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## President's Message

Wow... how the time flies. Lots of things are happening. We had another meeting in Ellensburg during March and it was well attended. I really appreciate our West Side beekeepers that came over; then when the meeting was over, found out Snoqualmie pass was closed.

We lost a very important person to our organization with the passing of Bob Stump. Bob was a Master Beekeeper and was elected president of Washington State Beekeepers Association in 1999 and served in that capacity through 2003.

Bob for the last year or more had been fighting bad health and just couldn't win any more battles. As one Lt. Col. to another, I salute you Bob, and may you be at peace again as all great warriors want.

Read the minutes for what happened at the meeting. I would like to bring you up to date on several issues. It was brought to the attention of the board that a local honey packer was selling a product in violation of state rules and regulations. A course of action was voted on by the board and I contacted Gary at Silverbow Honey and he and the state had all ready been in discussions concerning his corn syrup with a little honey in it. The agreement was that the product would be relabeled as Honey Syrup (both same size lettering). Someone had complained to the state and they moved quickly to resolve the issue. A word of caution to everyone: you should know the state law before you make labels or add anything to your product.

We settled on a program for this year with two field days in different locations. Saturday, June 18 will be held in Pullman with a WSBA board meeting Sunday morning. The next field day will be held July 9 in Puyallup, again a Saturday and an executive board meeting July 10. This will provide new opportunities to local associations and to bring together many more beekeepers. The costs are really reason-

## Washington State Updates

### 2005 Program Calendar for the Association.

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|-------------------------------|--|
| <b>JUNE 17 &amp; 18 2005:</b> | WSBA June Field day East<br>WSU campus   |
| <b>JUNE 19, 2005</b>          | Executive Board Meeting 9 AM   |
| <b>JULY 8 &amp; 9 2005:</b>   | WSBA July Field day West<br>Puyallup, WSU extension station                              |
| <b>JULY 10, 2005</b>          | Executive Board Meeting  |
| <b>OCTOBER 2005:</b>          | WSBA & OSBA joint meeting<br>Oct. 28, 29 & 30th in Oregon<br>Executive Board Meeting TBA |
| <b>JANUARY 2006:</b>          | WSBA Executive Board Meeting<br>LOCATION TBA   |

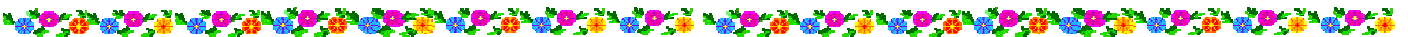
able, so take advantage of this opportunity and see what we have to offer. Also, there is a wine and cheese reception on June 17 and July 8 at each Field day.

Formic Acid has been registered for use in Washington State. The product registered is Miteaway II from Canada. They currently don't ship to small users so we might need to band together to get the product. Please monitor the websites for the latest info. See the Regional News section in this newsletter for more details about NOD Apiary Products formic acid product.

Miteaway II isn't the answer yet to many of us unless the bee supply houses supply us the product. The price won't be \$2.60 per treatment. Educate yourself on this product before you use it. Make sure it is right for you.

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### **In Memoriam of Robert M. Stump Past President of WSBA**

Robert M. Stump, Retired Lt. Colonel. U.S. Army, age 82, died peacefully in his sleep on March 31, 2005. Robert was born in Portland, Ore., on October 27, 1922, to Lloyd M. and Lulu Mary (Workman) Stump. He was raised in Washougal, Wash., and graduated from Washington State College in December 1948.

Robert married Kathleen Elizabeth (Leahy) Stump who preceded him in death on Dec. 31, 2000. Also preceding him in death was grandson Bryan (Robert). He is survived by eight children: Robert, Patricia (Don), Gregory (Heather), William (Marianne), Kevin, Elizabeth (Bob), Thomas (Sherry), and David (Kristine). Robert remarried on Nov. 30, 2002, and is survived by Tillie (De Shiell) Stump and her children: Lucinda, Norma Jean and Ronald. Other survivors include 17 grandchildren, 14 great-grandchildren, as well as many loving friends and relatives. Robert spent 30 years in the U.S. Army Infantry and served in World War II, surviving the Battle of the Bulge, Korea and Vietnam.

LTC Stump was active in the Knights of Columbus, Elks, American Legion, Veterans of Foreign Wars, Mountaineers and was a long time usher and Eucharistic Minister with the St. Nicholas Catholic Church in Gig Harbor. Robert spent 50 years as a Scouter with the Boy Scouts of America and served 13 years as Scout Master for troop 282 in Gig Harbor. He was also immediate past president of the Washington State Beekeepers Association.

