



Our Centennial year has all but passed. While there were several events associated with this, the highlight to me was the NZ Dairy Event where there was an excellent turnout of Ayrshires cows and the standard of cattle was equally excellent. The Association is supporting the Dairy Event again this year. I would like to see an excellent turnout of Ayrshire cattle again.

Although the season's predicted payout was doom & gloom, the increase we have received is encouraging. It will certainly make it easier, and this goes for the Ace herd as well.

With Christmas upon us, the Board, Pam and myself wish you all and your families a very Merry Christmas and prosperous New Year.

Gordon Glentworth, President

CHRISTMAS OFFICE HOURS

The Ayrshire office will be closed from midday on Wednesday 23 December and re-open on Wednesday 13 January 2010. The office will again be unattended from Tuesday 26 - Friday 29 January 2010 while Pam attends NZ Dairy Event.

BOARD MEETING

The next Board meeting will take place on Wednesday 27 January 2010 at the NZ Dairy Event. Please have any agenda items in writing to the office no later than Monday 11 January 2010.

CHANGE OF ADDRESS

Due to a restructure of the local Rural Delivery, our postal address has changed. Please note your records.



AYRSHIRE NEW ZEALAND
595 RUAKURA RD
R D 6
HAMILTON 3286

- Ayrshire Seminar
- North Island Champs
- Bulletin pricing offer

ACE Herd update

October & November have been very trying with non-stop winds every day, sucking any moisture out of the ground. The bulls have gone out with the cows on 15 Dec, there were only 15 cows which hadn't cycled at that point. No CIDR's have been used this season.

Production calculated to 31 Dec is 75,800 which is the half way point - right on budget. 127 replacement heifer calves have been DNA'd including 12 unidentified heifer calves, plus 1 bull calf. Unfortunately, 5 cows have been lost with bloat.

The summer turnips are looking good, the silage pit is full and winter balage has been made. We have had rain in the last week, pasture cover is short but the quality is good. Milburn Lime Company donated 21 tonnes of lime to the Ace Farm - a big thank you to them. Ken Eade - Ace Herd Committee



ANNUAL CONFERENCE 2010

The next Annual Conference will be held in Paihia from 8 - 11 June 2010, with the programme as follows:

Tues 8 June	Registration
Wed 9 June	Publicity Meeting Herd Visits & Sightseeing Awards Dinner
Thurs 10 June	Annual General Meeting Dine & Dance
Fri 11 June	Optional tours - a trip on the Bay in a catamaran to the Hole in the Rock or up to Kaitaia for herd visits.

Please contact Marilyn Hutchings on 09 401 9676 if you have any queries.

YOUTH

Sarah Greig of Canterbury is once again attending the Australian Youth Camp in January sponsored by Ayrshire New Zealand. Sarah will also represent the Association in the Youth Challenge at NZ Dairy Event, where we look forward to seeing her use her new skills.

Entries for the Ayrshire Young Judge Competition have been extended to Friday 15 January 2010. Please note that late entries will not be accepted on the day of the competition.



The Board and Staff of Ayrshire New Zealand wish all members a very merry Christmas and a safe and prosperous New Year

NORTH ISLAND CHAMPIONSHIPS

The Ayrshire North Island Championships were held at Stratford on 28 November 2009, judged by Brett Hayter of Australia.

North Island Champion Cow for the 2009/10 season is Brookview Lot Laguna, Ex (s. Plum Bottom Tridents Lot), a six year old cow owned by Vince & Sheridan Steiner of Tokoroa. Laguna was also named Champion of the Ayrshire NZ Centenary Show held earlier this year. Reserve Champion was named as Arran Admiral Lohnro, VHC, (s. Hunnington Admiral), a 4 year old cow owned by Selwyn Donald, Arran Ayrshires Featherston. Lohnro was also Reserve Intermediate Champion at the Ayrshire NZ Centenary Show.

