



# Ayrwaves

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## ***Welcome to the NEW LOOK Ayrwaves***

If we have your e-mail address, you will now be receiving more information via e-mail, including this newsletter. If you received this via snail-mail, but would prefer to receive more of your information electronically, please advise us of your e-mail address. Alternatively, if you don't wish to receive anything electronically please also advise us by using the 'unsubscribe' function at the bottom of the e-mail and we will revert to posting your newsletters etc.

We are also working on updating the newsletter format to include more graphics, so look out for those changes in the coming months.

## **FROM THE BOARD**

### **POSTAL BALLOT**

Results in the recent postal ballot were announced at the AGM. With a return rate of 31% of eligible members voting, the voting members were 57% in favour of the Notice of Motion. As this does not meet the requirement of a postal ballot (a two thirds majority), the Notice of Motion was not passed.

### **INDIVIDUAL COW PRODUCTION AWARDS**

The Board have rescinded their earlier decision regarding individual cows awards (see May 2016 Ayrwaves). Instead, the board will have the discretion to exclude any cow whose LW is 500 or more points above their BW in her qualifying lactation.

### **CARMELGLEN TROPHY**

The rules for the Carmelglen Trophy have been amended to "Highest Cow on Production Worth list with current lactation, and appears in the Production Register."

### **SHOWING ELIGIBILITY**

All members are reminded that to be eligible for showing at A & P Shows, cows must be registered at a minimum of S2A standard, or if under 1 year old be eligible to be registered at the same standard. All animals must also be entered under their correct registered name for all show entries.

### **ALLTECH ALL NEW ZEALAND PHOTO COMPETITION**

The Board has confirmed that within the rules of the competition, a heifer calf is any animal photographed under one year of age and a yearling is any animal photographed under two years of age. In the Herd Scene class, a herd scene will be defined as a minimum of five (5) animals. Any photo not meeting this criteria will be eligible for the Scenic Photo Competition.

### **SCENIC PHOTO COMPETITION**

The Board have decided to delete the Under 16 class of this competition due a lack of support. All entries will be entered into one class.

## FROM THE OFFICE

### STAFF

In late May, we welcomed Samantha Thornborough to the team. Samantha will primarily be responsible for registrations, TOP and Semayr administration for Ayrshire New Zealand. Samantha will also be the voice you hear on the phone, so please make her welcome.

### REGISTRATIONS

Registrations are again being processed, and Samantha's training is well underway. We are just working through a small backlog of older registrations, and all current standing orders are now underway. If you have any questions or concerns about your registrations, please contact us.

### SEMAYR CATALOGUE

All members will now have received the 2016 Semayr catalogue with pedigrees of all bulls available. This can also be viewed on the website [www.ayrshire.org.nz](http://www.ayrshire.org.nz)

## ROBERT MCINTOSH MEMORIAL TROPHY

Ayrshire New Zealand announce a new Special Award to be presented annually to encourage an exhibitor to go further and/or to continue showing animals at Local Club days and A&P shows with the following criteria:

1. First or second season of exhibiting animals – would have shown at least three A&P shows and/or Club days during that period. This person can even be a member of a family who has been exhibiting for years.
2. Competing in their local handling classes, if in the age group.
3. Has been showing for 3 to 5 years and during each show season can see the growth in preparing and presenting the animals at the A&P shows / Club Days.
4. Has been attending local club or national organized events about exhibiting animals (about choosing, preparing and exhibiting an animal) or visits other members seeking advice and knowledge on exhibiting animals.
5. Has been showing for some years and has been awarded their first Champion ribbon.
6. For exhibitor's who have been exhibiting for some time, who are stepping up in the following:
  - Attending local club and /or national Judging schools
  - Completing in the Youth Judging Competition
  - Being a committee member of an A&P show – working behind the scenes
  - In the process of becoming a Senior Judge or is a Senior Judge
  - Showing and teaching other exhibitors now to choose, prepare and exhibit animals

The winner can be any age. For members up to 16 years old, they would need to have at least 3 of the first 5 above and for members over 16 years old would need at least 4 of the 6 above.

## **2016 INAUGURAL WINNER - Robyn Gordon**

## AYRSHIRE ANNUAL CONFERENCE

The Annual Conference hosted by the Bay of Plenty Ayrshire Club and based at the Sudima Lake Hotel, Rotorua was a great success. At the Awards night the Kiteroa Trophy was presented to Kylee Perrett, Sentinel Ayrshires, Stratford and the Bell Booth Achiever Awards to Hannah Lawson, Starshine Ayrshires, Woodville and Alicia McPike, Montrose Ayrshires, Waiuku. The Graeme Knight Memorial Trophy was presented to Sue Macky, Kilfennan Ayrshires of Ohaupo and the Distinguished Members Award was presented to Diarmid Somerville, Mayo Ayrshires, Reporoa and Graham Leech, Aotearoa Ayrshires, Tirau. For more information see the website [www.ayrshire.org.nz](http://www.ayrshire.org.nz) or the upcoming Spring Bulletin.