A Funeral Mass was held at 11 a.m., April 6 at St. Nicholas Catholic Church. Interment followed with a Grave Side Service at 2:30 p.m. at Mt. View Cemetery in Auburn. Arrangements by Haven of Rest, Gig Harbor.



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## **Executive Board Meeting Minutes**

The Executive Board of the Washington State Beekeepers Association (WSBA) held their regular spring meeting on March 26, 2005 at the Bar 14 Ranch House Restaurant in Ellensburg, WA.

Previous to the WSBA regular meeting and at the same location, the committees of the Master Beekeepers and of Education met at 10 a.m. Officers in attendance were President Jerry Tate, Vice President Lee Massey, and Treasurer Lisa Knox. A total of 22 members were present for the meeting. President Jerry Tate called the regular meeting to order at 11:40 a.m. He appointed Lisa Knox to serve as Secretary pro tem in the absence of Secretary Linda Carney who was not in attendance due to family emergency.

In lieu of the **Secretary's report**, President asked for a motion to accept the minutes of the previous WSBA meeting as published in the February newsletter. Motion was made and seconded, then passed unanimously by voice vote.

The **Treasurer's report** was presented by Lisa Knox: WSBA has the following balances on hand in these accounts: WSBA checking & savings, \$5,286.66; PR Fund Savings, \$1,803.62; WSBA savings CD, \$7,093.63. Scholarship Funds: Roy Thurber, \$29,504.24, Alvina Timmons, \$21,666.56, Carl VanWechel (CD and savings), \$5307.72.

A membership report was also presented by the treasurer: Total membership, 105; Honorary members, 8; New members for 2005, 7; Renewals for 2005, 35; Not yet renewed, 62.

President asked for a motion to accept the treasurer's report and the membership report. Motion was made and seconded, then passed unanimously by voice vote.

Paul Lundy reported on the **Master Beekeepers Certification Committee** meeting held earlier this morning. The committee is at work on establishing a correspondence program for Apprentice and Journeyman Beekeeper Certifications. The committee is well on its way to meeting the goal to provide resources and study material online by October, 2005.

Paul Lundy reported on the WSBA **newsletter**. He acknowledged the difficulties people are having with the online version of the newsletter what with the long download times and broken web links. While the newsletter needs to be available consistently, it certainly won't get any smaller. He will be emailing members who receive the electronic newsletter if they would like to receive a paper copy instead.

Jerry Tate reported on the WSBA **website** in the absence of webmaster Frank Seiler. Improvements that had been made to allow more timely input to the website had become corrupted. Some equipment problems had brought troubleshooting to a halt, but Frank assured Jerry that the technical difficulties would be solved very soon.

**WSU Report:** No one from WSU was in attendance, so Jerry Tate and Ted Swenson of Inland Empire Beekeepers reported that IEBA is working with WSU to establish a 24-hive apiary in the Spokane area. This yard will have WSU queens and will provide field experience for the beekeeper certification students in attendance at IEBA.

### **Area Reports:**

Area 1a: Representative Tim Bueler reports mild weather,

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maple in bloom, followed by lots of rain. There have been high bee losses over the winter, even in cases where mites have been under control.

Area 1b: Representative Van Sherod reports similar weather as in area 1a, with similar bee loss.

Area 2: Representative Bob Smith reports some luck with Russian queens in his apiary.

Area 3 (upper valley): Representative Eric Olson deferred to lower valley, will make his report as part of the pollination report.

Area 3 (lower valley): Representative Arlene Massey reports pollination activities in pears, cherries, and apples, but there is a shortage of bees for pollination in Washington. Many beekeepers stayed in California to make up for losses.

Area 4: Representative Miriam Bishop reported a dry winter in the Okanagon. Losses of 80% not uncommon and hives that were lost had plenty of stores. There is a bloom of interest in beekeeping as she has three new beekeepers in the area.

Area 5: Paul Hosticka of Dayton reported for Representative John Pettigrew who was absent. Winter was very mild in the Palouse. He had a very good pollination season in California.

Area 6: Representative Bob Arnold reported very small losses for his 400 hive operation (8%), but that many hobbyists he knows lost 100%. The pussy willow is in bloom in the Spokane Valley; weather has been cold as of late, but lots of brood in the comb.