Junior Champion went to Barry & Deidre Tippet of Opunake with their heifer Te Awhata Lots Cloe (s. Plum-Bottom Tridents Lot), and Reserve to Ron Baker with his heifer Larkspur DCP Joanne (s. Des Chamois Poker).

Hotly contested in the rain were the Fredrickson and Greenlane Trophies for Senior and Junior Handlers respectively. The Fredrickson Trophy was won by Kylee Fredrickson of Sentinal Ayrshires, Stratford, with Ron Baker of Larkspur Ayrshires, Inglewood in second and Claire Langlands of Argyll Ayrshires, Opunake in third. The Greenlane Trophy was won by Imogen Steiner of Brookview Ayrshires, Tokoroa with Liam Newton of Lonestar Ayrshires, Stratford in second and Tony Hess of Martz Ayrshires, Hawera in third.

BULLETIN ADVERTISING

Want to save money on advertising and still market your herd to all breeders in NZ?

Sign up to 4 confirmed Bulletin ads for a 15% discount

Advertising Prices:	Colour	Black & White
Full Page	\$393.75	\$191.25
Half Page	\$196.87	\$112.50
Quarter Page	\$84.37	\$78.75

Discounted Prices:	Colour	Black & White
Full Page	\$334.68	\$162.56
Half Page	\$167.34	\$95.62
Quarter Page	\$71.72	\$66.94

That's a saving of up to \$235 over 2 years!

Sign up before 22 January 2010 to go in the draw to win your first ad for free

Conditions apply, contact Pam Allison for more information.

Inaugural

AYRSHIRE SEMINAR

Southland, 13 - 15 April 2010

For younger members to learn, enjoy and mix with other young Ayrshire breeders and make contacts.

(Min age 18 years, no max limit on age)

Tues 13 April

Arrive in Invercargill by 2pm, travel to Glenkylie Dairy Farm for two afternoon workshops

- Animal Nutrition (Sue Macky)

- Breeding for Production

followed by BBQ dinner & drinks on farm (so dress warm)

Wed 14 April

Travel to Ace Herd, Clinton for discussion group. Travel to Tapanui for lunch and workshops

- Employment workshop (Robert Stevenson Team Work)

- Financial Workshop (National Bank)

Return to Invercargill for tenpin bowling & dinner

Thurs 15 April

This is a day to make new friends and have a good time.

We are off to Stewart Island for fishing and/or sightseeing.

Dinner on return to Invercargill.

Cost: Approx \$500 per person in shared rooms at Kelvin Hotel, Invercargill (all incl exc breakfasts & flights)

Please register by 15 February 2010 by contacting

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SALES BRIEFS

Kiteroa Ayrshires Annual Sale, 18 November 2009. 51 lots averaged \$1131 with 19 heifers av. \$1578, 24 heifer calves av. \$821 and 8 bull calves av. \$996. Top priced heifer was Kiteroa Bonny Gayle (s. Kiteroa Cream Ali ET). She was purchased for \$3400 by Kennevara Farm of Te Awamutu. Top priced heifer calf was Kiteroa Bo Pepperneed (s. Sanrosa Royal Phillip), purchased for \$1350 by Auahi Farms of Otorohanga.

Valendale Sale, 19 November 2009. 23 Yearling heifers av. \$1973, 12 heifer calves av. \$691 and 3 bull calves av. \$650. Top priced heifer was Valendale Jemnas Gild (s. Sanrosa Byron), sold for \$6000 to Kennevara Farms of Te Awamutu. Top priced heifer calf was Valendale Brodies Bird (s. Carmelglen Brody), purchased for \$1000 by Pen oak Farm Ltd of Matamata.

REMINDERS

- South Island Championships - 23 January 2010, Taieri
- Bulletin - advertising bookings close 5 Feb 2010
- Entries in the PGG Wrightson All New Zealand Photo Competition close on 26 February 2010. All entries (incl via e-mail) must be accompanied by an entry form.
- Fairleigh Sale, Monday 12 April 2010, Gore.