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Resources – 2011 edition

10.1 Introduction

This chapter contains a list of all the main resources available from the Scottish Beekeepers' Association to help Local Associations to provide a good service to their members.

Many of these resources are continually under review and can be expected to change annually. For example new video tapes are frequently acquired, and the list of Recommended Lecturers is reviewed and updated annually.

For this reason, you should try to ensure that the version you have of this chapter is up to date. If you ask for services which are no longer available then you can expect to be disappointed!

10.2 Shows

10.2.1 Contact

The SBA's Shows convener whose name is printed monthly inside the front cover of *"The Scottish Beekeeper"* and is also printed later in section 11.3 of this Manual.

10.2.2 Honey Shows

National Shows

Below is a list of the principal honey shows which take place annually in Scotland:–

- **The Royal Highland Show**

The Royal Highland Show at Ingliston, Edinburgh, takes place in June of each year. The SBA has a stand for the display of educational material and for the sale of honey. There is also a honey show, with judging and prizes. It is organized by a separate Royal Highland Show Committee, which arranges the judges etc. Entries are generally requested by the 1st week of May.

- **The Scottish National Honey Show**

This show is held at Camperdown Park, Dundee during the 1st weekend of September overlapping from August, at the same time as the East of Scotland Beekeepers Association Honey Show and the Dundee Flower Show. Note however that the East of Scotland Honey Show is a local show completely separate from the National Show.

Local Shows

In addition to the principal shows listed above there are many local shows throughout Scotland. Perhaps you may be involved in organising such an event. If so there are materials to help you.

A booklet entitled *"Guidelines for Honey Judges and Show Committees"* is available from the Education Convener priced £1. This booklet is one of the items provided as reference material along with this Manual.

There is also material available from the Publicity Convener for display at your show. Hire of this is free apart from the postage/transport costs. For a list of available material refer to the publicity section later in this chapter.

Usually the main Committee of the Local Association delegates a sub-committee to organise such an event.

10.2.3 SBA Honey Judge Certificate — Stewarding Requirement

It is a prerequisite for all candidates for the SBA Honey Judge Practical Examination that they should have acted as a Steward for an accredited SBA Honey Judge at three local shows and at one major honey show. For this purpose major shows are considered to be the following:–

- Royal Highland Show — June
- Scottish National Honey Show, Dundee — 1st weekend of September
- Aberdeen Honey Show — October
- Inverness Honey Show — October

For further information contact the Shows Convener or Education Convener of the SBA.

10.2.4 A Honey Show Schedule

Below is an example of a possible schedule for a honey show, which may be useful if you have to organise one

Honey Show Schedule

1. ONE JAR LIGHT HONEY
2. ONE JAR MEDIUM HONEY
3. ONE JAR DARK HONEY
4. ONE JAR SET HONEY
5. ONE JAR CHUNK HONEY
6. ONE JAR BELL HEATHER HONEY
7. ONE JAR LING HEATHER HONEY
8. ONE SECTION OF HONEY (Blossom or Heather)
9. ONE PIECE CUT COMB HONEY (8oz Nominal)
10. ONE SHALLOW FRAME OF HONEY (FOR EXTRACTING)
11. ONE CAKE OF BEESWAX (MINIMUM WEIGHT 12oz)
12. ONE DEEP FRAME FITTED WITH HOME-MADE FOUNDATION (Wired or unwired)
13. ONE BOTTLE OF MEAD
14. ONE HONEY TEA LOAF
15. HONEY SHORTBREAD BISCUITS
16. HONEY SCONES
17. HONEY TABLET
18. WAX NOVELTIES

Rules

1. Jars to be 1 lb standard honey jars
2. Cut comb trays may be rectangular or circular
3. Shallow frame to be in a glazed case
4. Mead to be in clear glass circular bottles
5. Only one entry per member per class
6. A numbered label will be issued for each entry and listed by the show secretary
7. Labels to be fixed immediately on issue:
 - jars 12mm from bottom
 - cut comb 12mm from bottom
 - frames top right end of case beeswax underside of cake
 - mead 12mm from bottom

