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MARCH CIBA EVENT

March 21, 2020

Jason Foley talking on honey bee queens

Location and time to be announced

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Beekeeping Magazines

1. The American Bee Journal

For a free copy of the journal, email:

subscriptions@americanbeejournal.com

2. Bee Culture

[https://bee-](https://bee-culture.subscriptioncore.com/BeeCulture)

[culture.subscriptioncore.com/BeeCulture](https://bee-culture.subscriptioncore.com/BeeCulture)

3. 2 Million Blossoms (New Publication)

<https://www.2millionblossoms.com/subscribe>

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FROM THE PRESIDENT, Jamie Beyer

WHY CENTRAL IOWA BEEKEEPERS ASSOCIATION?

The Central Iowa Beekeepers Association (CIBA) was formed over seventy years ago, when a group of local beekeepers (beeks) decided to get together to help each other along their beekeeping journeys. The importance of connecting to local beeks cannot be overemphasized. These connections will be valuable in mentoring new beekeepers to being successful at this wonderful hobby/business. Beekeepers have always been willing to share their experiences and new adventures with one another, whether it's their first season or their fortieth.

OUR MISSION

"To advance the art of beekeeping, honey production, and to promote close coordination, cooperation, and fellowship among members."

WHY JOIN CIBA?

Belonging to a local bee club has several advantages:

- ✓ You will be privy to a wealth of beekeeping knowledge ranging from first-year beekeepers to those who have kept bees many years.
- ✓ The fellowship is wonderful, and we mostly talk bees, bees, bees!
- ✓ We have quarterly meetings where we talk bees, how the weather affects bees, and, of course, the price of honey. The official meeting begins with a short business meeting followed by a guest speaker discussing a timely beekeeping topic.
- ✓ The quarterly newsletter updates you on events, meetings, tips, and timely articles. In between newsletters, I suggest you visit our website.
- ✓ Our spring auction is our biggest fundraiser and an excellent opportunity for buying and selling good, used -- and some new -- equipment at prices much better than supply catalogs.
- ✓ We're also normally have a summer field day where beekeepers new and old gather to get hands-on experience with common problems and troubleshoot together.

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Did You Know... CIBA Club Meetings / Beeline Publication Timing

Club Meetings

Did you know that CIBA has Meetings every other month meetings, and they occur on the third Saturday of the following months?

- **January**
- **March**
- **May**
- **July**
- **September**
- **November**

This year, we had a day long Winter Seminar on January 18th.that featured Dr. Larry Connor (Wicwas Press), Dr. Judy Wu-Smart (University of Nebraska-Lincoln, UN-L) and Mr. Sheldon Brummel (UN-L).

BEELINE Publications

Did you know that CIBA publishes a standard edition of the BEELINE 4 times a year? Typically, the publication is mailed/emailed 1-2 weeks prior to the quarterly meetings.

- **Spring - March**
- **Summer - May**
- **Fall - September**
- **Winter – November**

In addition, last year, we published a Special Edition (like this one) that was focused on information for new beekeepers and provided at the beginner beekeeping classes in Central Iowa.

Upcoming CIBA March 21, 2020 Meeting Program

Jason Foley, Foley's Russian Bees & Beekeeping Equipment, Indianola, IA will give a talk describing multiple ways to rear queen bees. Jason is a master beekeeper and recently elected District 5 Director for the Iowa Honey Producers Association. Further details on time and location of the March 21, 2020 meeting will be on the CIBA webpage and via the CIBA Facebook page early in 2020 and in the March 2020 BEELINE. Reserve this date as Jason's talk addresses methods for raising bees useful for everyone.

Beekeeping is a Fun Hobby...

