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Remember to note your user name and password printed on the envelope of this newsletter - Does your Branch have a page to promote itself?

ABA Grant Application 2009

In accordance with a motion passed at the ABA AGM at the Hunter Valley Club on 19-Apr-09 all ABA clubs are invited to apply to the ABA for a grant of up to a maximum of \$1000 for capital items that will help the club in support its club members and promote amateur beekeeping.

The application should reach the Secretary of the ABA by 31-Jul-09. He will circulate the applications to all ABA executive members for their consideration. The ABA executive will judge each application on its merits taking regard as how well they judge the proposed grant expenditure will help the club in promoting amateur beekeeping and supporting club members and how the club intends to evaluate the success of the project.

The outcomes of this process will be notified all club presidents by 12-Aug-09.

It is important that the application be of sufficient detail to allow the ABA executive to understand exactly how the capital items are intended to support club members and promote amateur beekeeping. Applications that do not address these two criteria are likely to be unsuccessful.

The application is to be no more than two typed A4 pages and should present the details under the following eight headings. It is preferable that it be sent as an email attachment in MS Word format.

1. Club Name
2. Name of members making the application
3. List of capital item(s), costing(s) and supplier(s)
4. Details as how the item(s) will support the club in promoting beekeeping and supporting club members
5. Details of how the success of the item(s) in promoting beekeeping and supporting club members will be measured or assessed
6. Date of meeting and details of motion indicating that this application has the support of club members
7. Name(s) of member(s) who will be responsible for purchases and implementing the project
8. Name of club president

Please contact the Secretary if there is any part of this process that needs clarification.

Dave Wilson
ABA Secretary
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NSW APIARISTS ASSOCIATION INC The National Field Day 2009

Brought to you by the SYDNEY METROPOLITAN BRANCH

**The National field Day at Hawkesbury Showground, Racecourse Road, Clarendon on
Saturday 11th July commencing at 9am-4pm.**

Consisting of stalls, various competitions and beekeeping equipment

Report from Association's AGM & Inter-Branch Colonel Pulling Competition

Held at the Hunter Branch venue on Sunday, 19th April, the rain kept garden visitors away leaving plenty of space for us beekeepers. Our previous office holders reluctantly agreed to re-election. See above. With the branch apiaries judged over the preceding months thanks to the efforts of the Department's Nick Annand, what remained to be judged by our guest Col Wilson of Hunter Valley Apiaries were the Apiary products, the Branch Reports. The Quiz question supplied complete with answers by Nepean Branch's Eddie Sjinstra. The final score sheet being:

	Illawarra	Central Coast	Hunter Valley	Parramatta
Apiary	67.3	66.7	72	70
Apiary Products	70.3	68.1	68.7	73.8
Report	0	83	87	93
Quiz	20	55	60	60
TOTAL	157.6	272.8	287.7	296.8
RANK	4	3	2	1
WINNER FOR 2009 – PARRAMATTA				
CLUB POPULATION	46	21	42	50
Handicap Score*	343	1299	685	594
Handicap Rank	4	1	2	3
Handicap winner for 2009 – CENTRAL COAST				

Handicap score is points/person in club multiplied by 100 ie total points divided by club population multiplied by 100. This has no official standing – just represents an interesting calculation – maybe we need a handicap award as well?

Secretary's Report and main points of interest:

Swarm Hotline and website: The swarm hotline is not effective and is to be replaced by the website where members can post their own message and post code, though it has not been used yet. Members' user names and password are on mailing address stickers. Ian Painter requested further information about the website be published in the Amateur Beekeeper.

Insurance premiums well under control, with a saving of \$573 this year. Policies are bought in bulk based on the estimated number of paid up members for the year. It is vital that members pay subscriptions by early December and that they receive a treasurer's receipt stipulating membership and therefore current insurance cover. Early payment entitles members to a \$10 discount, the subscription being \$40 for insurance and \$40 capitation fee. Members joining after June pay half.

Consideration is being given to making up membership cards. Currently there are 257 members expected to reach 270 by the end of the year.

Negotiations are proceeding to buy honey jars.

Motion carried without dissent: Ray Bohlsen/Rod Menzel that the format of the composite generic label be posted on the confidential pages of the website.

