

ILLINOIS STATE BEEKEEPERS ASSOCIATION

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A Letter From the President

Dear Fellow Beekeepers and ISBA Members,

It is hard to believe that fall is just around the corner! I hope your nectar flows have been coming in strong. The ISBA has once again had a very busy summer and it is amazing that it is coming to a close.

The ISBA Spring Meeting was a resounding success. The Illinois State Fair was as busy as ever and our strong and positive publicity continues on strong momentum. Our friend and advocate Mike Novak has left WGN and brought his Let's Talk Gardening talk show to WCPT. Mike continues to spread the news of Beekeeping in Illinois. I joined Mike once again this summer to talk Honey Bees and Beekeeping. You can listen to a short clip (the show was 90 minutes) on www.isba.us.

As noted in previous newsletters, it is not too early to mark your calendars for our annual Fall meeting, in Springfield November 1! Specifics, driving directions and a working meeting agenda are all available on our website. Please plan on attending! I would also like to encourage many of you to consider becoming active within the elected ISBA Board of Directors in 2009. We need your help as a few of our Board positions will be up for renewal. If you are interested, please e-mail me!

Thanks again for a great year! We look forward to seeing you all at the Fall Meeting!

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Illinois Beekeeper of the Year To Be Selected

The Illinois State Beekeepers Association is proud to announce the ISBA Beekeeper of the Year Program for 2008. This program is designed to recognize, on a yearly basis, an Illinois Beekeeper who most embodies, illustrates and exemplifies the key objectives of the ISBA, to promote:

- Interest in Honey Bees and Beekeeping by encouraging good Beekeeping practices in Illinois.
- The utilization of Honey Bees for pollination of agricultural crops.
- The dissemination of information about Honey Bees and Beekeeping

If you know a Beekeeper who exemplifies these objectives, is a member of the ISBA and a resident of the state of Illinois, we want to hear from you! The initial selection of Beekeeper of the Year candidates relies upon you, the ISBA membership! If you would like to nominate someone for this prestigious award, please send the following information to the ISBA Beekeeper of the Year Chairperson via e-mail no later than September 29.

Please send:

1. Your name, address and phone number
2. The name, address and phone number of the candidate (your nominee)
3. A description of why you feel the candidate should be designated the ISBA Beekeeper of the Year
4. Send this information to the ISBA Beekeeper of the Year Chairperson:

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The ISBA Beekeeper of the Year will be presented a personalized plaque at the ISBA Annual Fall Meeting!



2008 Annual Fall Meeting

Illinois State Beekeepers Association
Illinois Department of Agriculture
Conference Center
11.01.08

<u>Time</u>	<u>Activity</u>
8-9am	Meeting Registration ~ Coffee and Donuts ~ Lunch Orders (Pre-Pay by 9:30am)
9-9:10am	Welcome Ken Haller, ISBA President Steve Chard, Chief Apiary Inspector and Supervisor - IL Department of Agriculture Tom Jennings, Acting Director – Illinois Department of Agriculture
9:10-9:15am	Secretary's Report ~ Rita Taylor, ISBA Secretary
9:15-9:20am	Treasurer's Report ~ Udell Myer, ISBA Treasurer
9:20-9:45am	Apiary Inspection Report ~ Steve Chard, Apiary Inspection Supervisor Questions and Answers
9:45-10:15am	State of the Association ~ Ken Haller, ISBA President Questions and Answers
10:15-10:20am	Beekeeper of the Year Presentation ~ Ken Haller, ISBA President
10:20-10:30am	Break
10:30-10:40am	Raffle & Robin Mountain Intro ~ Erik Whalen-Pederson, Northern Region Dir.
10:40-11:30am	Robin Mountain ~ Apiculture Extension Associate, Kentucky State Univ. Beekeeping for the Hobbyist Questions and Answers
11:30am-12:30pm	Lunch ~ On Your Own or Catered (pre-pay at registration by 9:30am)
12:30-12:40pm	Raffle, Affiliate News & Intro Jim Belli ~ Bill Buckley, Vice President
12:40-12:50pm	ISBA Affiliate Association News ~ Volunteer Affiliate Representatives
12:50-1:30pm	Jim Belli ~ Honey Competitor The In's and Out's of Honey Competitions Questions and Answers
1:30-1:40pm	Break
1:40-2:30pm	Robin Mountain Introduction ~ Nathan Sasse, Central Region Director Robin Mountain ~ Apiculture Extension Associate, Kentucky State Univ. Queen Breeding Questions and Answers
2:30-2:45pm	2009 ISBA Board of Directors Nominees, Election and Installation
2:45-3pm	Raffle ~ Ray Chapman, Southern Region Director
3pm	Close and Thank You ~ Ken Haller, ISBA President

APIARY INSPECTION SUPERVISOR'S REPORT

Steve Chard, Illinois Department of Agriculture

Greetings! I hope you had the opportunity to attend this year's Illinois State Fair. The weather was perfect and the attendance was significantly higher than 2007. As usual, the ISBA/local beekeeping associations' exhibit in the Illinois Building was very well done and quite popular with fair attendees. Thanks to everyone that contributed to make it the success that it was. Oh, I think the honey ice cream was a big hit too!

