

Beginner's Beekeeping – Curriculum

Section 1

An introduction to Beekeeping for the South Islands of BC

Starting on Monday, March 16, 2026 at 7:00 pm

Course: \$251.40, Materials: \$30.00 plus \$3.60 tax (**\$285.00**)

Location: Webinar format from your home

You will need a computer and internet access to join the class

Notes available on-line as a PDF file, Theory only

Presented by Barry Denluck:

Barry has been a beekeeper in the Victoria area for 25+ years and avid gardener for more than 30 years. He is an accredited Province of BC Bee Master and BCHPA certified instructor.

Course Description:

This course is an introduction to beekeeping. There are no prerequisites. The course offers participants both theory and practical field experience. With Covid-19 consideration my Beginner's course has been restructured to a **webinar format** so you can safely participate from home.

Each of the 6 webinar sessions are 2.5 hours in duration consisting of 3 modules with breaks for questions. Each of the 40 minute modules will be recorded and made available through my private educational YouTube channel for review after the course.

Field days will be scheduled at end of the webinar lectures during May or June.

Curriculum:

- History of beekeeping
- The honeybee society
- Honey bee physiology
- Honey bee health and wellness
- The hive
- Getting started
- Honeybee products
- Spring and summer management
- Integrated pest management
- Fall and Winter management
- Harvesting and marketing
- Putting it all together
- Field Day: beekeeping equipment, handling live bees, setting up an apiary
 - Optional subject to Covid-19 restrictions

Note: A bee veil for over the head protection during the field sessions is required. Course material is included. **I will assist in starting your new apiary by sourcing beekeeping and beekeeper equipment and guaranteeing the availability of at least 1 NUC (starter hive) of locally bred bees from my private stock, typically available late May.** Price to be set during late April 2025.

One year of support following the course by email or texting is included.

For registration or more information, please contact Barry directly by email:

Barry@BarrysBees.ca or by telephone: **250-213-2894**.

Beginner's Beekeeping - Registration

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Please fill out the following form and return with payment. You can print, fill out by hand and send an image by email.

Name:
Address:
City:
Province: Postal Code:
Email:
Phone:

Course: Beginner's Beekeeping
Limited to a maximum of 25 students
Location: Webinar format from your home

Permission to share your email address with other students in your section: YES ___ NO ___

Choose --- Section 1: X, beginning March 16, 2026

Section 1 is 6 lecture sessions: **Monday evening at 7 pm** on March 16, 23, 30, April 13, 20 and ending on the 27th for 2.5 hours per session. In addition there will be 1 field sessions of 2-3 hours to be scheduled, probably Sunday at 1 pm. **Field days to be scheduled during class.** Lecture sessions are on-line using the Zoom software. Lectures are recorded and will be available for viewing until December 31st of 2026.

Payment: \$50.00 to register with balance of \$235.00 due 10 days before first class **or** \$285.00 as payment in full to register. Payment by e-transfer to payment@BarrysBees.ca, cash or cheque (payable to **DenCor Group**) would be appreciated.

Upon confirmation of registration, I will email a welcome package by email about 10 days before the first class. Upon full payment, I will email a receipt after the first class.

Mail to: Barry's Bees
551 Prince Robert Drive
Victoria BC, V9B 1E1

Refund: A refund less \$50 handling charge is available provided cancellation request is received within 10 days prior to the first scheduled class.