



Once again the NZ Dairy Event proved to be a fantastic showcase for the Ayrshire breed.

The youth in particular were to the fore in the Youth Challenge and Young Judge Competitions

NZ DAIRY EVENT

Taking place at Feilding, the NZ Dairy Event was well attended by Ayrshire exhibitors and spectators. Junior Champion was awarded to Brookview Mars Tart (s. Greenlane Marshall ET, a junior yearling heifer owned by Vince & Sheridan Steiner of Tokoroa. Reserve also went to the Steiners with an un-named calf sired by Des Chamois Poker. Intermediate Champion went to the Steiner Partnership of Tokoroa again with Brookview Hot Atalia ET, A (sire Kelcrest Harmony) for the second year running, with Michael & Jessica Vaughan at Reserve with Peak View Alfie Hetty, A, sired by Kiteroa Cream Alfie and bred by the Graham Family of Woodville.

In almost a clean sweep, the Steiner Partnership took out both Senior Champion and Reserve with Brookview Secrecy on Par, Exc (s. Woodland View Pardner ET) at Champion and last year's Champion and current North Island Ayrshire Champion Brookview Lot Laguna, Exc (s. Plum Bottom Tridents Lot) at Reserve.

Look on the website for a list of results, a full report will follow in the Autumn Bulletin.

AYRSHIRE YOUNG JUDGE COMPETITION

Held at the NZ Dairy Event, the Ayrshire Young Judge Competition for the Arran Trophy was won by Jessica Vaughan of Cambridge. Second place went to Jonathan Glentworth of Kaponga, and third to Suzanne Read of Stratford. Jessica went on to place a very creditable second in the WorldWide Sires All Breeds Young Judge Competition, with Jonathan finishing in fourth place. Congratulations to Jessica and all of the contestants.

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
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HAMILTON 3286

- Ayrshire Seminar
- Annual Conference
- Competition reminders

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 (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 **26 February 2010** by contacting

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ANNUAL CONFERENCE 2010

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

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| 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. Registration forms will be sent out with the Autumn Bulletin.

dates to remember

february

- 26 PGG Wrightson All New Zealand Photo Competition entries close

march

- 31 Remits for Annual Meeting Close
Board Nominations close

april

- 1 Autumn Bulletin issued
9 Kowhai Dispersal Sale, New Plymouth
12 Fairleigh Sale, Gore
13-15 Ayrshire Seminar, Southland
16 Courtleigh Dispersal Sale, Papakura
Nominations for Kiteroa Trophy, Bell Booth Achiever Award & Distinguished Member Awards close
Any correspondence for the May Board Meeting
19 Lodore Sale, Okaihau
20 Pa Hill Annual Sale, Kaitaia
26 Taranaki Club Sale, Stratford
29 Thames Valley Club Sale, Morrinsville

may

- 1 Entries close in Zinpro Somatic Cell Count, Alpha Nominated Scenic Photo & National Progeny Competitions. Look out for entry forms with the Autumn Bulletin
4 Board Meeting, Hamilton
10 Closing Date for Notices of Motion to the Annual General Meeting

june

- 8-11 Annual Conference & AGM

BOARD NOMINATIONS

Nominations are called for Directors in Wards 1 (Northland), 5 (Taranaki) and 7 (Nelson / West Coast). The current Directors Brian Hutchings, Gordon Glentworth and Stewart Riley are all available for re-election. Nomination forms are will be sent to members in those wards on 1 March, please ensure that any nomination on the correct form is received at the office by midday on 31 March 2010.

WORKING BEE

A working is planned for the Bull Farm in Taranaki prior to the winter to help tidy up and get ready for the new season. If you are prepared to come & help out, please contact Gordon Glentworth on 06 764 6704.

SEMAYR UPDATE

The Ayrshire Young Bull Team has been selected, pedigrees on all young bulls will be included as a supplement to the Autumn Bulletin shortly.

All members are encouraged to use at least 20 straws of Semayr Progeny Test semen annually. Registration is free for all heifers sired by Semayr Sire Proving bulls and free TOP classification is available for all 2 year old heifers as long as 20% of your 2 yr olds are sired by Semayr Progeny Test bulls.

SOUTH ISLAND CHAMPIONSHIPS

The South Island Championships were held at the Taiari Show on 23 February 2010. Champion Cow was awarded to Fairleigh White Lace, Exc, owned by Fairleigh Dairy Farms Ltd of Gore. White Lace is a 9 year old cow sired by Kellcrest Latex ET, and was also Reserve South Island Champion in the 2006/07 season. Reserve Champion also went to Fairleigh Dairy Farm Ltd with Fairleigh Romeos Satin, Exc, a 5 year old cow sired by Covey-Farms Romeo ET. Look out for a full schedule of results in the next Bulletin.

In the Greenlane Trophy for Junior Young Handlers, first was Kate Cummings of South Shire Ayrshires, Wyndham, followed by Rachael Livingstone-Green of Inglecorner Ayrshires, Te Anau in second place and Hayley Instone of Stoneleigh Ayrshires, Kaitangata in third. The Fredrickson Trophy for Senior Young Handler was won by Clint Cummings of Mayoak Ayrshires, Wyndham with Amy Livingstone-Gree, Inglecorner Ayrshires, Te Anau in second and Luke Instone of Retro Ayrshires, Kaitangata in third. Well done to all competitors.



PGG Wrightson All New Zealand
Photo Competition
Entries close 26 February 2010

ACE Herd update

Since my last report things have been ticking along nicely. The farm has received good rains lately and this has resulted in good grass growth. Pasture cover on the farm is over 2,000 kg. The cows are on summer turnips now, the crop being a very good one.

The bulls were taken out from the milking cows at the end of January. All heifers have returned from grazing. Carryover cows to be scanned 26 Feb, heifers and carryover heifers will be scanned at the start of March. Herd tested on 21 January - cows averaged 1.22 kg MS, production still ahead of last season.

Ken Eade - Convenor

