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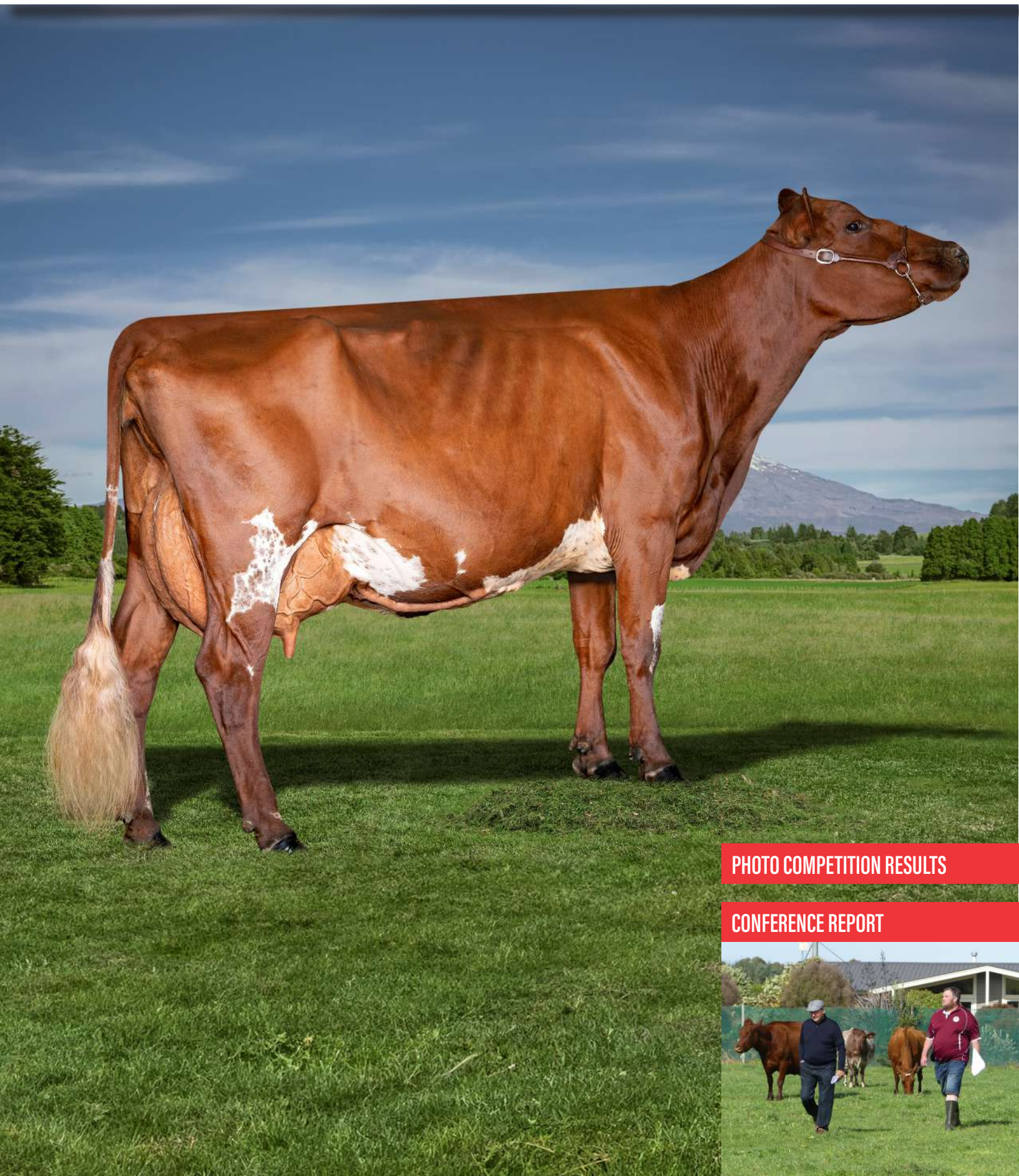


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TOP SHELF ROYAL **LASER**

0200MS00130 ROYALTY x RR ZEUS x IDEAL



AVAILABLE SEXED!

Laser is an attractive sire that combines breed-leading type and production while offering a unique sire stack, making him an attractive outcross option. His dam, Trilow Zeus Lala, demonstrates tremendous production with more than 4100 kg of combined Fat and Protein over 6 lactations. Lala reigned Unanimous All-American and Reserve Grand Champion, World Dairy Expo 2019.



Dam: TRILOW ZEUS LALA EX-94-3E-USA

KUSZMAR MERCURY **STARGAZER**

0200MS00129 REMINGTON x MUDSLINGER x MEGADETH



AVAILABLE SEXED!

Stargazer is an exciting full herdbook A2A2 sire from the award winning Kuszmar herd. His dam was an HM All-American Aged Cow and has produced more than 70,000 kg in six lactations. His sire, Remington, is an Innisfail Red Robin son from the O My cow family, and has an EX-94 daughter at the Kuszmar herd. Stargazer is tested free of all recessives.