But it can also be a very profitable one. If you are recently beginning beekeeping, here are 7 necessary tips:

1. Honey bees go to the closest water source. Make sure that the water source is nearby and within your backyard, and it should be clean. A water pan will do. Without a close water source in your area, they will actively seek one outside which could be your neighbors' pool—and your neighbors will certainly not appreciate that.
2. Do careful research on the equipment to use before getting started beekeeping. Don't get started unless you feel you have thoroughly researched many beekeeping techniques, methods, and types of equipment.
3. Never think about saving a few cents by buying used beekeeping equipment. You will regret this later on. Second-hand equipment may be cheaper than the new stuff, but there are many different problems associated with it. You are placing yourself at a great risk of failure when buying second hand. Invest in equipment from the very beginning to ensure success.
4. When you are beginning beekeeping, you may have one issue in mind: the fear of getting stung by bees. Although it is impossible to be sting-free throughout a year, you should strive to keep stings to a minimum. Wear a beekeeper suit, hat, and veil to fully protect yourself. Move slowly and gently when dealing with the hive. Sudden jerks and movements will cause a major commotion, resulting in a disaster.
5. When beginning beekeeping, buy a white-colored beekeeper suit. The eyes of the honey bees are very sensitive to light thus they tend to avoid light colors such as white. Bees are generally attracted to dark and rich colors.
6. By harvesting honey you are effectively taking away the bee's source of food. Make sure and feed your bees sugar syrup as substitute for honey to prevent your bees from starvation. Feeding them will also stimulate and increase egg-laying.
7. While bees are away from the bee hive, they are not inclined to sting. They are normally gentle, but they can be very territorial when in the hive. They will react violently against intruders in an attempt to protect their hive.

Article Source: <http://www.articlesbase.com/hobbies-articles/beginning-beekeeping-101-7-necessary-tips-3582847.html>

Local Sources for Package Bees, Spring Queens and Equipment

Des Moines Feed & Nature Center

2019 Hubbell Ave.
Des Moines IA 50317
(515) 262-8265
Specializes: Small quantity of equipment/supplies

Ebert Honey Company

Phil Ebert
14808 S. 102nd Ave. E.
Lynnville, IA 50153
(641) 527-2639
<http://www.eberthoney.com/>
Specializes: Package bees and CA spring queens/some used equipment/bottles for selling honey

Foley's Russian Bees & Beekeeping Equipment

Jason Foley
1770 E. McKinley Ave.
Des Moines, IA 50320
(515) 991-4666
<http://www.russianbee.com/index.htm>
Specializes: Package bees and CA spring queens (non- Russian)/Iowa raised Russian derived queens starting in June/some in-house made beekeeping hives

Lappes Bee Supply & Honey Farm

117 Florence Ave.
East Peru, IA 5022
Ph: (641) 728-4361
<https://www.lappesbeesupply.com/>
Offers free shipping on most orders over \$100 or orders can be picked up.

Mills Fleet Farm

Ankeny, Iowa
(515) 964-3150
Specializes: Stock hives and some equipment (Little Giant Brand)

P & P Honey & Bee Supply

Pat and Peggy Ennis
1040 Union Avenue
Goodell, IA 50439
(641) 444-4767
Specializes: Package bees and spring CA queens/Limited supply Iowa raised queens starting in June/New &/used beekeeping equipment/supplies

Spring Valley Honey Farms

Curt and Connie Bronnenberg
14405 Hull Avenue
Perry, IA 50220
(515) 465-5939
<http://www.springvalleyhoneyfarms.com/index.htm>
Specializes: Package bees and CA spring queens/some equipment (primarily new Mann Lake equipment)

On-Line Beekeeping Suppliers

Beeline Apiaries & Woodenware

20960 M-60
Mendon, MI 49072
Ph: (269) 496-7001
Email: beeline@abcmailbox.net
<http://beelinewoodenware.com/>

Betterbee

8 Meader Road
Greenwich, NY 12834
Ph: (800) 632-3379
Email: info@betterbee.com
<http://www.betterbee.com/>

Dadant & Sons, Inc.

51 South 2nd Street
Hamilton, IL 62341
Ph: (217) 847-3324
Orders: (888) 922-1293
Email: dadant@dadant.com
<http://www.dadant.com/>
Free shipping on orders over \$100 (some exclusions apply)
Note: Multiple branches including a branch in Sioux City, IA. Most branches and the corporate headquarters in Hamilton, IL offer pick-up of orders.

