

What does membership cost?

*The subscription rate is
the equivalent of about
five jars of honey*

MARKETING

Beekeepers are responsible for ensuring that their products, offered for sale, satisfy the legal food safety and consumer protection requirements. The SBA considers the implications of all legislation which may affect the beekeeper and keeps the membership fully updated.

Put in an envelope and send to:

The Membership Convener

Mr. Phil McAnespie,
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HONEY SHOWS

There are many honey shows in Scotland. The Royal Highland Show is held in June and the Scottish National Honey Show at the Dundee Flower Show in September. Most local associations run their own shows, very often in conjunction with a local horticultural society. The main purpose of showing is to encourage beekeepers to prepare honey and wax to the very highest standard. It also gives an opportunity to the public to see honey at its best and to learn of its great value as a food.

PUBLICITY

Members of the SBA can buy the Association tie, lapel badge etc. Booklets and honey recipes are available for purchase and large prints and other display material are also available on loan for honey shows.

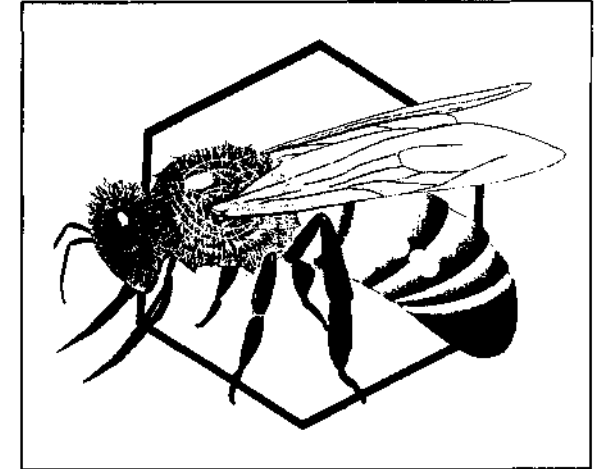
ANNUAL CONVENTION

The SBA organizes an annual convention at which well-known beekeepers give lectures. Usually these are one-day events, but occasionally weekend conventions are organized. The convention usually includes Trade Stands and a Book Stall.

SLIDES AND VIDEOS

The SBA holds a large collection of slides and videos for loan to members. More information can be obtained from the website.

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BEEKEEPERS'
ASSOCIATION



Website:

www.scottishbeekeepers.org.uk

HONEYBEES

No hobby is more fascinating or rewarding than beekeeping and nothing gives greater pleasure than eating your own honey. A vast new world awaits you in the study of the bees themselves, their role in the environment and the workings of the hive. Honeybees have evolved alongside flowering plants over millions of years. While learning about the flowers honeybees visit, you will find the countryside takes on a new look and trees, plants and crops have a different value and meaning for you. Bees fulfil a vital function in the food chain by pollinating fruit and seed crops, and the honey they gather provides us with a nutritious food.



MAKING A START

In most areas of Scotland there is a Local Beekeeping Association. Contact the one nearest you and you will be made most welcome at your first and subsequent meetings and will soon realize you have many new friends from all walks of life who are willing and eager to help you make a start with your first colony of bees. Most Associations run a series of winter lectures and hold apiary meetings during the summer. The SBA also organizes an autumn Lecture Tour by an experienced beekeeper.

*To make the most of beekeeping
you should join*
**THE
SCOTTISH BEEKEEPERS'**

Benefits of Membership:

"THE SCOTTISH BEEKEEPER"

The monthly magazine of the SBA is sent to all members and includes interesting and instructive articles on all aspects of beekeeping; for beginners, for experienced beekeepers, on swarm control, on honey production, and on diseases of bees, such as the varroa mite. It aims to keep members up-to-date with events in Scotland and around the world.

THE MOIR LIBRARY

This Library, currently housed in Edinburgh, has one of the finest collections of beekeeping books and magazines in the world. Members can visit it to study and can borrow books either in person or by post. Library boxes are circulated round Local Associations for members to borrow.

INSURANCE

All members are insured against Public and Product Liability. The SBA also runs a COMPENSATION SCHEME for fire damage, theft, vandalism and disease, for hives located in Scotland. Cover for the first ten hives owned by members is included in the subscription. Additional hives may be covered for a modest annual premium.

EDUCATION

The first aim of the Education Committee is to assist beekeepers to become as knowledgeable as possible about their hobby. Beekeepers are actively encouraged to enter for the Scottish Basic Beemaster Certificate and, as they become more proficient, to try for the Scottish Expert Beemaster Certificate and/or the Scottish Honey Judge Certificate. To assist beekeepers in studying for these certificates, classes are arranged at national or local level. Correspondence courses are also available.

The second aim of the Committee is to promote beekeeping by informing the public, especially the young, about bees and their benefits to the environment.

• Please send me full details of
Membership of the Scottish
Beekeepers' Association

• Please send me the address of my
nearest Local Association

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Address:

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