry to hear about your bad luck with the flood.

Submitted by Ron Wehr







# ANNUAL MEETING OF THE IOWA HONEY PRODUCER'S ASSN.

November 7th & 8th, 2008

Marshalltown, Iowa



It's meeting time again! The annual meeting of the Iowa Honey Producer's Association will be held Friday, November 7th and Saturday, November 8th, 2008 in Marshalltown, Iowa at the Best Western Regency Inn located at 3303 South Center Street.

Registration costs this year will be: \$15.00 for an individual before Nov. 1 and \$20.00 after November 1st.

Rooms for the event are available at the Best Western Regency Inn for the rate of 1 adult with a queen or king bed for \$71.10 or 2 adults for \$75.60. The Super 8 which is right adjacent to the Best Western, has the rate of \$65.00 for 1 or 2 adults with a queen or double bed. (There are only 5 rooms at the Super 8 for these prices.) These rooms need to be reserved by October 16th to get the convention special rate and please mention the Iowa Honey Producers when reserving the rooms. The telephone numbers to call are: Best Western (800) 241-2974 or Super 8 is (641) 753-3333.

We have a full schedule planned as usual. Make plans to enter the photo contest or the foods made with honey contest to show off your skills or enter the homebrewed Mead contest.

There will be a silent auction on Friday and Saturday this year, so get some Bee collectibles together to share with your friends. There will also be an auction during the banquet of larger items. These auctions benefit the Iowa Honey Queen Program.

Speakers for this meeting include Randy Oliver and Michael Bush. We will also have several workshop topics to choose from. They are being worked on at the present. Watch for the information in the next issue along with the meeting agenda.

Make your plans now to attend the annual meeting of the Iowa Honey Producer's Association on November 7th and 8th, 2008.

To register contact Melanie Bower at:  
Melanie Bower, Treas. IHPA  
207 S. Diehl Street  
Des Moines, IA 50315  
or phone with inquiries to (515) 287-6542

**SEE YOU IN MARSHALLTOWN  
NOVEMBER 7TH AND 8TH FOR FUN,  
FELLOWSHIP AND BEEKEEPING  
KNOW-HOW!**



## **Rules for the Photo Contest at the IHPA Annual Meeting**

Photos must be matted but not framed.

Any size photo will be accepted for this competition.

Please put your name on the backside of the photo.

Categories to be submitted will include:

Bee On Flower  
General Beekeeping  
Marketing or Promotion  
Extracting Honey or Specific Photos pertaining to Honey  
Swarms

## **Rules for the Cooking with Honey contest at the IHPA Annual Meeting**

Honey is to be the only sweetener

Please submit your recipe with your entry

(Judges will keep recipes to be included in the BUZZ)

Put your name on the back of the recipe card

Categories to be submitted will include:

Desserts  
Bars or Cookies  
Drinks  
Cakes  
Breads

## **Appetizers or Snacks**

Entries could be judged on: (Judges reserve the right to determine how best to judge the entries)

Presentation of entry  
Best use of honey  
Amount of honey used (compared to other entries in category)  
Flavor of entry  
Overall appearance of entry

## **Mead Contest for the IHPA Annual Meeting**

Supply at least two bottles of Mead

Mead will be judged on the rules of the State Fair. Mead will be judged on alcohol strength, sweetness, carbonation, temperature, taste, and presentation.

Categories:

Traditional Meads  
Melomels (Fruit Meads)  
Metheglin (Spiced Meads)

Bring extra bottles of Mead to share at the Wine and Cheese Party by the Pool.