Draper Superbee

32 Avonlea Ln
Millerton, PA 16936
Ph: (570) 537-2381/(800) 233-4273
Email: sales@draperbee.com
<https://www.draperbee.com/>

GloryBee, Inc

PO Box 2744
Eugene OR 97402
Ph: (800) 456-7923
<https://glorybee.com/>
Offers free shipping on orders over \$150 (some exclusions apply)

Kelley Beekeeping

807 West Main Street
Clarkson, KY 42726
Ph: (800) 233-2899
Email: On-line contact form
<https://www.kelleybees.com/>
Offers free shipping on orders over \$100 (some exclusions apply).

Mann Lake

501 S. 1st St.
Hackensack, MN 56452
Ph: (800) 880-7694
<http://www.mannlakeltd.com/>
Offers free shipping on orders over \$100 (some exclusions apply).

Miller Bee Supply

496 Yellow Banks Road
North Wilkesboro, NC 28659
Ph: (336) 670-2249
Email: woodnwax@embarqmail.com
<https://www.millerbeesupply.com/catalog/>
Offers free shipping on orders over \$150 (some exclusions apply).

Shastina Millwork

2276 Avenue H
White City, OR 97503
Ph: (877) 789-7526
<http://www.shastinamillwork.com/>
[Primarily woodenware.](#)

Western Bee Supplies, Inc.

P.O. Box 190
5 - 9th Ave. E.
Polson, MT 59860
Ph: (833) 533-1014
Email: rick@westernbee.com
<https://westernbeestore.3dcartstores.com/>

Editors note: This list is not all inclusive. See the monthly nationwide bee publications for more sources.

Margaret's FAQs

by Margaret Hala (Margaret is a long-time beekeeper, CIBA member and CIBA Director)

Question	Margaret Says
<p>Q1. This is my first year keeping bees and I understand that you should use all wax or all plastic foundation in a hive. Why?</p>	<p>Bees prefer wax foundation when drawing comb and, in my experience, will ignore plastic frames of foundation in a hive body when wax and plastic are mixed. Wax-coated plastic foundation or Duragilt can be considered the same as wax foundation. If only uncoated plastic foundation is offered, the bees will draw it, but if you put on a wax foundation super on top of a plastic foundation super the bees will ignore the plastic that has not been drawn to go to the wax. In addition, if you use plastic or Duragilt foundation and a bare spot develops on it the bees will not re-draw it. It must be re-waxed in that area.</p>
<p>Q2. My bees didn't completely draw some frames out last year. Is there any way to get them to finish those frames?</p>	<p>Yes. Put those frames back in the center of a super with frames of foundation surrounding them this year.</p>
<p>Q3. In my second year, I didn't have enough drawn comb for supers. When I added foundation in June the bees wouldn't draw the cells out. Why not?</p>	<p>Early in the spring, start with frames of foundation in your supers if you want more comb drawn that season or you want to increase the number of colonies, especially during years 2-4. Get combs drawn first - it takes an estimated 5-7 pounds of honey to draw a pound of wax and once the bees stop drawing that season they will not start drawing again. In July and August, put on already drawn supers to finish the season.</p> <p>It will take several years to get enough frames of comb drawn until you can consider not needing the bees to draw more frames. It's always a good idea to have more of your brood chamber size comb drawn so you can put it into the brood chamber at the beginning of the year to replace any frames that have more than 30% of the comb as drone comb or if the frame is over 5 years old.</p> <p>During year one, plan on two brood chambers and one super--filled with the appropriately sized frames with foundation for the bees to draw. During year two—since the brood chamber frames are drawn, plan on 2-4 (depending on size) supers with frames with foundation. The bees may have to finish pulling the first year's super and then new supers. How many you will use will depend on the nectar flow and the area your bees are located. Better to have more supers than be short during a good honey flow.</p> <p><i>You will make mistakes because no one taught the bees to read the same books we do and every year is different.</i></p>
<p>Q4. Why replace brood comb on such a regular basis?</p>	<p>Even if you don't, farmers or gardeners in your area probably use herbicides, pesticides and fungicides on their crops. Residues of these chemicals are brought into the hive in nectar and pollen and get into the wax. It's a good idea to replace brood comb every 3 years and no more than 5 years to reduce the amount of those chemicals your bees are exposed to on a regular basis. Many beekeepers date their new frames on the top cross bar as they first put them into the hives to be drawn. This way they can keep track of the age of the frames. Some use pencil others black felt markers. I recommend marking with a pencil.</p>
<p>Q5. I've heard it's difficult to get bees to re-draw plastic foundation. How do I get it done?</p>	<p>Scraping the old comb off the plastic foundation and putting the frame back in the hive usually doesn't work well. The plastic foundation will need to be coated with wax before placing it in the hive. Coating the foundation is a time-consuming job, so you must consider that in your decision to recoat or replace.</p> <p>REMEMBER---wax burns readily, so heat carefully. It is recommended to use a double boiler to melt wax; the wax will NOT completely clean out if the pan, so the pan will need to be dedicated to melting wax. REMEMBER to use water in the bottom pan of the double boiler. Also, see Q6.</p> <p>Another method of getting the bees to redraw plastic foundation frames is to scrape well, dip in heavy sugar syrup, let dry a bit and replace. You may have to scrape off any cross comb frequently until the bees draw the comb right. Make sure that foul brood was not present in the comb. I've not tried this but it sounds like it might work.</p>

