

# Sonoma County Beekeepers' Association

## Membership application

Privacy information: We hold your privacy in the highest regard -- your contact details are not published or shared outside of the Association board, with the exceptions of requests for mentoring and SRJC courses, as well as publication of telephone numbers for those who elect to participate in the swarm list. Your email address is not disclosed to others - it is useful for the association board to contact members for library return reminders, and possible last minute meeting cancellations or location updates.

Please PRINT CLEARLY. Errors in names, addresses, and telephone numbers can often be traced to penmanship.

Fee: US\$25 per person. Membership is valid for a calendar year (JAN-DEC), not for 12 months from the date of payment. Your membership dues help to pay to publish and mail the newsletter (approx 2/3 of the membership fees go directly to this tangible expense), to defer costs associated with the meeting space which must be rented, cover speaker fees, purchase library materials, cover booth expenses for fairs, produce literature, and pay for other association-incurred expenses.

SCBA memberships are for one person - the form should be filled out with the information appropriate for the individual applying for membership. You're welcome to bring your partner or family members to association meetings and events, but for legal reasons, the membership needs to be in one name.

You can bring this form to a meeting, or mail it along with payment to: **SCBA • PO Box 98 • Santa Rosa, CA 95402-0098**

Type: (Renewal) (New Member) Date: \_\_\_\_\_

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Business Name (if beekeeping related): \_\_\_\_\_

Mailing Address: \_\_\_\_\_

City: \_\_\_\_\_ State: \_\_\_\_\_ Postal Code: \_\_\_\_\_

Telephone numbers (**include areacode**): \* if participating on the swarm list, identify numbers you want **EXCLUDED** from being published.

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E-mail address: \_\_\_\_\_

Personal beekeeping website (if any): \_\_\_\_\_

Please **circle** the appropriate response for the following questions. Your feedback can help the Association meet your needs. **Not all questions are applicable to all members - just mark the ones that apply to you.**

- (Y) (N) I'd like to save the association the costs of mailing my copy of the newsletter - I'll gladly access it via the association website at <<http://www.sonomabees.org/newsletter/>>
- (Y) (N) This was a good year for my bees
- (Y) (N) Did you get a good honey harvest last season?
- (Y) (N) I would like to sell my honey and/or bee products at a Farmer's Market
- (Y) (N) I'm interested in being contacted by a mentor.
- (Y) (N) I'm interested in a hands-on class to work with bees.
- (Y) (N) I'm interested in taking a class on beekeeping through the Santa Rosa Jr. College. Please provide my contact information to Serge Labesque who teaches the course.
- Topics you would like to have a program on: \_\_\_\_\_
- Recommend a speaker if you know one: \_\_\_\_\_
- I currently have \_\_\_\_\_ colonies.
- I have been beekeeping since \_\_\_\_\_.
- (Y) (N) I'd like to participate in the Day Under The Oaks (First Sunday in May)
- (Y) (N) I'd like to participate in the Gravenstein Apple Fair (mid August)
- (Y) (N) I'd like to participate in the Harvest Fair (first weekend in October)
- (Y) (N) I'd like to contribute material for the newsletter (please circle): share knowledge of plants, bees, cooking with honey, book reviews, take photos.
- (Y) (N) I can develop media materials for use in print or on the association web site (graphic design background a plus)
- (Y) (N) I am available to present on a beekeeping topic (please identify a topic you would like to speak about & best available months): \_\_\_\_\_
- (Y) (N) I'd like to mentor new beekeepers. Preferred area of the county: \_\_\_\_\_
- (Y) (N) I'm interested in directing and/or facilitating a hands-on class to work with bees
- (Y) (N) I have professional services I'm willing to contribute to the association: (accountant) (lawyer) (media) (\_\_\_\_\_)

Each year, the Sonoma County Beekeepers' Association (SCBA) compiles and publishes a list of member beekeepers who are interested in responding to swarm calls or handling structural extractions (bees inhabiting a structure). This list is published on the association website as well as printed and distributed to over a hundred agencies within Sonoma County. If you are interested in participating in the swarm list, please complete the following and sign this agreement. By signing this application, you are agreeing to the code of conduct outlined herein.

