



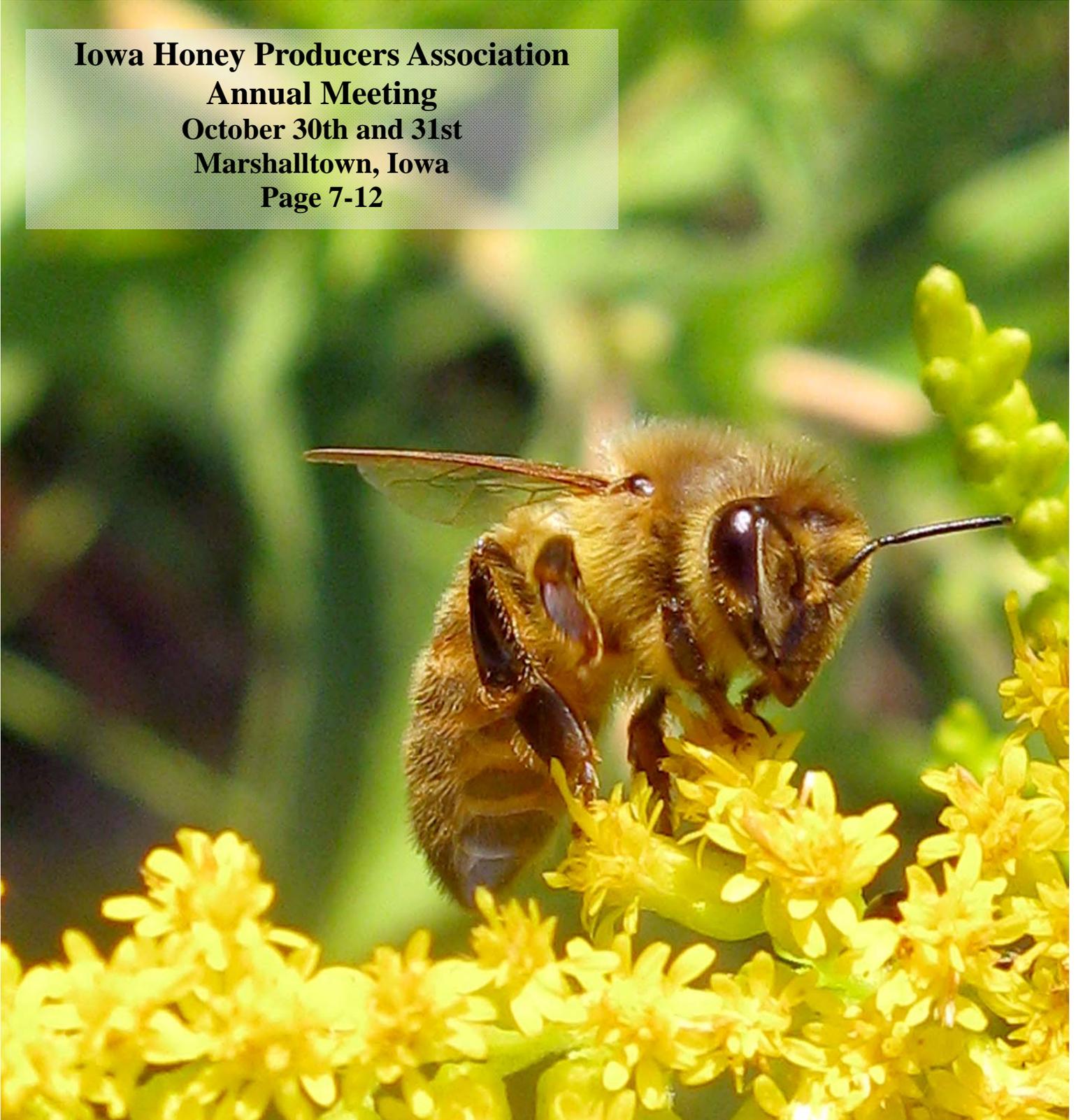
# *The Buzz*

*Newsletter of the Iowa Honey Producers Association*



October 2009

**Iowa Honey Producers Association  
Annual Meeting  
October 30th and 31st  
Marshalltown, Iowa  
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## Dates To Bee Remembered



- 10/29/2009** IHPA Board Meeting at the Best Western Regency Inn, Marshalltown at 7 p.m.
- 10/30&31/2009** Annual Meeting at the Best Western Regency Inn, Marshalltown, IA

### October Tips for the Beekeeping Year

Donna Brahm

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 route. 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 October 30<sup>th</sup> and 31<sup>st</sup> 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 Brahm, (712) 778-4255 or mbrahm@netins.net to 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.