Dam: KUSZMAR MERCURY EX-93-4E-USA


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Northbrook Wok of Northbrook Milking Shorthorns
Grand champion of the Combined Breeds, Senior Champion
and Best Udder at NZDE 2024 as well as Ken & Baker Supreme
Champion Milking Shorthorn Cow

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FROM THE PRESIDENT



David Wood - President

This year is the 46th edition of the New Zealand Milking Shorthorn Association magazine. I would like to thank you for your support of the magazine over the years because without your support of writing articles and purchasing advertising space there would be no magazine. I've said it before but believe it is important to say again, the magazine is a brilliant handout to give to anyone whether that is the visitor to a stand at one

of the many events we hold during the year, to a young potential breeder or to an overseas breeder who is visiting our shores and I encourage you to do this throughout the coming year.

Writing this piece for the magazine I normally reflect on some of the activities throughout the previous year. Over the last year at our Annual Conference, we thanked David Murphy for his service as our patron and welcomed to the role Ian Dibble. Many of you know Ian and his commitment to the breed which has spanned many years. So, it was with heavy hearts that we heard of Ian's passing a short time ago. To Robyn and the family

we would like to say thank you for sharing your husband, father, grandfather and brother with our association. We are all the richer for his knowledge, wisdom and passion.

Thank you to the Christchurch Branch for organising the conference in Canterbury. We now look ahead to the Waikato hosting for the next one.

A couple of firsts for our association this year include the first ever Shorthorn team in the NZDE Youth Challenge and the introduction of the Clow/Murphy Award for our young breeders who show their animals at local school events, A & P shows as well as NZ Dairy Event.

Through the magazine you will read about the many events that our members have been involved in either nationally or regionally. Happy reading!

On your behalf, I'd like to thank Pam, Sean, and the team for putting this one together.

Finally, I would like to take this opportunity to wish you all well over the coming season and look forward to catching up in person soon.

David Wood | President

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FROM THE EXECUTIVE SECRETARY

This 46th issue of the New Zealand Milking Shorthorn magazine also marks my 11th as Executive Secretary for the Association, taking on this role in 2014. The years since then have seen numerous changes for the Association – a website, social media pages, bulk email facilities and several new or re-vamped competitions.

Member support of services and competitions continues to be strong, with the Photo Competitions in particular continuing to increase in entries since becoming office-led during covid.

Support has always been strong too for the magazine with members regularly supplying articles for inclusion. One of the most prominent for doing so was Ian Dibble, and we will miss his regular thought-provoking articles and tales from his overseas trips. A special thank you to Nacre Maiden for the article she has written following her father's passing so recently.

In this issue once again we welcome articles from several members, with a real focus on youth members. We celebrate the first year of the Clow & Murphy Youth Points Competition with the inaugural winners and read about Rob Kite's (Cotonhall, UK) NZ trip. Hot off the press are the production results & awards from the 2023/24 season, and we share show season and competition results.

As always, the Annual Conference is a highlight of the Milking Shorthorn calendar, and 2024 was no exception. Held in Canterbury, we are delighted to share activities and photos from the event. Special mention to Paul Penberthy who was awarded an Honorary Life Membership, as he was not able to attend Conference this was presented locally.

The TOP season is fast approaching, and the herds will be finalised by the time this issue hits your mailbox. Once again, Ayrshire New Zealand inspectors will be coming up your driveway to undertake inspections.

Finally, I encourage all members to make use of the FREE Associate memberships on offer. Along with the magazine, this is a great way to get an introduction to the breed and Association. Make sure that you contact the office for more information if you have somebody in mind.

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Pam Goodin - Executive Secretary

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RED BREED GENETICS - 2024 REPORT

Logan Kelly - RBG Convenor

We have on offer two bulls again this season. The first is Burness Vimo Pace, this bull is a rising two-year-old because last year we decided he wasn't old enough to produce semen. His dam is Burness F Pace by VR Fonseca one of the better bulls in my opinion to come into New Zealand, so there is a good blend of Viking genetics in this bull.

The other bull is Brecon Baltimore P. He is out of a Durango dam, they looked like one of the best type cows in the Brecon herd during the conference visit.

We have tried to put processes in place to streamline the selection policy, we were having issues with the 3GPs all being ordered at different times and with the new animal evaluation runs they were out of date. So from now on, we are ordering all the 3GPs on the same day so it's a fair comparison. The team will have a few days for their opinions and then the three bulls will be sent to Semex.

The two bulls receiving new proofs this season are both dead so when the semen is gone that will be it. We tried to negotiate with Semex to collect more semen when the bulls are first collected but it didn't happen.

I'd like to thank Semex for the six bull spread in the 2024 catalogue and to the people who put the effort in to supply quality photos, it does make a difference.

I would also like to thank my RBG team and Semex.

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Bull Calf Nominations

If you have a Milking Shorthorn bull calf hitting the ground this season that you would like the Red Breed Genetics Committee to consider, please email the birth ID to Logan Kelly logankelly@hotmail.com by 25 November 2024.

