

THE MARIN BEEK NEWS

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FROM THE EDITOR

Please join us this Thursday -

Marin Beekeepers

Thursday, August 7, 2025, 7pm

American Legion Log Cabin, 20 Veterans Place, San Anselmo, CA 94960

For beginner, intermediate, and advanced beekeepers

Feel free to come a little early and hang out with fellow beeks in the downstairs bar.

CLUB NEWS

Marin County Fair

We had a great presence at this year's Marin County Fair thanks to Cecil Nielsen and her bevy of booth babes (and bro's). From Cecil:



Our BeeKeeping Booth at the Marin Fair went well. The weather was great too. Beekeepers throughout the Bay Area entered their honey, wax, and full frames and received many awards. We were very fortunate to have Bonnie Morse from Bonnie Bee and Co and Michael Zilber from Heidrun to help judge entries. They spent a good part of their Sunday afternoon judging. Thank you!!

A shout out to Marin Ace Hardware of San Rafael who let us have fresh pollinating plants to display at our booth! All plants had labels with their names so folks could snap a pic.



Thanks also to the booth set up team: Lynette Denison, Chikara Motomura, Jim Lawson and myself. Together we tackled the job! Not an easy task to say the least!!



Dave Peterson lent us his Observation Hives and Jim Lawson was our point guard bringing them to the fair and picking them up each night. Thank you!

Of course, let's not forget the members that volunteered to work! Thank you too!



On Sunday, Latino Day, our club invited Joe's Bees from Hayward to spend the day in the booth and give a talk in both Spanish and English to the public. They brought the most elaborate wrought iron stand to display their OB hive along with an assortment of other informative material and they answered questions in both English and Spanish. Joe and his son Julio gave over an hour long talk on beekeeping at the Fair too. Joe spoke in Spanish and then his son translated. It was great!



Club Equipment

The club has electric extractors for harvesting your honey. Each extractor comes with an extraction kit that includes uncapping bin, electric knife, and a scratcher.

David Peterson, in Ross, manages six and 12 frame extractors. He also has a hand crank two frame extractor for those who need the exercise. Mary and Niel Nordquist, in Novato, manage six, 12 and 20 frame extractors.

The six and 12 frame extractors can generally fit into an SUV, station wagon or minivan. The 20 frame extractor requires a pick up truck or something equivalent.

You can schedule a request for use by contacting them at:

dpeterson307@aol.com

neilmary@verizon.net

Financials

Please find below the FYE 2025 financial statement. This fiscal year the bee club operated at a deficit. Total income is down 63% from the previous year due to a 40% decline in membership dues and a significant reduction in grants. FYE 2024 space rental expense was paid FYE 2025. With total expenses for FYE 2025 adjusted for the timing of the space rental payment, the club's NOI for FYE 2025 is at a deficit of 132%.

MARIN COUNTY BEEKEEPERS ASSOCIATION				
<i>Fiscal year End June 2025</i>				
	Budget FYE 2025	Actual FYE 2025	Actual FYE 2024	DIFFERENCE
Cash at July 1	20,000	20,581	17,192	3,390
INCOME				
Membership Dues	5,500	2,775	4,729	(1,954)
Grants	600	600	4,442	(3,842)
Interest	0	0	0	0
TOTAL INCOME	6,100	3,375	9,171	(5,796)
EXPENSES				
Meetings:				
Meetings - General				
Space Rental	1,500	3,786	0.00	3,786
Food & Beverage	200	91	0	91
Meetings - Board			0	
Food & Beverage		130	0	130
Speaker Fees	1,250	300	0	300
Community Events			1,045	(1,045)
Supplies	800	122	0	122
Event Fees			0	0
Marketing/Educational Material	197	268	2,281	(2,013)
Annual Member Mailing	500		0	0
Equipment	400	432	2,030	(1,598)
Website	1,000	399	43	356
Financial Fees	0	54	382	(328)
Miscellaneous				
TOTAL EXPENSES	5,847	5,582	5,781	(199)
NET OPERATING INCOME	253	(2,207)	3,390	(5,597)
CASH FLOW	20,253	18,375	20,581	(2,207)
LESS RESERVE		10,000		10,000

OTHER EVENTS

Log Cabin Fund Raising

The location where we hold our monthly meetings - the American Legion Post 179 - requires emergency repairs and is soliciting donations.

Please use this link to make a donation:

<https://www.gofundme.com/f/emergency-repairs-for-american-legion-post-179-log-cabin>

Apis Arborea Online Workshop

Beelining – Tracking Wild Honeybees; August 19 @ 5:30 pm - 7:00 pm, online

Join the growing community of wild honey bee trackers and learn the ancient art of beelining. Beelining is the craft and science of locating wild honeybees.

More info at <https://www.apisarborea.org/event/second-round-5/>

Film Screening

Local independent film maker (and club member) Chikara Motomura will be showing a screening of his latest film: Journey to Hokusai at the Lark Theatre on 10/14/25. Please follow [this link](#) for information and to purchase tickets.

RENEW YOUR MEMBERSHIP

Membership Dues are now \$25.00 for the year for single members, \$40.00 for families.

We need to hear from you. Please renew your membership Online at www.marinbeekeepers.org. There are many benefits from being a member, aside our monthly meetings, where you can chat with guest speakers from all over the beekeeping world:

- Use of the Club's extractors, electric uncapping knives, wax-melter, hive carrier, embedding tool, and other beekeeping equipment;

- Free subscription to the Marin Beekeepers Newsletter (11 issues a year). Back issues on the website are available for background information and beekeeping tips;
- Preferred registration for beekeeping workshops (usually 4 or 5 per year) and special events;
- We have a great library that includes books, magazines and catalogs on everything from starting your first hive or baking with honey to raising your own queens.
- Free admission to our monthly meetings, where we have speakers among the foremost bee experts in the world (normally a \$10 donation);
- Subscription to our "BUZZ" email listserv which is where we converse online about beekeeping in Marin;
- Subscription to our "SWARMS" email listserv which is where we notify members of any swarms that need hiving;
- Subscription to our "Event List" email listserv which is our general notification list of events and workshops.

The best and easiest way to pay your 2025 dues is online at www.marinbeekeepers.org. You do not need to sign in or use a password. Just click on "become a member", fill out the form and submit. Be sure to complete the payment section at the end, which is via PayPal. You do not need to have a PayPal account to pay using a credit card. There is a small transaction fee added to your dues that is assessed by PayPal.

Or... you can mail a check payable to Marin Beekeepers to our Treasurer:

Malcolm Goldsmith 105 Molino Ave, Mill Valley, CA 94941.

ABOUT THE MARIN BEEKEEPERS CLUB

We are people who share an avid interest in honey and native bees. We are a mix of hobbyists as well as professional beekeepers. We have a wide range of interests, covering bee biology, pollination, sustainable bee breeding, health aspects of bee products, international beekeeping, and other bee-related topics. We welcome you to attend our meetings and to become a member:

<https://marinbeekeepers.org/become-a-member/>

Monthly meetings are typically on the first Thursday of the month and usually feature a knowledgeable speaker and/or project and includes informal sharing of information by members throughout the meeting (\$10 donation for non-members). Meetings are a good way to learn about beekeeping. Please consider becoming a member whether you have bees or not.