# IOWA HONEY PRODUCERS 96th ANNUAL MEETING MARSHALLTOWN, IOWA — NOVEMBER 7 & 8, 2008

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_

City: \_\_\_\_\_ State: \_\_\_\_\_ Zip: \_\_\_\_\_ - \_\_\_\_\_

Phone: (\_\_\_\_) \_\_\_\_\_ County: \_\_\_\_\_

No. of Colonies: \_\_\_\_\_ Years Beekeeping: \_\_\_\_\_ Company Name: \_\_\_\_\_

E-Mail Address: \_\_\_\_\_

**NOTE: PREREGISTRATION FOR ANNUAL MEETING DEADLINE NOV. 1st. NO EXCEPTIONS:**

Individual:	Registration after November 1st will be \$20.00	\$15.00	\$ _____
Family Rate:	Registration after November 1st will be \$30.00	\$28.00	\$ _____
<b>BANQUET</b> - Friday night 7:00 P.M. (per person)	Number of tickets _____ X	\$30.00	\$ _____
<b>Lunch on Saturday</b> - (per person)	Number of tickets _____ X	\$20.00	\$ _____

**YEAR 2009 MEMBERSHIP DUES:**

Iowa Honey Producers Association includes subscription to "The Buzz" \$10.00 \$ \_\_\_\_\_

**2nd Family Membership same address** Name: \_\_\_\_\_ \$ 5.00 \$ \_\_\_\_\_

**3rd Family Membership same address** Name: \_\_\_\_\_ \$ 5.00 \$ \_\_\_\_\_

**(Year 2008 membership required to vote at Business Meeting)**

**COOKBOOKS:**

	<u>QTY</u>	<u>1-9</u>	<u>10 or more</u>	
Iowa Honey Producers Cook Book	_____	\$6.50	\$5.50	\$ _____

**TOTAL** \$ \_\_\_\_\_

*Make Check payable to:*

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**Iowa Honey Producers Association**

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The banquet and luncheon prices have increased due to price increases by the restaurant as their costs have increased over last year. The meal cost is still very reasonable for the food and the use of the motel for our annual meeting.

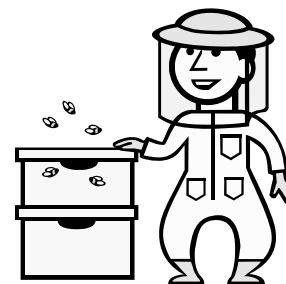
**NOTE: MEMBERS ARE RESPONSIBLE FOR SENDING IN THEIR OWN MAGAZINE SUBSCRIPTIONS  
AND NATIONAL ASSOCIATION MEMBERSHIPS STARTING OCTOBER 1, 2003**

When sending in your magazine subscription or national association membership be sure to inform them of your membership with Iowa Honey Producers Association and give them the name of the Treasurer. There will be printed magazine ordering forms at the meeting. This should speed up your renewals and still give you the association rate on the magazines. There is no discount on membership to the national associations.



# WELCOME TO THE 96<sup>TH</sup> ANNUAL MEETING OF THE IOWA HONEY PRODUCERS ASSOCIATION

NOVEMBER 7th & 8th, 2008  
BEST WESTERN REGENCY INN  
MARSHALLTOWN, IA 50158  
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Friday, November 7<sup>th</sup>

## Morning schedule:

- 8:00 - Registration.  
- Visit vendors in room E  
- Cooking with Honey & Photo Contest entries due in room F @ 10:00!  
- Mead for judging entries due in room F @ 10:00!  
- Donated items for Silent Auction to Regina Jager  
- Meetings will take place in rooms A & B
- 8:30 - Call to Order and Welcome!.....Donna Brahms, President of the IHPA  
- Introduction of IHPA Board Members and Announcements
- 8:45 - State Apiarist Report .....Andy Joseph, State Apiarist
- 9:05 - Bee Notification & Pesticide Spraying.....Chuck Eckermann
- 9:35 - Natural Cell Size and its Ramifications to Varroa .....Michael Bush
- 10:40 - BREAK - Make a bid on the silent auction items & visit vendors in Rm. E.
- 11:00 - Door Prize, must be present in the room to win
- 11:05 - ??????????.....Lee Heine, Dadant WI
- 12:00 - LUNCH - On your own or you can eat at Mr. G's here in the hotel.  
Queen Luncheon at Mr. G's. HAVE LUNCH WITH OUR IHPA QUEEN!

