

Auckland Beekeepers' Club Inc.

Annual Honey Show

General rules

1. **Members may only have ONE entry per class.** If required guidance will be given, while entries are being received, as to which class your entry should be exhibited.
2. Should the quality of entries in any class not reach adequate standard 1st or 2nd prizes may not be awarded.
3. The judge's decision will be final.
4. Exhibits must be delivered at least ten minutes before the beginning of judging.
5. Liquid and granulated honey **must** be in standard 500 gram plastic jars with white screw-on lids.
6. Only exhibits from financial members will be accepted

Details of each class

1. **Extraction frame** This should be of extraction standard; that is a heavy frame as wide as possible which makes for ease of uncapping. The judge will look for evenness of capping, freedom blemishes and pollen as well as the general condition.
2. **Comb honey frame** This is normally a store frame of medium weight and thickness and capping, freedom from pollen and any defects. Frames should be completed from new foundation.
3. **Granulated Honey dark, medium and light** normally light coloured honey ranges from light amber to paper white. The Judge will take notice of flavour, colour, fineness of grain and freedom from foreign matter, Please remember to obtain the standard Show jars. The reason for this is uniformity as you may be aware that different types of bottles and jars have varying light densities depending on the thickness of the glass. Remember, one jar is required for each exhibit.
4. **Liquid Honey dark, medium and light** colour criteria is the same as for granulated honey. Standard show jars are essential. Any other types will be disqualified.
5. **Wooden frames and Ross Rounds** Points are awarded for flavour, completing of capping and freedom from travel stain. Entrants are urged to present their exhibits to the best advantage, for example, the propolis should be carefully removed and the woodwork cleaned by sanding or other means. Exhibits to be in clear comb section bags. With Ross Rounds two are required with clear plastic covers on both sides.
6. **Cut Comb Honey** Boxed in a standard white container with clear plastic lid. A generous piece of comb with clean cut edges and a minimum of liquid honey [better none at all]. The cells should be Uniform worker or drone, well filled and 100% capped. Cappings convex and a Uniform white or light yellow colour. There should be absence of pollen or wax moth damage or weeping. Both sides of the comb may be inspected and viewed from behind with a bright light .One cell may be tested for quality of honey and absence of granulation.
7. **Wax** Each exhibit must be as nearest 500gms in weight and must be from this current season. It must be presented as tipped from the mould. Points will be lost for obvious scraping or chipping. The judge will look for colour, texture and impurity. There is no bar to the shape of the mould. Entrants are advised not to heat wax in an iron or enamel container as this may darken the wax. For preference use an aluminum container. Do not overheat wax, strain through a nylon stocking or similar. Cool very slowly as this makes for uniformity in texture and freedom from cracking and chipping. As far as possible, avoid propolis wax as this tends to darken the colour. Pure bee's wax only to be used. One teaspoonful of vinegar helps to clarify the wax.
8. **Novelty wax** This will be judged as a work of art, with consideration given to quality, colour of wax etc. No weight restriction.

General Where ever possible please decide which class you wish to enter before the Show as this saves confusion on arrival. You are invited to enter into the spirit of the competition; although you may consider some of your honey is not up to Show standard, you could be pleasantly surprised!

Bring your exhibits along to help make this a good Show

Note Shield Points and Awards

All categories 1 to 11 have the same maximum score.

All categories can be entered.

The sum of the top 6 scores of an individual will determine the winner.

Awards are: "The Shield", 2nd, 3rd, 4th and Best Novice.

Novice is a 1st or 2nd year beekeeper.