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.

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

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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.