



The PSBA BUZZ

July 2012

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Meetings:

Arboretum

Graham Visitor Center
2200 Arboretum Drive E.,
Seattle, WA 98112

July 21st

Picnic at the PSBA apiary
12-3 pm

July 24th

Tom Rearick,
Beehacker.com

August 28th

Daniel Najera, PhD
Entomology – “Logical
Decision Making in
Honeybees”

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Hive Calendar

July: Harvest & Migrate

Check for swarm cells each 7 – 10 days. Re-queen as soon as the blackberry flow is over. Harvest and extract capped supers. Optionally, migrate to the mountains for fireweed. Collect and freeze pollen for use next spring. Bottle and sell honey and beeswax.

Nectar Sources:

End of lowland and beginning of higher elevation Blackberry, Dandelion & Clover, Fireweed

July Meeting – Special Meeting!

Meetings are the 4th Tuesday of each month except November, and December

General Meeting 7:00 – 9:00 pm

Tom Rearick of Beehacker.com will present: “Vital Signs for Honey Bee Colonies”

Vital signs are physiological measurements taken to assess health. They are quick, low-risk, non-subjective, and non-invasive measurements that can indicate potential health problems when compared to historical data. Tom Rearick will describe how he assesses the health of his hives by measuring their vital signs. These non-invasive hive measurements reduce the time, risk, and frequency of performing more traditional and invasive hive inspections.

Tom Rearick is a UGA-certified Journeyman beekeeper from Atlanta, Georgia and director of the Metro Atlanta Beekeepers Association. He has written for Bee Culture magazine and founded the BeeHacker.com blog. Professionally, he is a serial software entrepreneur.

Announcements & News

Future Events: Mark your calendars!

July 21st:

- **PSBA Picnic – July 21st.** From 12-3 next to the club apiary behind the Graham Visitor's Center. Bring a potluck dish to share. The club will provide beverages and dessert. This is a fun opportunity to socialize and network with other beekeepers. There is always great food and conversation!

PSBA TRUSTEES

Jessica Dally (2012-13)
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August 28th:

- **Daniel Najera, PhD Entomology** will present "Logical Decision Making in Honeybees"

September:

- **25th: Monthly Meeting Speaker: Randy Oliver of Scientific Beekeeping**

October:

- **4th -7th: Joint WSBA and Western Apicultural Society Annual Conference.** Embassy Suites at Tukwila, just north of the Seattle Airport, WA. Info http://groups.ucanr.org/WAS/Conference_Information
- **23rd: Monthly Meeting Speaker, Thomas Seeley**

Call for Volunteers:

Apiary Work Party Time at the Arboretum Apiary

If you are interested in maintaining the club's apiary or learning something new, join a work party! It's a great chance to ask questions, help the club's bees and the apiary. If interested, contact one of the work-party organizers below. **Next party: July 21st 12-3 picnic attendees**

August 1st half: Krista Conner (206-938-5158)
August 2nd half: Nancy Beckett (206-937-5583)

Sept 1st half: Jason Hansen (206-793-6670)

Sept 2nd half: Keith Glatzer (206-240-7362)

October: John Woodworth (206-265-3295)

Master Beekeeper Apprenticeship Test

If you are interested in taking this (open book) test you can purchase the companion booklet for \$10 from Krista Conner. Contact: [krconner \(at\) aol.com](mailto:krconner@aol.com)
More information about the certification steps: <http://www.wasba.org/master.htm>

NOTE: If you've taken the apprentice test, please pickup your certificate at a PSBA meeting or contact vp@psbees.org for alternative arrangements.

Marketplace Short ads are run for free for members of PSBA. Fee for non-members is

\$25. Send your ads to editor@psbees.org

Honey Harvest Event– Hosted by Seattle Bee Works and West Seattle Produce. Bring your honey supers and join in the honey extraction fun! August and September extraction dates available. Contact krista@seattlebeeworks.com for details and to schedule your extraction.