### Iowa Beekeeping on the Brink

Glen L. Stanley  
Iowa State Apiarist Emeritus  
Ames, Iowa

Iowa beekeepers witnessed the second poorest honey crop in the beekeeping history of Iowa beekeeping. In just a few days in June some colonies managed to store some honey in the surplus honey supers. That was followed by weeks of weather and days when the bees didn't bring enough honey for their own use. The end result of that is devastating.

Under any ordinary circumstances colonies would remove and use the honey that had been stored in the surplus honey supers. NO, NOT THIS TIME! The bees used the honey that was in the brood chambers and as the cells were emptied the queen expanded her egg laying so as of the middle of September most colonies have ten or more combs of brood at a time of year when they should have maybe three or four. This has left the brood chambers feather light as far as honey is concerned.

I haven't weighed my colonies yet but I expect to put at least 30 pounds of honey back into them.

One other year, it may have been in the 1960's there was an average of twenty-five pounds of surplus honey on our own few hundred and that was the State's average. All during those years our colonies would produce from 125 to 150 annually. However, that year recovery was much easier since even then the bees had provided themselves fairly well in the brood chambers. SO, Wintering the colonies was no different than usual.

Keep in mind that two standard brood chambers with empty combs weighs 37 pounds. By having no questionable amount of honey, bees and brood the total weight needs to be 115 pounds without the outer cover. Then no need to be concerned until next April.

With doing everything possible I may be a bit pessimistic BUT I for see at least 80 percent plus loss of colonies in the months ahead. You will not have honey available to supply the need and get adequate sugar syrup into them is next to an impossibility. Iowa State College Bee research told us years ago that it takes two pounds of sugar to equal one pound of honey. Then the bees work hard to convert the sugar to invert for their use. So, if 30 pounds brings my colonies up to weight it would require 60 pounds of sugar.

We always say "maybe next year", I hope there is a next year.

Glen L. Stanley

### 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,

Another successful Iowa State Fair is in the history books. Thank you so much for all of your help. Without your dedication, it is impossible to raise the amount of money that is needed to fund the programs of the Iowa Honey Producers Association. We did have a very successful year despite the number of attendees being down as reported by the Iowa State Fair officials. We were able to take in more money than last year which was a high record for our organization. We will have the final figures ready at the Annual Meeting. Not all of the expenditures have been calculated to date.

Mike has been getting a lot of last minute applications for the youth program. It looks like there will be a number of young beekeepers in the state again this year. Every market that I attend, people are more aware of the honey bee situation and are asking more and more questions about the state of the honey bee. Getting young people involved is a fantastic way to spread the news of honey bees in the state.

A few weeks ago we received a call from the state park in Anita. The park ranger was concerned because a swarm was reported in the camping area. Mike, along with our grandson Jack, went to get the swarm. When he arrived, he was surrounded by campers speculating how he was going to remove the swarm. Mike said it was fun to just walk up to the small oak tree, place the hive body on the ground beneath it, take the trunk of the tree and just with one motion shake all of the

bees into the box. He really likes it when things go well!! At least the tree didn't snap when he shook it. He is anticipating the check in the mail.

The **Annual Meeting date had to be changed this year**, so most of the information isn't going to get to you as quickly as we had planned. Pat Ennis has some great speakers lined up. Please get your reservations called in to the Best Western Regency Inn in Marshalltown. Please tell them that you are attending and part of the Iowa Honey Producers Association so that the organization gets the credit for the rooms booked. Last year not all of our rooms were credited to the IHPA and we had extra expenses due to that. Just tell them you are part of the IHPA when you book your room. Thanks for attending the meeting.

Plan to bring your favorite foods made with honey to the Annual meeting to enter the contest. We will have a photo contest and a mead making contest also. Join in the fun and bring items for a couple of silent auctions also.