## Afternoon Schedule:

- 1:00 - Door Prizes, must be present in the room to win.
- 1:05 - Annual Business Meeting (We will have an agenda for members)
- 2:45 - Cooking Contest Results .....Donna Rayhons, Doris Ramsey, and Carol Wehr  
- Photo Contest Results .....Warren Nelson  
- Mead Judging Results.....Steve Richardsen, Tassel Ridge Winery([www.tasselridge.com](http://www.tasselridge.com))
- 2:55 - BREAK - Make a bid on the silent auction items & visit vendors in Rm. E.
- 3:10 - Door Prizes, must be present in the room to win
- 3:15 - Meet the Honey Queen Candidates .....Regina Jager
- 3:30 - Nosema Ceranae.....Randy Oliver
- 4:30 - State Fair Exhibitor's (meet in Rm. F)  
- Silent Auction Ends - collect your treasures!
- 5:00 - Wine & Cheese welcome by the pool - Time to Visit, Compliments of the Marshalltown  
Convention & Visitors Bureau (We will be having our 1<sup>st</sup> annual Mead Judging Contest. Please  
bring your finest homemade mead!)
- 6:30 - Banquet (located in rooms C & D) - This year's meal will be family style. This dinner will consist of Roast Beef, Baked  
Chicken, Irish Parsley Potatoes and California Blend Vegetables. There will also be a tossed Salad or Cole Slaw, Fresh  
Baked Rolls w/butter, Coffee or Tea. Dessert will be cheesecake w/Topping. The cost: \$25.00 and children (ages 3-10) are  
\$3.00 less, tax and gratuity included.
- Banquet Program:**  
Introduction of Queen Candidates, Parents and Sponsors .....Regina Jager; Honey Queen Chair  
Awards Presentation .....Donna Rayhons, Chairman of the Awards Committee  
?????? .....Randy Oliver  
THANKS! From the Iowa Honey Queen.....Diane Jurchen  
Auction - Support the Queen Program.....Bill Van Roekel  
Queen Coronation .....Regina Jager



## Good Night!!!!!!

Saturday, November 8<sup>th</sup>

Morning Schedule

8:00 - *Registration*

**Note: Vendors will be packing up around noon today.**

8:30 - *Announcements & Door Prizes*.....Pat Ennis  
- *Introduction of IHPA Board Members*  
- *Bee Inspection Report*.....Delmar Nelson  
8:50 - *Small Cell Hive Management*.....Michael Bush  
9:50 - **BREAK** - Make a bid on the silent auction items & visit vendors in Rm. E  
10:05 - **Door Prizes**, must be present in the room to win  
10:10 - *Judging Criteria* ..... Warren Nelson  
11:05 - *Mite IPM*.....Randy Oliver  
12:00 - **Lunch (\$16.00 tax and gratuity included)** – *Meat Loaf, Mash Potatoes, Carrots, Tossed Salad, Roll and Beverage.*  
1:00 - **Silent Auction Ends** – collect your treasures!