On the good news front, the Department has 3 new Apiary Inspectors on board. Russ McClenning (815/780-0347) is working in the northwest district, Chuck Fugate (618/531-3325) is working in the southwest district and Peter Hansen (815/341-0248) is working in the southern district. A new map which shows their districts will be placed on the Department's Apiary webpage shortly. These gentlemen have really hit the ground running with inspections and are ready to serve you. Feel free to contact them for assistance.

With the Department's apiary inspections this year, in general we have found colonies to be healthy. Very little American foulbrood has been detected and varroa mite populations have been moderate. There has been quite a bit winterkill though in certain areas. Swarming has been extensive this year in many areas and it's very gratifying that most property owners now want bees saved instead of destroyed. That's due to all the media exposure on Colony Collapse Disorder. Unfortunately, the Small Hive Beetle appeared for the first time in Champaign, Iroquois and Madison Counties this year. The SHB is now in 21 Illinois counties, however still in isolated locations. Please be on the lookout for the beetle in your colonies and contact your Department Apiary Inspector for assistance.

The Department has just received word that Wellmark International is preparing to place the product "Hivastan" back on the market for varroa mite control. As you probably recall, Wellmark pulled the product last year due to honeybee mortality problems. Apparently, Wellmark has made changes to minimize the mortality problems. The Department is in the process of filing for USEPA approval for beekeepers to use the product in Illinois. We will keep you informed and hope Hivastan will be on the shelves soon.

Colony Collapse Disorder remains a major concern for all of us and the Department is closely monitoring apiaries statewide for this problem. Research at the federal level is ongoing with no conclusive answers yet for the cause(s) of CCD. Please contact your local Apiary Inspector if your colonies have CCD-like symptoms. The ISBA and the Department will keep you posted on new findings.

Hope your honey crop is excellent this year!

New on ISBA.US

As you already know, the ISBA website has been updated significantly over the past few years. The following recent updates are available to you.

- The winners of the past few year's State Fair Honey shows are now within their own section
- There is now a new section focused on Honey Bees and Pesticides including downloadable brochures to hand-out to fellow Beekeepers and Farmers. This new section and brochures will help raise awareness to the importance communication between Beekeeper and Pesticide Applicator
- Recent radio interviews and newspaper articles containing ISBA member interviews are available for viewing in the "ISBA Members in the News" section.

Election of Officers

Exercise your constitutional right... Vote!

On November 1, at the ISBA fall meeting, the election of officers will take place. Campaigning is likely to be fierce and coverage by NBC, CBS, ABC and CNN is expected. Please be understanding of the satellite trucks by the entrance.

Anyone wishing to participate as an officer—president, vice president, secretary or treasurer—or as a region director, speak up. You may contact Ken Haller, our current President, or let your desires be known from the floor at the meeting.

Don't bee square. Bee there... and vote.

