



the South Devon

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NEWSLETTER 49

PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

Welcome to all Members,

As I pen this message, there are only 14 days to Christmas where the rush is on to have everything possible done before the 25th and hopefully many of you achieve this.

I have been invited for four days of High Country tailing where cell phones don't work and no vehicle traffic anywhere and I am looking forward to doing this.

On the South Devon news front we have had a positive response from Silver Fern Farms with improving schedule pricing for our farm product. It is a shame that the climate conditions are not allowing our membership to enjoy this increase but unfortunately Mother Nature has the last say.

On behalf of Ann and myself we would extend our very best wishes to all members and their families for a Merry Christmas and a safe and Happy New Year.

Brian Thomson

President

SILVER FERN FARMS REPLY

"I understand you have made an enquiry with regards to our superbly aged Hereford program which has an acceptance of product that is 50% Hereford genetics crossed with other British bred animals. Our specifications are being rewritten to include Angus, Shorthorn and South Devon breeds.

To further aid your breeder profiles, we welcome any supplier on board our program with cattle that meet the specification criteria as mentioned above. Also included in the specification criteria is pH level of 5.6 or below; weight range of 245kg through to 370kg.

Please forward any commercial clients or breeders you may have interested to myself at the below contact details.

If you have any further enquiries, please don't hesitate to contact me."

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2010/11 BULL TRIAL

The first Open Day was held at Palmerston North on 24th November. It was pleasing to see a good number of people turn up to take the opportunity to view the bulls.

The bulls are progressing well with an average daily weight gain of 1.8 kgs. The weights are updated and available to view on the South Devon website each month.

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christmas
from
PBB NZ

PBBnz Office will close for the Christmas break from 5pm on Thursday 23rd December and reopens on Wednesday 5th January 2011. The PBBnz management and staff would like to take this opportunity to wish you a **MERRY CHRISTMAS AND HAPPY NEW YEAR**



Christchurch Show

10TH – 12TH NOVEMBER 2010

In contrast to the miserable weather of 2009 this years Canterbury A & P Show was blessed with three beautiful days and excellent crowds.

I thoroughly enjoyed judging the South Devon cattle on the Wednesday. The studs exhibiting were Burtergill (Arnold & Richard van Asch), Loch Lomond (Brian Thomson 'El Presidente') and Westhams (Stewart Bradley). They brought their cattle forward in wonderful conditions and they were first class representatives of the South Devon breed.

South Devon members who show their cattle are owed a debt by all breeders as they are a true window to the breed. The Christchurch South Devons shown received many favourable comments from judges and public alike.

The cattle judging culminates in the Meat & Wool Cup where the Senior and Junior Champions of each breed are judged against each other and each beef cattle judge places the first six cattle and has to justify his placings. As there were 13 different breeds "it aint easy". You have to be impartial or risk making a fool of yourself. In the Junior Interbreed Cup the van Asch family's South Devons once again stood out and their Champion Junior Heifer 2nd placing and bull 3rd placing against very strong opposition. I had placed their Bull Burtergill Harold 937 in first place.

The Senior Meat & Wool Cup was won by an outstanding Silverstream Charolais heifer and calf with the van Asch cow and calf in 4th place.

All in all it was a very successful show and all South Devon breeders can be proud of the way the Burtergill, Loch Lomond and Westhams Studs showed the flag.

SHOW RESULTS

Judge: Fraser Wilson

SOUTH DEVON CLASSES

Cow, with her own calf at foot (3yrs & over)