The Amateur Beekeeper, Motion carried without dissent: Ian Painter/ Dave Wilson that dissemination of the newsletter by email be reinvestigated. A show of hands indicated that the majority prefer to receive it by email but some want hard copy.

Annual Subscription: Motion carried without dissent, Ray Bohlsen/Martin Roberts that the discount for early payment of subscriptions be continued at a discount rate to be determined by council.

Library: Motion carried without dissent, Dave Wilson/Ray Bohlsen that the association assemble a library of DVD's for

The business meeting closed at 11.40 am. After lunch the results of the Col Pulling Competition were assessed and revealed.

The old message bank-hotline service is now defunct.

Researchers Field Day Wednesday 8th July

The Honeybee Research and Development Advisory Committee will be hosting a researchers Field Day at the University of Western Sydney Hawkesbury Bourke Street Richmond

Commencing at 10am finishing at 4pm

Topics to be covered include

- 1 Colony Collapse Disorder
- 2 Nosema ceranae
- 3 Glycemic Index of Honey
- 4 Investigate the value added potential of the pre-biotics components of Australian Honeys
- 5 Evaluation of anti-Varroa boards for increase in honey production
- 6 Small Hive Beetle
- 7 Questions to Committee and researchers on present and future research
- 8 Implications for Australia on Varroa in PNG
- 9 DVD Pollination

10 DVD Africanised Bees

Morning Tea, Lunch, Afternoon tea can be purchased on the day.

All welcome entry free

The Researchers field day is the day before the NSW Apiarist Association State Conference at Rydges Rosehill

Also on the 8th July - A ladies Day has been organised leaving Ridges at 7.30am returning around 7pm - Shop till you drop - Trip includes Survival Kit - Lucky seat prizes

Visit to over 15 Discount Shopping outlets

All major credit cards are accepted

Morning, Afternoon tea and Lunch are included

For further details contact Lynn White 0296346792

The Sydney Branch of the NSWAA will also be hosting a field day at Hawkesbury Showground Racecourse Road

Clarendon on Saturday 11th July commencing at 9am

Consisting of stalls, various competitions and beekeeping equipment.

Death of Rod Bunsell

Rod Bunsell died in early May after a long illness. He was an active member of Parramatta branch for many years and their president during the year 1989/90. A family member was found to be allergic to bees and he retired from the hobby shortly afterwards. Rod's son attended James Ruse High School and Rod used to look after the school hives. Parramatta branch took over the management of these hives from 1996. *Information from Ron Irving*

Publishing Schedule for 'The Amateur Beekeeper' 2009

John Humphries writes and edits the news letter suejohn@cnn.net.au

Dave Wilson prints and posts the news letter drwilson@tpg.com.au

Clubs are reminded that they can have their own club news letter printed by the ABA and inserted into 'The Amateur Beekeeper' envelopes for their member. Simply email the new letter to Dave Wilson as an attachment in either pdf form or as MS Word document by the due date.

Issue of 'The Amateur Beekeeper'	Deadline for material to be included in 'The Amateur Beekeeper' by John Humphries	Deadline for club news letters to be received by Dave Wilson	News letter(s) printed and posted
August - September	July 20 th	July 27 th	July 31 st
October - November	September 17 th	September 24 th	September 30 th
December - January	November 16 th	November 23 rd	November 30 th

The Amateur Beekeeper needs YOU!

Some special information? A club report? A good beekeeping idea?

Give the hard working editor of this magazine a break and supply some copy to him. You get the credit – he gets a break!

Your email address

At the recent ABA AGM there was over whelming support for a trial of the distribution of the ABA news letter by email. As a start to this process your email address, as recorded on the ABA database, is printed on the front of the envelope that contained this news letter. If the email address is not correct please email me with the correct address and I will update the records.

A blank indicates that the ABA database does not contain your email address. If you have an email address I would appreciate you letting me know so I can include it on your record.

Any distribution of 'The Amateur Beekeeper' by email would be a trial only. Any change to the current mode of distribution by post would be on the basis of a choice made by individual members.

