



Welcome to the February issue of the Ayrwaves. Another successful NZ Dairy Event is complete and we now look forward to the Annual Conference in June. We look forward to welcoming members to Rotorua.

- Youth Success
- Annual Conference
- Dates to remember



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ANNUAL CONFERENCE 2016

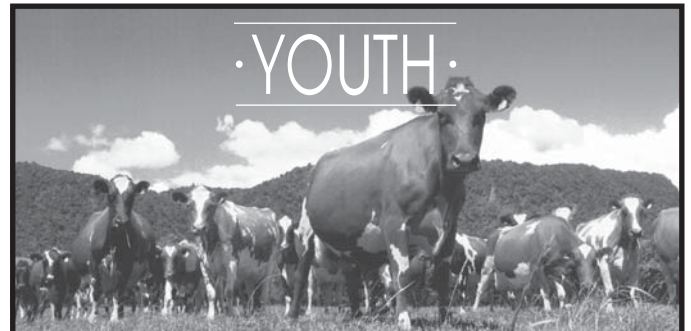
Hosted by the Bay of Plenty Ayrshire Club, the 2016 Annual Conference will be held at the Sudima Hotel, Rotorua from 7 – 10 June 2016. Full itinerary and registration forms will be included with the Autumn Bulletin and at www.ayrshire.org.nz. Save the dates now!

BOARD NOMINATIONS

Elections for the Board of Ayrshire New Zealand will take place this year in Wards 1 (Northland), 5 (Taranaki) and 7 (Nelson/West Coast). Nomination forms will be posted to members in those wards shortly, and will close on 8 April 2016 at midday. Incumbent Directors Brian Hutchings (Ward 1), Gordon Glentworth (Ward 5) and Stewart Riley (Ward 7) have all indicated that they are available for re-election.

SPECIAL AWARDS NOMINATIONS

Nominations from Clubs for all special awards close on 31 March 2016. These include the Kiteroa Trophy, Bell Booth Achiever Awards, Distinguished Member Awards and the Graeme Knight Memorial Trophy. For more information on these awards, check out the website www.ayrshire.org.nz.



NZ DAIRY EVENT

Ayrshire New Zealand youth rosettes were presented to the highest placed entry from the youth classes who also entered in the open age group classes.

ARRAN TROPHY

The Arran Trophy for the Ayrshire Young Judge competition was won by Kylee Perrett of Sentinal Ayrshires, Stratford, for the third time, with new member Pete Smit of Cambridge in second place. Kylee and Pete went on to represent Ayrshire New Zealand in the World Wide Sires All Breeds Young Judge competition, with Kylee winning this prestigious competition again for the second time. It is the third year in a row that Ayrshire NZ competitors have won the All Breeds competition. Well done to Kylee, Pete and all the competitors. Special thanks go to the Judges Alan Timbrell and Selwyn Donald, along with the exhibitors who made cows and handlers available for the competitions.

YOUTH ACHIEVER COMPETITION

Entrants in this years competition are reminded that their completed cards need to be back at the Ayrshire office by 20 May 2016 to complete requirements for the competition.

Ayrshire Seminar

For members, or employees and sons & daughters of members, aged 18 & over to learn, enjoy and mix with other young and/or new Ayrshire breeders and make contacts.

- Friday 22nd April - Tuesday 26 April 2016 Otago/Southland
- Farm visits include Bonacord Ayrshires, Glenkylie Ayrshires, Robotic Farm, and Beefalo.
- Workshops include budgeting, judging and animal health.
- A final fulfilled day of action in Queenstown.
- The Seminar also includes guest speakers, local club dinners and a visit to Richardson Truck Museum. Cost: TBC Accommodation and all other meals at your own expense.