In an effort to reduce the number of *unanswered calls* and also to address sporadic reports from the public about actions which are unbecoming of member beekeepers, participants must agree to the following terms in order to be listed on the swarm list.

I understand that my name as well as all contact numbers which I have identified for swarm publication will be listed. If I have failed to properly identify at least one contact telephone number for publication, no one will be able to contact me.

I understand that the SCBA Board can revoke my participation in the SCBA swarm list and may bar me from future participation if they receive credible reports of bad practice on my part. Participation in the swarm list is open only to SCBA members who have paid their dues for the year of list publication.

I will not portray myself as a representative of the SCBA, although I will conduct myself in a manner befitting a beekeeper member of this association, as the public will view my actions as typical of the beekeepers in our community.

I will endeavor to respond to swarm calls in a timely manner - if I cannot handle a specific call due to schedule or the particulars of that call, I will refer the caller to another beekeeper on the swarm list.

I will treat the bees in a humane fashion. Handling swarms and structural extractions is about saving the bees. I will not spray bees with insecticides.

I will make every reasonable effort to retrieve the entire colony. I understand that in the case of a typical swarm, this means leaving the trap hive until sometime after sundown and returning to collect it once scouts or foragers have had an opportunity to return to the colony cluster. If this is too involved for me, I will refrain from participating on the swarm list.

If I charge a fee for my services, I will make callers aware of my terms before agreeing to come out to their location.

The swarm list is divided into several zones, each representing broad regions of Sonoma County, as well as adjoining counties. Although other counties are listed, the association does not actively distribute the list to agencies within those counties.

I wish to participate in the following zones (check all that apply – **to participate, you must have at least one zone marked**):

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| <input type="checkbox"/> ZONE1: Rohnert Park, Petaluma and Bodega Bay        | <input type="checkbox"/> ZONE5: Marin County              |
| <input type="checkbox"/> ZONE2: Sonoma and Sonoma Valley                     | <input type="checkbox"/> ZONE6: Mendocino & Lake Counties |
| <input type="checkbox"/> ZONE3: Santa Rosa and Sebastopol                    | <input type="checkbox"/> ZONE7: Napa County               |
| <input type="checkbox"/> ZONE4: Healdsburg, Cloverdale & North of Santa Rosa |   |

Please check the following comments which apply to your listing:

Check **ONE**:  No fee  Fee  \$\_\_\_\_\_ fee  Fee dependant upon distance  No fee for simple swarms

Check **ONE**:  No structural extractions  Some structural extractions  Structural extractions ok  
 Outbuilding structural extractions  \$\_\_\_\_\_/hr for structural extractions

Check appropriate:  Works with contractor  Homeowner responsible for repair

Check appropriate:  Available any time  (specific days/times available): \_\_\_\_\_

Pest Removal:  Yellow-jacket  Wasp  Hornet

(Note that if you use insecticides to deal with pest insects, you must be suitably licensed.)

Check appropriate:  Defer my listing – omit my information from the printed and mailed copy of the swarm list.

I'm new to this - I'd like to start on the apprentice list

A **deferred listing** omits your information from the printed and mailed copy of the swarm list, using the website only. This is useful for members who may want to go on one or two swarm calls in order to collect bees to supplement their current hives, but who do not want to continue receiving swarm calls all season. The web listing can be removed by contacting the swarm chair, but the printed and mailed copy cannot be revised once it is sent.

The **apprentice list** is a secondary list, not distributed to the various agencies, though distributed to the members of record as of the March Association newsletter as well as published on a secondary swarm page on the association website. The intent is to have other beekeepers who receive swarm calls refer to the apprentice page and call participants to invite them along on swarm calls, thereby providing novice beekeepers with the hands-on experience of dealing with a swarm call without being alone. Apprentices can later request to have their listing on the website moved from the apprentice list to the regular swarm list.

\_\_\_\_\_  
(Name, please PRINT CLEARLY)

\_\_\_\_\_  
(Signature – this swarm participation form is not valid without it)

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(date)