Beekeeping Talks/Workshops 2008

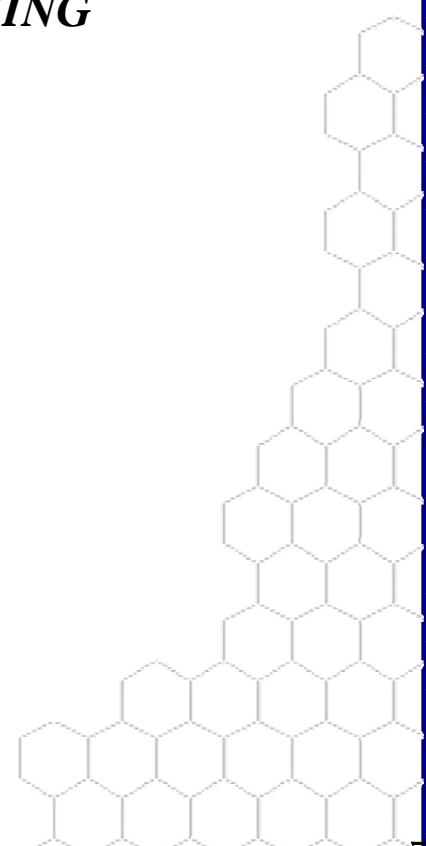
1:00 – **Beginning beekeeping** .....  
1:30 – **Beginning beekeeping**.....  
2:00 – *Future of Bee Breeding*.....Randy Oliver  
3:00 – *Over wintering Nucs*.....Michael Bush  
4:00 - **Adjournment**

**Note: There will be a short meeting of 2008 board members and officers in Rm. B**



***THANK YOU FOR COMING  
AND DRIVE SAFELY!!!!***

***NOTES:***





## THE BEEYARD REPORT

It has been a summer that paralleled 1993. There was a lot of rain and great bloom but no heat. Potential was unrealized. The thought of potential reminded me of my dad. He didn't think potential was worth anything. He always told me you couldn't take it to the bank. He didn't think much of potential in individuals either. His feeling was that you either did it or you didn't. It wasn't always the people with the most ability who got things done. We didn't agree on much but he was right on that one.

The mite drop indicated that we had to get the supers off some of our yards early and get mite treatments in. Adam pulled the first one on August 10th. Half of our treatments were in by Sept 10. The bees look good but they can disappear in a couple of weeks if there are too many mites. I have been back through some of the yards two weeks after treatment. Most of them look really good---even the colonies that were dropping over 100 mites/day. The first yard we pulled has several colonies that crashed. They were pretty much toast before we pulled the supers.

As we approach the latter part of Sept, we are finally getting some nice weather. The bees are working goldenrod and the other yellow flowers. I still have ragweed blooming my yard. It's covered with bumble bees, honeybees and a multitude of other insects. The Spanish needles are on the verge and the little white asters are starting to show. There is quite a bit of smartweed also. I don't know how long it has been since I mowed the yard at home but I'm thinking several weeks. Things look a little ragged. The horses haven't done a very neat job of keeping things trimmed up.

We have 32 barrels extracted. The crop estimate looks slightly better than it did last month--about 45 barrels or 55#/colony. We did get a record quantity of

comb honey but if you add it to the average, we only gain about 4#/colony. We have over 30 cut comb boxes that the bees never touched. Adam brought a few finished boxes home in mid Sept. Amazingly, they still had white caps. I would have expected them to be yellow.

Our queen yard has evolved into 39 full sized colonies. We gave them a second deep underneath this year so we can force them down with syrup.

Last year we left them as singles. The bees clustered in the middle of the frames. There was food all around them but they can only access what is on top.

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We had a 98% death loss in that group.

There is a downside to having a number of colonies close to home. They try to invade our building when extracting starts and the wet boxes accumulate. We had 10# or 12# of bees hanging inside the warehouse. Alex came in the middle of the night and moved the boxes out. There are still a few bees that persist in hanging around but they aren't a problem.

We are approaching the anniversary of the tornado that hit our place last fall. We are still in the recovery mode. I can't imagine what it must be like in Parkersburg.

Adam has a blog on our website. Check it out if you wonder what he is doing. There are usually some pictures also. [www.eberthoney.com](http://www.eberthoney.com) Let's get ready for winter. Submitted by Phil Ebert

## **Quick and Easy Honey Peanut Butter Popcorn Balls**

Makes 6 (three inch) popcorn balls

**1/2 cup honey**

**1/4 teaspoon salt**

**1/4 cup peanut butter (any type)**

**6 cups freshly popped corn (regular or hot air popped- about 1/4 cup un-popped kernels)**

**Cooking spray**

**Optional: 1 tablespoons sunflower seeds or 1/4 cup raisins**

Heat honey and salt in a small sauce pan. Whisk in peanut butter. Mixture should be smooth. Bring to a boil - uncovered. Boil 1 minute. Immediately pour mixture over popped corn (and sunflower seeds or raisins). Toss to coat. (A rubber scraper works well.)

