

# NCBA BEGINNING BEEKEEPERS' COURSE OUTLINE 2010

## **Session 1**            **Wednesday, February 3**

- 1<sup>st</sup> Hr – Introduction to beekeeping, history, equipment and terminology (**Tony Lulek & Peter Tullock**)
- 2<sup>nd</sup> Hr – Apiary site selection (**Tony Lulek & Peter Tullock**)

## **Session 2**            **Tuesday, February 9**

- 1<sup>st</sup> Hr – Bee biology and anatomy, Hive dynamics, (**Dave Lescoe (Lesky)**)
- 2<sup>nd</sup> Hr – Hive manipulation (steps and techniques for opening and inspecting) **Glenn Nuttall**

## **Session 3**            **Wednesday, February 24**

- 1<sup>st</sup> Hr – Hive assembly, Frames and foundation (**Peter Tullock**)  
If you have them, please bring a hammer, tack hammer, channel lock pliers and some yellow wood glue (Titebond)
- 2<sup>nd</sup> Hr – Obtaining bees (**Tony Lulek**) and equipment (**Glenn Nuttall**)

## **Session 4**            **Wednesday, March 3**

- 1<sup>st</sup> Hr – Hiving a package (video) and demonstration (break into small groups) (**All teachers**)
- 2<sup>nd</sup> Hr – 1<sup>st</sup> Spring colony management (**Ed Karle**)

## **Session 5**            **Tuesday, March 9**

- 1<sup>st</sup> Hr – Summer management (**John Balconi**)
- 2<sup>nd</sup> Hr – Products of the Hive (**Howard Crawford, Tony Lulek**)

## **Session 6**            **Wednesday, March 17**

- 1<sup>st</sup> Hr – Fall Management & winterizing (**Ed Karle**)
- 2<sup>nd</sup> Hr – Q&A (**All teachers**)

## **Session 7**            **Wednesday, March 24**

- 1<sup>st</sup> Hr – Honey Crop (**Ken Oles, Tony Lulek**)
- 2<sup>nd</sup> Hr – Extraction Demonstration (**Ken Oles, Tony Lulek**)

## **Session 8**            **Wednesday, March 31**

- 1<sup>st</sup> Hr – Diseases and pests (**Ken Oles**)
- 2<sup>nd</sup> Hr – A Year in the Apiary (video), Q&A (**All teachers**)

## **Session 9**            **Wednesday, April 7**

- 1<sup>st</sup> Hr – Nectar and Pollen Plants in New England (**Tony Lulek, Ken Oles**)
- 2<sup>nd</sup> Hr – Structured Review (**All teachers**)

## **Session 10**          **Tuesday, April 13 (All teachers)**

- 1<sup>st</sup> Hr – Alternatives: 8 frame equip, mediums for brood chambers, top bar hives, small cell
- 2<sup>nd</sup> Hr – Honey tasting session, course evaluation, TEST (random questions with small gifts), Graduation

Package installation demo in the field, dates and places to be announced