

SCBA BEEKEEPER OF THE YEAR AWARD

Each year the St. Clair Beekeepers Association presents the Beekeeper of the Year and New Beekeeper of the year award. This award is presented to an individual who has contributed in a substantial and positive way to beekeeping; a person who sets high standards and who is looked upon as a resource of beekeeping knowledge.

Qualification for Beekeeper of the Year

Must have kept honeybees for at least 5 years and an active participant of the SCBA for the same time.

Be a member in good standing in the SCBA for 5 years

Influential in new beekeepers by teaching or mentoring new beekeeper(s).

Should show evidence of willingness to share information with other beekeepers as well as being a creative beekeeper.

Must have a good working knowledge of “all aspects of beekeeping including diseases, mites, State laws, Integrated Pest management, etc. Evidence of this would include being a presenter at the SCBA Introduction to Beekeeping, or being a presenter at a membership meeting.

Evidence of participation in public service relating to beekeeping (i.e., schools, fairs, service clubs, removal of swarms, etc.)

Show evidence of marketing honey, related items, NUCS, queen rearing, sell hives or equipment.

Some nominees may not fit into some or all of the above criteria and that is ok, we understand that some nominees are inspirational and passionate about beekeeping or have made such an impact on beekeeping in geographical covered by the SCBA that they deserve to be recognized.

The nomination process is easy. Complete the form that follows or write a letter outlining the accomplishments and how the nominee has impacted beekeeping. In a letter provide the same information requested in the form.

St. Clair Beekeepers Association Nomination Form for Beekeeper of the Year



Nomination Statement: general statement of support

Brief statement of why individual is being nominated, including overview of major accomplishments and contributions to beekeeping.

Nominee: contact information for nominee

Nominee's name: _____

Address: _____

City: _____ State: _____ ZIP: _____

Phone Number: _____

Email address: _____

Person making nomination:

Nominators name: _____

Address: _____

City: _____ State: _____ ZIP: _____

Phone Number: _____

Email address: _____

Beekeeping Experience: background in beekeeping

Years keeping bees: _____

Number of Colonies: _____ Number of apiaries: _____

Has nominee successfully overwintered a colony? YES or NO

Beekeeping Experience: background in beekeeping continued....

Education (i.e., presentations attended, conferences attended):

Advance Beekeeping (i.e., swarm removal, cutout, Queen rearing, NUC production)

Beekeeping Association activities: membership and participation in local, regional, and national beekeeping organizations

Association memberships:

Association service (i.e., committee membership, newsletter editor, media liaison)

Offices held (i.e., Executive offices, Committee chairs)

Beekeeper Service: participation in recruitment and education of beekeepers

Organizing activities (i.e., establishing new group, chaired club project)

Instructional programs (i.e., short course instruction)

Meeting presentations

Journal articles

School programs

Mentored beekeepers

Community Outreach: activities promoting beekeeping to the general public

Educational displays (i.e., agricultural fairs, science fairs, nature museums)

Media reports (i.e., newspaper, radio, TV)

Talks to non-beekeeper groups:

Other supporting comments:

Nominator's Signature: _____ Date: _____

The nomination period for these awards is open from August 1st until October 31st. These awards are presented at our annual Holiday Party in late November. Nominations and documentation of support should be emailed to our club secretary , k.hentrich21@gmail.com who will forward them to the officers of the club. All nominations will be treated fairly and equally thru the process of determining a winner of the award, which is up to the officers to decide.