I trust that everyone has extracted your honey by this time. I don't know about you, but our honey production was really down this year. I did expect it, but was hoping that it would be better than it was. The weather conditions, the health of the honey bee and the ever increasing insecticide use is taking its toll on our honey bees. Make sure that as soon as you can, use your choice of treatment for mites if you determine that you need to treat due to mite loads. Another very important issue this fall is going to be making sure that your colonies are ready for winter. If you have light colonies, make sure that you feed them. I know that the best feed is honey, but if you must, supplement your feedings with sugar.

Several have asked about our orchard. We are really busy with the everyday duties of running a business such as this. We are thankful that so many

people have continued to purchase from us and also for all of the new customers. Thanks for your interest.

Have a blessed autumn season to enjoy the things that you love. Spend time with your family to enjoy the bountiful harvest.

Sincerely,

Donna Brahms, IHPA President



### IHPA Officer Positions to be Elected at the 2009 Annual Meeting

Hello Iowa Beekeepers,

The annual meeting is just around the corner, and maybe this is the year you decide to run and hold an office!

**All the offices are open to re-election**, but we have several offices open that do not want to run again. New people and change is good! If you never held an office, or would like to hold an office again, please consider volunteering your time to promote beekeeping with the Iowa Honey Producers.

Election will Friday afternoon October 30<sup>th</sup>.

Here's the list of offices that would like to be filled with change this year:

- **President**
- **Vice President**
- **Historian**
- **District Director # 4**

Any questions, call Pat Ennis / Nomination Committee @ 515-293-2601 (cell)



## 2009 Iowa Honey Queen

Happy Fall!!

The summer has been very busy for me. I have talked to a lot of people about bees wherever I go! When I went to Camp Cayoca, not only did I catch up with old friends but made new friends, I also talked bees to the camp staff, leaders and 150, 5th and 6th graders. Even the camp cook made sure there was honey available since the Iowa Honey Queen was in residents! I spent three days at Iowa State for our annual 4-H Conference. I participated in the Round up part of the program and learned more about Swine. I purchased 6 piglets after out county fair. I am using the knowledge so we will have healthy meat to eat later!

I was in the Battle Creek July 4th parade as the 2009 Iowa Honey Queen. Thanks to my mentor, Cecelia, I was able to throw out some honey candy. they were surprised they made honey candy. I rode out 4 wheeler so I could really get the candy throw to a lot of people.

I participated in the Battle Creek and Galva Summer Reading programs. We all had fun learning about bees. The librarians put out there bee books and magazines. Some were surprised that we now have a hive at the White House. they thought that was awesome I talked to 75 kids total.

With the library activities finished, it was time to spend my time getting ready for the Ida County and the Iowa State Fair.

Our county fair was a blast! when I wasn't taking care of my animals, I was working on my duties as President of out Ida County 4-H Council. Your Honey Queen got a little of maybe I should say a lot dirty when I participated in our Hog Mud Wrestling. I paired up with one of my friends Eli, and we had to catch a 75lbs pig flip him over the fence they land on an old mattress, so they won't get hurt. the fair lots of water in the pit and the fun be-gins! Of course, you wear only clothing that goes directly to the garbage and no shoes. It is out most popular evening entertainment and over 150 teams of two participate.

We also do an Ag Olympics with hammers, nails, post holes digging, filling water buckets and caring pigs. Well, you can get the picture just a couple hours of good old fun for us county fair folks and lots of entertainment for our audience!

The weekend before fair, I kept busy getting 4-H supplies rounded up and packed in the trailer. I also had to wash my animals that consisted up of horses, a dog, goats, chickens, ducks and broilers. the judges like clean birds and it paid off. I won Best of Breed and Best of Show with my Wyandotte. With the same chicken I also won Top Senior Showmanship. My market broilers won top market. I went to sell my broilers at out livestock sale. the Bidders had a lot of fun with me and they averaged 115.00 each. that check looks really good for another college CD!

The Dairy Goat Show was fun and the weather was cool the week of fair. My goat, Penny, was the Top Dairy Goat and I also won Showmanship. My Dog, Babe, won Best of Show at the Dog Show! My Dad was pleasantly surprised because Babe never listens to him!

The Horse show was also a beautiful day, I took our horses Misty and Whiskey unfortunately was just on vacation because, he split a hoof just before fair. Misty loves the games

such as poles, softball race, key hole, and egg-spoon. This year they added a costume class, It was pretty easy to decided to go as the "QUEEN BEE" We are required to wear horse helmets, so my Mom found a "Bee" cover to put on my horse helmet. I stuck bees all over Misty and put an "X" on her butt for a stinger. then, I held a baby doll "Bee" and I was ready. I won the trophy and had a great time doing it!