A very successful youth auction at the conclusion of the Conference sale raised a total of \$3715 towards the Youth Fund plus \$530 for the two youth Ambassadors attending the World Conference later this year. Huge thanks to all those members who took part.

The 2017 Annual Conference will be hosted by the Canterbury Ayrshire Club, dates to be confirmed.

SALES BRIEF - GEYSERLAND CONFERENCE BAY OF PLENTY SALE 201614 lots averaged \$2530  
Top price of \$5400 was paid by Jamie Baxter for the champion cow Brookview Less Isodore, V7-8 (vender V & S Steiner).  
42 straws of semen averaged \$47.02 per straw  
4 embryos averaged \$500 each

## DATES TO REMEMBER

Advertising booking closes Spring Bulletin - **22 July 2016**

Advertising copy deadline Spring Bulletin - **29 July 2016**

Registrations for Herd Book close - **31 August 2016**

Spring Bulletin issued & Expressions of interest - Semayr & Youth - **1 September 2016**

TOP Applications close - **14 October 2016**

Semayr Board Meeting - **18 October 2016**

Ayrshire Board Meeting - **19 October 2016**

Herd Book issued - **31 October 2016**

## LATEST NEWS

### COMMITTEE POSITIONS

Expressions of Interest are called for from members who would like to be considered for the outside Directors position on the Semayr Board, or as a member of the Youth Committee. Both Semayr and the Youth Committee have two co-opted Directors, one of whom is re-elected each year. Please contact the office by 1 September to register your interest.

### WAF PHOTO COMPETITION 2015

Check out the results of the World Photo Competition via link from our website [www.ayrshire.org.nz](http://www.ayrshire.org.nz)

Congratulations to Michael & Susanah Booth, Thornton Park , Manawatu who won the 2 year in milk class with Thornton Park SPG Beretta & Selwyn Donald, Arran Trust, Featherson who won the 5 year in milk class with Arran Risto Tinker . Other NZ placegetters included - Honorable Mention - Brookview Bar Atelia, V K & S L Steiner; - Honorable Mention - Fairleigh W Peach, Fairleigh Dairy Farm Ltd & Honorable Mention - Brookview Maxi Jemini, Jamie Baxter . Well done!

### ALLTECH ALL NEW ZEALAND PHOTO COMPETITION 2016

Class 1 - Two Year Olds  
Sunshine Dream Debbie  
R J & N J Lawson

Class 2 - Three Year Olds  
Arran Burs Cha Cha  
Arran Trust

Class 3 - Four & Five Year olds  
Fairleigh BS Bluebell  
D & K Perrett

Class 4 - Six Years & Over  
Brookview Po Ladies Lot  
V K & S L Steiner

Class 5 - Herd Scene  
R M & J E Hutchings

Class 6 - Yearling Heifers

Brookview For Edda ET  
V K & S L Steiner

Class 7 - Heifer Calves  
Premier Dream Blueprint  
Premier Cattle Co Ltd

The members voting competitions were won by Michael Gilbert & Nancy Eade.

For full results see the website [www.ayrshire.org.nz](http://www.ayrshire.org.nz) or the upcoming Spring Bulletin.

### **AYRSHIRE NZ SCENIC PHOTO COMPETITION 2016**

Most creative or picturesque scenic shots of Ayrshires, Ayrshire herds, groups of daughters or any other photo promoting Ayrshire cattle in New Zealand. Rules/entry printed in the Autumn Bulletin.

Over 16 Open Division 21 entries  
Winner - Pete McFall

Under 16 Kids Division 1 entry  
Winner - Boyd Ferguson

For full results see the website [www.ayrshire.org.nz](http://www.ayrshire.org.nz) or the upcoming Spring Bulletin.

### **SHOW DATES 2016/2017**

- North Island Championships Tokoroa Show, 28 - 30 October 2016.
- South Island Championships, South Otago Show, 26 February 2017.
- The A & M Scott Memorial Shield for sire progeny will be held at the South Otago Show, 24-25 November 2016.
- NZ Dairy Event 27-29 January 2017, Feilding.
- The Autumn Show Points Shield will be held at the Kaitaia Show, 30-31 January 2017.

### **REMINDERS**

- All advertising bookings and copy for the Spring Bulletin must be received by Friday 29 July 2016.
- The Herd Book for the 2015/16 period closes on Monday 31 August 2016. If you are NOT part of the standing order or lifetime registration system, please contact the office now to get your registrations underway and into this years Herd Book.
- All cash prizes awarded annually following various awards and competitions are paid by a credit to your account with the Association. All invoices for these credits will shortly be sent to members.

### **CONTRACT MILKERS URGENTLY REQUIRED**

Contract milkers urgently required in lower Northland. 500 cow herd produced 174,000 ms 15/16 season.

Experience and good herd management and calf rearing skills are required.

Anyone with this experience will be considered. \$1.20 contract, negotiable.

Please contact Isabel McClean on 09 4312288 or email to [izziebry@xtra.co.nz](mailto:izziebry@xtra.co.nz)

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