



the South Devon

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PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

Welcome to all Members,

With the shortest day just past and the temperature at minus 7 it reminds us that winter is a special time to catch up with all the small jobs to be done before spring.

Beef Expo was another success for the breed with John Holt's heifer calf coming third in the Queen of Hearts competition out of 22 animals. We had led and unled bulls contesting for the right of Champion animal. This year congratulations must go to Ross & Corrine Kearney winning with their unled bull Okaharau Harry. It shows if you have the right animals entered it can win whether it has a halter or not.

Steak of Origin dinner was well presented and was good to see that we had two members, Phil Hoskin and Kevin McConnell in the top 10 for Producer of the Decade.

I made the effort to go and watch some of the FBNZ Hoof

& Hook competition this year. It was amazing watching these young participants working with these animals and learning more about the beef industry – it was well worth the visit.

Thanks also must go to our sponsors at Beef Expo for their generosity of product for our prize winners, it is greatly appreciated by our members.

My thanks goes to Geoff & Barb Croker for organising the AGM and Tour this year. It was a lovely two days of viewing cattle and sightseeing in their area.

The President's Trophy was awarded to Phil Hoskin for his wonderful achievement in the Steak of Origin competition last year.

Just remember if you have any news articles for this newsletter, good or bad, please pass them on to Lindy or myself.

Brian Thomson

President

WORLD ASSOCIATION OF SOUTH DEVON CATTLE BREEDERS MISSION STATEMENT

To advance the South Devon breed through international co-operation to increase genetic exchange, improve breed promotion, encourage youth participation and to maintain communication.

2013 AGM & TOUR

The 2013 AGM & Tour will be held in the Waikato/Bay of Plenty/King Country area in mid March.
More information will follow when available.

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BEEF + LAMB NZ BEEF EXPO 2012



On Monday 14 May the 8th South Devon Show & Sale began with the on farm judging of the four unled bulls at Ashhurst. This was followed by judging of the three led bulls at Manfeild Park Stadium, Feilding. Senior Judge Catherine Rawnsley, Koromiko Murray Greys & Angus from South Auckland and Associate Judge Anthony Eagle, Kaimoa South Devon's, Eketahuna made a thorough inspection of all the bulls before announcing their final placing. They were looking for well balanced, structurally sound cattle. The final results showed consistency in type for the overall top two places.

SOUTH DEVON BEEF EXPO SHOW RESULTS

2012 UNLED BULLS

Sponsored by Merial Ancare

- 1st Okaharau Harry F12.....Lot 73
Ross & Corrine Kearney, Otane
- 2nd Okaharau Harry F36.....Lot 74
Ross & Corrine Kearney, Otane

Sponsored by Silver Fern Farms

- 3rd Coombe Park Hero 13Lot 75
Phil Hoskin, Pahiatua

Sponsored by Allflex NZ

- 4th Coombe Park Quest 7Lot 77
Phil Hoskin

2012 LED BULLS

Sponsored by Merial Ancare

- 1st Woodah Lochinvar 1022.....Lot 71
John Holt, Blenheim
- 2nd Burtergill Henry 1004.....Lot 70
Arnold & Richard van Asch, Blenheim

Sponsored by Silver Fern Farms

- 3rd Loch Lomond Sam.....Lot 69
Brian Thomson, Mosgiel

SUPREME CHAMPION

Sponsored by NZX Agri

- Okaharau Harry F12Lot 73
Ross & Corrine Kearney, Otane

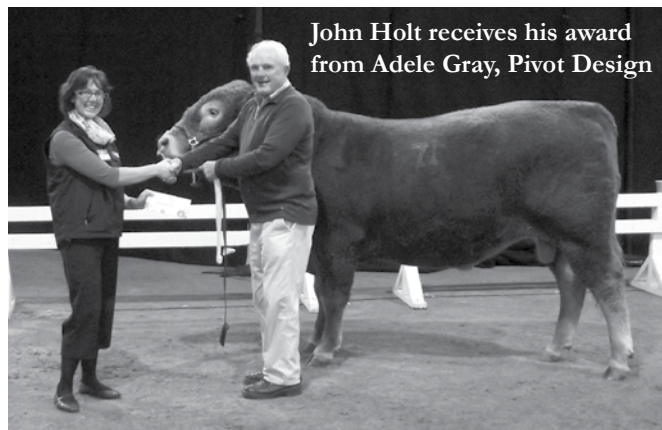


Ross Kearney receives his award from John Watson, NZX Agri

RESERVE CHAMPION

Sponsored by Pivot Design

- Woodah Lochinvar 1022.....Lot 71
John Holt, Blenheim



John Holt receives his award from Adele Gray, Pivot Design

SOUTH DEVON BEEF EXPO SALE RESULTS

- Bulls sold:** 7 (A full clearance of the bulls on offer)
- Top Price:** \$7,000 x 2 (Lots 71 & 73)
- Average:** \$4,628
- Turnover:** \$32,400

Two bulls sold for Stud transfer, with the Supreme Champion Lot 73 purchased by Brownlie's, Karamu Partnership, Wairoa and Lot 69 purchased by Gavin & Merryn Osborne, Mount Munro, Eketahuna.