I am very active in 4-H communication so I decided to do a Presentation on "Making Beeswax Candles" I received a Purple ribbon and Top Senior Award at the county level and went to State Fair where I received a Certificate of Recognition with a Seal of Excellence.

I did several projects for the Exhibit Hall. I put together nine pictures from my trip to Wyoming. I received eight blues and one red. I was disappointed on the red because that was one of my favorite pictures. I put together a report on "Making Beeswax Candles." I received a purple ribbon and was sent to the State Fair level. I entered a jar of honey and received a blue ribbon. It was alternate to State Fair. I made my friend, Carman, a 4-4 garden quilt. It was so much fun! I used the color green to represent the growing season, blue for the sky, yellow for the sun and red because it is her favorite color. I received a purple at the county level and it went on to state where I received a red. I need to work on my wording for my Principles of Design. It looks great in her garden along the road people say she has the pretties garden in all of Ida County!

I also danced my Tap dance to Josh Turners "Firer Cracker." I earned a blue and was alternate to State. Our club also did a skit to the song Cadillac Ranch. We were alternates to the Clay County Fair in Spencer later on in September.

Of course, I can't go to just the Ida County fair! We also took in the other fairs in out area to see the Tractor Pull,

rodeo and the Demo derby's! I really wanted to do the Powder Puff at the Ida fair, even had Dad and Moms permission, but guess what they couldn't get the other girls cars started. Maybe next year!!

The next week between county and state fair, I had some test done and they had decided to do surgery on my right shoulder. I got hurt in a Varsity Volleyball tournament. I have been going to physical therapy throughout the year, but the Doctors have decided we need to take the next step.

I almost forgot with all 4-H and Bee activities, I celebrated my 18th birthday! Of course we BBQ and I got lots of cool gifts!!

My next trip for the summer was the Iowa State Fair! Mom and I had been making plans all summer, since I was going to stay the full 10 days. We loaded up the truck with everything I would need! Ha!

Mom and I stayed at the Youth Inn. My Family and I have stayed at the Youth Inn ever since We went to our first State Fair over 20 years ago. My Mom tells the story when I went the summer I turned two. There is over 150 bunks beds, so lots of room for sleeping. I woke up that first morning and I told my Mom, "I didn't know God made so many girls." I guess growing up with older brothers, I had never seen so many girls in one place! Ha!

The weather was really nice. Some days were maybe to wet, but it is really easy to find an indoor activity, wait a little bit and it would stop and the sun was out that is the privilege of living in good old Iowa!!

Through out the 10 days I got to help out with many projects. I helped Mrs. Johnson roll candles at our table to help and promote the Honey Queen!! I helped in the booth selling products. I also was able to answer questions and

tell about the bees at our booth. I want to thank everyone who stopped by the booth of watched my presentations. I got back home and am discovering I missed quite a few people who stopped by the booth when i wasn't there. I had the pleasure of helping to judge food made with honey. The food was excellent and I learned some interesting things I never knew about baking and preparing foods made with honey. Working with younger children and telling them about bees was a great opportunity to talk to so many ages of children. I want to thank Dadant for providing the free books.

I gave my presentation on making can-

D.C. to meet with people who can help her fund the project in Iowa.

I posed with a young bride from Canada, on Saturday who had gotten married at the Des Moines Zoo on Friday night. Her husband is a vet with a Specialty in Cardiology at the Zoo. When I was at the Learning Center there were 8 siblings and their spouses were all back to Iowa for the Iowa State Fair! They were all having a good time at the Fair!!

We did a couple of Radio interviews for WHO. My neighbors left a message on our phone saying that they had heard me on the radio!! that was awe-

some!! We gave the announcers some Creamed Honey and other Honey products. They really enjoyed the honey and pretzels. We participated in the Grape Stomping at Grandfathers Barn, which is now promoting Iowa winners. It was so much fun! I did were my crown, and Iowa Honey Producers shirt and my volleyball shorts. They dumped a five gallon bucket of grapes into a half barrel. then for two minutes, I stomped grapes. I

had a helper, that kept the straw open. Then, we had two more minutes to tip the barrel so the juice would come out the straw hole. It was so much fun! I was third out of three but I would do it again in a minute!

