Saturday October 29th, 2011
Massachusetts Beekeeper's Association Fall Meeting
9:00AM - 4:00PM
Gardner, Ma.

The Massachusetts Beekeepers Association will hold our fall meeting and honey show on Saturday, October 29, 2011 from 9:00 AM to 4:00 PM, at the **Colonial Hotel** in Gardner, MA
We're pleased to have
Melvin Disselkoen of International Mating Nuc, Inc.
and the
Plymouth County Beekeepers' Association's presents "Beekeeping from a different Point of View" and "Necessary steps for Overwintering".

2011 Annual Honey Show Winners

Thank you to our judges, who volunteer their time and miss the morning session while judging: Mike Bayko, Al Horton, and Gus Skamarycz. Thank you also to all who participated in our Fall 2010 Honey Show. We were excited to have so many entries!! A complete list of the Honey Show awards is below:

Most Points: Dan Phillips
Best of Show: Jim Gross
Best Wax in Show, T. Shylovsky Memorial Award: Dan Phillips
Honey, Round Sections: 1st –Dan Phillips
Honey, Sq. Sections: 1st –Dan Phillips
Honey, Cut Comb: 1st –Dan Conlon
Frame of Honey, Shallow:
1st –Roland Sevigny
Frame of Honey, Medium:
1st –Dan Conlon
2nd –Jennifer Reed
Frame of Honey, Full: No entries
Shallow Cut Comb Frame of Honey: No entries
White: No entries
Light: 1st –Jennifer Reed
2nd –Jennifer Reed
Light Amber: 1st –Jim Gross

2nd –Jennifer Reed
3rd –Ed Karle
Amber: 1st –Peter Niemi
2nd – Edwin Medrano
Dark Amber: 1st –Jan Korzan
2nd –Peter Niemi
3rd –Dan Phillips
Dark: 1st –Dan Phillips
2nd –Dan Conlon
3rd –Jim Gross
Chunk Honey: 1st –Claire Desilets
2nd –Dan Phillips
3rd –Dan Conlon
Creamed Honey: 1st –Dan Phillips
2nd –Claire Desilets
Articles of Beeswax: No entries
Best Pieces of Beeswax,
2lbs or More: 1st –Dan Conlon
2nd –Dan Phillips
3rd –Peter Niemi
Beeswax, Single Piece 1st –Dan Phillips
2nd –Jennifer Reed
Candles, Molded Taper: 1st –Dan Conlon
Candles, Dipped: 1st –Dan Phillips
2nd –Dan Phillips
3rd –Peter Niemi
Candles, Novelty: 1st –Dan Conlon
2nd –Bonita Conlon
3rd –Michael Donovan
Still Mead (bottle): 1st –Roland Sevigny
Sparkling Mead (bottle): No entries
Beer made with honey: No entries

When: Saturday, October 29, 2011 at 9:00AM; Registration starts at 8:30 AM.

Where: Colonial Hotel, 625 Betty Spring Road, Gardner, MA.
Book a room before September 29 and mention “Massachusetts Beekeepers” to get the reduced rate of $129.95.

Directions: Take Route 2 west to Exit 24B. At the end of this exit, carefully merge onto Rte 140-North. Take the 3rd left onto Betty Spring Road (approximately 1 mile). Colonial Hotel is the first left on Betty Spring Road.

MBA Fall Meeting Agenda

8:30 – 9:00AM Registration & Honey Show Entries
9:00 – 9:15AM Welcome
9:15 – 10:15AM ***"Beekeeping from a Different Point of View"*** – Melvin Disselkoen
10:15 – 10:30AM Morning Break
10:30 – 12:00 ***"Queen Rearing Project"*** – The Plymouth County Beekeepers' Association.
12:00 – 12:45 PM LUNCH - Announcements
12:45 – 1:30PM ***"Necessary Steps for Overeintering"*** – Melvin Disselkoen
1:30 – 1:45PM Afternoon Break – Final Bids for Silent Auction
1:45 – 2:00PM ***"Honey Show Results"*** – Judges / Raffle Drawing
2:00 – 2:45PM ***"Setting Up Spring Nucs"*** – Ted Jones
2:45 – 3:30PM ***"Excellence in Queens"*** – Dan Conlon / Auction Results

End of Meeting / Directors meet for short wrap up at the front of room.

Melvin Disselkoen Biography

I started beekeeping later in life at the age of 29 in the early 70s. I bought 2 swarms and it didn't take long to realize that my interest was in queen production as I love to see new comb being drawn out. I found I could do just as well by dividing my hives into 4 or 5 nucs in the spring and selling all but 1 to be my parent hive to do all over again the next spring. I could make as much money or more selling bees even on the 43rd parallel as I could selling honey. My work was all in the spring and I would have the entire summer off as I produced no honey or had strong enough hive to pollinate.

I designed the MDA SPLITTER in 1979 so beekeepers didn't have to bring their empty boxes and then come back later to pick up the bees. This saves them a trip and all the had to do pick up their bees. I became a EAS Master Beekeeper in the early 80s and was working on developing the IMN SYSTEM OF BEEKEEPING which was the foundation for the OTS (on the spot) non-grafting system of queen rearing. With these discoveries, I could enhance the Miller method of queen rearing and the Doolittle method of starting nucs to what today is a very productive way to produce quality queens. These queens are free and are survivor bees at your own locations. This is designed for the novice and new beekeeper because there is no touching the larva or caging the queen. This method works world-wide.
I am willing to help all beekeepers to be the very best they can be.