

NCBA 2022 ANNUAL REPORT

This report is a compilation of programs, projects and finances from the 2022 fiscal year. The following list are actions and outcomes that support the NCBA mission of:

Uniting the beekeepers of Northern Colorado in an effort to improve beekeeping in the area.

The promotion and furtherance of modern and up-to-date beekeeping through the presentation and dissemination of educational material, including training in the art of beekeeping and the production of bee products.

To provide education to the general public about beekeeping and the contribution of honeybees for the welfare of all people. To encourage better beekeeping methods and to encourage an interest in beekeeping among our youth.

To act in the interests of beekeepers in protecting and conducting beekeeping affairs.

To promote legislation and controls to protect and assist beekeeping as a local, state and national industry or hobby. To foster cooperation with all other agricultural interests.

To work with local city and county planning departments to help with facilitating zoning laws to allow for beekeeping in urban areas.

To provide social activities whereby members can meet with others with similar aspirations and pursuits.

To promote camaraderie among beekeepers.

REACH

- Attended 16 community ranging from school programs to large-scale community events such as Earth Day, Expedition Colorado, and Loveland Honey Festival
- Presented to over 1500 students in the Northern Colorado Area in various school-related education offerings
- Large-scale walk-by traffic at the Larimer County Fair and Loveland Honey Festival
- 45 people interested in 2023 Beginner Beekeeping Class

ONGOING PROGRAMS

BEGINNER BEEKEEPING CLASS-JAN/FEB

32 Students Online

Implemented First-Ever Bee Buddy Program

14 Students/7 buddies

BEE PACKAGE SALES-APRIL

148 total packages

77 Carniolan and 71 It

Net \$1700

GENERAL MEETINGS

10 monthly meetings with Zoom

20 scientists/researchers, expert beekeepers

Average attendance: 20 in-person, 9 on Zoom

SWARM HOTLINE

New leader – Ralph Kettle

236 Swarm calls - <5% dead calls

Copocos donated 12 Nuc Boxes to jumpstart Swarm Hotline Nuc Management Program

SCHOLARSHIPS

\$715 awarded to support member education and for attendance/participation with:

Beginner Beekeeping Class

Wyoming Bee College

Bee Informed Partnership Mite Check Program

EQUIPMENT LOAN PROGRAM

Sam Amato donated a 3rd Extractor

Implemented the first Honey Extractor Day – two Saturdays in August. Members could bring their frames to be extracted on-site.

NEW PROJECTS - 2022

LARIMER COUNTY 4 YOUTH 4-H PROGRAM

Leader – Jenelle Kemper

22 students enrolled in the program

11 – entered the County Fair competition

9 installed personal beehives

9 Champions moved on to the State Fair in Pueblo

Winners at State with story boards:

6 1st Place Champions

3 – Reserve Champions

THE RANCH BEE YARD

An agreement was reached with Larimer County Extension Service to house two hives on The Ranch property near the apple orchards.

Fencing and two hives installed – April 2022

Bee Hive Managers – Bryan Davis and Brittany Anderson

Supported a spring hive check and queen marking class for students

Useful for demo hive, teaching, etc. and borrowed the queen and workers in observation hive for outreach events

MEMBERSHIP ENGAGEMENT - VOLUNTEER REWARDS PROGRAM

The Northern Colorado Beekeepers Association created the NCBA Beekeeper Recognition Program to recognize and celebrate the contributions of Northern Colorado beekeepers that support beekeeping in the area and have provided outstanding service to the NCBA. The intent is to recognize significant contributions in a single year as well as, when possible, life time achievements. In addition, this program is also designed to encourage and retain membership in the NCBA or other supporting entities.

VOLUNTEER ELIGIBLE EVENTS INCLUDED:

School educations and fairs

Local events/fairs/festivals

Club events such as fence building for the new hives



Swarm hotline marketing

Bee package pickup day assistance

Bee class marketing

ASSOCIATION TALLY:

Queen Bee: Greater than 10 hours of any type	4 members
Worker Bee: 5-10 hours of any type	4 members
Nurse Bee: Less than 5 hours of any type	34 members
<i>Total event hours volunteered:</i>	155

(Does not include Bee Buddy hours, Board Volunteer hours or any other administrative support for association organizational management or program management.)

Volunteer of the Year Award: Awarded to the member with consistent and enthusiastic participation in a wide variety of events throughout the year where many different groups and ages are served in order to spread knowledge and appreciation for the honeybee

MEMBER RECOGNITION:

Nurse Bee Awardees - Wayne Brewster, Terry Jones, Joyce Durell and Mr. Durell, Ralph Kettle, Tami Miller, Don Hildred, Mary Popa, Steve Schauer, Nancy Henke, Ivan Ankeny, Terry Jones, Michael Christiansen, Ginny Hout-Gibson, Bill Bershinsky, Robert Fulbrecht, Patrick Miller, Rich Fisher, Tory Corcoran, Pam Bridge, Pam Bridge, Lee Ann Kania, Scott Waterhouse, Charlene Horton, Stephanie Mooney, Suzie Klinger, Mansing Li, Mick Phillips, Todd Spencer, Kent Harvey, Jenelle Kemper, Rose Schlosser, Chelsie Romulo, Lori Garcia Sander

Worker Bee Awardees: Dennis Carder, Dave Primer, Bryan Davis, Alessandra Fiorenza

Queen Bee Awardees: Neely Harris, Ed Bender, Ronna Roberson, Brian Dreiling

Volunteer of the Year: Neely Harris

Swarm Catcher of the Year – Bill Bershinky

Bee Buddy of the Year – Jessica Ayers and Wayne Brewster



COLLABORATIONS/COMMUNITY PARTNERSHIPS

LARIMER COUNTY SPECIFIC PROGRAMS

4 -H Larimer County Youth Beekeeping Program – provided financial support and mentoring for Program Leader for initial first-year hive set up including hardware, supplies, food, miticide, and education.

Loveland Youth Gardens – assisted with bee yard management - mentoring, equipment loan donations

Potential for 2023: Heart-J Center at Sylvan Dale Ranch

DONATIONS/EXTERNAL PROGRAM SUPPORT

Lakota Youth Beekeeping Program – South Dakota - \$500

PPAN – People and Pollinator Action Network - \$500.

Butterfly Pavilion – Westminster - \$100

Gold Medal Girl Scout Program – Berthoud Pollinator Garden – Kenyan Clarkson - \$500

FINANCES

Cash Balance as of Oct 2022 - \$45,102.44

CASH DONATIONS RECEIVED

Town of Windsor - \$50.00

Charming Little Fox Creations – Loveland - \$975.45 – earmarked for the 4H Youth Program

INCOMING 2023 BOARD MEMBERS

President - Lisa Boesen

Vice President – Tim Hardy

Treasurer – Chris Erskine

Secretary – Ginny Hout-Gibson

Board Member at Large – - Ronda Koski, Scholarship

Board Member at Large – Brittany Anderson

Board Member at Large – Ralph Kettle, Swarm Hotline

Board Member at Large – Charlene Horton – Garcia, speaker programming general meeting

Dave Primer - Historian

Slate of officers were approved by unanimous acclimation at the Annual Meeting on 10/20/22