BELLEVIEW

MILKING SHORTHORNS



The Treder Family in their 110th year of Milking Shorthorns



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PRODUCTION AWARDS 2023/24

Association Cup

Highest cow by Milksolids

Burness Partnership - Swamp Rd - Burness Emp Ruby S0S
8722 litres milk, 396 kg fat, 307 kg protein (703 kg milksolids) in 291 days at 12 years

Barwell Trophy

Highest Cow by Milksolids 9 years & over

Burness Partnership - Swamp Rd - Burness Emp Ruby S0S
8722 litres milk, 396 kg fat, 307 kg protein (703 kg milksolids) in 291 days at 12 years

Penberthy Willowdale Award

Highest Cow by Litres of Milk

Rushbrook Farm Ltd - Te Kiripi Bow Queen S1S
8737 litres milk in 302 days at 7 years

Gillett Trophy

Highest producing two year old by fat by a NZ bull.

Burness Partnership - Swamp Rd - Brecon Freddy Hopes S1S
6055 litres milk, 266 kg fat, 218 kg protein (484 kg milksolids) in 303 days | Sire Brecon Freddy S1S

Totara Park Trophy

Highest producing two year old by protein by a NZ bull

Burness Partnership - Swamp Rd - Brecon Freddy Hopes S1S
6055 litres milk, 266 kg fat, 218 kg protein (484 kg milksolids) in 303 days | Sire Brecon Freddy S1S

Mahora Challenge Cup

Highest Herd Average 10-100 cows.

Burness Partnership - Swamp Rd
32 pedigree cows av. 7009 litres, 311 kg fat, 269 kg protein (580 kg milksolids) in 286 days

Kaiwharehau Trophy

Highest herd average 101 cows & over.

Rushbrook Farm Ltd
641 pedigree cows av. 5209 litres milk, 235 kg fat, 197 kg protein (432 kg milksolids) in 285 days

Webster Trophy

For herd with the highest increase over previous season, minimum 10 cows

K Wood
46 kg milksolids increase

Merit Awards

For Exc and VHC cows who have produced 500-630 kg milksolids in not more than 305 days

New Luce 14-185 S0S, 86 - Burness Partnership - Swamp Rd
614 kg milksolids in 289 days

Burness Oli Grace S1S, 86 - Burness Partnership - Swamp Rd
606 kg milksolids in 286 days

Te Kiripi Len Nat S1S, 85 - Burness Partnership - Swamp Rd
603 kg milksolids in 265 days

Burness ATT Faith S0S, 85 - Burness Partnership - Swamp Rd
592 kg milksolids in 291 days

Burness Snowflakes S1S, 85 - Burness Partnership - Swamp Rd
592 kg milksolids in 242 days

Burness EG Sprite S1S, Ex - Burness Partnership - Swamp Rd
589 kg milksolids in 278 days

Burness DW Pearl S1S, 86 - Burness Partnership - Swamp Rd
581 kg milksolids in 288 days

Burness EG Willa S0S, E - Burness Partnership - Swamp Rd
577 kg milksolids in 291 days

Te Kiripi Ned Beaut P S1S, 86 - Burness Partnership - Swamp Rd
575 kg milksolids in 279 days

Burness Hunt Ruby S1S, Ex - Burness Partnership - Swamp Rd
571 kg milksolids in 299 days

Te Kiripi Saur Rose P S0S, 86 - Burness Partnership - Swamp Rd
568 kg milksolids in 271 days

Te Kiripi H Brenda P S1S, 86 - Burness Partnership - Swamp Rd
546 kg milksolids in 291 days

Burness DW Tess S1S, 87 - Burness Partnership - Swamp Rd
534 kg milksolids in 298 days

Burness Jaz Stella S1S, 86 - Burness Partnership - Swamp Rd
531 kg milksolids in 303 days

Kowhai Hallie S0S, 86 - Karl Wood
508 kg milksolids in 268 days

The River MVP Amerigo S0S, 87 - Lieuwes Abbott Ltd
576 kg milksolids in 276 days

The River Agred Empress S0S, 87 - Lieuwes Abbott Ltd
533 kg milksolids in 271 days

The River 20-16 S0S, 85 - Lieuwes Abbott Ltd
507 kg milksolids in 274 days

Grosvenor Jedi Natie S1S, 86 - Paul & Isabel Murphy
523 kg milksolids in 257 days

Brecon Monty Jinny S1S, Ex - Red Cow Farms Ltd
552 kg milksolids in 271 days

Brecon Monty Westonia S1S, Ex - Red Cow Farms Ltd
520 kg milksolids in 277 days

Brecon PO Nellie P S1S, Ex - Red Cow Farms Ltd
520 kg milksolids in 282 days

Brecon Monty Nelly S1S, Ex - Red Cow Farms Ltd

512 kg milksolids in 265 days

Brecon Tana Pandora S1S, Ex - Red Cow Farms Ltd

510 kg milksolids in 270 days

Brecon Wai Snowfreeze S0S, E - Red Cow Farms Ltd

501 kg milksolids in 282 days

Lowburn Zumba Linda S1S, 85 - S & T Simmons

622 kg milksolids in 270 days

Richwood Lucky S1S, 85 - S & T Simmons

619 kg milksolids in 282 days

Lowburn Jedi Rose-Ann S1S, Ex - S & T Simmons

570 kg milksolids in 239 days

Lowburn Darcy Trudy S0S, 87 - S & T Simmons

556 kg milksolids in 285 days

Northbrook VF Jacks, 87 - S & T Simmons

540 kg milksolids in 249 days

Lowburn Jedi Lucky S1S, 85 - S & T Simmons

532 kg milksolids in 301 days

Roslyn Gil Trudy, 86 - S & T Simmons

522 kg milksolids in 263 days

Glenmoor Bumble Bee S1S, 86 - S & T Simmons

517 kg milksolids in 289 days

Lowburn Sup Sprinkles S1S, 85 - S & T Simmons

515 kg milksolids in 285 days

Lowburn Jedi Linda S1S, 85 - S & T Simmons

509 kg milksolids in 279 days

Elite Awards

For Exc and VHC cows who have produced more than 630 kg milksolids in not more than 305 days