**Pollination Report:** Eric Olson, Area 3 upper valley rep and

member-at-large reported 50% bee loss nationwide. In Washington, the early hot weather has put the bloom way ahead. There is a shortage of pollinators in the state because the out-of-state beekeepers who usually come here are going to California where the pay is higher. Regarding honey bee losses: Barton Smith of the Beltsville, Maryland Bee Lab visited Oakdale, CA to sample bees from pollinators that had arrived from several origination points (ND, WA, OR, MN, ID and CA). Mr. Smith found that "there was no statistical correlation between the strength or weakness of colonies and pests or diseases found, except in one operation." Eric reported that one operation was his, out of western Washington. The level of tracheal mite infestation was found to be associated with the weak colonies. His other operations in North Dakota, and in Ellensburg, WA, were "awesome." One alarming development involves the small hive beetle: apparently, a Florida bee operation that was infested with the small hive beetle migrated to California. Those infested hives have now found their way to the Yakima valley in Washington.

**Old Business:** WSBA **Field Days planning** was reported by Bob Arnold. The **Education Committee** met earlier this morning and finalized plans for two field days to be held this summer. The Pullman Field Day will be Friday and Saturday, June 17-18, and the Puyallup Field Day will be Friday and Saturday, July 8-9. The General Plan for both Field Days is a Friday evening Cheese and Wine, Saturday Field Day, Sunday morning board meeting. Classroom instruction Saturday morning, followed by BBQ Luncheon, then field work Saturday afternoon with hives setup for inspections. Subgroups formed each with a leader for inspections.

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A motion was made to appropriate \$300 per Field Day for the wine & cheese social (\$600 total). The motion was seconded and passed unanimously by voice vote.

John Timmons of Graham, WA and Pierce County Beekeepers reported that Bob Stump was in very serious medical condition. A motion was made and seconded to reimburse John up to \$100 for purchase of a plant or floral arrangement to send to Bob and family. The motion was passed unanimously by voice vote. A motion was made, seconded, and passed unanimously to have Lisa Knox send a card to Bob and family on behalf of the WSBA Executive Board.

Jerry Tate reported on the topic of the Apiary Registration funds. Forward movement in the form of appointing a board was put on the back burner until after the 2004 gubernatorial election. The WSDA is willing to reinstitute the Apiary Advisory Board. A vote to appoint a board will happen this year. Jerry is writing up an application form that researchers can use to apply for the funds. Accountability for the outcome of the research is an issue that needs to be addressed.

**New Business:** Tim Bueler reported on an alleged violation of the RCW 69.28 by Silverbow Honey in improper labeling of their blended honey product. A motion was made, seconded and passed unanimously to authorize president Jerry Tate to, first; meet with Silverbow officials to demand that the RCW 69.28 be followed by pulling the product from shelves and re-labeling. Second, if personal meeting generates no action, president will send a letter to the WSDA requesting enforcement of the RCW.

Database on the impact of Beekeeping in Washington: At the recent Pesticide Commission meeting, commission members asked for data on the impact of beekeeping in the state. Jerry Tate noted that this data would be excellent information for future grant submissions. He volunteered himself to start the data collection process.

Bee Package Purchases for WSU: Jerry Tate noted that WSU had not yet placed an order for spring packages, but asked if anyone was interested in donating packages this year. Law-

## Field days planned

### June Field Days in Pullman:

Hive inspection procedures; mite inspection (ether roll, sticky board, sugar dusting, strip check, brood inspection); mite treatment options (drone comb trap, medications, screened bottom board).

Queen introduction techniques (techniques for finding queen, hive preparation for mailer cage introduction, nuc introduction, use of screen board for splitting and queen/queen cell introduction); Nuc preparation, queen cell introduction, use for re-queening.

### July Field Days in Puyallup:

Hive inspection procedures; mite inspection (ether roll, sticky board, sugar dusting, strip check, brood inspection); mite treatment options (drone comb trap, medications, screened bottom board). AFB inspection & treatment options, use of ultraviolet light for inspection.

