

National Beekeepers Association of NZ Inc.
Cordially invites all Otago and Southland Beekeepers to an
Otago Branch Spring Field Day
Sunday, September 25th, 2011.

(Don't forget the clocks – Daylight Saving begins on this date.)

Venue- Lawrence Golf Club., Irvine Street, Lawrence, Central Otago.

(Turn off main Central road opposite the Corner Dairy in centre of town into Irvine St :- Golf Club signposted approx 1 km from corner.)

Hosted by: Bill McKnight, McKnight's Honey, Lawrence

Theme: "Healthy Hives and Happy Beekeepers."

10.00 am. **Morning tea** - provided by hosts.

10.30 am **Welcome and Introductions.** (A word from the sponsors)
- Allen McCaw, - NBA Otago Branch President

10.40 am **Maintaining healthy hives - challenges and solutions.**
- Nutrition & pollen supplements – Mike Vercoe / John Fear
- Apiary site locations – Peter Sales
- Equipment maintenance - Peter Ward
- Improving and maintaining quality bees – Frans Laas

11.40 am **Pest and Disease control :-**

1) AFB Update "Don't Drop the Ball on this one."

- Update on the Otago/Southland situation - Rex Baynes
- A recent AFB case in Otago - Frans Laas
- Top Bar Hives – yes or no ? - Rex Baynes / Frans Laas

12.00 – 12.45 pm **Lunch. BYO.** Tea and Coffee available.

12.45 pm **Pest and Disease control: (Cont.)**

2) Varroa mites :-

- Mite treatments and chemical resistance.
- What does the future hold ? – An NZ & global perspective.
Arnon Dag , Bee Scientist, Crop and Food Research, Ruakura.

1.15 pm 3) Varroa in Otago – personal experiences so far.

John Fear (Hawea), Peter Ward (Hawea), Tim Wood (Cromwell),
Mike Vercoe (Alexandra), Shane Rawson (Oamaru).

2.15 pm Spreading the Risk - income opportunities in beekeeping. -

Shane Rawson, (Oamaru) / John Fear, (Hawea)

2.45 pm Residues in NZ Honey – an update - Allen McCaw

3.00 pm **Afternoon tea** – provided by hosts

3.30 pm Practical hive demonstrations :- David McMillan / Peter Sales / Arnon Dag

- Hive inspecting for Bee diseases - what to look for and how best to do it.
- Varroa testing and monitoring:- sugar roll, alcohol shake, miticide strips & sticky boards, drone pupae checking.

4.45 pm Fieldday Wind-up

Fielday Costs: NBA Members Free. (Bring membership card please)

Non NBA Members - \$10

"Control of Varroa – a Guide for New Zealand Beekeepers "

- books available for purchase on the day - \$30.00 per copy.