

NCBA BEGINNING BEEKEEPERS' COURSE OUTLINE

2008

Session 1 Feb 5 pgs 2-6, 20-21 & Glossary pgs 82-88

1st Hr – Introduction to beekeeping, history, and overview of equipment and terminology

2nd Hr - Hive dynamics, apiary site selection

Session 2 Feb 12 anatomy hand out pgs 23-24

1st Hr – Bee biology and anatomy Guest Speaker, Lesky (Dave Lescoe)

2nd Hr – Hive manipulation

Session 3 Feb 26 pgs 7-11 Tim is away

1st Hr – Hive assembly, Frames and foundation

please bring a hammer and some yellow wood glue (Titebond)

2nd Hr – Obtaining bees and equipment pgs 13-20

Session 4 Mar 4 pgs 62-72 & 78-79 Tim is away

1st Hr – Products of the hive

2nd Hr – Honey crop

Session 5 Mar 11 pgs 25-30

1st Hr – Hiving a package

2nd Hr – Spring colony management

Session 6 Mar 18 pgs 30-39

1st Hr – Spring and Summer management

2nd Hr – Summer and Fall management

Session 7 Mar 25

various videos of interest

Session 8 Apr 8 pgs 41-61, 91-93 & 39

1st Hr – Diseases and pests Guest Speaker, Ken Oles

2nd Hr – A year in the apiary

Session 9 in the field, date to be announced