Queen introduction techniques (techniques for finding queen, hive preparation for mailer cage introduction, nuc introduction, use of screen board for splitting and queen/queen cell introduction);

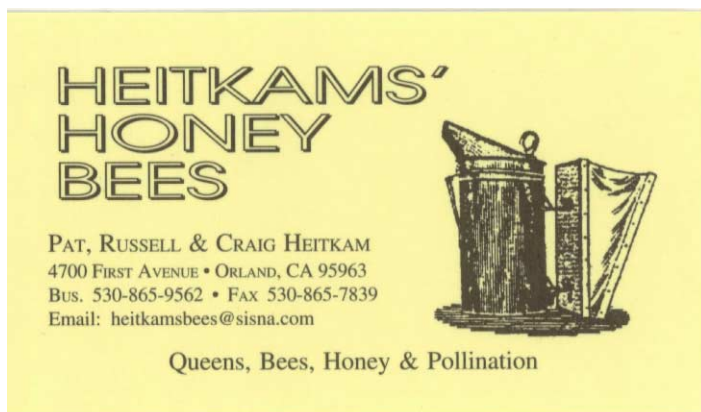
Honey removal techniques (chemicals, bee escape board);

Fall management (feeding, Nosema treatment, preparation for winter, over wintering nuc's).

rence Oberholtzer, president of NWDBA, volunteered 10 packages on behalf of his Association. Eric Olson also volunteered 10 packages. WSBA currently has \$300 earmarked for packages. A motion was made and seconded to purchase more packages for WSU. After some discussion, the motion was amended to read "purchase 10 packages for WSU", seconded, and passed unanimously by voice vote.

There was a lively discussion on finding a local association to host the 2006 WSBA convention. Pierce County, Methow Valley, and Mount Baker have expressed interest, if not for 2006, then for later.

Jerry Tate reported that the EPA is to decide sometime in March whether to allow the use of formic acid as a miticide in beehives in the United States. With some laughter over the question of March of what year, the meeting was adjourned at 2:30 p.m.



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#### Silverbow Honey re-labels "Honey Syrup"

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Example of mis-labeled containers.

### Regional News

Mite-AwayII™ - formic acid varroa and tracheal mite treatment product has been granted Section 3 registration from the United States Environmental Protection Agency.

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## Master Beekeepers Committee minutes

Minutes of March 26, 2005 Master Beekeeper Committee Meeting

Call to Order: The meeting was called to order at 10:05 a.m. by Co-Chair Paul Lundy. He started by calling for a substitute Secretary to take minutes. Jo Miller volunteered to take minutes for this meeting only.


Old Business: 1. Ted Swenson's Master level proposal was unanimously accepted.

2. There was discussion on the Master Beekeeper Program.
  - a. WSBA Website link - Ted Swenson will check with Frank about having more than one person authorized to update the website.
  - b. Postage is needed to mail tests and resource books for the Apprentice Level. It is \$10/book + \$10/tests + \$5/postage and handling (includes paid return envelope for tests).
  - c. The Journeyman Level tests are to be proctored by the nearest Master or Journeyman Beekeeper. The proctor will arrange with the candidate for dates for the tests and the Field Exam. Jo and Miriam submitted proofread copies of the recently updated Journeyman tests. Miriam will go over the tests, making corrections.
  - d. The old records of the Master Beekeeper Program need to be saved in PDF.
  - e. Update on Progress Report: Sally Hasher is the WSU person who is in charge of the progress report database. Check-off boxes are needed on the form to 1) indicate where to send the certificates (candidate, teacher, or club?), 2) indicate "Paid" for the Journeyman and Master Levels, and 3) order patches and badges (Jody will research the current prices). There was general discussion regarding whether or not to include a time limit for completing each level. Open for further discussion.

Treasurer's Report: current balance is \$2268.41, and input is covering expenses.

New Business: 1. The next Committee meeting will be at the July Picnic and Field Day in Puyallup. The next one will be at the convention in Oregon.

2. The Certificates were discussed. There is



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general dissatisfaction with the recently altered look of the certificates. Paul stated that we need to take ownership of the certificates and let WSU know what we want. Several other examples were considered; the committee agreed that there would be three levels of quality of the certificates and that the Master Level would be presented at annual conventions. The signatures needed on the certificates need to be digitized so that certificates can be issued in a timely manner. Tim Bueler will work on the certificates.

3. There was discussion on Master Level proposals. Ted Swenson said we need to speed up the process of approving proposals, not waiting to do it at our infrequent meetings. There was general agreement. Two suggestions were to 1) e-mail the proposal to committee members, with a 5 day limit to vote, and 5 agreeing votes constituting a quorum, or majority, and 2) put a link on the website for the candidates to e-mail their proposals. It was voted on and approved to streamline the submissions for Master level proposals. When an applicant submits a proposal for a section, the proposal will be sent to all committee members for comment and approval. If there are no comments or changes, then the proposal is approved.