Reed, from the Des Moines paper, came to my home in July for an interview, We went to our bee yard and I showed him our honey house and my hives. A Photographer came to the state fair for more photos. It came out in the Des Moines paper on Saturday, August 15th. I enjoyed the interview, but i felt bad when his fiancée Megan, got stung on the lip. In fact they will be getting married Labor Day weekend!! I was in Danbury's Corn days parade on Saturday, August 29, I passed out more Honey candy. I rode the 4-wheeler then went back thru again on my brothers John Deere A!!!

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dles using beeswax I talked to a couple of families that definitely want to make beeswax candles this minter. I have hinted that I would like some new molds for Christmas.

We also gave a presentation on making food using honey. I made my Peanut Butter Balls. They are a great party or after school treat. I discovered at State Fair, they are really good when they have been chilled for a couple hours! I did a presentation about hives and bees. they asked a lot of interesting questions. one of the most frequently asked questions was about "CCD." I had some experiences that had nothing to do with the bees. several times I helped Kristi Ruth do her Farm Safety Program down at the Learning Center. She caught her arm in a PTO of a post hole digger 3 years ago. Now, She goes all over the Country promoting Farm Safety and also goes to Washington

The month of September is uncertain. First Mom and I have to kill 300 Broilers and I need to work on my 4-H record books. I will be having my surgery on September 8th. Depending on the outcome, will determined my schedule. I hope to get to the Clay County Fair in Spencer to help the Northwest Iowa Beekeepers out in there booth!! Also school kids will be coming to the farm and last but not least it is time to harvest the Honey!! Happy Fall to All!!

2009 Iowa Honey Queen  
Shiliah Spaulding



## THE BEEYARD REPORT

We must live right. We went all summer with very little honey being put into the boxes. August normally produces very little. This year proved to be an exception. The yards we first pulled in early August provided a second pull. The yards we didn't bother to pull because there was nothing there plugged out at the end of the month. By Sept 12, Alex had all but two yards pulled and the mite treatments in. We had 46 barrels extracted and 600 boxes left in the warehouse to extract. Some of them aren't very full. When it takes 30 boxes to make a barrel full, it's slow going.

I talked to a number of SE Iowa beekeepers when we were at Threshers. The crop reports were pretty dismal. One report out of NE Iowa said 40# per colony. There have been some isolated good spots but I think they are few and far between.

There aren't many holes in our yards. Our numbers have held up. Many colonies will go into winter as a story and a half. When I melted my old combs, I thought we would get some wax drawn over the summer. This didn't happen. Now, we are short of deep boxes. I considered combining some of the singles but they have mega bees. It seemed

to be a waste to unite them.

We have had bees on Delmar Em-mack's place east of Colfax for at least 20 years. Delmar was never very healthy but he got a lot done. At one time, he was working full time at Maytag, lambing 300 ewes and growing vegetables for the Des Moines Farmers Market. It was a clear case of mind over body. I saw Delmar on a Tuesday night, Wednesday morning he was gone. I was shocked by the suddenness of it. I never understood how he got everything done. I work pretty hard but I could never have done everything he did. His doctor had told him he was near the end of the trail but his mind was full of things he was going to do right up to the very end. I hope I can do as well.

By the time we get to the end of the summer, there are a lot of bees in our queen yard. It's less than a quarter mile from our building. This can lead to problems in the fall. The bees decide they want to empty the honey out of the building. They find multiple ways to get inside. This year, it didn't get ugly until mid September. It was bad enough that I had to cancel a tour group. I put the nucs together into single story colonies and moved them to the other side of the Skunk River into a wetland reserve. I built 15 colonies. It's hard to get enough young bees for winter in a deal like that unless the weather stays good and brood rearing continues.

Problems seem to arise in bunches. The day the bees started coming for the building, we burned out the heating element in the wax melter and the AC in the honey house conked out. Of course, having no wax melter negates the need for AC. This still leaves the problem of what to do with the cappings. A trip to Sully Plumbing and Heating and \$400 later, my problems were solved.

I am sure we sacrificed several barrels of honey by pulling our supers to put mite treatments in but I am also sure we did the right thing. All of our yards

have had the first mite treatment. Some will not need a second one. Any yard that tests below 12 on ether rolls will go into winter with one treatment. This will probably include only five or six yards.