Question	Margaret Says
<p>Q6. When I replace the brood comb, how do I render, or should I render that comb for reuse?</p>	<p>Reusing comb is a personal decision. If you use chemicals to treat disease, those chemicals are in the wax and will remain in the wax when it is reformed into foundation. You need to decide if you really want to use foundation with chemical build-up in your hive. I don't know for certain, but it is doubtful that Dadant, Kelley, etc. have a way of removing chemicals from wax.</p> <p>If you determine you want to render wax for reuse, a double-boiler method should be used to manage fire safety. You could 'make' a larger double boiler by using a large kettle, preferably stainless steel, and place it inside a larger kettle, which wouldn't need to be stainless. Place water in the bottom kettle for even heat. The dark wax makes good candles and other wax crafts and ornaments.</p> <p>As an alternative, super comb wax can either be sold to Dadant, Kelley, etc. or provided in exchange for beekeeping equipment.</p>
<p>Q7. How do I get propolis stains or wax or wax stains from clothing, carpets, drapes, floors, tables, etc?</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Use alcohol or washing soda to dissolve wax or propolis from carpeting. Be careful to test a small area as it may damage materials • Wearing gloves, heat cooking oil – as hot as you can get it without the oil smoking – and then saturate the propolis. • GOOP, a mechanics hand cleaner, works well on skin. • SWIX, a wax removal item for skis, works well on wood.
<p>Q8. My husband uses wax worms when ice-fishing during the winter. Can we use damaged comb we usually discard to keep and/or raise our own wax worms?</p>	<p>Yes, you can use it, but it's not necessary for the wax worms to live. They don't eat the wax; they damage the wax they burrow through to eat the wax proteins (the pupal cocoons from the larvae in the brood comb).</p> <p>Per a wax worm producer, they can also be kept and raised in/on cereal flakes or cornmeal with grated beeswax in it. Glycerin is interchangeable with beeswax for this purpose.</p>
<p>Q9. I had some "critter" predation last year. The ground was scratched up in front of the hive and the colony weakened. What can I do to stop this?</p>	<p>Roll up chicken wire and tack it onto the front of the bottom board at the front entrance. Bees can get through easily, but animals can't. The same with joint splicers---what you use to join boards together to make one longer board. Tack several of them onto the bottom board in front of the entrance and the "critters" will be deterred from scratching.</p>
<p>Q10. I just started beekeeping and am wondering about bee stings. How do I tell if I or someone else is having a normal or allergic reaction?</p>	<p>Partial or full body flush, shortness of breath, pounding heart. chest pain, faintness, severe swelling, nausea, etc. ARE NOT normal. Swelling, even a rather large area of localized swelling, can be considered normal, but if it involves the <u>entire</u> arm or leg, get help. Remember a pounding heart and fast pulse rate may be part of a panic attack from being stung, but it can also be part of an allergic attack.</p> <p>Although it is rare, people who are apparently tolerant to bee stings can have a sudden and life-threatening reaction---with no warnings.</p> <p>The first time, I personally experienced shortness of breath, pounding heart (I could feel my heart beating all over my body), flushing, feeling weak and I stopped sweating. I laid down for an hour or so and came out of it. The second time, it lasted longer and I felt faint, so I called the ambulance. THANK GOD, the allergy series of shots worked, and I only need to be stung once in the spring and once in the fall to keep up my immunity.</p>

