

The season is almost over.
Not a great season for payout,
the weather hasn't really played
ball either.

BOARD ELECTIONS

Vince Steiner of Brookview Ayrshires, Tokoroa, will be the new Director for Ward 4 (Bay of Plenty), replacing Diarmid Somerville. Donald Green has been re-elected unopposed in Ward 8 (Canterbury). Congratulations to Vince and Donald, and thanks to Diarmid for his tenure on the Board.

In Ward 9 (Southland/Otago) there will be an election between the incumbent director Peter Allison, and Ross Morton of Ingleside Ayrshires, Wyndham. Voting papers have been sent to all eligible members in Ward 9. Voting in the election will close on Friday 5 June 2015.

MEMBERSHIP SUBSCRIPTIONS

All members will by now have received their membership subscriptions for the 2015/16 financial year. If you have any queries regarding this, or would like to discuss any changes to your membership, please phone Pam Goodin at the Ayrshire office.

ALLTECH PHOTO COMPETITION

Judging is currently taking place in the Alltech All New Zealand Photo Competition.



Once this is complete, the top six finalists in each class will be available for voting in the Members Voting Competition on the website www.ayrshire.org.nz. In addition this year, we will be mailing a voting booklet to all members to take part. Voting by mail and online will close on Friday 12 June, there will be NO members voting at the Annual Conference. This will allow the Photo Competition to be included in the Awards Night at Annual Conference.

Leasing Opportunities

Ace herd cows available to lease
Contact Gordon Glentworth
for further information
06 764 6704

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ACE HERD UPDATE

As at the 4th of May, production is down for the month and drying off will be very soon, particularly as we are not staying there. Production for the season will be down 15-18,000 kg MS. This reflects the sort of season that we have had this year. With the dry weather from Christmas onwards, this is where the production loss has occurred.

The herd has been scanned, with 49 empties which is about regional average as a percentage.

The 77 incalf heifers are now back from grazing and the 90 calves have gone out to grazing.

As we do not have a property for next season, the herd will be culled hard and the rest to be leased out for one year.

We are confident in having a property for the herd the following season.



SEMAYR YOUNG BULL CATALOGUE

Included with this mailout is the Semayr Young Bull Catalogue, with pedigrees of all young bulls offered via LIC Alpha Nominated. There are also some proven bulls on offer at the end of the catalogue. In addition, a further two young bulls will be available if sufficient orders are received, so if you are interested in these two bulls please contact the office promptly. All other orders are to be made via LIC Alpha Nominated or your Farm Solutions Manager.

ANNUAL CONFERENCE 2015

The Annual Conference will take place 16-20 June 2015 in Invercargill, hosted by the Southland/Otago Ayrshire Club. Registration forms were included with the Autumn Bulletin and close 15 May 2015. Don't forget that your accommodation will need to be booked directly with the Ascot Park Hotel.

WORLD AYRSHIRE PHOTO COMPETITION

Voting in the World Photo Competition is now available online at www.worldayrshirefederation.com and closes on 27 May. Get in with your vote.

dates to remember

may

- 15 Return Young Achiever Competition cards
- 18 Notices of Motion close

june

- 3 Annual Report issued
- 5 Voting closes, Ward 9 election
- 12 Members Voting closes Photo Competition
- 16-19 Annual Conference, Invercargill
- 19 Annual General Meeting