8. No other label or decoration
9. Entries to be staged by committee member(s) appointed
10. Points awarded:
 - 1st 3 points
 - 2nd 2 points
 - 3rd 1 point

Judge may choose not to award a place at his/her discretion

10.2.5 Honey Judges

If possible even Local Shows should be judged by a qualified Honey Judge. The SBA is very careful of the standard of judging observed by those to whom it awards the Honey Judge Certificate. On the following pages is printed a list of those of its Honey Judges who are currently available for judging within Scotland. Full contact details are given for all of them, and most are very willing to help out at Local Honey Shows for a reasonable reimbursement of expenses.

(If any of you are interested in seeing the full list of all the SBA's honey judges, then please apply to the Compiler of this Manual.)

**SBA Honey Judges: A — Active list of those available currently for judging in Scotland
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Name	Title	Initials	Address	Telephone	Notes
Badger	Mr	Michael J.	Kara 14 Thorn Lane Roundhay Leeds LS8 1NN	01132-945879	
Brown	Miss	Enid	Milton House Main Street Scotlandwell Kinross KY13 9JA	01592-840582	
Browne	Mr	P.J.	The Rowan Tree Gairloch Spean Bridge Inverness-shire PH34 4EQ	01397-712898	Local shows only
Canham	Mr	M.D.	Whinhill Farm House By Cawdor Nairn IV12 5RF	01667-404314	
Craig	Mr	I.	30 Burnside Avenue Brookfield Johnstone Renfrewshire PA5 8UT	01505-322684	
Donohoe	Mr	Hugh	7 Grant Road Banchory AB31 5UW	01330-823502	
Irwin	Mr	C.	55 Lindsaybeg Road Chryston Glasgow G69 9DW	0141-779-1333	
Isles	Dr.	Flora	Gardenhurst Newbigging Broughty Ferry Dundee DD5 3RH	01382-370315	
McLean	Ms	Brenda L.	Upper Flat 2 Invererne Road Forres Moray IV36 1DZ	01309-691226	

**SBA Honey Judges: A — Active list of those available currently for judging in Scotland
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Name	Title	Initials	Address	Telephone	Notes
Matthews		Christine	4 Annanhill Annan Dumfries-shire DG12 6TN	01461-205525	
Matthews		Peter	4 Annanhill Annan Dumfries-shire DG12 6TN	01461-205525	
Weightman	Mr	Colin	Shilford Stocksfield Northumberland NE43 4HW	01661-842082	Local shows only
Wilson	Mr	Claud	Cedarhill Auchencloch Banknock Bonnybridge FK4 1VA	01324-840227	Local shows only
Wright	Dr	David	20 Lennox Row Edinburgh EH5 3JW	0131-552-3439	
Wright	Mrs	Bronwen	20 Lennox Row Edinburgh EH5 3JW	0131-552-3439	
Young	Mr	Michael W.	101 Carnreagh Hillsborough County Down N. Ireland BT26 6LJ	02892-689724	

10.3 Marketing of Beekeeping Products

10.3.1 Contact

The Markets Convener — for all matters relating to the production, preparation, storage, distribution and sale of honey and other products of the hive. The name of the Markets Convener is printed inside the front cover of each issue of *“The Scottish Beekeeper”* and is also printed in section 11.3 of this Manual.

10.3.2 Information

Members will be kept informed, through the medium of *“The Scottish Beekeeper”*, of new equipment and techniques used to extract and process honey and other products of the hive.

The Markets Convener emails members having this facility as and when the occasion arises to give them an opportunity to provide feedback or comment on a whole range of issues. Secretaries wishing to be included on the list of those consulted should email the request to the Convener.

10.3.3 Prices

An indication will be given in *“The Scottish Beekeeper”* from time to time, of the expected retail and wholesale prices for honey and other hive products.