Musings from a Neophyte Beekeeper

(Reprinted from previous year's edition, still great information!)

by Valerie Just (Valerie is a former BEELINE editor and presently CIBA Treasurer. She began beekeeping in 2015 in her Des Moines backyard and is now hopelessly addicted to beekeeping.)

The end of 2013 was a time of reflection – for the last 31 years, my primary focus was my family and my day job. I didn't have the time or energy to focus on personal goals – my time was spent meeting the needs of my family and my employer. I had an epiphany that it was time to heed my inner voice and start working on personal aspirations. I signed up for the Polk County Master Gardner program and completed that program in 2015. This was an important factor, for as we all know, bees and flowers have a symbiotic relationship!

My husband's uncle was a beekeeper for years in southern Iowa – we visited them occasionally, and my husband, John, would talk about his uncle's beekeeping hobby. My interest was piqued; however, it took decades before I could take action. In 2015, John and I took Andy Joseph's Beginner Beekeeping class at DMAAC in Ankeny, and we were enamored.

Despite our good intentions, we've had many lessons learned over the past two years; lessons that impacted the health and well-being of our bees. To afford you the opportunity to not only learn from our mistakes but also learn of our good fortune, I am providing guidance derived from our first two years of beekeeping:

A good beekeeper learns his craft and grows his business.

1. Bee realistic. Beekeeping is hard work. It requires planning, study, support and investment – not to mention the hot, sticky, heavy and sometimes frustrating nature of the work. No matter how much you read, only hands-on experience will give you a feel for what's involved.
2. Take a beginning beekeeper class before you make an investment in beekeeping. A beginner beekeeping class is essential to your prosperity, and the health and well-being of your bees. While I love beekeeping and these remarkable creatures, beekeeping is not a hobby for the faint-hearted. There is a considerable financial expenditure, as well as a time and energy investment, and commitment to your bees is essential.
3. Invest in two hives, not just one for the first year, but don't be over-zealous either. Two hives are recommended because if something goes wrong in one hive, you have the other hive to equalize the issue. You are also able to compare the hives for similar behavior; the 'odd' behavior may be a sign that something is going awry. Being a novice, you may not pick up on an issue without the ability to compare. Allow yourself the first year to acclimate to beekeeping; I would highly recommend that you start slow and grow your hobby/business.

Join a local beekeeping club.

In my experience, this is not a hobby (or business) to go it alone. I know I will NEVER know everything I need to know about beekeeping, and it is the experience and wisdom of those that have gone before us that truly will make a difference in your early years of beekeeping. A club provides education and classes, the opportunity to 'pick the brain' of a commercial beekeeper, the state apiarist or a seasoned beekeeping veteran– Phil Ebert, Connie Bronnenberg, Andy Joseph and Arvin

Foell have been our bees' guardian angels these past two years. Through the club, my husband also connected with a more seasoned beekeeper, and we have been so appreciative for his insight and generosity.

Order your bees early.

I recommend that you start checking into ordering packages or nucs starting in mid-to-late January. You need to get your order in, or there may not be bees available to order.

The path to good beekeeping is often paved with stingers. Get protective gear.

Initially, I didn't wear any protective gear at all. I discovered the hard way that bees are curious by nature, and they will crawl into any gap or opening they can find, such as the gap between a sandal and your foot, the opening of a boot-cut pair of jogging pants – any movement puts pressure on the bee, and you can count on getting stung. I have discovered that Velcro is one of my best friends after ten or more bees crawled into the leg openings of my pants and I was stung 10 or more times!