Most yards are testing in the 18 to 20 range after the first treatment.

I could probably keep those yards alive but then we would have to deal with the mites in the spring when it's harder to find a treatment window.

I bought a syrup pump two years ago. It has been setting in the shed ever since. Alex has it rigged up on a pallet with a 125 gallon tank.

It's going to make feeding a lot easier. The yards I have seen so far are pretty heavy. I'm hoping we won't need much syrup. It all hinges on how long brood rearing lasts. I'm sure bees do better on honey. I also know I can keep them alive with syrup. If you don't control the mite load, it doesn't matter what they have to eat. They are going to die.

The boys have done the heavy lifting but I am still tired. I'm looking forward to January.

Submitted by Phil Ebert

## HONEY BUTTER POPCORN BALLS

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- 1/3 c. honey
- 1/4 c. light molasses
- 1/4 c. light Karo syrup
- 1/2 c. butter
- 2/3 c. sugar
- 1 qt. popped corn
- 1 c. chopped roasted cashews

Cook honey, molasses, syrup, butter, sugar slowly until mixture reaches soft crack stage, 260 to 270 degrees on candy thermometer. Do not over cook. Stir occasionally. Remove from heat. Pour over corn and cashews. Allow to cool a little. Butter your fingers lightly and mold mixture into balls. Cool on buttered cookie sheet. Makes about 11 balls.



# 97th ANNUAL MEETING OF THE IOWA HONEY PRODUCERS ASSOCIATION

October 30th & 31st, 2009

Marshalltown, Iowa

It's meeting time again! The annual meeting of the Iowa Honey Producers Association will be held Friday, October 30th and Saturday, October 31st, 2009 in Marshalltown, Iowa at the Best Western Regency Inn (641-752-6321) located at 3303 South Center Street.

Registration costs this year will be: \$15.00 for an individual before October 23rd and \$20.00 after October 23rd.

Rooms for the event are available at the Best Western Regency Inn for the rate of \$84 for a single or double room.. The Super 8 which is right adjacent to the Best Western, has the rate of \$65.00 for a single room or \$70 for a double. 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 (641) 752-6321 or Super 8 is (641) 753-3333.

We have a full schedule planned as usual. We will also be having workshops, photo contest, and food judging and our 2nd annual mead judging contest, and a Queen Auction during Friday night's banquet.

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

Photo 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:

1. Bee on flower
2. General Beekeeping
3. Marketing or Promotion
4. Extracting Honey or Specific Photos pertaining to Honey.

### Rules for the cooking with Honey Contest at the IHPA Annual Meeting

Honey is to be the only sweetener  
Please submit you 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:

1. Desserts
2. Bars or Cookies
3. Drinks
4. Cakes
5. Breads
6. Appetizers or Snacks



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

### Rules for Mead Judging Contest at 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:

1. Traditional Meads
2. Melomels (Fruit Meads)
3. Methglin (Spiced Meads)

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

**See you in Marshalltown October 30th and 31st for fun, fellowship and beekeeping know-how!**



# IOWA HONEY PRODUCERS 97th ANNUAL MEETING MARSHALLTOWN, IOWA — October 30th & 31st, 2009

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

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

**NOTE: PREREGISTRATION FOR ANNUAL MEETING DEADLINE October 23rd. NO EXCEPTIONS:**

Individual:	Registration after October 23rd will be \$20.00	\$15.00	\$ _____
Family Rate:	Registration after October 23rd will be \$30.00	\$28.00	\$ _____
<b>BANQUET</b> - Friday night 6:30 P.M.(per person)	Number of tickets _____ X	\$35.00	\$ _____
<b>Lunch on Saturday</b> - (per person)	Number of tickets _____ X	\$20.00	\$ _____

**YEAR 2010 MEMBERSHIP DUES:**

Iowa Honey Producers Association	includes subscription to "The Buzz"	\$10.00	\$ _____
<b>2nd Family Membership same address</b>	Name: _____	\$ 5.00	\$ _____
<b>3rd Family Membership same address</b>	Name: _____	\$ 5.00	\$ _____

