



What are the bees up to in February?

Join us when our Corresponding Secretary, Garry Grube engages you in the latest developments of honeybee health in Illinois and the nation. Garry has been a beekeeper since 2010 and is currently the Chicago Director for the Illinois Queen Initiative (IQI). His duties include web development and beekeeping education for the IQI with an emphasis on queen rearing. His perspectives will cover:

- New discoveries for the causes of Colony Collapse Disorder (CCD)
- Recent developments for controlling the varroa mite
- What new pest concerns are about to have a major affect on honey production and beekeeping.



Valentines Day is just around the corner and February is the month we acknowledge the ladies in our life. So bring that important person, young or old to learn something interesting about the birds and the bees. Our speaker has experience with both. Honey samples and bee related raffle items complements of Zip Code Honey. By the way, ladies are encouraged to dress in casual attire to match the gentlemen wearing their sweaters.

Torske Klub Luncheon - Feb 10, 2024—Reserve today!

The luncheon will be held at the Des Plaines Elks Club, 495 Lee Street, Des Plaines, IL (847)824-1556 for directions that day. Cocktail hour begins at noon; dinner starts promptly at 1:00

P.M. when, according to our tradition, our BOSS rings the bell to seat us for dinner.

Make your regular dinner reservation **by Sunday evening before the luncheon.**

Timely reservations insure that fish and a table space can be reserved for you. The fish order is called in after the deadline. There is \$5 surcharge for late reservations.

Call **(847)886-4841** at any time day or night to

leave a reservation. Please leave your MEMBERSHIP NUMBER,

NAME, and the TOTAL number of people in your party. The same information is required when you reserve for other members. We have reservations from the following members: **38, 51, 55, 58, 97, 98, 102, 120, 124, 135, 149.** Board members note that they have a reservation automatically and must call or prearrange to cancel *or add guests to the count.* If you are not a member and wish to attend, call the same number and leave your name according to the principle “Once a guest, twice a friend, three times a member!” If you prefer email reservations, please send to **reservations@torskeklub.com** (not .org) with your total number of reservations, including yourself and guests. We will respond with a confirmation email. ****TIP** – Don’t know or remember your membership number? Check the mailing label. It is the number by your name. **FREE Raffle Ticket** to each member that brings one or more guests to the dinner this 2024 season, excluding father/son/daughter day in March and ladies day in February.

**Reservations
by
Sunday
February 4**

Reservation Line: 847-886-4841



Show us Your Colors

January is normally sweater month. We missed out this January when the Elks Lodge staff discovered the electricity was out for most of the day. So the board decided to have our sweater day in February. Here is an opportunity for the ladies to show us their colors as well. Since the “guys” are abandoning all formal decorum we invite you to wear a bunad, Sverigedräkten, or your favorite sweater or what ever makes you feel comfortable. If this proves successful maybe we’ll have a new tradition.

Letter from the Boss

Members of the Chicago Torske Klub.

As we roll into 2024, we find ourselves with opportunities and challenges. We find ourselves emerging from the past years with fewer members, but also some new ones. The cost of our fish and meals continues to be a challenge but we continue to enjoy our torsk.

Each member has a couple of simple responsibilities: make and keep your reservation, pay your dues annually and bring a guest occasionally.

We find ourselves this month with a cash balance 2/3 of normal, and 50% of the dues unpaid. Besides the letter and aquavit, the dues and raffle supplement our monthly dinner cost, which is typically \$200 or more than we charge. If your reservation cannot be kept, please cancel asap. If you reserve late, a fish dinner cannot be expected and we asked Milt and Tom to enforce the \$5 penalty at the check in table.

We look forward to seeing you as the weather warms.

Ken Larson

Boss of the Chicago Torske Klub

Reminders:

- 1) **The price of our+ meal is now \$35. Dues for 2024 are \$40.00.**
- 2) **Checks may be made out to “Chicago Torske Klub” once again.**

Key Future Events

- Feb. 10**—Ladies Day
- Mar. 9**—Father/Son/
Daughter Day
- Apr. 13**—Eric Dregni

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In Memoriam



It is with deep sadness to announce the passing of our long standing member Charles “Coach” M. Enge who passed away in his sleep on Saturday, January 6th at Lombard Place Memory Care unit. Coach Enge had a long and successful career as a high school tennis coach for 50 years. Search for “[Charles Enge Legacy Obituary](#)” on the internet for a long list of his recognition and outstanding accomplishments.