



Members

Just over 3 months has passed already since the AGM and yes I have been slow to put pen to paper. There has been a fair amount of dust that needed to settle and by and large that has happened. I accept that change is not always to everyone's liking, however from change comes opportunity and I would ask everyone to seek those positive opportunities wherever they may lie. Thank you to Caroline & your team for hosting a very interesting and enjoyable tour.

BOM

I would like to thank both Mark and Bridget for their work on the board and wish them well for the future. Very recently Brian Thompson resigned from the Board. Again, thank you Brian for your input over many years and all the best moving forward. The board has co-opted James Donaldson onto the Board and he will take over Brian's role as treasurer. Many of you will know James, he has been in this role previously, welcome back James.

Our ADLs have all returned with the exception of 2 which came with a note, thank you. Cow numbers are sitting at (664 cows and 346 2yr heifers) very similar numbers to last year.

Your Board Members are: Peter Foss (President) Richard van Asch (Vice President) James Donaldson (Treasurer) Fraser Mckenzie and Julia Eden

ABRI

I have written several letters to ABRI regarding various matters concerning our Performance Analysis. Their response will be pivotal in shaping the way forward. The overriding concern is the impact that reduced cow numbers and the subsequent reduction in data submission will have on the validity of the analysis.

2025 AGM

The 2025 AGM will be held in Canterbury. Dates to be advised.

Peter Foss

BULL SALES

This years bull sales in general saw a sticky year for all breeds, the overall trend for all breeds saw the bull sale season strengthen a little towards the tail end of the season. The Bull sale season for the South Devon started with the Loch Lomond sale on the 16th May. Two bulls sold with an average price of \$5650. Top price \$6800.

The Kaimoa bull sale was held on the 20th May with 16 bulls sold, average \$6950. Top Price \$11,500

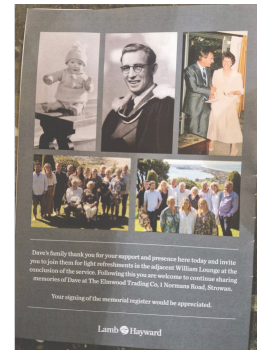
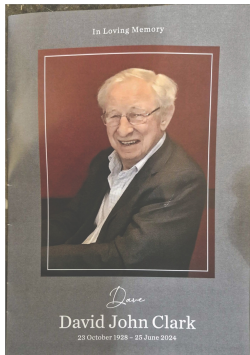
The Hauroko Valley bull sale was held on the 29th May with 1 bull from 4 being sold for \$5000

The Ipurua Bull sale was held on the 6th June saw a lot of bulls sold after the sale. Four days after the sale the result was 13 of 18 bulls sold with an average price of \$4800 The last bull sale of the 2024 season was the Burtergill sale held on the 17th June. This sale saw 100% clearance through the ring, (11 Bulls.) Average price of \$7373. Top price \$9500.

D J Clark

SD Associate Member 86, SD Board Member 89-98, Life Member 2003

Recently I had the honour of speaking at Dave's memorial service. I used the opportunity to extend the societies deepest sympathies and a huge thank you for all that Dave had done over many years for the society. Dave was a lawyer by trade, which proved to be invaluable to the society long after he retired from the board. Joan, Dave's wife and family were extremely grateful for the Societies thoughts and wishes.



David John Clark - 23rd October 1928 - 25th June 2024

Dave was born on the 23rd October 1928, the day after Labour Day that year, in a private nursing home in Hawkesbury Ave, the 4th of 5 children to Ray and Alice Clark. The family lived in Thames street then moved to Burnside Rd – now Memorial Ave - in 1938.

Dave started St Albans Primary School in 1934 aged 6, a late start as there were insufficient teachers for children to start any earlier. After shifting he changed to Fendalton Open Air School where friends and memories were forged. The natural progression to Christchurch Boys High was not on his father's agenda as his older siblings had been required to attend Papanui High School (Pap tech) and learn a trade. The deal struck with his mother's support was to attend Boys High, but follow a general course. The flow on effect was that once he attended the University of New Zealand he did not have the required background in Latin so had to suffer through this in his first years at University level! He obviously achieved scholastically at Boys High evidenced by the number of books we've found with plates in them, and this, along with the close friends he made there, had a huge impact on him, and encouraged him to give back to the school with many years service both on the Boys High old boys association and on the school board.

Dave's testimonial from Boys High stated: "Clark is a good type of boy of sound character, honest, reliable and good-mannered. His conduct has been excellent."

