

What's the Buzz February 2023



Community Outreach



Perquimans Environmental Field Day – 4th graders March 28th

a Hertford Grammar School

Chowan Environmental Field Day – Gth graders April Gth

Dam House Tyner, NC

We need 2-3 volunteers for EACH event above. To sign up or for more questions, please contact Elizabeth $\stackrel{\circ}{\circ}$ (252) 333-6965.



1st Thursday of the Month All meetings are held at: NC Cooperative Extension – Chowan County Center **Doors open at 6:30pm, Meeting starts at 7pm**

March 2nd
Libby Mack: Mack Bees & NCSBA Treasurer via Zoom
Topic: Swarms: Preventing, Managing & Catching

April 6th

Dana Stahlman of Stahlman Apiaries

Topic: The Honey Harvest is Over, Now What?

Spring Conference

Monroe, NC March 10 & 11, 2023

Spring Conference Advance Reg. Deadline – Feb 24th Tickets for NCSBA Members: \$45 Individual \$80 Family

GAP Information

The New Year has begun and we are starting the 2023 GAP book right away! We need to start earning our points now.

Let's start planning how EACH OF US can contribute and earn points for our club.

If you would like to be involved in a community outreach activity, give a presentation, or have any ideas how you can earn points for the club please contact
Tiffany 20 (252) 325-4367.

Honey Poached Oranges

2C orange juice 1C honey

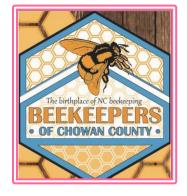
1 star anise

1 vanilla bean - split & scraped

8 seedless oranges – ½" thick slices
*In a medium pot, bring 2 cups water, juice, honey, star anise, and vanilla

bean and seeds to a boil. Remove from heat and let sit for 15 minutes. *Preheat oven to 225°F. Layer oranges in a 9-by 13-inch baking dish. Pour poaching liquid over oranges. Cover with aluminum foil and bake for 2 hours. Let cool, then refrigerate until chilled, about 2 hours.

*Divide oranges among bowls. Add ice cream and top with a few tablespoons of poaching liquid.



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Bocc has Adopted Brayhall Road

Our BoCC club has joined the NC Adopt a Highway Program and pledged to help keep our roadsides clean. We will perform the 1 ½ mile cleanup on Brayhall Road each quarter of the year, and earn GAP points while to do it!

Our first scheduled cleanup day will be scheduled at the March 2nd meeting.

Each beekeeper must decide their goal for the Spring. Is to make splits, add new foundation to make comb or harvest honey?

A key fact for all beekeepers to keep in mind is ~ It takes eight pounds of honey to make one pound of wax. The average worker bee makes only 1/12th tsp of honey in its lifetime. This is why comb is such a valuable resources to beekeepers. Hence, in the first season of beekeeping, your concentration is to be growing your colony and any honey you actually harvest is a bonus.



DO YOU KNOW ??

- Q. On which two sets of legs are the corbicula of a forager bee located??
- * front two legs
- * middle two legs
- * back two legs



A. The corbicula (pollen basket) is located on the back two legs.





~ Apiary Field Day ~ Saturday, February 11th 9am

221 Brayhall Road

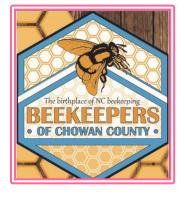
It was a Tremendous Success with a great showing of current club members and bee school members we certainly accomplished all we wanted!

The Bee Shed is now organized and equipment is cleaned up.

The students had valuable hands on hive time to visually see what has been discussed during class time. We appreciate everyone that spent their Saturday with us.







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2023 Nucs, Packages & Queen Resource Information



Nadeau Farms / Etienne Nadeau

Offering Local Queens & Nucs (5 frame) Elizabeth City, NC 27909

(252) 619-7308

nadeaufarmsnc@amail.com

nadeaufarms.com



PawPaw Bees Apiary / John Marshall

Offering Local Queens & Nucs (5 or 8 frame)
Chowan County, NC

(757) 235-2347 <u>Marshall91600@yahoo.com</u>



Sapony Creek Apiaries

Offering Packages, Queens & Nucs (5 frame) 54 West Mount Drive, Rocky Mount, NC 27803

(252) 904-1446



Bray House Honey Bees / Stacy Marriner

Offering Local Queens & Nucs Elizabeth City, NC 27909

brayhousehoneybees@gmail.com



