



Dear CSBA Members and Friends,

Rob Snyder one of our first and the longest Bee Informed Tech Transfer Team member, had a serious mountain bike accident. After surgery on his back, he has been sent to a Paralysis Rehabilitation Center to continue his recovery. The CSBA Board would like to support Rob and his family at this very difficult time. We are in the process of setting up an account where our generous bee family members can donate to help with the over whelming expenses Rob and his family will incur.

Please join us in supporting Rob. He has been an invaluable team leader for the BIP program and we need him back working for the honey bee industry. Along with his fellow BIP program members, all of us at CSBA and the Honey Bee Industry wish Rob a speedy recovery.

Bio of Rob Snyder:

Rob Snyder is one of the longest serving Bee Informed Partnership Tech team members working out of the University of California Cooperative Extension in Oroville, CA and serving many northern CA queen breeders. Rob received his B.S. in biology from Delaware Valley College, PA and learned a great deal of his entomological knowledge from Dr. Chris Tipping and Dr. Robert Berthold. After graduation, Rob was an apiary inspector for several years at the Department of Agriculture in Pennsylvania where he also learned identification and preservation techniques relative to native bees. While in Pennsylvania he began working on the APHIS National honey bee survey, taking samples around CA. All of those experiences led Rob to be an ideal BIP Tech Team candidate when BIP began the first tech team in the country, located in CA. Since 2011, he has assisted commercial beekeepers in maintaining genetic diverse colonies resistant to parasites while reducing the use of chemical treatments in colonies. Rob is an avid naturalist and outdoorsman and has maintained a scientific interest in many native plants, including developing and maintaining a small succulent plant operation in his free time.