Great Practical Beekeeping Information for New Beekeepers

Courtesy of Joli Winer, Editor, May 2016, The Bee Buzzer, Newsletter of the Northeastern Kansas Beekeepers' Association as seen in the American Bee Journal May 17, 2016, email updates

Tips for May (Spring management, ed.)

- Check for ticks, they love beekeepers.
- Wear as much protective clothing as makes you comfortable when working your hives. Work hives with slow, smooth movements. Jerky movements agitate the bees.
- Use your smoker each time you check your bees.
- Organize your bee tools in a toolbox so that you can always find them.
- The best time to work bees is during the middle of the day when the field bees are collecting nectar.
- Work each hive from the side or the back, out of the bee flight path.
- Inspect hives by removing an outside frame first. Lift straight up to avoid damaging bees on the frame.
- When supering your hives add more than one super at a time if you have drawn comb. If you have new foundation, add only one super at a time and start with 10 frames. Put your second super on after the first one is almost filled.
- Use queen excluders to prevent brood in your honey supers as a deterrent to wax moths.
- Double check medications dates – safety matters. Don't misuse any chemicals in the hive. Absolutely never medicate hives with supers on. It is illegal.
- Keep the grass mowed in front of your hives – it makes it easier for the bees to land. Old carpet scraps, roof shingles, or weed barriers can be used to keep grass under control.
- Keep supers on until the honey is capped, unripe honey will ferment.
- Do not feed sugar syrup during a honey flow since the bees will store the syrup in your supers rather than your honey.
- Don't get excited on hot humid days if the bees are hanging outside the hive. They are trying to cool off.

You Know You are a Beekeeper When

- ✓ Your once white bee suite is no longer white.
- ✓ You check out all the labels and prices of honey at every grocery store you go into.
- ✓ You don't mind driving home with bees flying around everywhere in your vehicle after working your beehives.
- ✓ You run to the birdbath to rescue a drowning bee.
- ✓ You can't get your spouse to stop talking bees with customers when they come to the house to buy honey.
- ✓ You come home smelling like a campfire and you haven't been camping.
- ✓ You don't mow the lawn because the bees are working the seeds.
- ✓ You plan weddings, child birth, surgery, and funerals around extracting times.

These were culled from many sources, and are just a few. You will have your own list soon!

Central Iowa Beekeepers Association Annual Auction

WHAT: CIBA Annual Auction

WHEN: Saturday, April 18th, 2020 Auction starts at 10:00 a.m.

WHERE: 18930 210TH St, Minburn, IA 50167

If you are looking for equipment, want to meet with experienced beekeepers, or want to see what a lot of beekeeping equipment looks like, this is the place to be. (Pun intended.) Auction starts at 10 and in previous years, there has been a wonderful variety of equipment. In past years, the auction has contained hive boxes, frames, foundation, bottles, and even an extractor. There are no guarantees that this year's auction will have everything you may be looking for but surely you will find something. There will be a concession stand at the auction – the food stands funds the CIBA Queen/Honey Ambassador program.

Any questions, please contact Jamie Beyer at beyersbog@aol.com

Fun Honey Bee Facts

- One ounce of honey would fuel a honey bee's flight around the world
- Honey bees have hair on their eyes to help keep their eyeballs clean
- Honey bees fly 55,000 miles to bring us 1 lb. of honey
- Honey bees must go to 2 million flowers to gather 1 lb. of honey
- Honey bees stroke their wings 11,400 times per minute and fly up to 15 mph
- It takes approximately 3,500 honey bees to weigh 1 lb.
- Honey bees have two stomachs—one for food and another for nectar
- Five products from the hive: honey, beeswax, pollen, propolis and royal jelly
- Honey tastes different depending on the flowers the honey bee visits

Central Iowa Beekeepers Association (CIBA) 2020 Membership

Membership Dues Information

- ✓ Membership dues run on a yearly calendar schedule of January 1st through December 31st.
- ✓ Dues are payable at the beginning of each new calendar year.
- ✓ **Make checks payable to CIBA.**

SELECT ONE

- New membership
- Renewal of membership from 2019
- Yes No N/A: For a renewal, has any of your personal information changed?

