

BEE DISEASES INSURANCE SCHEME A

Compensation covers up to 39 colonies in scheme A. Over 39 colonies should be insured through Scheme B.

Property Covered

Property destroyed under The Bees Act 1980 and The Bee Diseases and Pests Control (England) Order 2006 and The Bee Diseases and Pests Control (Wales) Order 2006, or any similar order in force at the time, by a Bee Inspector appointed by the Food and Environment Research Agency (FERA) Central Science Laboratory. (See 'Compensation' overleaf) The Inspector must be notified of the locations of all colonies owned or managed by the person named below and also of any stored beekeeping equipment. For BDI purposes a colony is regarded as any hive (excluding miniature mating hives or similar hives) containing bees regardless of size of the colony.

ALL COLONIES MUST BE COVERED. Where, at the time of an inspection by a duly authorised Bee Inspector, the number of colonies managed exceeds the number of colonies for which a subscription has been paid, no cover will apply under the policy. (NB. When determining the number of colonies covered potential increase must be taken into account). All colonies on a communal site must be covered; otherwise any claim arising will be invalid even if the beekeeper whose colonies have been infected is fully covered.

Period of Cover

Premiums are paid in respect of the calendar year, 1st January to 31st December, irrespective of the date on which they are actually paid. However, cover will not commence until 40 days have elapsed from the payment of the premium, where such payment is made after 31st March. This is known as the 40-day rule.

Making an Application for Compensation

An application for compensation form should be submitted to the Scheme Manager, name and address as on the claims forms, within four weeks of signing by the Bee Inspector and should be accompanied by the KBKA subscription receipt and the Diagnostic Report (B4) which will be sent to you by the Central Science Laboratory and/or the confirmation certificate, signed by the FERA/CSL authorized bee inspector. Incorrect information on either this form or the claim form could result in the claim being invalidated.

Compensation

The rates of compensation for property insured are:-

British Standard Brood Frame	£2.00	Glass Quilt	£14.50
All other Brood Frame sizes	£2.70	Wire Queen Excluder	£14.55
British Standard Shallow Frame	£1.40	Slotted Zinc Queen Excluder	£6.00
All other Shallow Frame sizes	£2.00	Plastic Queen Excluder	£4.00
Saleable Honey (30lb maximum)	£2.50/lb	Open Mesh Floors	£10.00

Subject to Condition - Excellent/As New, Good, Poor
No other property will be paid for i.e. hives are not covered

If two claims have been made in the previous two years compensation will be reduced by **25%**. If three or more claims have been made in the previous three years compensation will be reduced by **50%**.

The maximum compensation payable to an individual is £2,500 in any one year of insurance.

Compensation for Small Hive Beetle and Tropilaelaps Infestation

A contingency fund capped at £25,000 a year has been established. The scheme will operate by providing compensation based on condition (Excellent - As New, Good or Poor as certified by the Bee Inspector), with a maximum of £75 per hive. The amount of compensation will be limited to the smaller of the maximum compensation amount determined by BDI or by a pro rata percentage of agreed sums so that the contingency fund is not overspent. This means that if the total amount of claims exceeds the level of the contingency fund some compensation will be available to all those affected. The actual payments will be calculated on a percentage basis to the full amount of the claim. The effect of this is that payments under these arrangements will be made annually when all claims for the year have been determined. Should these pests become endemic and statutory control abandoned, the BDI compensation provision will cease.

On the payment of a claim for any reason and if a claim for hive destruction on account of Small Hive Beetle or Tropilaelaps mites is accepted the number of colonies covered is reduced proportionately, i.e. the number of colonies destroyed. If the number of colonies subsequently increases additional insurance cover must be obtained and will be subject to the 40-day rule.

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COUNTY NEWSLETTER

December 2009

Happy Christmas to all Beekeepers and Friends

Subscriptions

If you haven't yet renewed your subscription this is likely to be the last communication you receive. The part of your subscription that goes to BDI or BBKA applies for the whole of 2010 irrespective of when you pay in the Autumn. If you renew after November you will miss one or more copies of BeeCraft magazine because these are ordered and paid for in advance. Also remember Associate Membership is only for people residing at the same address as an Ordinary Member or a Friend as is stated on the subscription form.

BBKA Written Examinations

The BBKA Module Exams will be held on 20th March 2010. All eight modules are on offer and each is a 1½ hour written paper. The syllabus and application form can be downloaded from www.britishbee.org.uk/examinations_and_assessments.php The fee is £18 for each module. Applications to John Hendrie by 31st January please.

National Honey Show

Congratulations to the following Kent Beekeepers who won trophies at the NHS:

Open Classes

The Frank Crow Trophy	Dr John Cowan	Bromley Branch
The Harry Grainger Trophy	Kit Erhardt	Orpington Branch
Moorcroft Bowl	Mary Hill	Ashford Branch
The Wax Bowl	Peter Bashford	Bromley Branch

Kent Classes

Coronation Cup	Dr John Cowan	Bromley Branch
Commemoration Cup	Dr John Cowan	
Vincent Cup	Dr John Cowan	
Barnes Cup	Peter Bashford	Bromley Branch
The Kent Wax Cup	Peter Bashford	
Coronation Mead Mazer	Richard Andrews	Medway BKA
Bee Cup	Bromley Branch Bees Beginners Group	
Beeswax Cup	Kay Wreford	Medway BKA

CALENDAR December 2009 – February 2010

Branch Events

Ashford

- Fri 4th Dec 7:30 pm Annual General Meeting.
Fri 8th Jan 7:30 pm John Hendrie will give a talk on ‘Spring Management’.
Fri 5th Feb 7:30 pm Prof. Jerry Cross will talk on ‘The effect of Pesticides on Honey bees’.
Meetings at St. Mary’s Community Centre, Rylands Road, Kennington, TN24 9LN.

