

# Moray Beekeepers Association

August 2015

## News Bulletin

Established 1919  
Scottish Charity No: SC042185

### **MBA WAX DAYWORKSHOP**

We are considering running a Wax Day Workshop in October in which we will demonstrate how to obtain wax from your old frames, clean and filter it, make it into candles and make your own foundation.

We will need to buy a lot of equipment so we need to know if there is any interest from the members.

It will be a full day 'hands on' workshop including lunch and will cost £30 for members, £40 for non-members.

So if you are interested in attending a Wax Day Workshop please contact the Training Team Leader, Tony Harris by e mail [tony@moraybeekeepers.co.uk](mailto:tony@moraybeekeepers.co.uk)

Depending on the level of interest we will publish more information in the coming weeks or if there is little interest we will not continue.

### **HEATHER PICNIC**

Due to the heather flowering late this year we have postponed the heather picnic to Sunday 6<sup>th</sup> September.

We will meet at 1pm in Glenfiddich Distillery car park and then travel in convoy to the heather stance. A 4 x 4 vehicle is required so we can share lifts.

We will have a talk on managing hives for heather production, a look in the hives to hopefully see some heather honey (so bring your beesuit and gloves etc.), followed by a free picnic.

This year we are inviting members of Nairn and Speyside Beekeeping Association to attend.

### **BASIC BEEMASTER SUCCESSES**

Congratulations to the following MBA members who have all passed the SBA Basic Assessment with distinction this summer:

Martin Allen, Phillip Barlow, Deborah Benham, Paul Fairbrother, Juli Harris, Neil Mathieson, Thady McAndrew.

Congratulations also to our Chairman, Andy Watson who passed module 5 and is now awarded the SBA Intermediate Beemaster Certificate.

### **SBA MODULAR EXAMS**

The next modular exams will take place on 14<sup>th</sup> November so if you wish to take one please visit the SBA website for more information on the timescales, fees and syllabus by following this link

[http://www.scottishbeekeepers.org.uk/fees\\_exams.html](http://www.scottishbeekeepers.org.uk/fees_exams.html)

If you have just passed the Basic Assessment with distinction then November is an ideal time to take Module 1 as the knowledge is still fresh in your mind. If several members are interested we can form a study group so let Tony Harris know if you wish to take part.

Anne Black (Secretary)  
Moray Beekeepers Association