CLAAS QUEEN OF HEARTS

Premier All breeds Heifer Calf Show & Sale

There were 22 entries in this section, with 2 South Devon heifers entered.



All Breeds 3rd placed Woodah S Helen 11/022 with John Holt

Lot 14 Woodah S Helen 11/022 from John Holt, Blenheim was placed 3rd in the All Breeds show section and went on to be purchased by the van Asch family, for \$1500.

Lot 6 Loch Lomond Teds Tina from Brian Thomson, Mosgiel was South Devon Top Price at \$2200, selling to Phil & Lanise Robertson, Feilding.

FUTURE BEEF NZ HOOF & HOOK 2012



This year's FBNZ Hoof and Hook event was a huge success. There was an outstanding display of talent amongst the 73 participants who traveled from as far as Papakura in the North Island and Gore in the South Island and converged at Manfeild Stadium, Feilding where the 62 steers were housed. The young cattle enthusiasts were encouraged to come along, with or without a steer of their own and learn all about preparing, handling and leading animals into the show ring. They also participated in education modules relating to the beef industry. This year the modules were Beef Identification, Allflex demonstrated tagging, recording and explained the NAIT requirements, Totally Vets feed module, Structural Assessment, Junior Stock Judging and Lloyd Smith completed a dog trialing demonstration. The participants were awarded points for each module and these points, along with Steer Handling, Junior Stock Judging, Speech and bonus points enabled Max Tweedie to be awarded the Allflex Senior Beef Ambassador and Amy Hoogenboom the Allflex Intermediate Beef Ambassador titles.

FBNZ are extremely grateful to the farmers who provide steers that the participants can use for this event. The steers are judged "On the Hoof" at the event and at the conclusion of the event are trucked to Land Meats to be slaughtered. The carcasses are then assessed so "On the Hook" placings can be obtained then the Hoof and Hook are combined to obtain "Overall" awards.

On Saturday and Sunday evenings entertainment, food and prizegiving takes place and the participants and farmers are able to mingle and enjoy each others company.

FBNZ HOOF & HOOK COMPETITION 2012 South Devon results

Heavy Weight Steer (Hoof).....	3 rd Ross Kearney
Heavy Weight Steer (Hook).....	2 nd Brian Thomson
Heavy Weight Steer (Overall).....	2 nd Ross Kearney
 4 th Brian Thomson

SHOW RESULTS

OTAGO TAIERI A & P SHOW

January - 54 animals

Judge: Bruce Robertson, Wyndham

Cow 3YO & Over.....	1 st Loch Lomond Janet
Cow 2YO & Over.....	1 st Loch Lomond GF Kirsty
Yearling Heifer.....	1 st Burtergill Zion Helen
Yearling Heifer.....	3 rd Loch Lomond Jude
Heifer Calf	1 st Loch Lomond Alice
Heifer Calf	2 nd Loch Lomond Allie
Champion Female	Loch Lomond Janet
Reserve Champion Female	Burtergill Zion Helen
Bull 3YO & Over.....	1 st Loch Lomond Ted
Yearling Bull.....	1 st Loch Lomond Sam
Yearling Bull.....	2 nd Loch Lomond Drew
Bull Calf	3 rd Loch Lomond Joss
Champion Male	Loch Lomond Ted
Reserve Champion Male	Loch Lomond Sam
Supreme Beef Animal	Loch Lomond Ted

Loch Lomond Ted went on to take the Supreme animal exhibit of the show



Brian Thomson with Loch Lomond Ted

GORE A & P

February - 60 animals

Judge: Fraser Wilson, Palmerston

Yearling Bull.....	1 st Loch Lomond Sam
Yearling Bull.....	2 nd Loch Lomond Drew
Yearling Heifer.....	1 st Burtergill Zion Helen
Heifer Calf	3 rd Loch Lomond Allie
Cow 3YO & Over.....	2 nd Loch Lomond Janet

Kane Trophy for Best Yearling Bull or Heifer:

Loch Lomond Sam

MV Dickie Trophy for Reserve Champion Male or Female:

Loch Lomond Janet

UPPER CLUTHA A & P, WANAKA

70 animals

Judge: Robert Kane, Tapanui

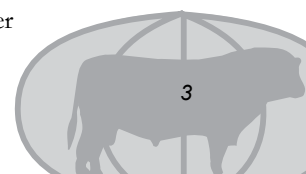
Heifer Calf	1 st Wainuka Jill
Heifer Calf	4 th Loch Lomond Allie
	19 entries
Bull 3YO & Over.....	1 st Loch Lomond Ted
Yearling Bull.....	3 rd Loch Lomond Sam
Bull & Heifer Calf	3 rd Loch Lomond
Champion Bull	Loch Lomond Ted
Supreme Beef Animal	Loch Lomond Ted

Otago/Southland Hoof & Hook Competition

June

Best of British Sired Animal

1st FG & SL McKenzie with a Purebred Heifer



SHOW SOUTHERN SUMMER SHOWS

During the Christchurch Show 15 months ago I was asked by a fellow judge, Rob Hall, if I would like to judge at the Gore Show. Of course I jumped at the chance – there's nothing like southern hospitality.

Anyway the Taieri/Otago Show was being held the prior weekend so I ventured down to get my eye in. This year the show was awarded several RAS Gold Medals.

Our worthy President, Brian Thomson, Loch Lomond Stud, entered 10 fine South Devons. He cleaned up most classes and his outstanding 5 year old bull Loch Lomond Ted won the RAS Gold Medal for the Champion Beef Animal.

Not content with that Ted went on to win the Champion animal of the show defeating dairy, sheep and horse champions – a proud moment for the Thomson's and the South Devon breed.

The following Friday I travelled south again. North Otago this year is very green whereas South Otago and Southland are dry, quite an unusual event. After a good sleep at Croydon Lodge, I woke to a wet morning – no complaints from the locals. By

9.00am rain stopped, sun was out – let the judging commence.

I was very ably assisted in the beef judging by a young lady from Gisborne, Nancy Crawshaw, an astute judge of cattle. Rob Hall, the Beef Convenor at Gore, not to be outdone by Brian Thomson, exhibited 19 cattle all Angus, although the previous year he had shown a Rooster as well. Rob, like Brian, is a character – built like an Angus bull, is a good cattle judge and also possesses a fine tenor voice.

Anyway the judging went very smoothly with South Devons, Angus, Hereford, Shorthorns, Galloways and Pinzgauer being shown in the larger breeds, and Dexters, Highland, etc in the smaller breeds.

Brian Thomson won the Overall Beef Junior Male and Female classes, and was only pipped at the post by Rob Hall's 12 year old cow in the Senior event.

It was a privilege to judge at the show, well done exhibitors especially the Thomson's and Hall's – wonderful shop windows for their breeds.

SOUTH DEVON AGM TOUR AROUND WAIRARAPA 2012

This year the South Devon Tour was travelled by mini bus with several cars following around Wairarapa. We caught the bus early on Wednesday morning after Expo, headed for Mark Eagle's Kaimoa Stud near Pahaitua. The very good line up of bulls looked in immaculate order ready for his, and Stewart and Gail Bradley's bull sale set for the following Monday. The cows too looked to have enjoyed the new pastures Mark had recently established.

Just missing a passing shower in the cool conditions, after a good morning tea we headed to Gavin and Merryn Osborne's Mt Munro Stud near Eketahuna. We saw a tidy line up of their heifers and some very useful sale bulls before lunching in their garage with BBQ, soup and beer.

Next stop was at Geoff and Barb Croker's Mikimiki farm where we braved the cold to view some of their cows with bull calves. Further on to Gladstone we had a stop to visit one of the few wheelwrights in NZ. As well as a project restoring two rail carriages, the couple build and restore wooden wheels in the old art as has been done historically.

Late afternoon we arrived at the very smart Martinborough Hotel where we had our AGM followed by drinks and a pleasant dinner.

Thursday morning started with clearing weather for our visit to Croker's Glenview Stud. With an impressive spread for morning

tea following soon after breakfast we were relaxed to wander through the yarded mobs of bulls, heifers and cows with heifer calves. The Croker's have rapidly built up a sizeable herd with capital stock cows from Alice Springs, Owairangi, Belvedere, Rosewood and Coombe Park studs. Good to see these genetics being continued and progressed in what looks to be a very good operation alongside Glenview Romney and South Suffolk studs.

Lunch was at Assisi Gardens near Gladstone, where we were treated to a walk around an impressive 12 year planting programme of natives, trees and shrubs, set high on the hills above the Wairarapa valley, with a lovely house and view to match. Our hosts providing a very good leisurely lunch in sunshine, ensured we were in a happy frame of mind for our final visit to the Vintage Aviator Museum at the Masterton Aerodrome. An impressive collection of World War I and World War II fighter Aircraft was accompanied by a very informed and interesting guide through the museum.

While some returned by car, thanks to the Osbornes, to catch a flight out of Palmerston North, the bus returned the remaining party to Feilding. Thanks must go to the organizers of a well run and enjoyable tour of Wairarapa, particularly the Crokers and Osbornes.

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