

Sacramento Area Beekeepers Association

Beekeeping Classes

Saturday February 20, 2010	Beginning Beekeeping (Closed)	Randy Oliver
<u>Sunday</u> March 14, 2010	Beginning Beekeeping (Closed)	Serge Labesque
Saturday March 27, 2010	Beginning Beekeeping	Serge Labesque
Saturday April 24, 2010	Beginning Beekeeping	Serge Labesque
Saturday May 22, 2010	Beginning Beekeeping	Randy Oliver
Saturday June 19, 2010	Intermediate Beekeeping	Dr. Eric Mussen
Saturday July 17, 2010	Intermediate Beekeeping	Serge Labesque

(These classes historically have filled early so don't delay your registration)

Who should take beginning classes: The course content is designed for those wanting to explore beekeeping; to gain knowledge and understanding about honey bee behavior and learn some options available for the management of honey bee colonies. No experience is required for these entry level classes.

For those with beekeeping experience the courses also provide an excellent opportunity to refresh and hone beekeeping skills and knowledge and to get updated on the latest information on beekeeping options. I have monitored the classes many times and each time I learn something new.

Who should take Intermediate classes: The intermediate classes are designed for beekeepers who understand the basic process of beekeeping and want to explore the process in more detail. It is recommended that for the Labesque session you be familiar with the use of follower boards. If you have any question about the class being appropriate for you background contact a course coordinator.

Instructors: Dr. Eric Mussen is an internationally known and respected expert on all aspects of beekeeping. He is on staff at UC Davis. He allows considerable time in his presentation for questions so as to address informational needs of the participants.

Randy Oliver is an author and researcher, and successfully keeps bees commercially without synthetic chemicals. Serge Labesque teaches beekeeping at Sonoma Community College, is a sought after speaker and has authored many published articles. He uses no chemicals, nor natural compounds save for occasional sugar syrup feeding to manage his colonies.

Both Randy and Serge feel that by understanding bees one can make their own best management decisions for keeping colonies alive and healthy.

We recommend that you take a beginning class from each of the instructors. While there will be some redundancy, you will be exposed to a range of methods - you can then choose how you desire to manage your bees. For new beekeepers we recommend that you take one of the classes before you get bees and a second class after getting bees. The presentation will have new meaning for you and you will find you have many new questions!

COURSE INFORMATION AND FEE: The course fee is \$35.00, for SABA members \$30.00. Classes will begin at 8:30 am and end at approximately 4:30 pm. Classes will start on time so registration begins at 7:30 am. Classes are held at the Sacramento County Dept. of Agricultural building, 4145 Branch Center Road, Sacramento, CA.

COURSE COORINATORS: Ernie Buda, email 2211budae@att.net 916-761-3802
Bruce Waln, email bruce_waln@sbcglobal.net

TO REGISTER FOR THE CLASS: Complete the registration form below and mail with payment to SABA at 7051 Bisbee Drive, Sloughouse, CA 95683 no later than the Monday before the class. (Or you may sign up at Sacramento Beekeeping Supplies, 2110 X Street, Sacramento, CA.) You will receive a confirmation by email or telephone. Late registration will require authorization by a course coordinator. Sacbeekeepers.org info@sacbeekeepers.org

Registration for Beekeeping class(es)

NAME(s) _____

ADDRESS _____

PHONE _____ CELL _____ EMAIL _____

Session(s) you wish to register for: _____

Payment amount enclosed _____ Current beekeeping experience _____