10.3.4 Legislation

The requirements of legislation will be brought to the attention of beekeepers. Changes in legislation will also be notified, in *“The Scottish Beekeeper”*, as they occur, together with recommendations on the best practical means of complying with all the current requirements. The Convener will also monitor Government proposals and correspond with Ministers, Departments, to try to bring about changes which would benefit beekeepers.

10.3.5 Code of Practice

The SBA some years ago produced a *“Code of Practice”* called *“Smaller Scale Beekeepers in Scotland — Compliance with all Legislation Applicable to Honey”*. This gave guidance on compliance with all legislation applicable to the preparation and sale of honey and other products of the hive intended for human consumption.

The Code is currently out of print but individual members may borrow one from the Moir Library or download a copy from the SBA’s web page on the Internet. Many Local Association Secretaries may already have a copy.

New regulations came into force in January 2006. They are less onerous and exempt beekeepers who can satisfy three requirements. These are that they are primary producers, small scale, and only sell honey locally. The Food Standards Agency have indicated that few beekeepers will have to comply with the full requirements of the new regulations, but the exact requirements have not yet been defined.

Your honey however still has to be fit for human consumption and produced hygienically. Reference to the SBA’s Code can be helpful in this, although its detailed reference to the legal framework is now out of date.

Once the legal position is clearer, the intention is that the SBA’s code will be revised and re-published in due course.

10.3.6 Statistical Information

The Convener is asked to provide information on various aspects of beekeeping in Scotland, from time to time, by Government Departments and other interested bodies. To enable this to be achieved a marketing report is occasionally prepared for, or by the Convener from returns received from Members and or the Local Association Secretary. The information gathered is in strict confidence and no individual names or addresses are divulged, without the agreement of the beekeeper. The results of the survey are published from time to time in "*The Scottish Beekeeper*".

10.3.7 Enquiries and Complaints

The Markets Convener will try to assist members individually when help is requested and will also make formal approaches to Environmental Health & Consumer Protection Departments on behalf of members on any matter relating to beekeeping.

10.4 "The Scottish Beekeeper" — Magazine of the Scottish Beekeepers' Association

10.4.1 Contact

- The Editor — for articles, or enquiries relating to content.
- The Membership Convener — for enquiries relating to magazine distribution.
- The Advertising and Publicity Convener — for all advertising material and classified adverts.

The names of all these people are printed inside the front cover of each issue of "*The Scottish Beekeeper*", and are also printed later in section 11.3 of this Manual.

10.4.2 What the magazine provides

"*The Scottish Beekeeper*" is the official magazine of the Scottish Beekeepers' Association. It is published monthly and is posted to all Full Members, the cost being included in the annual subscription.

The purpose of the magazine is to keep the Membership informed on all topical matters, political, educational, marketing, membership etc. and to publish interesting and informative articles on national and international beekeeping and allied topics. It is the main channel of communication between the Executive Committee and the Members and Local Associations.

A regular monthly calendar is published which shows forthcoming events for the current month and the following month, including Local Association meetings. Local Secretaries should make sure that their programme of meetings is sent in to the Editor each year for publication in the Magazine. Any other items for inclusion should be sent to the Editor by the first of the month preceding the month of publication. Brief reports of Local Association meetings are also welcome.

The Editor is always delighted to receive contributions of a general nature, from Members and non-members alike, as well as on more technical beekeeping topics. Articles from abroad are also published, as are articles on specific scientific matters. Interesting photographs, suitable for reproduction in black and white, are also welcomed. Letters from readers for publication are especially welcome.

The Editor tries to answer all queries, which come to hand, in the magazine.

A minor point of interest: the colour of the magazine cover changes from year to year, in line with the internationally agreed colour for marking queens. The five year cycle runs :- White, Yellow, Red, Green, Blue.

10.5 The SBA web site on the internet

- (A) Web site

The SBA has an internet web-site for which the address is:

www.scottishbeekeepers.org.uk

The site contains a range of information and resources for members and other Beekeepers. Secretaries will find it particularly helpful as the latest version of this Secretaries' Manual is available there to download. The downloads section of the site also includes technical data sheets, learning resources for beekeepers and educational materials that Local Associations and their members will find useful.

