



# BEE LINES

APRIL 2011

NORTHWEST DISTRICT BEEKEEPERS ASSOCIATION



Regularly scheduled meetings are on the 2nd Tuesday of each month at 7pm. Meetings are held at 1305 Pine Avenue in Snohomish in the Christ the King Lutheran Church building.



Join us each month at 6pm before the regularly scheduled meeting for an informal beginner's discussion.

*The purpose and function of the Association is the promotion of interest in bees and beekeeping throughout the northwest district of coastal Washington and most particularly, Snohomish County.*

## **Next club meeting Tuesday, April 12 at 7pm.**

Come join us for the Northwest District Beekeepers Association Meeting. It is a great opportunity to meet other beekeepers and hear the latest news in beekeeping. The Association has many member perks and activities throughout the

year and attending meetings is a great way to learn what is new and what is coming up.

## **Beginner session starts at 6pm before the regular meeting.**

If you are new to beekeeping and have questions you'd like to ask of experienced beekeepers, then come

to the early session held before each regularly scheduled meeting.

Or, if you are an experienced beekeeper, come share your expertise.

## **Message from Vice President David Pearson**

Our second class of the year went very well with about 40 people in attendance. If you are (cont. next page)

Are you interested in contributing content, photos or book reviews to the NWBDA Web site [www.nwdba.org](http://www.nwdba.org)? Help us make this an even better content-rich resource. Contact Dave Grimes at [newsletter@nwdba.fatcow.com](mailto:newsletter@nwdba.fatcow.com) with your ideas!

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thinking about taking a beginner class, you still have one more chance as BeezneeZ is offering an early summer class starting in May. You can get class details on their website:

[www.beezneeZapiary.com](http://www.beezneeZapiary.com)

By now many of you will have received your new bees, some are still waiting and will be getting them anytime now. With this in mind the beginner session will just be an open question forum to anyone who has a question regarding pretty much anything bee related. The beginner session will start at 6pm, also if you ordered gloves and have not picked them up I will have them with me so that you can get them.

If you have questions that cannot wait until each months meeting, please check out the Western Washington Beekeepers forum. Lots of beekeepers from all experience levels just itching to show their bee knowledge. The link to the site can be found on the club homepage:

[www.nwdba.org](http://www.nwdba.org).

Hopefully we have seen the last of the snow but I am not holding my breath.

--- David Pearson

### **Important Reminder To All Members**

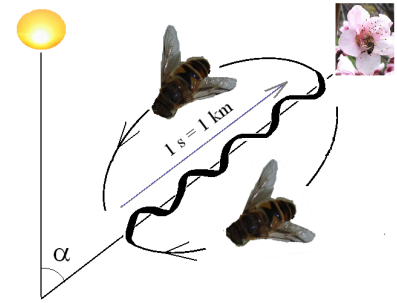
Be sure to keep your club dues in good standing. Only up to date members will be able to participate in the swarm call out list and any club group sales.

And a final reminder that package bees will be available for pickup this Sunday (April 10th) at the Monroe fairgrounds park and ride for those who placed orders.

Time is 1pm to 3pm. You should be able to see us easily but if not look for the red truck with white trailer.



### **The Waggle Dance**



From Wikipedia, the free encyclopedia

### **Minutes from NWDBA regular meeting March 8, 2011**

Beginner session ran from 6-7pm. Topic Mason Bees.

#### ***Treasurers Report:***

- Specific amounts in the checking and savings account were given at this meeting but combined accounts totaled over \$1,000.
- A reminder was given to pay your membership dues.

#### ***General Interest:***

- Motion passed to pro-rate membership dues to \$5 if joining after 1 June.
- The officers announced the need for a person to take over (cont.)

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the duties of club secretary.

- A report of the February WSBA executive board meeting was provided by Dave Pearson. It was suggested to the club members to join WSBA; they provide many valuable services. The State convention is in Federal Way in October this year.
- The movie Queen of the Sun was noted as playing in Seattle.

**Main Presentation:**

- Janet Bisson provided a video presentation and discussion of the use of screened bottom boards and other general IPM methodologies. She also brought some examples of 'seconds' woodenware for purchase.

**Conclusion - Gear pickup:**

- David Pearson had previously ordered gloves ready for pick up by the members.
- Membership cards were available for paid members to pick up at the conclusion of the meeting.

- Some of the club woodenware bulk order purchase was distributed by Shannon Boling in the parking lot after the meeting. 8 March was the last day to place an order. The rest of the purchases are scheduled for pickup at a later date.

**Interested in sharing your beekeeping knowledge with the community?**

The Sultan Library, part of the Sno-Isle Library System, would like to have a 1-2 hour presentation on beekeeping at the library.

If you are interested please contact NWDBA member Colleen Brazil for more details at 360-651-7046 or [cbrazil@sno-isle.org](mailto:cbrazil@sno-isle.org).

**Beginning Beekeeping Tips**

Check out the Beginning Beekeepers page on the NWDBA Web site <http://www.nwdba.org/education.html> for a video on installing package bees, general

equipment tips and more.

**Are they getting ready for the next space shuttle mission or just a new package of bees?**



**Don't Worry  
Bee Happy**

Find the official Northwest District Beekeepers Association Web site at:

<http://www.nwdba.org/>