SALES BRIEFS

Taranaki Ayrshire Club Sale, 9 April, Stratford. Vendors: C Bourke, ID & RA Fredrickson, G & S & J Glentworth, Hardcase Family Trust, A & H Jane, M. Hess Martz, B & D Read, L J Symes, N & S Withers. 46 incalf heifers averaged \$1005.98. 7 yearling heifers averaged \$482.14. 4 cows averaged \$1487.50. 3 bulls averaged \$2400.00. Total sale averaged \$1046.67. Top price incalf heifers were Lots 17 and 18. Lot 17 - Southwind T.Q. Bessie sired by Southwind Tri Quartz, out of Southwind Bonibess ET VHC, bought for \$2000 by Bisley & Withers Partnership No1. Lot 18 - Southwind T.Q.T. Sequal, sired by Southwind Tri Quantomo ET, out of Southwind Chief's Sequal V6-7. Sequal was also bought for \$2000 by Bisley & Withers Partnership No 1. Top price cow was Lot 26, Sentinal Bula B7-7, sold for \$1650 to R J Baker. Bula is sired by Palmyra Tri-star Reality, out of Sentinal Bon Bon. Top price yearling heifers were Lots 67 and 70. Lot 67 - Salt Spray Burd Glowa was sold for \$550 to Steed and Dowd. She is sired by Palmyra Tri Star Burdette ET, out of Salt Spray Rubin Glow. Lot 70 - Salt Spray Thorn Lacey was also sold for \$550 to Steed & Dowd, sired by Sentinal Hot Thorn ET, out of Sentinal Una Lacey. Top price bull was Lot 30 - Southwind Rum Boy ET, selling for \$3200 to Steed & Dowd. Rum Boy is sired by Ojaniityn Rumba, out of Southwind Jules Gantas E8-9.

Lodore and Kauri Sale, 13 April, Okaihau. Total sale average \$1940. Top price animal was lot 18, Lodore Hugs Oprah at \$4800. Oprah was purchased by Pa Hill Ayrshires and is sired by Holyrood Prince Hughie, out of Waerenga Brody Oppal V8-8.

Pa Hill Ayrshires Sale, 14 April, Kaitaka. Total sale average was \$1151. The top price incalf heifer was Lot 2 which sold for \$1800. Pa Hill Hughs Jennica is sired by Holyrood Prince Hughie, out of Pa Hill K Berg Jennica V7-7.

Mooving?

If you are moving on gypsy day, please let Pam know your new address and phone number



Thames Valley Ayrshire Club Sale, 28 April, Morrinsville. Vendors: V A Arden, Fairlane Partnership, Feek and Feel Ltd, R & D Hancock, Pen oak Farms Ltd, Steiner Partnership, Thurlow Farms Ltd. 32 incalf heifers averaged \$1081.25. 22 yearling heifers, averaged \$485.91. 6 cows, averaged \$1145.83. Total sale averaged \$869.42. Top price incalf heifer was Lot 33 - Brookview Kiss Secrecy, sired by Goldwyn TC Kissinger, out of Brookview Tole Secrecy. Secrecy was bought by S & L McPike for \$2000. Top price yearling heifer was Lot 54 - Ardenvale S G Chico, sired by Sanrosa Governer, out of Cumbrae 09-2. Chico was bought by L & S Williamson Partnership for \$810. Top price cow was Lot 5 for \$1300 purchased by Tahuna Pastoral Company Ltd. Rosemoor B G Azalee is a two year old with a classification of B7-7.

HERD BOOK

The Herd Book for the 2014/15 period closes on 31 August 2015. 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.

AYRSHIRE SEMINAR

Another successful seminar was held in the Waikato in April, with 13 participants from all over New Zealand, plus a few locals who attended selected events. Look out for a full report on the Spring Bulletin. The next Seminar will take place in Southland, in April 2016.

NEED
Three Generation Pedigrees?

Help support Ayrshire New Zealand by ordering your pedigrees through the Ayrshire office. Pedigrees can usually be provided on a same day basis via e-mail or post.

\$7.50 INCL GST PER PEDIGREE

Contact Pam on 07 856 0816 or pgoodin@ayrshire.org.nz

Annual Conference 2015

The Otago-Southland Ayrshire Club is hosting the 2015 Ayrshire NZ Conference and invites all members to Invercargill from 16 - 19 June 2015

Post Conference tour to Te Anau also available

For more information please contact Alison Duffy
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Full Itinerary and registration forms posted early April, also available online. Registrations close 15 May