Secretaries should spend a little time getting to know the web site. If any secretary does not personally have internet access, this is something that another member in their Local Association might do on their behalf, although the majority of SBA members and beekeepers do now have internet access. Secretaries are asked in particular to ensure that their contact details on the Local Associations page in the contacts section are up-to-date:–

<http://www.scottishbeekeepers.org.uk/contacts/html/local.html>

It is from here that aspiring new members may make contact with their Local Association, so please include an email address if at all possible. This will be written into the web site in a format that should prevent unwanted email 'spamming'. If you require corrections, or have a suggestion for additional content, please contact the Web- master, whose contact details are in Chapter 11, section 11.3.

Please be sure to revisit the web site regularly to check for new information. It is likely that the web site will undergo a major revision early in 2012, so please also be aware that the exact location of some information could be subject to change from that point.

- (B) Discussion forum

The SBA also hosts an internet discussion forum, which you will find at:

www.sbai.org.uk

The forum, which is open to anyone to join, contains discussion areas and threads covering a range of topics, including general beekeeping, bee health, beekeeper education and bee-related information for the public.

10.6 Advertising and Publicity Material

10.6.1 Contact

The SBA's Advertising and Publicity Convener. This person's name is printed each month inside the front cover of *"The Scottish Beekeeper"*, and is also printed later in section 11.3 of this Manual.

10.6.2 What is available

Available free to Local Secretaries

There is a special leaflet available free called *"Bee a Beekeeper"*. It is worthwhile having a stock of these on hand for new members and a supply is provided as part of the supplies accompanying this Manual. To renew the stock, please apply to the Advertising and Publicity Convener.

Publicity goods for sale

A large stock of publicity material is available for sale, including clothing with SBA's logo embroidered on it, books on beekeeping, honey cookery and other related topics, mugs, coasters, car badges and other sundries.

The SBA Website has pictures of all such items. There may be postage costs depending on the weight of each item. Details on request.

These could make good inexpensive prizes for competitions at local level.

Local Associations may want to consider having a stall of these items at local events. The Advertising and Publicity Convener may sometimes be available to take the SBA's Publicity Stand to such events.

The items available may change throughout the year. For full details and current prices please consult the latest issue of *"The Scottish Beekeeper"*. Clothing is normally supplied to order.

10.6.3 Advertising

Adverts for sale of bee equipment etc. should also be sent to the Publicity Convener, who will advise on current rates for advertising in “*The Scottish Beekeeper*”. The rates are also shown in the magazine.

10.6.4 Magazine — Back Numbers

Surplus back numbers of “*The Scottish Beekeeper*” are held and can be obtained on request from the Advertising and Publicity Convener whose address is in the magazine.

10.6.5 Educational Projects

Material is provided and back-up arranged, when required, to educational establishments who from time to time have beekeeping projects.

Laminated Charts 36" × 24"

1. The Honeybee (*Apis mellifera*)
2. Bees (Hymenoptera)
3. Pollen in Honey
4. Information on Beeswax
5. Information on Pollination
6. Information on Honey
7. The Beekeeping Year
8. Honeybees Foraging

Charts 24" × 18"

1. Wasps — Life Cycle
2. Bumble Bees
3. Simple Swarm Control
4. Honey Bee Forage
5. Honeybees
6. Honey
7. Pollen
8. Propolis
9. Royal Jelly

Colour Prints

1. Set of colour prints 13" × 16", with information printed on reverse.

Projector

The Convener holds a slide projector with rotary magazine which can be borrowed by Local Associations.

10.7 Audio Visual Aids

10.7.1 Contact

The Promotion of Beekeeping Officer whose name is printed inside the front cover of each issue of "*The Scottish Beekeeper*", and is also printed later in section 11.3 of this Manual.

10.7.2 Slides

The SBA has sets of high quality slides. These slides are available, on loan, to all Local Associations. To establish that a suitable projector is available to show the slides, it is essential to contact and discuss this with the Officer. Some slides are mounted in glass and may be too thick for modern projectors. This type is also fragile and expensive to post.

