

*Sussex County  
Beekeepers  
Association  
Newsletter  
September/October, 2011*

*President's Message*

Beekeepers,

Once again, I want to extend a very big THANK YOU to everyone who volunteered for the bee booth. From the looks of it we had ample coverage and volunteers enjoyed sharing their bee experiences with the not-so-bee-inclined.

It is always hard to believe how time flies! As beekeepers, we need to make sure the bees have made good use of their time. Fall is quickly coming upon us. Soon the drones will be unceremoniously evicted, and the queen will start to slow down her brood laying.

By now the decision to treat your hives should have been made and the preferred treatment applied. It is a good practice to do this as early as the weather permits so that there can be a cycle or 2 of brood laying before the queen stops laying for the winter. The mite counts in my yards this year have ranged from a high of 25-40 in a 24 hour period to no

mites at all. I will not treat hives that don't show signs of mites.

Once your treatments are done it is essential to make sure that the hive has plenty of food to make it through the winter. This may require sugar syrup or frames of capped honey from over-producing healthy hives so that there is at least 4 frames of capped honey in each brood chamber. A little more is OK but there needs to be enough room from the queen to move up over the winter.

From the looks of things in my yards there is an abundance of Golden Rod, Loose Strife and Queen Anne's Lace being pulled in. Yellow, purple and white on hives makes me want to do the happy beekeeper's dance!

*I would like to put out a request for mentors as I'm getting a lot of calls from stressed new bees about winter prep. If able, drop me a note.*

Our next meeting will be at the Brodheckers on September 18 at 12:00 p.m. Bring a dish and a chair. 75 George Hill Road, Branchville.

Check out our Facebook page!  
<http://www.facebook.com/groups/scbanj>

Cheers,  
**Christopher**



## SCBA Calendar



## Officers and Mentors

### **Next Meeting: 9/18/2011, 12:00 p.m.**

Joint meeting with NY  
Brodhecker's House, 75 George Hill  
Road, Branchville  
Bring a dish and a chair

### **October 15, 2011**

Time and Place TBD  
Honey tasting and end of the year  
review. Bring some honey for others  
to sample!

### **November 12, 2011**

Time and Place TBD  
Holiday Dinner

## Sweet Links

"Beekeeper Thrills Fairgoers,"  
about our own Tom Webb:

<http://www.njherald.com/story/news/081411-bees-clone>

"Bee Peeper," a profile about Tim  
Schuler, our State Apiarist:

[http://www.philly.com/philly/entertainment/20110902\\_Bee\\_peeper.html](http://www.philly.com/philly/entertainment/20110902_Bee_peeper.html)

NJ Beekeeper's Association:

<http://njbeekeepers.org/index.htm>

NJ Beekeeper's Blog (mostly posted  
by Tim Schuler):

<http://www.njbeekeepers.org/blog>

Beesource Beekeeping Forum:

<http://www.beesource.com/forums/index.php>

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***Volunteers needed!!!***

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