




Buzzword November 2025 Issue

Beekeepers helping Beekeepers!

Sudbury and District Beekeepers' Association - 50 years!

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| DAYS WITHIN A STAGE BEE CASTES | WORKER | DRONE | QUEEN |
|---|---------|---------|---------|
| EGG  | 3 | 3 | 3 |
| LARVA  | 6 | 6½ | 5½ |
| PUPA  | 12 | 14½ | 7½ |
| TOTAL | 21 days | 24 days | 16 days |

Joanne sent in this nice diagram of the honeybee life cycle. A convenient way to remember the timing for worker bee development is a doubling rule for each stage. 3 days as an Egg / 6 days as a Larva / 12 Days in the Pupa stage. Capping is at day 9.

Minutes of November 19, 2025 meeting

7:05 pm Welcome: Meghan and Justin

Approval of Oct 2025 minutes:

- moved/seconded by Jo/Steve approved

Approval of Agenda:

- moved/seconded by Alasdair/Denise approved

Christmas Brunch

RSVP by December 5th by e-transfer or e-mail to beesforfun64@gmail.com



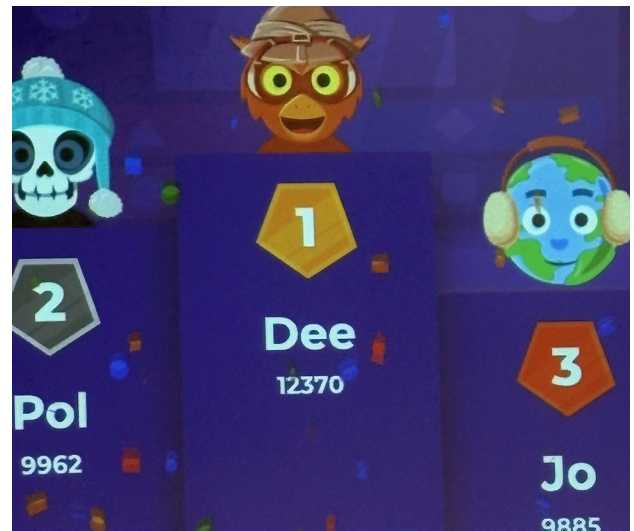
December 14 Trevi Bar and Grill

1837 Lasalle Blvd, Sudbury 11am

Tickets \$20. (Kids age 6-9 \$10, under 6 free)

Kahoot! Interactive Beekeeping quiz

Meghan generated a highly educational beekeeping quiz where 11 participants competed for the correct answers in the shortest time. Results were tabulated live on screen. Denise came out on top and scored some SDBA swag! Taytt our visiting architecture student appeared on the board many times and some of the older folks proved they could operate a smartphone.



Honey Contest

Not all the sample jars were returned leaving only 2 to be judged. This year everyone at the meeting assisted in judging the samples! Participants were amazed by the difference in aroma and taste.



Samples were judged for appropriate fill level, aroma, taste, water content, clarity, absence of froth or suspended particles.

By a razor thin margin, **first place went to Jo** and **second to Denise**.

Beekeeper stories segment

Attendees mention some funny learning experiences during their beekeeping career.

Alasdair – discussed placing a super upside down on the hive and having to deal with correcting the ensuing problem! He also described once having a bee inside his bee jacket hood.

Meghan – discussed using a bee escape without closing the upper entrance. This resulted in the honey being robbed out by neighbouring hives. She also discussed twisting an ankle while simulating the bee waggle dance!

Denise – once visited her hives in the middle of the night and was surprised to see bee bearding on the outside of the hive after dark.

Jo – described their (maybe Paul's) first installation of a nuc where they forgot to fill in the rest of the hive with frames. After a week there was a huge mess of comb in the hive!

Coffee break

New beekeeper segment – planning for spring

An open discussion was had regarding planning ahead for spring. Items discussed were doing some learning and research, ordering nucs, maintaining equipment, purchasing wooden-ware and planning your apiary.

Ordering nucs usually has to be done ahead. Some local suppliers to consider are the following:

True North Honey Company (Dawne Lalonde - Lively)

- nucs and queens

Hilly Grove Honey (Dwayne Elliot – Manitoulin)

- nucs and queens
- clothing and equipment

Ferriers Maplebee Farm (Scott Ferrier -Rutherglen)

- nucs and queens

Other trusted suppliers further afield will ship such as **Innisfil Creek** and **DancingBee**. A member mentioned **Lacelle's Apiary & Beekeeping** supplies (Mississippi Mills, Ontario)

Swag draw!

This meeting's winner was **Pierre**.

Upcoming Meeting

Our next public meeting is in March but may be shifted by a week due to the school being closed on our usual day. Stay tuned.

Memberships

Thanks to those who renewed their memberships.

12-month Memberships can be paid in person at the meeting or by e-transfer to beesforfun64@gmail.com

ANNUAL MEMBERSHIP FEES

- Seniors or students \$15
- Individuals \$20
- Family \$25
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