Borrowing

It is recommended that bookings should be made, whenever possible, at least one month in advance.

10.7.3 Videos

Videos have proved very popular and easy to handle. They are dispatched by the Officer upon receipt of a written request. This facilitates administration and record keeping.

10.7.4 Charges

For both slides and videos this is equal to the cost of postage plus a handling charge equal to the postage i.e., twice the postage to send it to you. Payment should be made by postage stamps on the return of the video.

10.7.5 Return

Both videos and slides should be returned within one week, unless a request for an extension is made.

10.7.6 List of Videos on Beekeeping

Serial No	Title	Code	Duration
1	The Industrious Bee 1,2 & 3	b	80mins
2	The Industrious Bee 4,5 & 6	b	80mins
3	The Monk and the Honey Bee	b	90mins
4	The Mysterious Bee: Brother Adam on Crete	b	50mins
5	Birth of the Bee	b	50mins
6	Plight of the Bumble Bee	b	59mins
7	“I talk to Bees” Springall	x	27mins
8	Big Business in Bees	b	49mins
9	Company of Bees and Ants	b	48mins
12	Bees (von Frisch)		21mins
13	Farming Outlook. Oilseed Rape	i	11mins
14	Living with Varroa (B.F.A.) Thorne	x	65mins
15	Queen Raising BIBBA	x	100mins
16	The Honey Harvest	x	50mins
17	Introduction to Beekeeping (Ed. Weiss)	x	58mins
18	Basics of Beekeeping (Root)	x	59mins
19	Varroa (Ciba Geigy)	x	28mins
20	Varroa (CONBA)	x	31mins
21	Honeybees Fingerprint. BIBBA	x	84mins
22	Getting Started in Beekeeping (Thorne)	x	35mins
23	Bee Vigilant (Varroa) Thome	x	11mins
24	Queen Rearing	x	68mins
25	Instrumental Insemination of Queen Bees	x	19mins
26	Keeping Bees, Producing Honey	x	155mins
27	Requeening, Colony Division Dauenhauer	x	60mins
28	Queen & Package Production Dauenhauer	x	60mins
29	Tracheal Mite (Acarine) Dauenhauer	x	60mins
30	Varroa Mite Dauenhauer	x	60mins
31	Varroa Detection Bayvarol	x	24mins
32	Agricultural College Film (B & W)	x	32mins
33	For Queen and Colony	b	50mins
34	Foul Brood Recognition. ADAS	x	26mins
35	Introduction to Beekeeping (George Thorn)	x	32mins
36	Beekeeping with John Furzey	x	95mins
37	African Honey Bees, Handling	x	22mins
38	Honey bees in Oman		44mins
39	Indian Honey Bees		22mins
40	Rafter Beekeeping (Vietnam)		35mins
42	Savage Angels(late Donald Robertson)		15mins
43	A Year in the Apiary, Beehive Films (Thome)		75mins

10.7.7 Lists of Slide Sets

Serial Number	Title	Number
1.	Seasonal Management of Honey Bees	18 slides
2.	Activities of Worker Bees	8 slides
3.	Foraging Bees	12 slides
4.	Activities within the Colony	12 slides
5.	Queen Rearing and Introduction	12 slides
6.	Hive Types etc.	18 slides
7.	Bumble Bees	8 slides
8.	Wasps	8 slides (see also 10 below)
9.	Rural awareness. Honey Bees	66 slides (2 sets + spares)
10.	Wasps' activities	8 slides see also 8 above
11.	The Honeybee from egg to adult	8 slides
12.	Composition of Honeybee Colony	12 slides see also 4 above
A	Honeybee Anatomy	46 slides
B	Honeybee Life History	94 slides
C	Bee Diseases	114 slides
CN	Bee Diseases	46 slides
D	Apiaries and Equipment	92 slides
E	Migratory Beekeeping	46 slides
F	Beekeeping Manipulations	75 slides
G	Queen Rearing and Introduction	22 slides
H	Nectar and Pollen Sources	77 slides
J	Pollination and experiments	64 slides
K	Honey and Honey processing	70 slides
L	Feeding and Wintering Bees	24 slides
M	Beekeeping Miscellanea	170 slides

10.8 Recommended Lecturers

On the following pages is a list of those whom the SBA recommends as possible lecturers willing to come and speak about a beekeeping topic to Local Associations. Most are willing to come for an evening provided reasonable expenses are reimbursed. This list is updated annually: make sure you have the latest version.