Burness Hilly Pearl S0S, 87 - Burness Partnership - Swamp Rd

717 kg milksolids in 296 days

Burness Emp Ruby S0S, 86 - Burness Partnership - Swamp Rd

703 kg milksolids in 291 days

Burness ATT Molly S0S, 88 - Burness Partnership - Swamp Rd

701 kg milksolids in 295 days

Burness 15-7 S0S, 88 - Burness Partnership - Swamp Rd

671 kg milksolids in 288 days

Burness Fos Mel S1S, 86 - Burness Partnership - Swamp Rd

653 kg milksolids in 293 days

Brecon Fonz Spiral S0S, EX - Red Cow Farms Ltd

659 kg milksolids in 288 days

Grosvenor Eng Sue S1S, 87 - S & T Simmons

645 kg milksolids in 280 days

Lowburn Jedi Rose S1S, 89 - S & T Simmons

630 kg milksolids in 295 days

HOW ARE THE PRODUCTION STATISTICS CALCULATED?

Production information is now sourced via BreedIT, the Breed Society platform. BreedIT is sourcing all data for this reporting from DIGAD (Dairy Industry Good Animal Database). While DairyNZ sources all raw data from the herd testing companies, they then apply the ICAR Cattle Milk Recording guidelines <https://www.icar.org/index.php/icar-recording-guidelines/>. This means that the calculated lactation records including DIM (and therefore herd averages and indexes) will look different to what members are seeing on their MINDA records. While the reported data does not match members MINDA records, as the data is calculated in a consistent manner rankings of animals and herds are not affected. Mid-season cow sales may render herd numbers inaccurate in some cases.

Herd and animal data is calculated on animals that calved in 2023 (between 1 January and 31 December) with a minimum of 4 herd tests within 305 days after the start of the lactation.

As an internal control, NZ Milking Shorthorn individual animal data is also limited according to the NZ Milking Shorthorn Assn By-Laws as follows

- Pedigree and S1S animals are eligible for Production Awards
- All registered animals born prior to 2015 are eligible for Production Awards until the 2023/24 production season, after which the S1S & over rule will be applied. All animals born 2015 onwards are only eligible for Production Awards from S1S status and over.
 - o This applies to individual cow awards only, not herd awards.
 - o There will be no change to the production listings in the magazine, or Merit & Elite Merit awards

A herd must have a minimum of 10 registered Milking Shorthorns. Herd average data includes all registered Milking Shorthorns, regardless of registration status. Only data on registered animals is available, therefore herd awards are calculated on registered animals by breed.

Disclaimer: NZ Milking Shorthorn is reliant on information received via BreedIT from DIGAD. While very effort is made to ensure the data is correct, NZ Milking Shorthorn accepts no responsibility for any incorrect information printed.

Top 20 Registered Cows by Fat – 2023/24 season

Name	Owner	Age	DIM	Milk L	Fat	Prot	MS
BURNESS EMP RUBY S0S	Burness Partnership - Swamp Rd	12	291	8722	396	307	703
BURNESS HILLY PEARL S0S	Burness Partnership - Swamp Rd	7	296	9094	384	333	717
TE KIRIPI TC VIOLET S1S	Rushbrook Farm Ltd	4	297	7131	380	282	662
LOWBURN JEDI ROSE S1S	S & T Simmons	5	295	8014	377	253	630
BRECON FONZ SPIRAL S0S	Red Cow Farms Ltd	6	288	7545	375	284	659
BURNESS LUCKY S0S	Hughes & Crowley Company Ltd No 1	5	277	7789	374	286	660
TE KIRIPI SG CREE S0S	Rushbrook Farm Ltd	5	305	7133	371	284	655
TE KIRIPI MURGO HAP S0S	Rushbrook Farm Ltd	7	305	8064	370	310	680
TE KIRIPI LEN SPRITE S1S	Rushbrook Farm Ltd	5	303	6615	370	259	629
SNOWLINE 16-79 S0S	Brimar Trust	7	282	8244	368	292	660
BRECON FONS HELEN S0S	Red Cow Farms Ltd	6	288	7235	368	289	657
RICHWOOD LUCKY S1S	S & T Simmons	5	282	6574	368	251	619
BURNESS ATT MOLLY S0S	Burness Partnership - Swamp Rd	5	295	8755	362	339	701
TE KIRIPI OLLY ASCOT S0S	Rushbrook Farm Ltd	4	305	7693	362	289	651
NORTHBROOK A HONEYBEE S1S		5	277	8207	360	280	640
TE KIRIPI MURGO HET S0S	Rushbrook Farm Ltd	7	305	8146	357	281	638
TE KIRIPI BOW REDE P S1S	Rushbrook Farm Ltd	5	284	6392	357	250	607
LOWBURN ZUMBA LINDA S1S	S & T Simmons	6	270	6776	355	267	622
TE KIRIPI BRIAN GOLDI S1S	Rushbrook Farm Ltd	8	305	7797	353	299	652
GROSVENOR ENG SUE S1S	S & T Simmons	5	280	7837	352	293	645