As he was a year older than his class mates and had matriculated, he left school at the lower 6th level and pursued a law degree.

In those days there was no family support, and no student loans, so from his memory, all except one of his fellow law students worked full time and studied at the same time. He was capped, admitted to the Supreme Court and admitted as a partner to the firm of Brassington, Gough and Clark all in 1953 at the age of 25! He finally retired as senior partner in Clark Boyce 35 years later, and relinquished his practicing certificate in 2006.

The Clark Boyce firm still bears his name and continues to work with the further generations and colleagues of Dave's clients.

At school, while perhaps not an overall, natural athlete (he didn't ever learn to swim) he did play rugby at primary school and played rep rugby at junior level until the war canceled the series. At Boys High he was Captain of the 2nd 15 and on the bench for the firsts, as well as participating in boxing. He continued at uni, picking up badminton and skiing, undertaking various adventures as war and finances allowed. Dave was first married January 1956 and had 3 children – Sally, Joyce and Ian. He remarried on his birthday in 1987 to Joan, gaining another 3 treasured children – Shelley, Lynne and Stuart.

Over his lifetime he gave long-term service to anything he was involved with. This included but is not limited to: the PTA at Northcote Primary School (where we had attended) and as earlier mentioned, Boys High played a huge part in his life over many years. He was President of the Old Boys Assn and Chairman of the Board of Governors. This led to involvement with the NZ Secondary Schools Boards Association as Chairman, and a representative on the Canterbury University Council for 13 years.

Dave was an early member of the Christchurch North Lions Club where, as far as we can remember, only one from each trade or profession was able to join. He served his time as President and Zone member, and various positions before and after.

While playing badminton he was secretary and board member of the Canterbury badminton association.

Dave must have reignited the farming genes in him! Because he had several clients and friends who had agricultural interests, he became heavily involved in the industry; ranging from chicken farms in West Melton to a lifelong interest in the South Devon Cattle Society of NZ.

Initially Dave acted as lawyer for Stewart & Denise Bradley when they were farming on the West Coast. Stewart's love of South Devons was infectious and before long Dave and Stewart had invested heavily in South Devons out of Wairoa and Gisborne. On one such trip they had an extended stay in Wairoa thanks to Cyclone Bola. Cattle soon outnumbered acres, so Dave and Joan bought a neighbouring property to the Bradley's and named it Uptown Farms after the Clarks historical farm in Kent England. Stewart farmed this property and Dave's cattle alongside his own under agreement. This partnership ended soon after the Bradleys moved to the Hawkes Bay.

Dave became an associate member in 1986, he served on the BOM from 1989-1998 and was made a life member in 2003.

Dave was a gifted and intelligent man who forged his own way from a very early age. He mentored many along their own personal journeys, had a wicked sense of humour and enjoyed the company of family and friends. Dave had a huge community spirit, especially in the Education arena, and was a successful and well-respected lawyer who enjoyed a strong gin and a good laugh.

I would like to acknowledge Sally Taylor's significant help in putting this eulogy together.

Peter Foss

Obituary of Anthony Norman Buist (Tony)

12 April 1943 - 2 August 2022

Tony was married to Margie and they had three children - Ben, Georgina and Sam.

Tony and Margie bought their South Devon's while on their honeymoon, partly spent in Devon and Cornwall - UK.

Tony was the President of the South Devon Cattle Society of NZ 1984-87. This coincided with a major International South Devon World Conference in NZ and the first joint sale of purebred cattle.

Tony had been somewhat entrepreneurial, being involved early in Angora embryo transfers. Also dabbling in kiwifruit and garlic growing on his Manaia dairy farm. He milked 300 Jersey and also milked South Devon X Jersey's. Tony and Margie also ran quite a large piggery.

The early South Devon imported semen included bulls with more emphasis on the dual-purpose qualities of the breed. Even when Tony's purebred South Devon's had gone, he continued to use South Devon cross bulls to tail up after AI to obtain bigger bobby calves.

Tony represented New Zealand at snow skiing, and it continued to be a big part of his life.

Unfortunately, Tony was unwell at the time of the 50th anniversary of the NZ South Devon Cattle Society celebration in New Plymouth and was unable to attend. On a personal level Tony and Margie have always been kind and hospitable to me. I bought one of his early bulls, Glennthorn Turndown, whose dam was Tregonhayne Tulip 6. He gave me the very last purebred cow from that family and the strain continues at Loch Lomond.

Written by Phil Hoskin