Note full itinerary and costs available online soon

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dates to remember

march

- 1-2 TOP Training & Certification, Ohaupo
- 10 Board Nominations posted
- 31 Alltech Photo Competition entries close
Remits close
Special Award nominations close

april

- 1 Autumn Bulletin issued
- 1 Annual Conference registration form posted
- 7 Peak View Sale, Woodville
- 8 Board nominations close
- 11 Bowenlea Sale, Stratford
- 13 Taranaki Club Sale, Stratford
- 14 Board meeting, Taranaki
- 18 Lodore Sale, Kerikeri
- 19 Pa Hill Sale, Kaitaia
- 21 Fairleigh Sale, Gore
- 29 Thames Valley Club Sale, Morrinsville

may

- 6 Alltech Photo Competition members voting brochure issued
- 10 Notices of Motion close
- 20 Youth Achiever competition cards deadline
- 27 Annual Report issued

june

- 1 Alltech Photo Competition members voting closes
- 7-10 Annual Conference, Rotorua
- 7 Board meeting
- 10 Annual General Meeting

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- 75 July August calving 2-8 year olds.
- Plus 21 exceptionally well grown in calf heifers
- Half PA and Ayrshire cross, half Kiwi cross, some genuine 3 way cross.
- 450Kgs MS cow / factory
- No feed pad or in-shed system. Low cell count
- Incalf results above industry targets, no intervention
- Can be split by breed
- Also some May June calvers

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ALLTECH PHOTO COMPETITION

Entry forms for the 2016 Alltech Photo Competition are included with this newsletter, and will also be available for download on the website or online. Please note that from this year no entries will be accepted without the completed entry form.

NZ DAIRY EVENT RESULTS

The eighth New Zealand Dairy Event was held at Feilding from 27-29 January 2016. The Ayrshire Judge was Alan Timbrell, UK, with Jonathan Glentworth, Taranaki as his Associate. Junior Champion was awarded to the winning junior yearling heifer Montrose Whams Spirit ET (S. Family-Af-Ayr Double Whammy) owned by Alicia McPike of Waiuku. Reserve Junior Champion went to the Senior yearling heifer Argyll Dreamer Ruby (s. Nexys Dreamer) owned by Claire Bourke of Opunake. Winning three year old Arran Burs Cha Cha, B7-7, (s. Palmyra Tri Star Burdette) owned by the Donald Family of Featherston was awarded Intermediate Champion, and also went on to be named All Breeds Reserve Intermediate Champion. Reserve Ayrshire Intermediate Champion went to the winning two year old cow Premier Dream A Frost (s. Nexus Dreamer) owned by Premier Cattle Co Ltd, Cambridge. Arran Admiral Gracie, V8-8, the winning four year old owned by the Donald Family of Featherston and sired by Hunnington Admiral, was awarded Best Uddered Senior Ayrshire Cow, Senior In-Milk Champion and Supreme Ayrshire Champion. She also went on to win the All Breeds four year old class. Reserve Senior Ayrshire Champion went to the winning 5&6 year old Fairleigh BS Bluebell, E8-8, sired by Brookview Shotgun and owned by Kylee & Danny Perrett, Stratford. Look out for full results and pictures in the Autumn Bulletin.

SALES BRIEFS

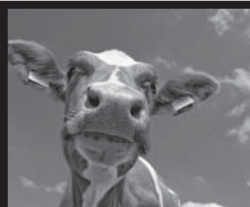
Semex Summer Sensation Sale, NZ Dairy Events, Feilding. Ayrshire results: Lot 7 Embryo package \$500 each; Lot 10 Brookview Freeby Sez \$7000; Lot 11 embryo package \$720 each

DAIRY NZ BREEDING DAY

Otorohanga 20 April 2016,
10.30 am – 1.30 pm incl BBQ lunch

Topics include:

Herd Improvement (herd testing, weighing);
choosing your AI bulls; interpreting TOP
scores; Animal Evaluation research
More info: [http://www.dairynz.co.nz/events/
sth-waikato/herd-improvement-field-day/](http://www.dairynz.co.nz/events/sth-waikato/herd-improvement-field-day/)



ACE HERD UPDATE

The Board of Ayrshire New Zealand is confident that plans are in place for a sharemilking position for the 2016/17 season. More will be reported to members via e-mail, Facebook and the website by late March once these plans are confirmed.