Top 20 Registered Cows by Protein – 2023/24 Season

Name	Owner	Age	DIM	Milk L	Fat	Prot	MS
BURNESS ATT MOLLY S0S	Burness Partnership - Swamp Rd	5	295	8755	362	339	701
BURNESS HILLY PEARL S0S	Burness Partnership - Swamp Rd	7	296	9094	384	333	717
BURNESS 15-7 S0S	Burness Partnership - Swamp Rd	8	288	8637	344	327	671
BURNESS HILL STELLA S0S	Burness Partnership - Swamp Rd	7	285	8470	341	325	666
TE KIRIPI MURGO HAP S0S	Rushbrook Farm Ltd	7	305	8064	370	310	680
BURNESS EMP RUBY S0S	Burness Partnership - Swamp Rd	12	291	8722	396	307	703
NEW LUCE 12-26 S0S	Burness Partnership - Swamp Rd	11	303	8026	325	306	631
BURNESS FOS MEL S1S	Burness Partnership - Swamp Rd	6	293	8120	348	305	653
BURNESS ALAN MOLLY S1S	Burness Partnership - Swamp Rd	8	291	7794	284	305	589
TE KIRIPI BRIAN AGGIS S0S	Rushbrook Farm Ltd	8	305	7864	295	304	599
TE KIRIPI FAB VIOLE P S0S	Rushbrook Farm Ltd	6	305	8674	322	302	624
TE KIRIPI SKIT TOR P S0S	Rushbrook Farm Ltd	5	305	9003	300	301	601
TE KIRIPI BRIAN GOLDI S1S	Rushbrook Farm Ltd	8	305	7797	353	299	652
NEW LUCE 14-185 S0S	Burness Partnership - Swamp Rd	9	289	7951	315	299	614
BRECON MEDAL 235 S0S	Red Cow Farms Ltd	7	278	7680	325	297	622
GROSVENOR ENG SUE S1S	S & T Simmons	5	280	7837	352	293	645
EDENMORE HEN SNOW P S0S	J M & K L Sneddon Partnership	4	305	7886	350	293	643
SNOWLINE 16-79 S0S	Brimar Trust	7	282	8244	368	292	660
TE KIRIPI NED GOLD P S1S	Rushbrook Farm Ltd	5	299	8065	293	291	584
BRECON FONS HELEN S0S	Red Cow Farms Ltd	6	288	7235	368	289	657



