

The Tri-County Beekeepers Club ... (TCBC)
A Chapter of the Maine State Beekeepers Association
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April 2016 ... Beginning Beekeeping Course Registration form.

Tri-County Beekeepers Club has been an active venue for Maine hobby bee keepers for over 25 years. Originally serving Hancock, Waldo & Knox counties, but as time has passed the county specific idea has widened to include anybody who has an interest in bee keeping and finds the camaraderie of associating with both experienced and novice bee keepers appealing. Currently TCBC meets monthly in Castine. Club meetings always try to be “BEE” informative & often have guest speakers. During the honey flow season we meet at various locations to inspect members hives.

Course Objectives: To introduce a “*bee keeper wannabe*” to the basic knowledge required to manage one or more bee hives as a hobby while producing your own honey and pollination for your gardens.

Course sessions will include the basics of 4 season hive management, identification and control of bee diseases, and predators. We will discuss in detail hive construction, protective clothing, harvesting your honey, and hands on familiarization with tools necessary to harvest honey and staying safe.

For TCBC members we offer access to club pre purchased bee nucs and hive boxes and other supplies when available.

By far the best benefit of being a TCBC member is friendship of like minded bee enthusiast who are willing to share their years of experience with you.

The Successful Beginning Beekeeper Course is being offered in April at the Blue Hill Library in the Howard Room. The course offers four days of classroom April 9, 16, 23 and May 7 plus three open hives over the summer. The classroom meetings will be two hours each day starting at 10:00 and ending at 12:00.

Recommended class text book:

Bee-sentials: A Field Guide

by Lawrence John Connor and Robert G. Muir Mar 21, 2012

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Name(s) :

Mailing Address:

City: ME Zip Code:

Telephone: - - Email: _____ @ _____

Club Member Class Registration fee \$40.00 (up to 2 family members)

Non-Club Member Class Registration \$50.00 (Includes Club Membership for 2016)

Please make checks payable to “ **Tri-County Beekeepers** “

Return Class Registration form with check to:

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