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President's Message

Greetings to All

Many beef farmers will be enjoying going to work at present with the bull schedule being over \$6.00 in the North Island and 5.00 - \$5.50 in the South Island.

This has been a long time in the making, may it continue to stabilise close to these prices in the future.

The 9th World Conference was held in America over 25 days. 52 South Devon members from different countries around the globe travelled 10,000km on a bus visiting 14 states and viewing many operations and some wonderful looking cattle. One of these operations was Joplin Regional Stockyards located in Joplin Missouri. The stockyards are over 10 acres in size and are all covered. 460,000 animals are sold annually; sale day times are 7am - 4pm 5 days a week. We viewed cattle being sold with the weaner calves around 500 - 550lbs. going for \$US1,500-\$1,600 which we were told is \$500 up on last year.

This gave us some real insight into how the American market can change in such a short time after severe droughts throughout Texas.

There will be a full report in the next newsletter.

Congratulations go to Burtergill Stud on their success at the Canterbury A&P Show recently. The reports I received were that their cattle were a real credit to the breed, well done to the Van Asch family.

A special congratulations must go to Arnold & Joan Van Asch who were made

Ambassadors of the Canterbury Show held in Christchurch in November 2014 for their contribution and service to the Canterbury A&P Association.

Thanks to all members who have supported our calendar promotion once again this year.

The weather has been a bit unpredictable on the farming scene this year with some areas dry while other areas are very damp; the Wyndham Show was cancelled after receiving over 200 mm of rain for November, the first time the show has been cancelled in 134 years.

I have advised the Board members that I will be standing down from the position of President at the 2015 AGM to be held in Blenheim, but I am more than happy to stay on the Board.

The AGM is to be held in Blenheim in March and I would like to encourage all members to attend this and enjoy this event and fellowship of members.

On behalf of Ann and myself we would like to express our sincere thanks to the Board and members for your valued support recently while Ann has been going through health issues with breast cancer. Ann is now recovering well following surgery.

We would also like to extend our very best wishes to all members and their families for a Merry Christmas and a safe and Happy New Year.

Kind regards
Brian Thomson

PBB Christmas Closing Hours

The PBB office will close at
5.00pm on Tuesday 23rd December 2014
and reopen at
8.00am on Monday 12th January 2015



South Devon Tour of Marlborough Region

The dates for the 2015 AGM and Marlborough Tour have been set as Wednesday 25th – Friday 27th March 2015.

Specifics will be available early in the New Year once we have the prices. Please contact Richard Van Asch with expressions of interest as soon as possible as accommodation is tight at this time of year.

AgInnovation/Beef Expo

Planning for AgInnovation/Beef Expo is well underway and a meeting will be held in early January to firm up on arrangements.

SHOW RESULTS FROM CHRISTCHURCH



SOUTH DEVON SECTION

Cow with calf at foot 1st Burtergill Zeds Dora 834

Champion South Devon Senior Female Burtergill Zeds Dora 834

Heifer Senior Yearling

1st Burtergill Regs Snowdrop 1346

2nd Burtergill Regs Evie 1347

Champion South Devon Yearling Heifer

Burtergill Regs Snowdrop 1346

Reserve Burtergill Regs Evie 1347

Bull 2 years and over

1st Burtergill Reg 1207

Champion South Devon Senior Bull

Burtergill Reg 1207

Bull Senior Yearling

1st Burtergill Reg 1315

Bull Junior Yearling

1st Burtergill Harley 1321

Champion South Devon Yearling Bull

Burtergill Reg 1315

Reserve Burtergill Harley 1321

Grand Champion Junior South Devon Burtergill Reg 1315

Grand Champion Senior South Devon Burtergill Zeds Dora 834

BEEF INTERBREEDS

Best Junior Bull in Show: 1st Burtergill Reg 1315

Best Junior Heifer in Show: 1st Burtergill Regs Snowdrop 1346

Interbreed Pair:

1st Burtergill Reg 1315 and Burtergill Regs Snowdrop 1346

Junior Meat and Wool Cup:

1st Burtergill Reg 1315

Senior Meat and Wool cup:

3rd Burtergill Zeds Dora 834

BEEF ALL BREEDS

Bull- 2 years and over: 2nd Burtergill Reg 1207

Bull Yearling: 4th Burtergill Reg 1315

Cow with calf at foot: 3rd Burtergill Zeds Dora 834

Heifer Yearling: 2nd Burtergill Regs Snowdrop 1346

Pairs:

1st Burtergill Reg 1315 and Burtergill Regs Snowdrop 1346



- Future Beef New Zealand aims to provide young people from all backgrounds the opportunity to learn about and become involved in the beef industry.
- FBNZ was launched at Beef Expo in 2006 when 40 young enthusiasts attended the day – it has now grown and last year there were 75 participants.
- FBNZ Hoof and Hook is being held from the 8th-10th May 2015 at Manfeild Stadium, Feilding.
- Steers are brought to the event and judged on the “hoof” and after the event they are slaughtered and judged on the “hook”.
- The Hoof and Hook Event includes educational modules, hands on modules, steer judging, handling judging, beef bash and more.
- Participants are allocated to groups which enable them to work with people of similar age and ability.
- This year heifers are part of our Hoof and Hook event – details below:-
 - Heifer must be born after 1st June 2014
 - Under 12's may bring a heifer only
 - Over 12's must bring a steer to be eligible to bring a heifer
 - Under 12's can use heifer in handling class but over 12's must use steer
 - Heifer judging will be after the Handling class on Sunday and the two classes will be purebred heifer and crossbred heifer
 - Pure Bred heifers can go home or may be eligible to enter in the Queen of Hearts (which must be organised prior to event)
 - Cross bred heifers are accepted but will be taken home

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