Production Records by Age Group – 2023/24 season

Name	Ident	Sire	Owner	DIM	Milk L	Fat	Prot	MS
Two Year Olds								
LOWBURN JEDI LUCKY S1S	DRVL-21-13	516542	S & T Simmons	301	6134	297	235	532
TE KIRIPI-TRINO-JEN S0S	BQKC-21-39	520541	Rushbrook Farm Ltd	305	5761	287	237	524
BURNESS 21-74 S0S	DYLO-21-74	520561	Burness Partnership - Swamp Rd	289	5232	295	222	517
Three Year Olds								
TE KIRIPI COM FRANO P S0S	BQKC-20-126	118911	Rushbrook Farm Ltd	305	6938	309	274	583
TE KIRIPI TANG LANEL P	BQKC-20-36	514567	Rushbrook Farm Ltd	296	7514	306	266	572
TE KIRIPI TANG HAN P	BQKC-20-38	514567	Rushbrook Farm Ltd	305	6737	300	268	568
Four Year Olds								
TE KIRIPI TC VIOLET S1S	BQKC-19-21	514564	Rushbrook Farm Ltd	297	7131	380	282	662
TE KIRIPI OLLY ASCOT S0S	BQKC-19-98	507601	Rushbrook Farm Ltd	305	7693	362	289	651
EDENMORE HEN SNOW P S0S	DGRR-19-445	518557	J M & K L Sneddon Partnership	305	7886	350	293	643
Five Year Olds								
BURNESS ATT MOLLY S0S	DYLO-18-51	115949	Burness Partnership - Swamp Rd	295	8755	362	339	701
BURNESS LUCKY S0S	DYLO-18-2	CDQG-16-95	Hughes & Crowley Company Ltd No 1	277	7789	374	286	660
TE KIRIPI SG CREE S0S	BQKC-18-99	BQKC-15-180	Rushbrook Farm Ltd	305	7133	371	284	655
Six Year Olds								
BRECON FONZ SPIRAL S0S	KYRH-17-123	516688	Red Cow Farms Ltd	288	7545	375	284	659
BRECON FONS HELEN S0S	KYRH-17-38	516688	Red Cow Farms Ltd	288	7235	368	289	657
BURNESS FOS MEL S1S	JYPM-17-50	511666	Burness Partnership - Swamp Rd	293	8120	348	305	653
Seven Year Olds								
BURNESS HILLY PEARL S0S	JYPM-16-5	515562	Burness Partnership - Swamp Rd	296	9094	384	333	717
TE KIRIPI MURGO HAP S0S	BQKC-16-136	BQKC-13-178	Rushbrook Farm Ltd	305	8064	370	310	680
BURNESS HILL STELLA S0S	JYPM-16-40	515562	Burness Partnership - Swamp Rd	285	8470	341	325	666
Eight Year Olds								
BURNESS 15-7 S0S	JYPM-15-7	JYPM-13-99	Burness Partnership - Swamp Rd	288	8637	344	327	671
TE KIRIPI BRIAN GOLDI S1S	BQKC-15-90	513561	Rushbrook Farm Ltd	305	7797	353	299	652
TE KIRIPI MURGO SONG S0S	BQKC-15-202	BQKC-12-126	Rushbrook Farm Ltd	284	6500	345	258	603
Nine Year Olds								
BRECON MAHE HOPE S0S	KYRH-14-126	513555		284	6788	350	265	615
NEW LUCE 14-185 S0S	JYPM-14-185	513563	Burness Partnership - Swamp Rd	289	7951	315	299	614
GROSVENOR GIL SHAN S0S	JCCH-14-28	513579		279	6315	348	260	608
Ten Year Olds								
BURNESS 13-1 S0S	JYPM-13-1	503604	Burness Partnership - Swamp Rd	291	6219	345	248	593
BRECON JAM GOLDIE S0S	KYRH-13-119	510576	Red Cow Farms Ltd	288	6664	293	258	551
TK TUP ASTRA P S0S	BQKC-13-288	513560	Rushbrook Farm Ltd	296	6879	273	261	534
Eleven Years & Older								
BURNESS EMP RUBY S0S	DYLO-11-22	507569	Burness Partnership - Swamp Rd	291	8722	396	307	703
NEW LUCE 12-26 S0S	KYRH-12-26	KYRH-08-100	Burness Partnership - Swamp Rd	303	8026	325	306	631
TE KIRIPI WHO BUN S0S	BQKC-11-295		Rushbrook Farm Ltd	305	7376	273	250	523

Dairy Event 2023

Written by Bronwyn Brown

Wow what an opportunity to go up to NZ Dairy Event 2023 to be associate judge for the Combined Breeds at Manfeild in Feilding. I had the honour of standing alongside Ben Govett of Tandara Genetics from Northern Victoria Australia.

Two days before heading up I had a wee accident at Winton A & P show and broke two bones in my wrist. This did not stop me from attending the NZ Dairy Event, I was going to do this even with extra pain killers. I was accompanied by two amazing travel companions Teena Simmons and Debbie Mercer who kept me comfortable.

My few days were amazing, spent time talking to other breeders you don't see often. Ben was great for my confidence in judging. I have come away with many pointers to help further my career in judging. Greatest opportunity was being able to judge North Island Milking Shorthorn cow for 2023.

I would like to thank the Milking Shorthorn Board and NZ Dairy Event for the opportunity.



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ROB, KATE, LILLY & ROSE KITE

Rob Kite's NZ Tour

Article by Rob Kite

An opportunity to fit in a visit to New Zealand came up after judging at two shows in Australia. The shows were three weeks apart so in the interim period Russell Tocker planned a busy itinerary for me over the available six days I had! This was an excellent opportunity to see the NZ cattle for myself having already been impressed by the NZ Dairy Shorthorn from reading online and in the journals.

STgenetics had also just started to market this year three of our own homebred sires. Cotonhall Rumble, Spartan and Solomon being selected to purchase from Shorthorn Sires UK.

After a delayed flight from Melbourne to Auckland I arrived late at night to the Kaihere herd of Ian Dibble where I stayed for the next two nights.



Kaihere Herd

The first morning was an early start to view the Kaihere herd where I was able to see daughters of Kaihere Goldmine and K Rugby ET, these daughters being the most impressive along with a nice Treeton Scarlet Zumba milking heifer. In the youngstock, the Circle B Lucky Strike daughters stood out with a few Kaihere Protector's also featured.



Peter May's Herd

We then moved on to the herd of Peter May. Northbrook Duncan and Brecon Durango had worked very well here in a herd of over 300 head milking. An all-round productive farm with milky cows, good facilities, and track infrastructure.

After lunch, we visited the Alexander Organics herd. Here it was great to see the longevity of the breed on this low-cost, low-input system, with cattle looking in great condition. A testament to the breed for sure and it was great chatting to Jesiah.

The last herd to see that day was the newly established herd of Vat Fullers of Noah Dibble with a couple of Glencliffe Jedi daughters looking good in the pasture having competed on the show circuit this last summer. Noah selected several cattle from Ian Dibble's Kaihere herd to help get established with the milking herd. Kaihere Perfume and Pleasant were two incredibly good individuals and look promising brood cows.