Illinois State Fair 2008 — Bees and Honey Open Class

Class	1st	2nd	3rd	4th	5th	6th	7th	8th	9th
14722: Frame of honey for cut-comb	Charles Lorraine	Larry E Waller	Kevin Karnes	Valerie Simpson	Andy Gano	Fred Gerberding			
14723: Display of white cut-comb honey in plastic boxes	Valerie Simpson	Andy Gano	Charles Lorraine	Larry E Waller	Nicholas Barrows				
14724: White Comb honey, 3 sections	Valerie Simpson	Andy Gano	Fred Gerberding	James J Belli	Charles Lorraine				
14725: Comb Honey in rounds, 3 sections	Anna Stone	Larry E Waller	Kevin Karnes	James J Belli	Sarah Roody	Charles Lorraine	Valerie Simpson	Gabe Gerberding	Andy Gano
14726: Light extracted honey:	James J Belli	Charles Lorraine	Ferry Leon Bilbrew	Sue Marshall	Kevin Karnes	Sarah Roody	Gabe Gerberding	Fred Gerberding	Larry E Waller
14727: Amber extracted honey:	Garrett & Grant Kaiser	James J Belli	Audrey Gerberding	Fred Gerberding	Valerie Simpson	Larry E Waller	Charles Lorraine	Andy Gano	Kevin Karnes
14728: Dark extracted honey:	Larry E Waller	Gabe Gerberding	Charles Lorraine	Audrey Gerberding	Garrett & Grant Kaiser	Valerie Simpson	Kevin Karnes	Fred Gerberding	Richard Chamberlain
14729: Amber chunk honey:	Charles Lorraine	Larry E Waller	Andy Gano	Valerie Simpson					
14730: Light chunk honey:	Nicholas Barrows	Valerie Simpson	Charles Lorraine	Andy Gano	Larry E Waller				
14731: Chunk honey in square jars:	Charles Lorraine	Valerie Simpson	Andy Gano	Fred Gerberding	Kevin Karnes				
14732: Creamed honey:	Charles Lorraine	Fred Gerberding	Anna Stone	James J Belli	Valerie Simpson	Andy Gano			
14733: Beeswax in commercial forms:	James J Belli	Valerie Simpson	Charles Lorraine	Larry E Waller	Fred Gerberding	Andy Gano	Audrey Gerberding	Gabe Gerberding	
14734: Beeswax art design:	James J Belli	Fred Gerberding	Andy Gano	Larry E Waller	Valerie Simpson	Nicholas Barrows	Sarah Roody		
14735: Beeswax candles:	James J Belli	Garrett & Grant Kaiser	Nicholas Barrows	Fred Gerberding	Andy Gano	Audrey Gerberding	Gabe Gerberding	Valerie Simpson	Anna Stone
14736: Sweepstakes:	Charles Lorraine								

Illinois State Fair - 2008 Bees and Honey Professional Class

Class	1st Place:	2nd Place:	3rd Place:
Display of white comb honey	Lincolnland	Illiana	Cook-DuPage
Frame of honey for extracting	Illiana	Cook-DuPage	Lincolnland
Frame of white for cut-comb	Cook-DuPage	Illiana	Lincolnland
Frame of amber for cut-comb	Lincolnland	Cook-DuPage	Illiana
Amber cut-comb in plastic boxes:	Illiana	Cook-DuPage	Lincolnland
White comb honey in plastic boxes:	Lincolnland	Illiana	Cook-DuPage
White comb honey in round sections:	Cook-DuPage	Lincolnland	Illiana
Light extracted Honey 50 lbs:	Cook-DuPage	Lincolnland	Illiana
Amber comb honey in round sections:	Illiana	Cook-DuPage	Lincolnland
Amber extracted Honey 30lbs:	Cook-DuPage	Illiana	Lincolnland
Dark extracted Honey 6 one lb. jars:	Lincolnland	Illiana	Cook-DuPage
Variety of Honey:	Illiana	Cook-DuPage	Lincolnland
Designs in comb honey:	Illiana	Cook-DuPage	Lincolnland
Chunk honey in 2 1/2 lb square jars:	Cook-DuPage	Lincolnland	Illiana
Light Chunk honey:	Cook-DuPage	Illiana	Lincolnland
Amber chunk honey:	Lincolnland	Illiana	Cook-DuPage
Commercial Beeswax:	Lincolnland	Cook-DuPage	Illiana
Art Designs in Beeswax:	Lincolnland	Cook-DuPage	Illiana
Photography:	Lincolnland	Cook-DuPage	Illiana
Creamed Honey:	Cook-DuPage	Lincolnland	Illiana
Honey Gift Pack:	Lincolnland	Cook-DuPage	Illiana
Best Booth:	Cook-DuPage	Lincolnland	Illiana
Sweepstakes:	Cook-Duplicate		

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Membership in the Illinois State Beekeepers Association is open to all persons interested in bees and beekeeping. Beekeepers are urged to join through their local associations. Dues for 2006 are \$6 for the calendar year January 1 through December 31 only. Dues include a subscription to this newsletter, the ISBA Bulletin. Beekeeping journals are available at about 25% discount to members as listed below; rates are subject to change without prior notice. Make checks payable to: Illinois State Beekeepers Association and mail to: Rita Taylor, Secretary, 4274 Taylor Homestead Road, Pleasant Plains, IL 62677-4024

Please indicate new or renewal subscription when ordering journals.

Address Changes: Send old and new address six weeks prior to date of change when practical to the association secretary.

Reduced Journal Rates for 2006 (*members only*)

	1 yr	2 yr	3 yr
American Bee Journal	18.70	35.40	49.80
Bee Culture	21.00	38.00	N/A
The Speedy Bee	13.25	25.25	34.00

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