Lightly mist your hands with cooking spray and, while mixture is still warm, form popcorn mixture into balls. Pack balls well so popcorn sticks together but not so much that you crush the kernels.

Put popcorn balls on a dish or rack to cool completely - at least an hour. Wrap balls individually in plastic wrap or store in a plastic container. I like to keep them in the refrigerator but storing them at room temperature is OK.

**Cook's tip:** We used natural (unsweetened) peanut butter to test this recipe but any peanut butter will yield good results. Just be sure the peanut butter is thick.

Some brands of natural peanut butter are soft and runny at room temperature which will prevent the popcorn balls from holding their shape. If this happens, keeping them in the refrigerator will help them stay firm.

**Another cook's tip:** After you've popped the corn, pick through it very carefully to remove any un-popped or partially popped kernels and discard them. You don't want your little goblins breaking their teeth.

# Snapshots of the 2008 Iowa State Fair



## October Tips for the Beekeeping Year

Are your bees ready for winter? You might want to consider the following:

- Apply either **terramycin powder** or patties as an American Foul Brood preventative.
- Wrap your hives with the hive wrap of your choice. Remember that the honey bees need to be able to exit the hive during warmer weather for cleansing flights, don't wrap them too tight, leave an escape. Note: Honey bees keep the hive around 90 degrees winter and summer, wrapping them too tightly might result in suffocation.
- Ensure that they have enough reserves for winter. Feed the bees as needed.
- Place a small stick or pebble (about 1/16" thick) under the inner cover to vent the hive. Moisture is one of the major problems for a hive during winter months.
- If you haven't installed your entrance reducers, do so now. They help keep rodents out of the hive.
- If you are not wrapping your hives, move the colonies to their protected winter location, usually facing south.
- Register for the Annual meeting. Many helpful tips can be obtained by attending the Annual Meeting of the Iowa Honey Producers Association on November 7th and 8th in Marshalltown at the Best Western Regency Inn. Fellowship results in many different options for keeping honey bees.
- Bring your award-winning photos, your outstanding honey foods and any mead or wine that you make to the Annual meeting for the contests between members. It is great fun to see the photos, taste the scrumptious food and to sip the different meads that our members offer.
- Consider becoming a mentor for the IHPA youth scholarship beekeeping program. Contact Mike Brahms, (712) 774-5878 or mbrahms@netins.net volunteer. We need you to let us know that you would be willing to guide a young person in learning the skills necessary to become a beekeeper. The youth are the future of this organization.







# 2008 Iowa State Fair

I would like to thank everyone who submitted entries for the 2008 Iowa State Fair; Donna and the volunteers who manned the IHPA booth for the wonderful job they did; Warren Nelson for doing an excellent job as our judge this year; Iowa Honey Producers Association, C.F. Koehnen, Dadant & Sons, B & L Plastics, Draper's Super Bee, Herman Bickle through the IHPA, and B & B Honey Farm who sponsored several of the classes; and to Larry Spina for allowing his hive and mannequin to attend the Fair.

