



The PSBA BUZZ

June 2012

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Meetings:

Arboretum

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

June 26th

John Jacobs
Old Sol Enterprises
"Survivor queens in the
PNW"

July 21st

Picnic at the PSBA apiary
12-3 pm

July 24th

Tom Rearick,
Beehacker.com

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Hive Calendar

June: Major Lowland Nectar Flow

Check for swarm cells each 7 – 10 days. Blackberry, the major lowland Puget Sound nectar flow, starts in June and lasts 2-4 weeks, depending on altitude, weather, and location. Remove and extract capped supers. Bottle and sell honey and beeswax.

Nectar Sources: Blackberry (lowlands), Dandelion & Clover, Huckleberry

June Meeting

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

Beginners' Instruction: 6:30-7:00 Rob Stevens will provide an overview of Fall Management.

Beekeeping Q&A: 7:00-7:15

General Meeting 7:30 – 9:00 pm

John Jacobs of Old Sol Enterprises will be sharing information on survivor queens in the Pacific Northwest.

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!
- **24th: Tom Rearick, Beehacker.com** – Join us for a special July Meeting to learn about "What Monitoring Hive Weight Tells Us, Bee Forage Project."

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**

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Call for Volunteers:

Saturday July 14 in West Seattle - Volunteer opportunities available starting at 10:00 am on Saturday. A PSBA booth will be setup at the West Seattle Summer Fest to offer honeybee education and honey sales. To volunteer for this event, or for more info please contact Nancy Beckett (PSBA trustee) at enbee555@gmail.com Details of the event: <https://oliverlittle.wufoo.com/forms/greenlife-a-sustainability-expo-at-summer-fest/>

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: June 24th 10-12pm: Steve Near (425-306-8137)**
July 7th, 11-1pm: Jeff Steenbergen (206-354-9774)
July 21st: picnic attendees
August 1st half: Krista Conner (206-938-5158)
August 2nd half: Nancy Beckett (206-937-5583)

Swarms! The PSBA swarm list has been busy. As a reminder to those on the swarm list: 1 out of every 5 swarms caught via the PSBA swarm list should be placed in the arboretum apiary. This is a courtesy to PSBA for its organization of the list. Please contact Apiary Manager: Peter Nolte (206.784.3631) if you need assistance in placing a new swarm in the club apiary.

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 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.

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