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President's Message

It is with much sadness that I write my President's Message knowing that one of the breed's stalwarts, Stewart Bradley, will not be reading it. Stewart passed away very unexpectedly in October. I would again like to extend my condolences to Gail and the family.

The weather seems to be the first thing to be discussed when you speak to a farmer at the moment and that is understandable with El Nino currently doing its worst around the country.

In my professional role I have a lot of discussions with a number of people from all walks of life and funnily enough not all of them are pleasant, this in no way bothers me. However what has bothered me lately is reoccurring conversations with several inter island stock truck drivers who have commented on the lack of docility in South Devon cattle.

The South Devon breed is world renowned for its docile nature and it is one of our major points of difference when a farmer selects a bull. Depending on which study you read temperament is a moderate to highly heritable trait and all farmers are acutely aware of the adverse effects of unruly animals on production, staff safety and animal welfare. I would expect an animal's temperament to be a major selection criterion in any members breeding programme. Let's just say I am hoping these drivers have been carting culls to slaughter or even better, have confused their breeds!

While discussing heritable traits, John Hickford and John Bates of Lincoln University are currently conducting research into polling in cattle. They have been provided blood samples from two South Devon cow herds and I anticipate the Board will be able to provide some feedback on progress later in the New Year.

In December Peter Foss retires from his position as "combined breeds representative" on the Board of Performance Beef Breeders and will be replaced by Jim Syme of Shorthorn. I would like to take this opportunity to thank Peter for his outstanding work and dedication. While he is a South Devon Breeder, in his role at PBB he worked tirelessly for the betterment of the

whole beef and seedstock industry and his personality and input will certainly be missed around the office.

I would like to congratulate members around the country for their various successes at local and national shows and events. It is encouraging to see some first time exhibitors participating and some member's children competing in Young Handler's classes. While showing is a huge commitment and expense, for at times little reward, do not underestimate the value which that exposure has in lifting your own stud and the South Devon breed profile.

Recently at the Canterbury A&P Show South Devon exhibitors were invited to provide animals for all three age groups of junior judges, all three age groups of junior handlers, which included visiting Australian handlers. We were also asked to provide stock for the Young Auctioneer Competition which gained national media attention and excellent publicity for the breed.

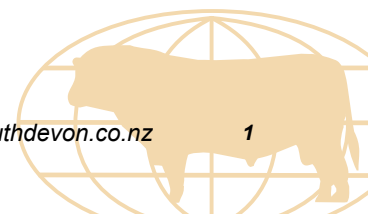
It is proposed that the 2016 AGM and Breed Dinner will be held on Monday the 16th of May 2016 in the Manawatu in conjunction with Tru-Test Beef Expo 2016. It is the Board's desire to have as many members as possible in Feilding to support the Queen of Hearts Heifer Sale and South Devon Genetic Sale on the Tuesday. This will be confirmed when the Beef Expo programme is known.

Tru-Test Beef Expo 2016 is already shaping up to be a very exciting event with a new major sponsor committing to the event. As breeders let's support this event and showcase our breed with quality entries and a strong purchaser's bench at the respective auctions.

Finally I would like to wish each of you a Merry Christmas, a Happy New Year and a safe Festive Season.

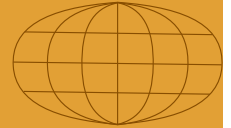
"Success is the sum of small efforts repeated day in and day out" - Robert Collier

Kind regards,
Richard van Asch



S J BRADLEY

26.05.47 – 19.10.15 Written by Peter Foss



It is with a great deal of sadness that I find myself in the unenviable position of having to write of a mate/fellow South Devon Breeder no longer with us.

Born in Hokitika Stew attended Kaihinu and Westlands High Schools before leaving just prior to his 15th birthday. Stew worked on the family farm in the Arahura Valley with a short period at the Wanaka Venison Factory.

It was while he was at home in the Arahura Valley that he met Denise whom he married in 1969. They settled on their own farm at Aratika in the same year and over the next six years, Linda, Graham and David were born. 1978 saw them shift to Kotuku and then on to Rotomanu in 1983.

It was at Rotomanu in 1983 that Stew began his foray into pedigree cattle breeding with the arrival of Nadi and Norma, two purebred Simmental heifers. For reasons unknown these two never prospered and instead Stew and Denise became members of the NZSD Society and Westhams South Devons was born. Their first registered females were six C grade cows bought from the Manatu Stud (M Todd) at Murchison, these were quickly followed by more females from Burtergill, Esk, Harlau, Ipurua, Manatu and Taheke. Their first stud sires were Burtergill Auditor Eddy and Burtergill Crusander II. Arguably the single biggest influence on the Westhams Herd was the purchase of Woodah Midas 2 from John Holt in 1988. To use Stew's words "a powerful bull who could stamp his type on any female".

