

PRESIDENT'S LETTER  
January 26, 2023

Hello Fellow Beekeepers,

Enough winter! My request for summertime weather starting last week never came so now we must make the best of it as I hope the bees are doing also. At our November 2022 meeting you asked for zoom presentations in the coming months. I am happy to announce that we have a power packed lineup of experts to include:

- February 16 – Mr. Tim Blodgett, Master Beekeeper affiliated with the University of Florida speaking on A Comparison of Apivar, Oxalic Acid, and Broken Brood Patterns in the Management of Varroa Mites
- March 16 - Mr. Matthew Hoepfinger from the Bee Informed Partnership speaking on The Effects of Oxalic Acid
- April 20 – Judy Chen, Ph.D. from the Beltsville Bee Lab presenting An Overview of the USDA Beltsville Bee Research Laboratory Ongoing Research
- May 18 – Judy Chen, Ph.D. offering Nonantibiotic Treatments for Honey Bee Nosema Disease

The Zoom presentations will be offered at the club meetings and will not be available for home viewing and we hope to see many of you taking advantage of the opportunity to gain experience in cutting edge management in a unique classroom setting. In addition, 2023 club dues will be taken at the February meeting as well as orders for packages of bees. We will again be obtaining the packages from Bedillion Farms at \$146 with unmarked queens and \$151 with marked queens. We ask that your payment accompanies you order. If you want nucs, we ask that you deal directly with the vendor of your choice.

The Novice Beekeeping Class is now open for registration and the information can be found at the website [www.tristatebeekeepers.com](http://www.tristatebeekeepers.com) . Presently we have 16 registered and have room for several more so if you know of anyone interested, please direct them to our site. The classes will be held in the Good Zoo Building and we look forward to using the familiar setting.

So, as you can see, there is much to offer in the coming months and I hope that you take advantage of the programs to enrich your skills as beekeepers. I look forward to seeing everyone again.

Steve