The winners of each class were:

Class	1 <sup>st</sup>	2 <sup>nd</sup>	3 <sup>rd</sup>	4 <sup>th</sup>	5 <sup>th</sup>	6 <sup>th</sup>
1	Connie Bronnen- berg	Mike & Donna Brahms	Patricia Stewart	Brian Powell	Ellie Johnson	
2	Mike & Donna Brahms	Mark Tintjer				
3	Phil Ebert	Connie Bronnen- berg	Patricia Stewart	Pat Randol		
4	Mark Tintjer	Wicker Van Orsdel	Patricia Stewart	Susan Knapp	Phil Ebert	Chris Klaas
5	Connie Bronnen- berg	Ellie Johnson	Mark Tintjer	Marlene Mogle	Patricia Stewart	Mike & Donna Brahms
6	Connie Bronnen- berg	Mike & Donna Brahms	Mark Tintjer	Patricia Stewart		
7	Connie Bronnen- berg	Patricia Stewart	Mark Tintjer			
8	Connie Bronnen- berg	Phil Ebert	Mike & Donna Brahms			
9	David K. Cook	Wicker Van Orsdel	Mark Tintjer	Michael Barnard	Susan Knapp	Ellie Johnson
10	Pat Randol	Mike & Donna Brahms	Patricia Stewart	Mark Tintjer	Connie Bronnen- berg	
11	Pat Randol	Mike & Donna Brahms	Connie Bronnen- berg	Mark Tintjer		
12	Isaac Sedlmayr	Michael Barnard	Mark Tintjer	Susan Knapp	Connie Bronnen- berg	Marlene Mogle
13	Mark Tintjer	Phil Ebert	Connie Bronnen- berg	Mike & Donna Brahms	Alex Ebert	Pat Randol
14	Connie Bronnen- berg	Mark Tintjer	Mike & Donna Brahms	Phil Ebert	Alex Ebert	Ellie Johnson
15	Connie Bronnen- berg	Mark Tintjer	Mike & Donna Brahms	Ellie Johnson	Brian Powell	Alex Ebert
16	Jerry Snodgrass Wiedenheft	Dennis Nielson	Connie Bronnen- berg	Phil Ebert	Alex Ebert	Mike & Donna Brahms
17	Connie Bronnen- berg	Alex Ebert	Deb Nielson	David K. Cook	Brian Powell	Nancy Oliver
18	Bob Wolff	Mark Tintjer	Connie Bronnen- berg	Mike & Donna Brahms	Ellie Johnson	Alex Ebert
19	Mark Tintjer	Mike & Donna Brahms	Phil Ebert	Connie Bronnen- berg	Ellie Johnson	Brian Powell
20	Mark Tintjer					
21						
22	Ellie Johnson					
23	Levi Bernhard					
24	Ellie Johnson					

## The Awards from our sponsors were awarded to:

Sweepstakes Award presented by the Iowa Honey Producers Assoc.: Connie Bronnenberg  
Class 1, IHPA Award for marked queen: Connie Bronnenberg, Mike & Donna Brahms, Patricia Stewart, Brian Powell, and Ellie Johnson  
Class 1, C.F. Koehnen Award: Connie Bronnenberg  
Class 4, Dadant Award: Mark Tintjer  
Class 9, B & L Plastics Award: David K. Cook  
Class 12, Draper's Super Bee Award: Isaac Sedlmayr  
Class 15, Herman Bickle Award: Connie Bronnenberg  
Class 22, B & B Honey Farm Award: Ellie Johnson

The flavor that won Class 11, Flavored Cream Honey, was orange submitted by Pat Randol.

The problem that occurred most often with the queenline jars was floaters in the honey. This can be caused by lint from drying the jars with a paper or cloth towel instead of rinsing them with hot water, turning them upside down and letting them air dry. Several other items that caused points to be deducted from most of the honey classes were: honey on the outside of the container, air bubbles on top of the honey, smudges on the container, and imperfections (such as bubbles) in the glass containers.

Dr. Marion Ellis has agreed to be the judge for the 2009 Iowa State Fair, Apiary Division. He has been a judge at the Fair in the past and we look forward to working with him next year.

During the next couple of months, the rules and descriptions of the various classes will be thoroughly reviewed. Any changes and updates will be posted in the Buzz when they are finalized.

Have a good year and I hope to see you at the 2009 Iowa State Fair.

Melanie Bower  
Superintendent, Apiary  
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