

SUDBURY AND DISTRICT BEEKEEPERS' ASSOCIATION  
Buzzword  
December 2020

**“NEWS FROM AROUND THE BEEYARDS”**

We would like, first of all, to thank those who contributed to this month's Buzzword. I sent out an SOS and Dan and Tracy, Rose Aniol, Bob Dewar and Julian Montpetit answered the call.

We would also like to thank those who renewed their 2020-2021 membership with the SDBA. I know we haven't met in a long time or it seem like a long time. As a matter of fact, it was at Christmas Brunch, a whole year and a few days ago. On that note there is no Christmas Brunch.

**BEEKEEPER OF THE YEAR:** Noel Shank will remain “Beekeeper of Year” for another year.

**HONEY CONTEST WINNER:** Richard Conrad says it is “I” but I said it was “I”. Conclusion, if you haven't tasted any other honey that was better than yours, you are the **Honey Contest** winner for 2020.

I would love to hear from other beekeepers on how 2020 was. Covid-19 took away the “friendly banter”, “how are you” and “how are your bees” at the beginning of each SDBA's meeting. Other beekeepers are interested in how you are fairing. It doesn't matter how long the article is (I will edit if you want).

**CONTRIBUTERS:** Dan and Tracy Séguin reported on their « SSSCB Farm) Sucrierie Séguin and Creekbend Farm.  
RS (Bob) Dewar reported on the beehives on Vale land.  
Rose Aniol - her saga  
Julian Montpetit – Empty hives

## READINGS

Since it is cold and since it gets dark so fast and our Canadian and provincial governments are asking us to stay home for Christmas, I am adding a few articles that might be of help.

Top 10 Best Treatment for Varroa Mites in Beehives (2020)  
<https://beekeepclub.com/best-treatment-for-varroa-mites>

The Winter Cluster (relationship between cluster size and ambient temperature)  
<https://theapiarist.org/the-winter-cluster>  
2020-12-04 (click on Winter – right hand side)

The Ins and Outs of Buying Bees

Tips for Buying Bees

<https://backyardbeekeeping.iamcountryside.com/beekeeping>

2020-12-09

<https://backyardbeekeeping.iamcountryside.com/beekeeping>

The Secrets of Winter Bees vs Summer Bees

2020-10-14

<https://dengarden.com>

[Why Do Bees Leave Your Hive? 16 Reasons for Bee Absconding - Dengarden - Home and Garden](#) (Do a search)