Dave Wilson, ABA Secretary

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CURRENT ABA MEMBERS HAVE INDIVIDUAL PASSWORDS AND USER NAMES TO ALLOW ACCESS TO THE MEMBERS PAGE ON THE NEW ABA WEBSITE www.beekeepers.asn.au MEMBERS CAN CHECK THEIR ADDRESS, CLUB AND INSURANCE DETAILS ON THIS PAGE, THEY CAN ADD AND ALTER THEIR PERSONAL SWARM COLLECTION MESSAGE 'SEEN' BY THE PUBLIC. MEMBERS CAN ADD/REMOVE POST CODE AREAS THAT THEY WILL COLLECT SWARMS FROM. CURRENTLY 37 POST CODES COVERED.
TRY USING THE PUBLIC 'SWARM PROBLEMS' PAGE AND ENTERING 2154 TO SEE SOME SAMPLE MESSAGES FROM BEEKEEPERS USING THE SYSTEM. PROBLEMS? EMAIL THE SECRETARY.

FOR YOUR DIARY

Northern Rivers Branch

President/Secretary: Merv McDonald 66283687 Treasurer: Peter Dickson-Smith 66492009

Illawarra Branch

Reminder our meetings & Field Days start at 7pm and 10am respectively.

June 2009

Monday June 8th 7pm - Combined Committee and Night Meeting followed by a Questions and Answer session hosted by Bob Perkins.

Sunday 28th June 10am – Field Day – Jim Holdsworth will demonstrate the various methods of feeding hives during the winter period.

July 2009

Monday July 13th 7pm Combined Committee and Night meeting. Our planned activity has had to be deferred to our next night meeting. We will advise you of our activity in due course.

Sunday July 26th 10am Field Day – preparing for spring by Tony Hill including assembly of equipment plus strategies to cope with the impending honey flow.

Bob Nicholas (President) Geoff Henning (Secretary) 9528 4292 Ken Mooney (Treasurer) 9709 5484

Central Coast Branch

Meetings held on 3rd Wednesday of the month commencing 7.30pm at SOHIER COMMUNITY HALL, entry off Shirley Rd., Ourimbah, on the 3rd Wednesday of each month. Starting time 7.30pm. All things relevant for amateur beekeepers. New visitors are more than welcome to attend.

President: Martin Roberts (02) 43721381 Secretary: Toni Mitchell (02) 43321597

YOUR NEW ABA WEBSITE IS NOW OPERATING
www.beekeepers.asn.au IS YOUR BRANCH REPRESENTED?

Macarthur Beekeepers Assoc Inc

Meetings at Jack Nash reserve at 7:30 pm Field days at Campbelltown apiary at 9:00am

President: Bruce Wallis 9605 6688 Treasurer: Jean Haavasalu 46818540 Secretary: Barry Austen 48 851 705

Nepean Branch Inc.

Meet in the rear grounds of Nepean High School. A ten minute walk from Emu Plains railway station. Start approx 9.30 and finish whenever. Please close the gates behind you. At all times bring your own veil and white coverall and some lunch to munch on.

The last turn-up was very poor, yet I only received one apology. What is happening? Sunday June 14. We will have a theory session about what should be done about our bees this time of year. And we will do some practical assembly and repairs. We work some bees, weather permitting.

Sunday July 12. Theory and practice follow on from last month.

Further info: Ring Eddie on 4751 3941 or 0408 024 295 or e-mail: sijnstra@tpg.com.au

President: Eddie Sijnstra (02) 4751 3941 Secretary: Paul Richardson (02) 4739 0381

Hunter Valley Branch

Meetings held fourth Sunday in the month at Hunter Region Botanic Gardens.

10am Sunday, 28th June - Guest Speaker JULY NO MEETING - Social BBQ
President: Ted Flower (02) 49681483 Secretary: Jim Wright (02) 4959 3138

Saturday, 24th October 2009 TOCAL BEEKEEPER'S FIELD DAY

Parramatta District Branch

2nd Wednesday of month. Field Day on following Sunday. Meetings held at James Ruse High School Ag Section, Carlingford

Meetings in Agriculture classroom – field days in club apiary – entrance via Baker St. Wednesday meetings 7:30 pm start

President: Peter Thorley Secretary Dave Wilson 94842596 Treasurer: Norm Webb
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