Help 5CBA qualify for a 2020 GAP award!
(for activities completed January 1 through December 31, 2020)
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The Golden Achievement Program (GAP) is a NC State Beekeepers Association’s program that recognizes the efforts of Chapters and their members in advancing the practice, science and community of beekeeping through a variety of individual and club-related activities. More information can be found on the GAP webpage at https://www.ncbeekeepers.org/chapters/gap. In 2017, the 5CBA was awarded the GAP Chapter of Year for its 2016 activities. It will participate in the program again in 2020. The goal is to earn one of the $300 qualifying awards and, in the process, involve each of our members in some way. Several of the GAP sections involve group activities such as helping at a club event or exhibit. However, due to the Covid-19 virus crisis, the events in which we normally participate may not take place this year. Because we also get points for having refreshments and door prizes at meetings, your support of those activities is also a valuable contribution (although we don’t know when in-person meetings will resume).

Some GAP categories involve individual activities that can be done regardless of the virus restrictions. Only the most common ones are listed below, but all the others are listed on the GAP individual reporting form. Please help the club’s GAP effort (and stretch yourself) by becoming more involved with one or more of the following:

- Be a member of the NC State Beekeepers Association. See benefits of membership and join/renew online at https://www.ncbeekeepers.org/membership/join-or-renew-now
- Become a Certified beekeeper or progress to a higher level in the NC Master Beekeeper Program. Contact info@5CBA.org when you are ready to take the certified written test.
- Participate in the NCSBA Certified Honey Producer Program (CHPP).
- Give a presentation to non-beekpeers or beekeepers (including any Chapter except 5CBA). This includes meetings held via Zoom.
- Write an article for a newspaper, the NC Bee Buzz, or a journal.
- Do other creative things like make a video, invent a gadget, etc.

If you belong to more than one Chapter, you must choose which Chapter may use your activities for the GAP -- you can’t authorize 5CBA to use certain activities and another Chapter to use others. For this year, every Chapter (except last year’s first place GAP winner) can receive a $300 qualifying award if it meets the benchmarks. 5CBA would like to see all of the other 80 Chapters enter and qualify! So, whatever Chapter you go with, thank you for your participation.

To document your activities for use by 5CBA, download and complete a GAP Individual Reporting Form from the 5CBA website. Either 1) scan and email the completed form to the 5CBA GAP coordinator Suzy Spencer at nchoneytasting@gmail.com, or 2) snail-mail it to her at PO Box 10111, Raleigh, NC 27605. Please do that soon after you complete the activity. That will help her know where we stand as the year progresses. However, the completed forms will continue to be accepted through Dec. 31, 2020. If you have any questions, contact Suzy.

NOTE: if any individual or group activity also qualifies as a service credit for the NC Master Beekeeper Program, it may be used for both the GAP and the MBP.