1st Burtergill Antons Belle 617

Performance Plus Class Senior Female

1st Burtergill Antons Belle 617

Champion Senior Female

Burtergill Antons Belle 617

Senior Yearling Heifer

1st Burtergill Zions Belle 918

2nd Loch Lomond Gemz 905

3rd Burtergill Zions Belle 921

Junior Yearling Heifer

1st Burtergill Harrys Peach 915

2nd Loch Lomond Jemma 924

Champion Yearling Heifer

Burtergill Harrys Peach 915

Reserve Champion Yearling Heifer

Burtergill Zion Belle

Performance Plus Class Yearling Heifer

1st Burtergill Harrys Peach 915

2nd Burtergill Zions Belle 918

3rd Burtergill Zions Belle 921

Senior Bull

1st Burtergill Anton 709

Senior Yearling Bull

1st Loch Lomond DJ 90-7

2nd Burtergill Romany 901

3rd Burtergill Zion 905

Junior Yearling Bull

1st Burtergill Harold 937

2nd Westhams Playboy 901

3rd Loch Lomond Davey 922

Champion Senior Bull

Burtergill Anton 709

Champion Yearling Bull

Burtergill Harold 937

Reserve Champion Yearling Bull

Westhams Playboy 901

Supreme Champion South Devon

Burtergill Antons Belle 617

Performance Plus Yearling Bull

1st Burtergill Zion 905

2nd Burtergill Romany 901

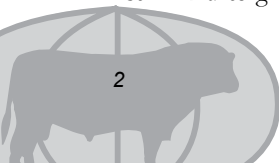
3rd Burtergill Harold 937

Two Yearlings, any sex, bred by Exhibitor to be judged as a Pair

1st AE & RA van Asch

2nd BJ Thomson

3rd AE & RA van Asch



Group – Bull and two Females

- 1st BJ Thomson
- 2nd AE & RA van Asch

Two Animals by One Sire or Dam

- 1st AE & RA van Asch
- 2nd AE & RA van Asch
- 3rd BJ Thomson

Beef Interbreeds entries selected by the Judges (13 breeds)

Best Junior Heifer

- 2nd Burtergill Harrys Peach 915

Best Junior Bull

- 3rd Burtergill Harold 937

Interbreeds Pair One Male & Female any age

- 3rd Burtergill Antons Belle 617 & Burtergill Anton 709

All Breeds judged by Mark McKenzie

Senior Bull (11 entries)

- 2nd Burtergill Anton 709

Cow with Calf at Foot 3YO+ (20 entries)

- 1st Burtergill Antons Belle 617

Yearling Heifer (45 entries)

- 3rd Burtergill Zions Belle 921

Pair of Yearling Animals by one Exhibitor (21 entries)

- 1st AE & RA van Asch
- 3rd AE & RA van Asch

South Otago A & P - 27 November

All Breeds – Four Breeds

Yearling Bull

- 1st Loch Lomond Davey
- 2nd Loch Lomond DJ

Yearling Heifer

- 1st Loch Lomond Gemz

NYHCW Trophy Champion Yearling

- Loch Lomond Gemz



DNA TESTING

A **REMINDER TO ALL MEMBERS** that they should have sent in their first joining sires tail hair sample to the office for the 2011 calves.

BEEF REVIEW

The Board are looking for good commercial cattle stories for the 2011 Beef Review. Please contact your nearest Board member if you know of a good commercial story.

2011 WORLD CONFERENCE

The itinerary and booking forms are now available for the 2011 World Conference to be held in Australia. If you are interested in the World Conference and tour, please contact Lindy Lawrence at the South Devon Office and she will send you out the information. As the maximum number for the tours is 80 people please give this your earliest consideration.

2011 HERD TOUR / AGM

The 2011 South Devon Cattle Society AGM is to be held in the Manawatu during the Herd Tour on Wednesday 18th May 2011.

The proposed itinerary is as follows:

Wednesday 18th May

Visit Ben Vista and Rosewood Studs
Tour PBB & meet the staff
Activities, AGM & Dinner at a Country Lodge

Thursday 19th May

Visit Manuiti Stud
Visit the spectacular 'Gravity Canyon'
Exclusive tour of Ohakea Airbase
Full details and pricing will be sent out in February

For further information contact:

Lanise Robertson

Ph: 06 323 6488 or Email: benvista@infofen.net.nz

BEEF EXPO 2011

The dates for the 2011 Beef Expo have been set as follows:

Saturday 14th & Sunday 15th May

Monday 16th May

Tuesday 17th May

Future Beef NZ Competition

Open Days & Judging

All Breed Sales

Entries for Beef Expo close on 31st January 2011 for led bulls.



Champion South Devon Burtigill Antons Belle.
Richard & Denise Van Asch & Judge Fraser Wilson