SELECT ONE

- \$10 for a **Single** Membership
- \$15 for a **Family** Membership whereby members are residing at the same address
- Waived** for a **New Student Beekeeper** taking a beekeeping class this year. **You must provide an email address, as you will receive the newsletter and notifications only via email.**

Where are you taking your class? _____

PLEASE PRINT FOR LEGIBILITY

Name _____

Street Address _____

City _____ State _____ Zip code _____

Home phone (_____) _____ - _____ Cell phone (_____) _____ - _____

Email _____

Additional name _____

Cell phone (_____) _____ - _____ Email _____

Additional name _____

Cell phone (_____) _____ - _____ Email _____

Additional name _____

Cell phone (_____) _____ - _____ Email _____

Newsletter/Communication Delivery: Electronic or Mailed

Choose between receiving the quarterly newsletter and club communications via electronic delivery (email) or United States Postal Service (USPS) mail delivery. We encourage electronic delivery for the following reasons:

- ✓ Selecting electronic delivery saves CIBA the cost of postage.
- ✓ We can provide more information to you electronically. Review the table below.

While we encourage electronic delivery, you need to make a delivery option that serves your needs.

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Communication Type	What you will receive with:		Details
	Electronic Delivery	Mailed Delivery	
BEELINE quarterly newsletter	Yes	Yes	Quarterly club newsletter
Meeting reminders	Yes	No	Mailed reminder postcards have been discontinued
Special information	Yes	No	CIBA organizational updates
Forwarded electronic information	Yes	No	IHPA news, upcoming events, etc.
By-Law changes	Yes	Yes	Infrequent club By-Law updates
Annual Membership Directory	Yes	No	Published in June. Provides a list of all members, and contact information.

Family Membership: With **Mailed** delivery, Family memberships receive **ONE** mailed newsletter. With **Electronic** delivery, all members providing an email address will receive emailed newsletters, notices, membership directories/meeting reminders, etc.

New Student Beekeeper: **Ensure you provide an email address.** You will receive all communications via electronic mail (email) only.

SELECT ONE

- Mail via USPS
 Email electronic delivery
 Both

Membership Directory

We publish an annual membership directory in June each year, which is shared only with club members.

SELECT ONE

- Yes, the club can publish my/all family member's information in the Membership Directory
 No, the club may NOT publish my/all family member's information in the Membership Directory

Additional information (optional):

- How many hives and where are your hives located (# of hives/location)? EXAMPLE: 9 urban; 2 rural
 _____ Urban _____ Rural
- How many apiaries (bee yards) do you have? _____
- How long have you been beekeeping? _____

Ideas for Meeting Presenters or Newsletter Topics

What is your profession? _____

Would you consider assisting CIBA with your skills, if requested? _____

Mail completed form with payment to:

Valerie Just
 CIBA Treasurer
 4609 Crestmoor Drive
 Des Moines, IA 50310

IOWA HONEY BEE DAY

FEBRUARY 13, 2020, 7:00-9:00 AM (Eaaaarly!)
CONFERENCE ROOM 116
IOWA STATE CAPITOL
DES MOINES, IA

On February 13, 2020, the beekeepers of Iowa will meet again with Legislators to discuss the importance of honey bees to Iowa and the role we play as beekeepers in their success. Now that's a mouthful!! And we can all help!

You're a beek because of your love for bees, your love of honey, your desire to help our environment, and your understanding that pollinators are vital to our food sources. Is there anything you can do to help guard the future of these important little friends of ours?

Thursday, February 13 is IOWA HONEY BEE DAY. You can join fellow beeks at our State Capitol in conference Room 116 from 7:00 to 9:00 A.M.

Enjoy visiting with your legislators about the importance of the honey bee and the difficulties they face in our state, and enjoy some honey treats with the legislators. If you were there last year, you know the impact this event had – not only a chance to meet and talk with other beekeepers but with Government Officials, Legislators, Industry Representatives, and Educators.

For directions and parking information for the Iowa State Capitol visit the Iowa Honey Producers Association website at <https://www.iowahoneyproducers.org/>. This event is sponsored by the Iowa Honey Producers Association.

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