4. Miriam made a motion that the 3 years of beekeeping experience required after completing the Apprentice Level be waived for experienced beekeepers, allowing them to start working immediately on the Journeyman Level tests. The discussion had potential to be prolonged, so Jo moved that the issue be tabled until the next meeting. The vote was unanimous.

5. Sally has the records for each candidate in an Excel spreadsheet. There was a comment in the rushed last few minutes of the meeting about a passing grade being 70%. Jo remembers it as 75%. Topic will be discussed at next meeting.

Adjournment: The meeting was adjourned at 11:30 a.m.

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- \* What You Need to Know About Administrative Detention of Foods  
(Available in PDF) November 2004

These guides can be found on the web site for the FDA Center for Food Safety and Applied Nutrition at:  
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**The North Carolina New Beekeeper  
Cost-sharing Program**

The honey bee (*Apis mellifera*) is a vital component of agriculture in North Carolina. In North Carolina, many of the economically important crops, such as cucumbers, apples, blueberries, and melons are dependent on honey bees for pollination and account for \$100 million dollars every year.

Unfortunately, the fate of the honey bee in North Carolina is in question. Because of pests and diseases that have been introduced from other parts of the world, the honey bee population has declined dramatically in the past 20 years. It has been estimated that 98% of the feral (wild) colonies have been eliminated. The numbers of managed colonies have also suffered, dropping in number from a high of 180,000 in the late 1980's to approximately 100,000 at present. Due to the lack of feral colonies, it is of great importance to maintain the numbers of managed honey bee colonies to insure adequate crop pollination. Recent studies have shown that some honey bees have a greater resistance to this mite than others. The

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## Other News, continued

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Russian honey bee is one that has shown to have a greater resistance.

The Apiculture program at North Carolina State University, with funding from the Golden LEAF Foundation of North Carolina, is promoting a program to increase the number of active beekeepers and honey bee colonies in the state of North Carolina. The program will be open to all residents of North Carolina that are interested in learning the art of beekeeping.

The program is a cost-sharing program. Each participant may be able to receive two colonies of Russian honey bees with bee hives, but additional materials—such as protective clothing, smokers, and additional hive equipment (which may cost anywhere from \$50-\$150 per hive)—will be the responsibility of the individual.

The eligibility requirements for the program are:

- applicant must be a current resident of North Carolina
- applicant must be a current member, or willing to join, a local beekeeping organization
- applicant must pick up bees and equipment at specified location on specified date (April 2005)
- only one application per household

Additionally, in order to be considered for the program, applicants must agree to acknowledge the receipt of materials by phone or e-mail; agree not to sell materials obtained through the program within 2 years after receipt; agree to return the bees and materials upon quitting the program; agree to respond to a follow-up survey; assume personal liability for all materials, including honey bees; and be willing to collect and share data related to the project. Applicants will be screened for eligibility by a panel of NCSU program administrators, officers of the North Carolina State Beekeepers Association (NCSBA), and NCDA Apiary Inspectors.

Participants will be assigned a local beekeeper mentor through the NCSBA and their local county chapters. The mentors will volunteer their time and work with each participant to guide their progress, assist their development, and foster their beekeeping skills.

For additional information about the program, call the NCSU Apiculture Program at 919-513-7702.

## From your editor

Recently, I have heard from many of you about the internet version of the newsletter. You have told me that the newsletter has become so large that it is difficult, at best, to download and read. So today, the newsletter goes to all of you in the mail.

There is so much information that we need to share that I doubt the newsletter will get any smaller. So for you folks who are fortunate enough to have a fast internet connection, I'll continue to send the email version. If you have a dial up connection, like most of the folks out there, then I'd like to hear from you. So please do one thing for me;

**If you have a slow internet connection that is making it hard to access the newsletter, please send me an email at:**

**[editor@wasba.org](mailto:editor@wasba.org)**

Tell me to send your newsletter in the mail.

Paul Lundy

P.S. Have you paid your dues?

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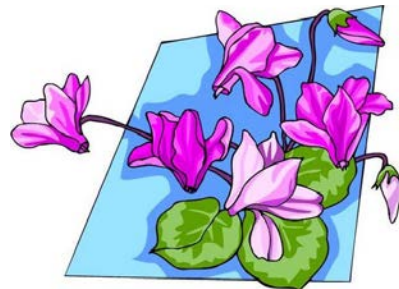
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# Calling All Beekeepers!