Bromley

- Sun 6th Dec 11:30 am Apiary meeting. Refreshments provided.
Meeting at the Branch Clubhouse, Kent House Road allotments.

Canterbury

- Wed 2nd Dec 7:30 pm Quiz Night and social evening.
Wed 13th Jan 7:30 pm Greg Hitchcock, Entomologist will talk on Social Insects.
Wed 3rd Feb 7:30 pm Bob Smith NDB will talk on Queen Rearing.
at [Stelling Minnis Village Hall, Bossingham Rd, Stelling Minnis CT4 6AG](#)

Dartford

No meetings notified - contact William Mundy for details - 01322 225887

Gravesend

No meetings notified - contact Lesley Fancote for details - 01474 702666

Mid Kent

- Tues 8th Dec 7:30 pm Annual Dinner see Branch newsletter for details.

Orpington

- Wed 17th Feb 8:00 pm Tom Hart-Dyke will talk on ‘Flower Power World Garden’.
At Atomwide Offices 2 Ravensquay Business Centre, Cray Avenue, Orpington.

Sevenoaks & Tunbridge Wells

- Tues 19th Jan 7:30 pm John Hendrie will talk on ‘From Blossom to Jar’.
Tues 23rd Feb 7:30 pm - Bob Smith NDB will talk on ‘Anatomy of Bees’.
At St Edith’s Hall High Street, Kemsing, Sevenoaks. TN15 6NA

Sidcup

- Sat 5th Dec 2:00 pm Afternoon meetings at Baldwyns - Oxalic Acid treatment for varroa.

Weald

No meetings notified contact Nick Mengham 01233 840660 or 07884 231514

Westerham

No meetings notified - contact John Williams for details - 01959 572124

Whitstable

No meetings notified - contact Julie Coleman for details - 01227 751719.

County and Other Events

- Sat 12th Dec 10:00 am Council Meeting at Margaret Calder Pavilion, Detling.
Sat 16th Jan 2010 10:30 am BBKA ADM at Stoneleigh.
Sat 13th March 10:00 am Council Meeting. Venue to be decided.
Sat 13th March Medway BKA Open Lecture. Details to follow.
Sat 20th March BBKA Exams. Modules 1 to 8 are available. £18 per module.
16 - 18 April BBKA Spring Convention at Stoneleigh.
Sat 5th June 10:00 am Council Meeting. Venue to be decided.
16 - 18 July Kent Show at Detling.
26 - 31 July Irish Summer School at Gormanston near Dublin

Council Meeting 10th October

Fifteen representatives from nine Branches together with three officers attended the Council meeting in October.

KCAS have indicated the Margaret Calder Pavilion will be replaced with a new building during 2010. We will have a marquee for the 2010 County Show in the usual location, but we will need to discuss arrangements for catering with KCAS.

James Cash reported a satisfactory financial position for the current year and reminded Branches that accounts are required no later than the end of December 2009.

The County show produced a surplus of about £240.

Officers: Examinations Secretary There were no volunteers so this was left vacant

Webmaster Steve Turner

Representatives: BeeCraft John Hendrie

BDI John Hendrie

BBKA ADM Brian Palmer

NHS Peter Bashford, Mike Wall & Clive Watson.

We are considering a mini competition at the 2010 County Show, but need to know the size of the marquee before committing ourselves.

Concern about the large number of new members joining KBKA and our resources are being stretched. Mid Kent had run a course with thirty participants of whom half had started keeping bees this year. The issues varied between branches and most appeared to be coping okay. It was suggested we should be sure the person is committed to beekeeping and has handled bees before we recommend purchasing their own hives. If people give up over the next year or two there could be many abandoned hives with the risk of disease being spread. All branches were encouraged to provide awareness training to potential new beekeepers.

There was no AFB in South East region in 2009, but the level of EFB was similar to 2008.

DW reported his hives were still shedding varroa mites. It was suggested even now an extra tray of Apiguard may help. Also this probably raises the importance of oxalic acid treatment in a broodless period in the winter.

It was suggested we request “BBKA discuss with HS& E, English Nature, RSPB, Friends of the Earth a mutual route to properly protect endangered species of bees, by way of existing legislation e.g. The Wildlife & Countryside Act”. It was felt we should be more specific about the species of bees and which Act. It was agreed we should find out more detail with a view to putting a more specific proposition to the 2011 ADM.

It was suggested we should put out publicity to advise members looking to start beekeeping to seek advice from their Branch before buying any equipment.

It was suggested the BDI terms and conditions be published in the County Newsletter.

Visit the Kent Beekeepers web site: www.kentbee.com

Meetings in the next issue of the Calendar will cover February - April and please note that all details should be sent to John Hendrie, KBKA General Secretary, 26 Coldharbour Lane, Hildenborough TN11 9JT or email: bibba26@tiscali.co.uk or tel: 01732 833894, by 20th Jan. with items for inclusion in the next issue. Many thanks.