

Colonel Pulling Competition Guidelines 2017 for issue to clubs

Date 21-May-17 Time: entries in for judging 8:30 am judging commences 9 am sharp

ABA AGM commences 9 am

Venue Ballina RSL 240 River St Ballina

The Colonel Pulling Competition is held between the member branches of the Amateur Beekeepers Association of NSW. Traditionally it is held prior to the AGM each year. It consists of four components.

1. The Quiz

The quiz consists of 20 multiple choice questions answered by a team of members from each branch. This year the questions will be worth 20% of the final score. Eddie Sijnstra is the quiz master.

2. Apiary Products

Where possible the apiary products should be from the club apiary. Jars should be labeled by category and identified by the club name. The Apiary products in total will be scaled to a mark out of 30.

2.a Liquid honey - Six 500 gm jars of honey – 2 light, 2 medium and 2 dark				
Characteristic	Light	Medium	Dark	Total 300 scaled to 100
Flavour	25	25	25	
Density	25	25	25	
Colour	25	25	25	
Aroma	10	10	10	
Clearness	10	10	10	
Brightness	5	5	5	
2.d Beeswax - One block, not less than 500 gm and at least 25 mm thick. No fancy shapes please,				
Characteristic	Mark out of	Total 50 - scaled to a score out of 50		
Colour	15			
Clearness	10			
Tenacity	10			
Aroma	5			
General appearance	10			

2.b Comb honey - One full depth comb		
Characteristic	Mark out of	Total 50 - scaled to a score out of 50
Fullness	15	
Colour of capping	15	
Evenness	10	
General appearance	10	

2.c Creamed honey - Two 500 gm jars		
Characteristic	Creamed Honey	Total 70 - scaled to a score out of 50
Grain evenness	30	
Flavour	30	
Firmness	30	
Colour	10	

2.e Honey Cake		
Characteristic	Mark out of	Total 50 - scaled to a score out of 50
Appearance	20	
Taste	20	
Moistness	20	
Consistency	20	

Note that in 2017 the Apiary Products will include “a honey based cake”. The cake should be submitted with its recipe.

The hive based components will be judged by Geoff Manning while the cooking component will be judged by Margaret Stonier

3. Branch Report

Efforts made by the club to promote beekeeping to the broader community	20
Efforts made by the club to educate and inform their members	20
Methods used by the club to inform their members of their activities	20
Identifying important issues for the Branch and planning for the future	20
General presentation and adherence to required format	20

The total will be scaled to a mark out of 30. This will be judged by Wendy Wilson

The Branch Report should be a summary of the activities of the branch over the year. It should include the number of financial members, a summary of fees levied on members, the number of meetings held, the number of field days held, the average attendance at meeting and the average attendance at field days.

The report should be typed and be no more than two A4 pages in length. Photos may be included within the two pages. Attached to the report should be the minutes of one meeting and names of the executive of the branch.

4. Photo Competition

Three photos from each branch/club can be submitted for judging. The theme for the 2017 photograph competition is: **‘bee club fun’**. This year’s photography component is worth 20% of the overall Col. Pulling score.

The photographs must have been taken by a financial branch/club member of the beekeeping branch/club that is submitting the photographs. The photographer(s) are to be emailed by the due date (see 'how to submit' below).

Judging criteria:

1. The winning group of photographs will be selected based on the relevance to this year's theme '**bee club fun**' as well as the photograph's originality, creativity and composition.
2. The 3 photographs submitted by each club/branch will be judged as a group or a series/collection of photographs.

How to submit/enter your photographs:

1. For 2017 photographs are to be submitted to: Elke Haege at president@sydneybeeclub.org.au no later than 5pm on the 1st May 2017. You may choose to cc another club committee member in on the email. She will acknowledge receipt of the files.
2. In the email provide a phrase or one sentence description for each of the photos. This can be sent in the email body/text. *E.g.) branch/club code 01: "branch member holding a frame of brood".*
3. The photos are to be up to 2MB in file size and are to be 300dpi or greater. (if necessary, up to 3 separate emails can be sent.

Conditions:

1. Upon submission of any photographs, the ABA (Amateur Beekeepers Association) and any of its branches/clubs may use the photographs on their respective websites or for other promotional or other material at any time and will hold the rights to the photographs regardless of their eligibility.
2. Photographs submitted that have not been taken by financial branch/club members of the submitting branch may also be used as described above (in item i), but will not be eligible for the competition.

Judges:

1. Judges will be appointed by the ABA. This year's judge is film and media producer Henry Kalaf
2. Judges may be branch/club members but may not submit photographs and are obliged to state any involvement or connection to submitting photographers or any conflict of interest. .
3. Judges will be provided with printed and electronic versions of all eligible photographs. The printed versions will be printed in 6 x 4 inch (standard photograph/postcard size). Branches/clubs are not required to submit hard copies. The ABA will arrange printing (hence the strict closing date prior to judging).

4. The judging criteria will be

Relevance/25	Originality/25	Creativity/25	Composition/25	Total/100
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The score will be scaled to a mark out of 20

5. The judge will provide a score for each club and the results announced at the Col. Pulling competition day.

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