Angelo Daughter at Oliver Woods

The next day was a morning visit to see the Kiteroa Ayrshire herd of Zane Kite. A herd with high type and longevity with enormous success using homebred sires.

Our next destination was to the Taranaki area, it was great to spend a couple of days with Ian who was a truly knowledgeable person. Ian and Robyn then handed me on to the Oliver Woods herd with Ross and Joanne Soffe for an evening stop over. The next day I had the chance to see the stock with Gorbo Jazzy daughters standing out in the in-calf heifer group. Bekay Blitz Angelo and Glencliffe Jedi worked well in the milking herd along with Oliver Woods Carbo P that I saw several daughters of in herds I visited over the next few days.

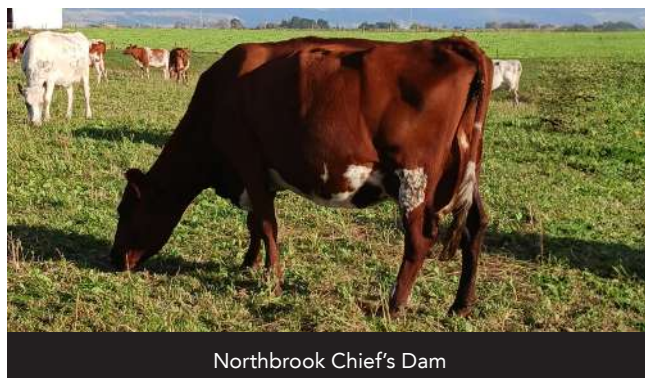


Tiakitahuna Herd

A quick stop with Daniel Simons to see his herd with a Gorbo Jazzy that had a super udder being the pick. Daniel then took me up Mount Taranaki to see the amazing views.

Ross then drove me down to Palmerston North to meet up with Russell Tocker. After seeing some of his Tiakitahuna herd while in for afternoon milking we then toured the farm viewing the young stock that looked in very good condition.

A chance to then see the Northbrook cows of David Woods and family with daughters from Oceanbrae Foster and Bentley doing an excellent job displaying nice type but the favourites here were the recent bull mothers to Northbrook Delta and Chief. Both cows very impressive for their age and the type I like.



Northbrook Chief's Dam

Late evening I stayed over with Alan and Sue Moore of Waiwera Shorthorns with a lovely view from their home.

The next morning included a chance to see the Belleview herd of Mike and Jason Treder that milk once a day with the EX scored Carbo P daughter along with Northbrook Plato heifers impressing here. After viewing the herd, we then went to the highest point of the farm and saw more fantastic views.



Belleview Scenery

We went on to see the Waiwera herd after the morning feed on the feed pad with a mid morning milking in progress with a few farms now dropping to the 16 hour system of three milking in two days to gradually switch them off for next years calving season.

Here the Northbrook Duncan, Elmo and Arlo daughters shown in numbers along with a Treeton Pingerley senior cow showing very good type.

After a quick lunch at the local pub, I caught a flight down to Christchurch to meet with Margaret Bailey. Margaret took me to their Elmgrove stud where Margaret and her husband Chris farm.



Elmgrove Herd

After morning milking, the feed was put outside in the paddock for the milking herd so I could have a look at them. Here I saw great framed cows and great udder texture on many individuals. Glencliffe Jedi daughters were again very uniform. Westell Carbo Arlo daughters in first lactation looked great cow makers. Chris and Margaret then took me to the Smiths' family stud of Eyretonlea Milking Shorthorns.

At Eyretonlea, St Andrews Alliance daughters were very milky with tall dairy front ends. Brecon White Knight daughters were very balanced along with Eyretonlea Ted Shrek daughters that were making good mature cows.



Eyretonlea Herd



Brecon Herd

Mark McDonald met us at Eyretonlea ahead of an hour drive to his home of the Brecon herd at Methven in Canterbury. Here I stayed for the next two nights.

It was a great sight to see the next morning with 500 milk cows outside in the pasture. A super uniformed herd with incredibly good udder attachments and udder texture, with excellent feet and legs.

Many very impressive individuals here but an absolute favourite was Brecon BNK Nova along with Brecon Taika Rachel. Nova, the dam of Novak at World Wide Sires was such a balanced cow with great dairy character, open ribbed with an impressive udder and super feet and legs. Over in the stock bull paddock Brecon Hurricane and Brecon Rua displayed good type. Hurricane calves from this last calving season were also impressive being long and dairy.



Jazzy Daughter The Rivers Stud

A short travel in the car to see The Rivers herd of Ruurd and Rachel Lieuwes. The Gorbo Jazzy and Brecon Dylan progeny looked in particularly good order and producing good yields.

After a whirlwind six days in New Zealand, Mark got me to Christchurch Airport ready for my flight to Sydney.

I would like to take this opportunity to say a huge thank you to everyone involved for making this short trip possible and for making it all work so well. I travelled hundreds of miles and everyone I met was a pleasure to spend time with and the great generosity and hospitality offered was immeasurable.

I would also like to thank Mark and Jenny for hosting me whilst already busy with their two-year-old grandson Fin. Fin was staying with them whilst eagerly awaiting the arrival of his new baby brother.