Name	Address	Telephone	email	Subjects
Mr Michael Badger MBE	Kara 14 Thorn Lane Roundhay Leeds LS8 1NN	01132-945879	buzz.buzz@ntlworld.com	General
Miss Enid Brown	Milton House Main Street Scotlandwell Kinross KY13 9JA	01592-840582	honeybees@onetel.com	General
Mr Ian Craig	30 Burnside Avenue Brookfield Johnstone Renfrewshire PA5 8UT	01505-322684	beekeeper30@btinternet.com	General
Mr John Durkacz	15 Lundin Road Crossford Fife KY12 8PW	01383-722186	durkacz@hotmail.co.uk	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. The European dark bee in Scotland; 2. The history of beekeeping in the North-East Highlands; 3. Wing morphology; 4. Bee breeding.

Name	Address	Telephone	email	Subjects
Mr Archie B. Ferguson	Firparkneuk Kirtlebridge Lockerbie DG11 3LZ	01461-500322	archibald@bferguson36.freerve.co.uk	Basic beekeeping Migratory beekeeping The use of Nuclei Queen Rearing Swarm Management Good Combs Honey from hive to table Pollen Wintering bees
Mr Paul Gibson	7 Shielswood Court Galashiels Selkirkshire TD1 3RH	01896-750110	paulalisonibson@btinternet.com	General
Mr Charles Irwin	55 Lindsaybeg Rd Chryston Glasgow G69 9DW	0141-779-1333	ceirwin@talktalk.net	General
Mr Magnus Peterson	Balhaldie House High Street Dunblane FK15 0ER	01786-822093	zen90218@zen.co.uk	Bee genetics: Running a beginners' class: Feral honeybees and <i>Varroa</i>
Dr Gavin Ramsay	Park View Station Road Errol Perth PH2 7SN	01821-642385	gavinramsay@btinternet.com	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Communication in bee colonies 2. Beekeeping on the internet 2. Can bees fight varroa? 4. Bee health and bee disease

Name	Address	Telephone	email	Subjects
Mr Alan Riach	Woodgate 7 Newland Avenue Bathgate EH48 1EE	01506-653839	alan.riach@which.net	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Beehives through the ages 2. "Under the microscope"
Mr Graeme Sharpe	Apiculture Specialist Life Science Teaching Group SAC Auchincruive Ayr KA6 5HW	01292-525375	g.sharpe@au.sac.ac.uk	<p>Varroa Management</p> <p>My apiary management system</p> <p>Honey from flower to jar</p> <p>Swarm control and prevention</p> <p>Honey bee diseases</p>
Dr Peter Stromberg	21 Woodside Houston Renfrewshire PA6 7DD	01505-613830	pstromberg1@aol.com	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Elementary beekeeping for beginners. 2. Bee anatomy or biology or behaviour. 3. Nosema. 4. Acarine. 5. Varroa biology.
Stephen Sunderland	Lead Bee Inspector SGRPID P Spur, Saughton House Broomhouse Drive Edinburgh EH11 3XD	0300-244-6672	steve.sunderland@scotland.gsi.gov.uk beesmailbox@scotland.gsi.gov.uk	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Topics related to the Honey-bee Health Strategy. 2. The role of the bee inspector. 3. Relating to notifiable diseases. 4. Other topics to be agreed. 5. Other inspectors are also willing to speak and all can be contacted via the second email address given opposite.
Margaret Thomas	Tighnabrauaich Taybridge Terrace Aberfeldy Perthshire PH15 2BS	01887-829710	zyzythomas@waitrose.com	General