**(Year 2009 membership required to vote at the Business Meeting)**

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Iowa Honey Producers Cook Book	_____	\$6.50	\$5.50	\$ _____
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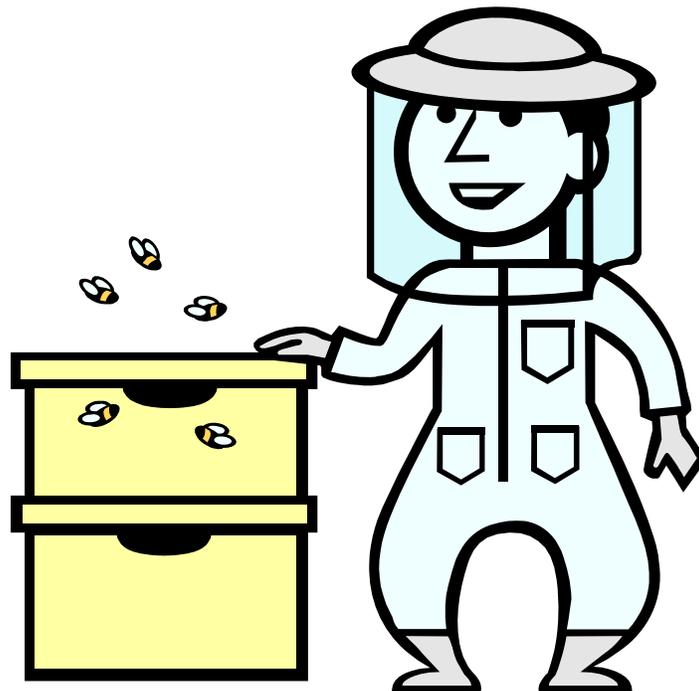


The banquet price has increased due to price increases by the restaurant as their costs have increased over last year. The meal cost is still very reasonable for the food and the use of the motel for our Annual Meeting.

**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 97<sup>TH</sup> ANNUAL MEETING OF THE:  
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# Friday, October 30<sup>th</sup>

## Morning schedule:

- 8:00 - Registration.
  - Visit vendors in room A
  - Cooking with Honey, Photo Contest and Mead entries due in room F @ **10:00!**
  - Donated items for Silent Auction to Regina Hoy
  - Meetings will take place in Rooms B & C
- 8:30 - *Call to Order and Welcome!* Pat Ennis, Vice President IHPA
  - *Introduction of IHPA Board Members and Announcements:*
- 8:45 - State Apiarist Report .....Andy Joseph, State Apiarist
- 9:05 - Bee Inspection Report.....Delmar Nelson
- 9:20 - Transportation and Safety of Honey Bees.....Richard Ericksrud
- 10:20 -
- 10:40 - **BREAK** - Make a bid on the silent auction items & visit vendors in Room. A.
- 11:00 - Door Prize, must be present in the room to win
- 11:05 - Honey For Your Health, "The Honey Revolution".....Ronald Fessenden MD, MPH
- 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.....
  - Mead Judging Results.....
- 2:50 - **BREAK** - Make a bid on the silent auction items & visit vendors in Room. A.  
Come and taste the Cooking Contest goodies, view photos and mead results in Room F
- 3:10 - Door Prizes, must be present in the room to win
- 3:15 - Meet the Honey Queen Candidates .....Regina Hoy
- 3:30 - Making Varroa an Allies.....Kirk Webster
- 4:30 - State Fair Exhibitor's please meet in Room 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 taste the results of our 2nd annual Mead Judging Contest, or you may just bring your finest homemade mead to share!)*
- 6:30 - **Banquet (located in rooms D & E)** - *This year's meal will be family style, consisting 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 Homemade Apple Pie w/Haage Daz Honey Bee Vanilla Ice Cream. The cost: \$35.00, tax and gratuity included.*  
**Banquet Program:**  
Introduction of Queen Candidates, Parents and Sponsors .....Regina Hoy; Honey Queen Chair  
Awards Presentation .....  
**Speaker Program.....**  
*THANKS!* From our Iowa Honey Queen.....Shiliah Spaulding  
*AUCTION* - Funds the IHPA Queen Program.....Bill Van Roekel  
*QUEEN CORONATION.....*Regina Hoy



Good Night!!!!!!