Stew, family and cattle moved to Kaweka, Napier in 1990 where Stew farmed, amongst other things, Boer goats for the local Indian population. When questioned as to the purpose of intact testicle pouches pinned on the wall he replied "they only want Billy's so

how else do I sell the nannies", thankfully he wasn't a surgeon.

In 1994 Stew entered the uncomfortable world of breed politics and was a Board member through until 2002. Stew approached this aspect of his life as he did all others, a spade was a spade, he struggled to tolerate fools and he brought a refreshing air of practicality to the situation. Stew put a large amount of time into both the National Bull sale and the Bull trial.

Unfortunately Stew and Denise parted company before moving to Rangiwahia in 2000, where he set about developing another farm. An old woolshed became an auction ring and Stew enjoyed his most lucrative Bull selling period and many of us perhaps our most expensive Bull purchasing experiences, somewhat offset by Colleen's generous hospitality.

In 2007 Stew married again, Gail a primary school sweetheart, before downsizing their South Devon operation and moving back South to Geraldine in 2009 to be closer to family.

Stew placed a huge amount of importance and pride on doing things right the first time, he wasn't scared to have a go nor was he afraid of controversy as his foray in Black South Devons showed. His success in South Devons was not only evident in his bull sale results over a long period but can also be seen with his name engraved on every South Devon Trophy available and many other Show Trophies. Fortunately for South Devon's much of the fruits of that success was poured into other South Devon ventures. Stew loved developing farms and South Devon cattle and it will be the passion and energy he committed to achieving the very best which will be greatly missed.

Thank you for your contribution to the South Devon world.

"THANK YOU" FOR YOUR SYMPATHY & SUPPORT

Written by Gail Bradley



Gail, along with Lynda and Tony, Dave and Erin, Graeme and Ashlee, Dave and Jude and Tracy and the Grandchildren wish to express our sincere thanks to everyone for their support and kindness, flowers, cards, phone calls and visits given to us during the sad loss of our much loved husband, father, father-in-law and

grandies. Thank you to all who travelled such long distances to be there and to share and help in the celebration of Stewart's life. We know he would have appreciated the support you gave to his family. Please accept this as a personal acknowledgement of our heartfelt gratitude to you all.

2016 BEEF EXPO & FBNZ DATES



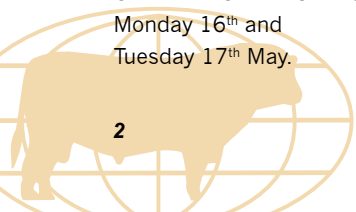
The confirmed dates for 2016 Beef Expo are:
FUTURE BEEF NZ
Friday 13th to Sunday 15th May.
OPEN DAYS AND SALES
Monday 16th and
Tuesday 17th May.



STEAK OF ORIGIN 2016 DATES



ENTRIES: NOW OPEN - entry forms available from B+LNZ website www.beeflambnz.co.nz under "Competitions & Events".
ENTRIES CLOSE:
Friday 19th February 2016
SEMI-FINALISTS ANNOUNCED: Friday 29th April 2016
GRAND FINAL: Wednesday 18th May 2016, Palmerston North.



SHOW RESULTS: CANTERBURY A&P SHOW, ROYAL A&P SHOW HAWKES BAY & MANAWATU A&P SHOW 2015



Canterbury A&P Show Results 11th - 13th November 2015

Judge: Pam Morshead, Dargaville

The show held 11th-13th November with three studs exhibiting cattle from Burtergill, Java and Loch Lomond.

