



*SUDBURY DISTRICT BEEKEEPERS' ASSOCIATION*



*BEEKEEPERS' HELPING BEEKEEPERS*

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**OCTOBER 2022 BUZZWORD**

Hello beekeepers and wannabee beekeepers to the SDBA first monthly meeting since Covid.

Come for the free coffee, the free advice, to catch up with your fellow beekeepers and find out what's new in the Beekeeping world.

We are still waiting to hear from the Rainbow Board on which school or classroom that will be made available to us. Chances are November's meeting will be held in a school, somewhere in Sudbury.

**SDBA'S MEMBERSHIPS**

\*For your convenience, find attached the membership form for the SDBA.

<b><i>SDBA'S MEMBERSHIP FEES</i></b>			
Seniors 65 +	15\$	Students	15\$
Individual	20\$	Family	25\$

Rose Aniol is the SDBA treasurer. She will not be at our meeting on the 19<sup>th</sup>. If you are a new member or for those who are renewing or have changes in your address, telephone number, etc, please email the completed membership form to Rose. E-transfers for membership fees can also be sent to her via email:

***mishkarose.65@gmail.com***

*She will allocate a membership number to you and deposit the fees to the SDBA bank account.*

*\*\*Enclosed you will also find a Monthly Bee Calendar that was prepared many many years ago by one of our members. It was last updated, at least 4-5 years ago. With climate change and new chemicals some changes might be needed. Please peruse it and suggestions for updates will be welcome.*

## **BEE INSPECTORS**

Ontario Apiary Program

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◇ If you want to buy or sell previously loved beekeeping equipment, call the Bee Inspectors. It is illegal to buy or sell used uninspected equipment. All used goods have to be certified to prevent the propagation of mites, small hive beetles, etc.

◇ If you have or have had bear problems destroying one or many hives, take many pictures, assess your loss and call your bee inspectors. They will ask for pictures and guide you to the governmental agencies for compensation.

## **HONEY CONTEST**

For many years, we have had a honey contest. **Richard Lathwell** of Lobo Loco Alpaca Farm . won in 2018 and 2019. Our president, Richard Conrad, declared himself the winner last year. This year, we hope that he will have many competitors. We make sample bottles available at the meeting. (Attached are contest rules.)

## **SUGAR BOARDS**

I was asked about sugar boards. Pictures from internet.

Sugar Board

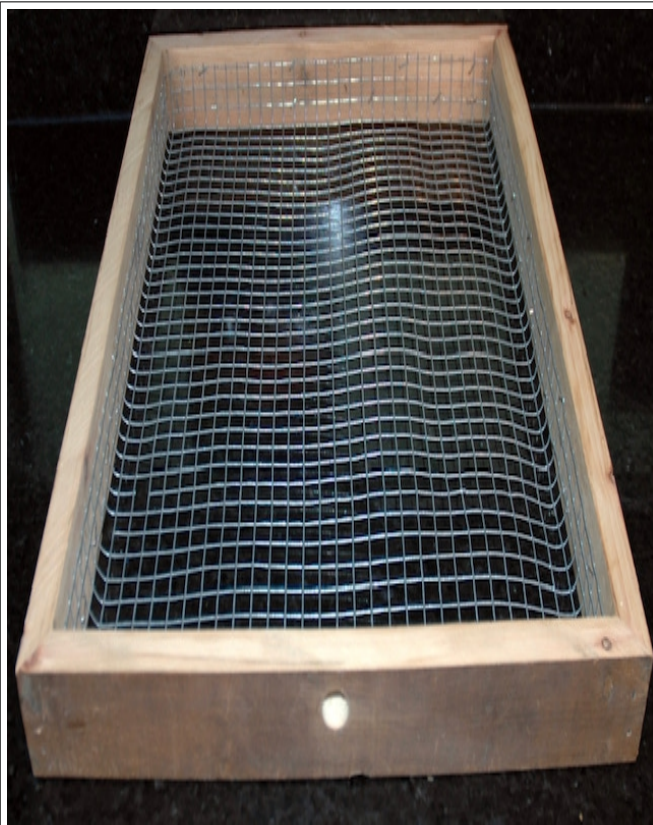


Sugar Board.

Put 2" x 4" in corner of the frame. Once the sugar has hardened, remove them. This allows the "moisture" to rise and gives free access to the bees.

32 cups of sugar (8Kg) with 2.5 cups water for each candy board.

1. Put 16 cups of sugar in a big container (pail) add 1 1/3 cup of cold water. Stir.
2. Add another 16 cups of sugar and 1 1/3 cup of water. Mix thoroughly till all the sugar is "moist" ( the consistency of a snowball).
3. Dump mixture onto candy-board, pack sugar down. It will harden overnight.
4. Install "on top" of frames with no inner cover.
5. You can add 1/2 tsp of vinegar /citric acid to prevent mold.
6. A few drops of Lemongrass (any essential oil will do).
7. A few drop of Hive Alive (food enhancer for bees with seaweed/



You can use 1/8" - 1/4" or 1/2" hardware cloth, it really doesn't matter as long as the bees can access the sugar board.

This Bee Blog suggest using the plastic queen excluder nobody likes.

<https://www.honeybeesuite.com/no-cook-recipe-for-breeding-wnter-bees>

Moisture collects on the candy-board providing sugar water to the bees.

What we did last year.

With the sugar-board,we added pollen patties. The reason – we usually go away in the winter and this is just another way to be assured that the bees have enough food to eat in the spring which is a long time in coming.

We did not use the inner cover and had a 1" (2.5 cm) Styrofoam inside the inner cover.

## ***NOVEMBER'S MEETING***

*We will try to keep meeting dates on every 3<sup>rd</sup> Wednesday of the month. Technically, it will be on November 17 – 7 pm – where- we don't know.*

## ***BEEKEEPING INFORMATION***

*VARROA MITE TREATMENT – good read -*

*<https://beekeepinginformationn.com/2022/07/28/varroa-mite-treatment>*

*Ontario Beekeeping Association  
Technology Transfer Program*

[www.ontariobee.com](http://www.ontariobee.com)  
[ttp@ontariobee.ca](mailto:ttp@ontariobee.ca)

University of Guelph  
Honey Bee Research

[www.uoguelph.ca](http://www.uoguelph.ca)  
[www.hrbc.ca](http://www.hrbc.ca)

Ontario Ministry of Agriculture, Food and  
Rural Affairs  
Honey Bee Registration Forms

[www.omafra.gov.on.ca](http://www.omafra.gov.on.ca)

Ontario Apiary Program

[www.ontario.ca](http://www.ontario.ca)

*See you next Wednesday*

*If you would like to be removed from our mailing list, please let me know, either by email or by phone. Also, if you have friends who would like to receive the Buzzword or want to know what is happening, please send me their email address.*

***Attached:***

*SDBA Membership Registration form  
Bee Calendar  
Honey Contest Rules  
Pollen Colour chart  
Honey Bee Registration Forms*

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