# Saturday, October 31<sup>st</sup>

## Morning Schedule

8:00 – *Registration*

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

**Note:** We have youth classes for those interested in Room F, (see following page).

8:30 - *Announcements & Door Prizes*.....Donna Brahms President IHPA

- *Introduction of IHPA Board Members*

- *Bee Inspection Report*.....Delmar Nelson

8:50 – *Sustainable Beekeeping in Changing Times*.....Bob Fassbinder

9:45 - **BREAK** - Make a bid on the silent auction items & visit vendors in Room. A

10:05 - *Door Prizes*, must be present in the room to win

10:10 – *Raising and Wintering Nucleus Colonies in Northern USA*.....Kirk Webster

11:05 – *Honey for Diabetes and other Challenges of aging*.....Ronald Fessenden MD, MPH

12:00 - *Lunch (\$20.00 tax and gratuity included) – Salisbury steak, Mash potatoes, Carrots, Tossed salad, Roll and Beverage.*

1:00 - *Silent Auction Ends – collect your treasures!*

## Beekeeping Talks/Workshops 2009

1:00 – *Making Summer Nucs for Next Year’s Production*.....Bob Fassbinder

2:00 – *Introducing Packages*.....Phil Ebert

3:00 – to be announced

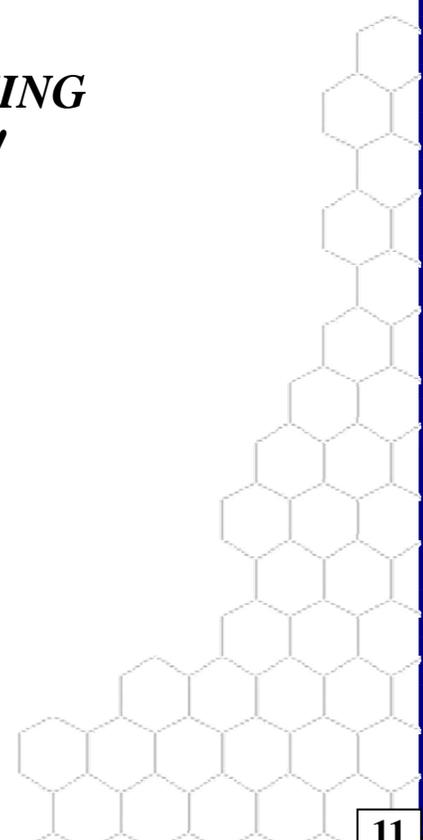
4:00 - Adjournment

**Note:** There will be a short meeting of new 2009 board members and officers in Room. B



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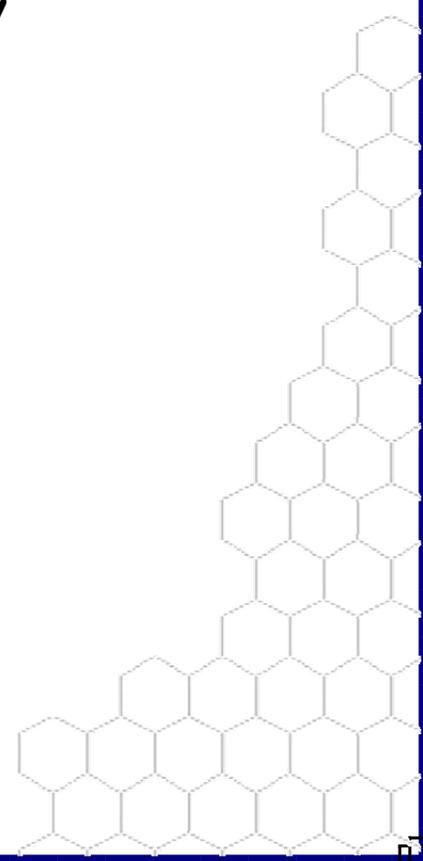
*Saturday, October 31,  
Youth Classes (parents, sponsors welcome!)  
ROOM F*

- 8:30- Introductions-Door Prizes .....Mike Brahms
- 8:45- Monitoring Mites and deciding what to do about them .....Andrew Joseph, State Apiarist
- 9:15- What have you done for winter preparation .....Pat Ennis
- 9:45- **BREAK** - Make a bid on the silent auction items & visit vendors in Room. A
- 10:05- Door Prizes, must be present in the room to win
- 10:10- Video- A year with honey bees
- 10:50- Entering in the State Fair .....Greg & Renae Beard
- 11:20- Spring Management and New Queen introduction.....Levi Bernhard
- 11:50- QUESTIONS:



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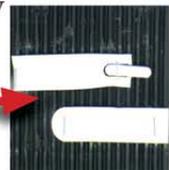
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