Breed judging on Wednesday was held in fine sunny weather but Thursday was different with cold and wet conditions. The South Devon animals competed very well in the Interbreed and All Breeds with very pleasing results

COW WITH CALF AT FOOT

1st Burtergill Zed Maddie 1250

HEIFER WITH CALF AT FOOT

1st Burthergill Regs Snowdrop 1346

CHAMPION SOUTH DEVON SENIOR FEMALE

Burtergill Zed Maddie 1250

RESERVE CHAMPION SOUTH DEVON SENIOR FEMALE

Burtergill Regs Snowdrop 1346

HEIFER – SENIOR YEARLING

1st	Loch Lomond Sid Tess 14007	BJ Thomson
2nd	Burtergill Inquests Elsa 1423	Van Asch Family
3rd	Burtergill Inquests Sofia 1422	Van Asch Family
4th	Loch Lomond Sid Coral	S & J Eden

HEIFER JUNIOR YEARLING

1st	Burtergill Zions Florence 1443	Van Asch Family
2nd	Java Sam 141479	S & J Eden

CHAMPION YEARLING HEIFER

Loch Lomond Sid Tess 14007

RESERVE CHAMPION YEARLING HEIFER

Burtergill Zions Florence 1443

BULL 2 YEARS AND OVER

1st Burtergill Reg 1315

CHAMPION SENIOR BULL

Burtergill Reg 1315

BULL SENIOR YEARLING

1st	Loch Lomond Syd Junior 14004	BJ Thomson
2nd	Burtergill Hogwart 1409	Van Asch Family
3rd	Burtergill Harley 14013	Van Asch Family
4th	Loch Lomond Syd 14005	BJ Thomson

CHAMPION YEARLING SOUTH DEVON BULL

Loch Lomond Syd Junior 14004

RESERVE CHAMPION YEARLING SOUTH DEVON BULL

Burtergill Hogwart 1409



Grand Champion Junior South Devon
Loch Lomond Syd Junior 14004

TWO YEARLINGS ANY SEX BRED BY EXHIBITOR TO BE JUDGED AS A PAIR

1st Loch Lomond
2nd Burtergill
3rd Burtergill

GROUP BULL AND TWO FEMALES

1st Burtergill
2nd Burtergill

TWO ANIMALS BY ONE SIRE OR ONE DAM

1st Loch Lomond
2nd Burtergill
3rd Burtergill

GRAND CHAMPION JUNIOR SOUTH DEVON

Loch Lomond Syd Junior 14004

GRAND CHAMPION SENIOR SOUTH DEVON

Burtergill Reg 1315

BEEF INTERBREED

BEST JUNIOR BULL IN SHOW

2nd Loch Lomond Syd Junior 14007



Grand Champion Senior South Devon
Burtergill Reg 1315

SHOW RESULTS - CONTINUED



INTERBREED PAIR

Loch Lomond Syd Junior 14004 and
Loch Lomond Sid Tess 14007

JUNIOR MEAT & WOOL CUP

2nd Loch Lomond Syd Junior 14004

SENIOR MEAT & WOOL CUP

2nd Burtergill Reg 1315

BEEF ALL BREEDS

Judge: Johnnie Johnson, USA

BULL 2 YEARS AND OVER

1st Burtergill Reg 1315

YEARLING BULL

1st Burtergill Hogwart 1409
3rd Burtergill Harley 1413
6th Loch Lomond Syd Junior 14004

YEARLING HEIFER

2nd Burtergill Zions Florence 1443

PAIR YEARLINGS

1st Burtergill
4th Burtergill

Loch Lomond Ted broke all records at Silver Fern Farm Finegand,
Balclutha when he killed out at 808kg dressed weight.

Royal A&P Show Hawkes Bay 22nd - 23rd October 2015

YEARLING BULL SOUTH DEVON

1st Kaimoa Inquest 417
2nd Kaimoa Inquest 406

YEARLING BULL PERFORMANCE CLASS

1st Kaimoa Inquest 417
2nd Kaimoa Inquest 406

YEARLING BULLS PAIRS CLASS

1st Kaimoa Inquest 417 & Kaimoa Inquest 406

CHAMPION SOUTH DEVON BULL

Kaimoa Inquest 417

RES CHAMPION SOUTH DEVON BULL

Kaimoa Inquest 406

INTERBREEDS YEARLING BULL

3rd Kaimoa Inquest 417

ALL BREEDS YEARLING BULL

5th Kaimoa Inquest 417

Manawatu A&P Show 7th November 2015

YEARLING BULL

1st Kaimoa Inquest 417
2nd Ben Vista Jeronimo 450

CHAMPION BULL

Kaimoa Inquest 417

RES CHAMPION BULL

Ben Vista Jeronimo 450



FUTURE BEEF HOOF & HOOK EVENT 2016

13th - 15th MAY 2016

MANFEILD STADIUM, FEILDING

Open to participants 8 - 25 years of age.

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PBBNZ CHRISTMAS CLOSING HOURS

The PBB office will close at

12.00 noon on Wednesday 23rd December 2015

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