

## **PBKA + BEE ED Improvers' Beekeeping Course: Feb. 2015 Course Feedback**

Ranked statements: 1= nil/very poor .... 5 = very good

% scores from 19 responses of 20 attendees. (One person had to leave the course due to urgent family health problems.)

1.	<p><b>How well has the course met your learning needs?</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>-Lot of ground covered at a good pace.</li> <li>-Very pleased</li> <li>-Good combination of talk v. Doing</li> <li>-yes. Learnt lots of new things and really enjoyed it.</li> <li>-some things very difficult to immediately assess</li> <li>-good recognition of a range of experience</li> <li>-very well explained and answered all my problem areas</li> </ul>	<p>Ranked:</p> <p>4=10%</p> <p>5=90%</p>
2.	<p><b>Was the information presented well and clearly?</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>-Very well prepared and handouts excellent (CD Rom + memory stick)</li> <li>-Very clear and precise</li> <li>-Fantastic power point images and info. to take home</li> <li>-Very good thank you</li> </ul>	<p>3=5%</p> <p>4=5%</p> <p>5=90%</p>
3.	<p><b>Do you feel the day provided value for money?</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>-Well worth the cost which I consider fair.</li> <li>-I'm half Scottish! I can never answer a question like this. I really enjoyed it – THANKS!</li> <li>-Worth every penny</li> <li>-+ enjoyable</li> <li>-It was fun as well as knowledgeable and practical</li> <li>-Very good value</li> </ul>	<p>4=10%</p> <p>5=90%</p>
4.	<p><b>Is the balance between powerpoint learning and practical hands on about right, given that do have to learn the 'boring bits'?</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Good balance and size of group and participation from all made for a good day.</li> <li>-A good mix</li> <li>-Welcomed the demonstration ./ hands on &amp; the opportunity to ask questions</li> <li>-Yes (X2)</li> <li>-Good + varied relationship</li> <li>-Having the chance to get info. on memory stick useful too.</li> </ul>	<p>4=5%</p> <p>5=95%</p>

*N.B. One person rated responses '1' but the comments were consistently positive throughout- so this has been included in the responses rated '5'.*

## **What do you need next?**

*-A mentor would be good (PBKA ???)*

*-Provided a very good revision for the Basic which I intend to take this season.*

*-Microscope work & more work on bee diseases*

*-Anything (smiley face!)*

*-BBKA Basic assessment (x2)*

*-A mentor would be good.*

*-A group to study for BBKA basic assessment in the area. (x3)*

*-Revision learning day and similar at same level as today. (x4)*

*-An advanced course (x3)*

*- Be more organised with my beekeeping this year and put into practice things I have learnt today with regard to swarming and varroa*

*-More practical experience*

*Comments on pre-course questionnaire*

*-Very thorough- good exercise to fill it in*

*-Simple and realistic*

*-Made me think what I had heard about versus what I knew. Would have been useful to have had 'a little' option.*

*-Very useful*

*-Sorry I did not fill it in – but fab idea – I will do it 'next time'.*

*-OK*

*-very long: when in doubt I put 'don't know'.*

*-Good idea. It aids zoning in on ideas.*

*-Good idea*

*-No (it was fine)*

*-It made me realise how much I did and didn't know. Where I needed to do more reading.*

*-Useful to reflect on knowledge based- practical experience is crucial- doing is important!*

*-No problem*

*-It helped me consider and identify aspects of beekeeping of which I still need to develop practical experience.*

*-All I marked, I am now more confident wit-Shows gaps in my knowledge that needed further work.*

**What did you enjoy most?**

*-Swarm- artificial*

*-Queen management*

*-All aspects: the like minded company was great*

*-The topics I know least about- comb change- shook swarm*

*-hive manipulation: very useful: and practical*

*-meeting other bee keepers; comparing experiences (x2)*

*-super lunch and venue*

*-handouts EXCELLENT*

*-The practical session and the opportunity to ask questions as they came into my head.*

*-Helpful attitudes of tutors and friendly atmosphere*

*-Swarming: very helpful (x2)*

*-practical experience x2*

*-Simulation of artificial swarm (x2)*

*-Shook swarm + Bailey change (x3)*

**Least:**

*-we were not asked to bring a memory stick*

*-Nothing (x6) all good revision for things I know ; all FAB; all relevant and interesting*

*-My concentration did go off a bit towards the end of the day. I am not used to concentrating all day!*

*-All useful*

*-Squashing bees!*

*-Varroa: too frightening!*

*How did you hear about the course?*

*-via E mail (x6) (Hexham Beekeepers x2) (LBKA x1)*

*-PBKA; (x10)*

*-Flyer sent to other bee clubs*

**Any other comments:**

*-Thanks very much . You were both very approachable*

*-Real value for money: huge refresher for starting up again: Thank you!*

*-I have really enjoyed the whole day, sharing ideas and experiences.*

*-Thank you for a lovely day. Can't wait to try shook swarm (smiley face)*

*-It was useful to hear what other people are doing.*

*-Excellent response to questions of all sorts. Thank you!*

*-Even though I am a relative novice, the course was well within my threshold of understanding.*

*-Thanks very much. Very useful for myself and husband*

*-Sharing practical tips always helpful. Some advice on what to do with weak colonies (David Galloway: 017683 71198)*

*-An excellent course: good balance between theory and practice.*

*-A really enjoyable and informative day. I learnt a lot and my interest was increased in perhaps learning more and doing some exams!?*