The Washington State Beekeepers Association Invites You to Attend Our 3<sup>rd</sup> Annual Field Day

This year, we are pleased to offer **TWO Field Days**:

Friday and Saturday, June 17-18, at WSU in Pullman, Washington

*And*

Friday and Saturday, July 8-9 at WSU Extension D. F. Allmendinger Center  
in Puyallup, Washington

First, please join us Friday evening at 7 p.m. for a complimentary wine and cheese social!

The Saturday programs consist of a classroom format beginning at 8:30 a.m., followed by a picnic lunch, then field work with the bees all afternoon. The cost for an individual is \$10, or you & your family for \$20!

Both locations will focus on hive inspection procedures, including:

- Brood inspection: what to look for
- Varroa mite inspection & treatment: ether roll, sticky board, sugar dusting, strip check
- Treatment options: drone comb trap, medications, screened bottom board
- Queen introduction techniques: finding the queen, hive preparation for mailer cage introduction, nuc introduction
- Use of screen board for splitting and queen/queen cell introduction

→In **Pullman**, we will have a special focus on nuc preparation and re-queening with queen cells, and overwintering nuc's.

→In **Puyallup**, we will have a special focus on AFB inspection with ultra-violet light, plus treatment options, tracheal mite inspection and treatment options, and honey removal techniques and the many aspects of fall management in western Washington.

Please join us for lunch on Saturday! We will be serving grilled hamburgers with all the trimmings, three salad side dishes, soft drink of your choice, and hand-dipped ice cream sundaes for dessert. Price of each meal is \$10.00.

## PRE-REGISTRATION IS REQUIRED!

Register for the Pullman Field Day by **June 10, 2005**, and for the Puyallup Field Day by **July 1, 2005**.

As you can see, we have a full day's activities planned for both events, and we don't want to waste time standing in line on Saturday to register! Fill out the form below and include your check made out to WSBA, send to: WSBA, P.O. Box 1331, Kingston, WA 98346-1331. We will send you a full schedule of events for the weekend along with maps and suggested accommodations (motel & RV).

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Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Registration Fee: \$ \_\_\_\_\_  
(One person \$10, family \$20)  
Address: \_\_\_\_\_ Lunch: \$10 X \_\_\_\_\_ = \$ \_\_\_\_\_  
(number of meals)  
City: \_\_\_\_\_ State \_\_\_\_\_ Zip \_\_\_\_\_ Total included \$ \_\_\_\_\_

Which Field Day will you be attending? (circle one)    Pullman    Puyallup

Will you be attending the Friday Wine & Cheese Social? (circle one)    Yes    No



# WASHINGTON STATE BEEKEEPERS ASSOCIATION MEMBERSHIP APPLICATION

The fees listed below cover WSBA membership for one person. Additional persons from the same operation may join for \$7.50 each.

Check one category:

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|---|--|
| ___ 0 to 50 colonies.....\$15.00          | ___ 1,501 to 2,000 colonies.....\$90.00  |
| ___ 51 to 150 colonies.....\$22.50        | ___ 2,001 to 3,000 colonies.....\$120.00 |
| ___ 151 to 300 colonies.....\$30.00       | ___ 3,001 to 4,000 colonies.....\$150.00 |
| ___ 301 to 500 colonies.....\$40.00       | ___ 4,001 to 5,000 colonies.....\$180.00 |
| ___ 501 to 1,000 colonies.....\$55.00     | ___ 5,001 to 6,000 colonies.....\$225.00 |
| ___ 1,001 to 1,500 colonies.....\$70.00   | ___ 6,001 or more colonies.....\$250.00  |
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**ALVINA TIMMONS SCHOLARSHIP FUND** \$ \_\_\_\_\_

**NOTE:** Annual renewal for membership is due by **March 30<sup>th</sup>** each year. *New memberships are accepted any time.* Keep your dues current in order to vote on issues presented at State meetings and to remain on the mailing list for the WSBA NEWSLETTER.

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The next WSBA Executive Board Meeting will  
be held at:

**WSU June Field Day in Pullman, WA**

**Starts at 9 AM**

**Everyone is welcome.**

**Location will be announced at Field Day.**



If this newsletter has a bright **ORANGE DOT**,  
then you need to pay dues for 2005!!

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