The New Zealand Milking Shorthorns offer very promising genetics to overseas breeders, I believe, especially after seeing a few Brecon Kaikoura milking in Australia. The NZ Shorthorns were compact dairy cattle with excellent feet and legs, longevity, high milk solids and fertility that suit the NZ farming systems.

Again, A big thank you for such a fantastic opportunity.

Annual Photo Competition Results 2024

The 2024 Photo Competition has again been a success with 83 entries over 9 classes. Judged by Ross Soffe, these photos are a great testament to the Milking Shorthorn cow. These photos also help build a photo library for breed promotions.

Congratulations to all members who took part in submitting photos, and special thanks to our Judge Ross Soffe. It wasn't an easy task!



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22 Entries
CLASS A
MATURE COW, 4 YEARS & OVER

- 1st – Northbrook Wok - Northbrook Enterprises Ltd - D & J Wood
- 2nd – Westell Jedi Saddie S1S - Laurendale Milking Shorthorns E Pirie
- 3rd – Northbrook Wow - Northbrook Enterprises Ltd - D & J Wood



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3rd

8 Entries
CLASS B
COW, 3 YEARS OLD

- 1st – Brecon Dylan Phoebe S1S - Red Cow Farms Ltd M & J McDonald
- 2nd – Lowburn Sup Sprinkles S1S - Simmons Family
- 3rd – Brecon GJJ Lupin S1S - Red Cow Farms Ltd - M & J McDonald



1st



2nd



3rd

10 Entries
CLASS C
HEIFER, 2 YEARS OLD

- 1st – Brecon Supreme Tara S1S - Red Cow Farms Ltd M & J McDonald
- 2nd – Brecon Dylan Midi S1S - Red Cow Farms Ltd M & J McDonald
- 3rd – Kaihere Legend Jewel S1S - Xavier Gread

Want To Know More About The Competition?

Head to the page 17 in the magazine for more details on the competition and it's rules.



7 Entries
CLASS D
HEIFER, 1 YEAR OLD

- 1st – Brecon Kai Nellie S1S - Red Cow Farms Ltd - M & J McDonald
- 2nd – Brecon Jazzy Veronica S0S - Red Cow Farms Ltd
M & J McDonald
- 3rd – Brecon Sonic Anne S1S - Red Cow Farms Ltd - M & J McDonald



10 Entries
CLASS E
HEIFER CALF

- 1st – Xcead Delta Sunny P - Xavier Gread
- 2nd – Copperhill Jedi Sage - D & R Simons
- 3rd – Te Kiripi Clo Jovi S1S - R E & C M Hardwick



3 Entries
CLASS F
BULL, 1 YEAR & OLDER

- 1st – Brecon Finnegan S0S - Red Cow Farms Ltd - M & J McDonald
- 2nd – Brecon Ardgowan S1S - Red Cow Farms Ltd - M & J McDonald
- 3rd – Brecon Matiu P S1S - Red Cow Farms Ltd - M & J McDonald



1st



2nd



3rd

4 Entries

CLASS G BULL, 2 YEAR & OLDER

- 1st – Brecon Hurricane - Red Cow Farms Ltd - M & J McDonald
- 2nd – Tiakitahuna TC Bret P S1S - Tiakitahuna Holdings - Z Tocker
- 3rd – Northbrook Zinger - Northbrook Enterprises Ltd - D & J Wood



1st



2nd



3rd

11 Entries

CLASS H HERD SCENE

- 1st – Red Cow Farms Ltd - M & J McDonald
- 2nd – Vat Fullers - N Dibble
- 3rd – Northbrook Enterprises Ltd - D & J Wood



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3rd

8 Entries

CLASS I SPECIAL, NOVELTY, FUN & SOCIAL

- 1st – Ruby being a scarecrow - Northbrook Enterprises Ltd D & J Wood
- 2nd – Bronny & Tammy - Simmons Family
- 3rd – Parker attempting to catch... - Northbrook Enterprises Ltd D & J Wood

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Youth Photo Competition Results 2024

The Youth Photo Competition this year attracted 27 entries over 7 classes. This competition was also judged by Ross Soffe. It is so lovely to see our young members building relationships with their animals. We look forward to more entries next year, and for many years to come.



5 Entries
CLASS 1A
INFORMAL 12 YEARS & UNDER

- 1st Place – Xcead Delta Sunny P - Xavier Gread
- 2nd Place – Snow White - Danielle Kelly
- 3rd Place – Kingleigh Bessie - Henry Oakes



1 Entry
CLASS 1B
INFORMAL 13 - 17 YEARS

- 1st Place – Maggie/Northbrook Rose Mint
 Haylee Baker - Northbrook



2 Entries
CLASS 1C
INFORMAL 18 - 31 YEARS

- 1st Place – Marchina GF Paris - Jody Hardwick
- 2nd Place – Lowburn Beener Jacks - Jack Simmons



1st



2nd

2 Entries
CLASS 2A
FORMAL 12 YEARS & UNDER

1st Place – Xcead Delta Sunny P - Xavier Gread
 2nd Place – Northbrook Sage - Ruby Trubshaw



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1 Entry
CLASS 2B
FORMAL 13 - 17 YEARS OLD

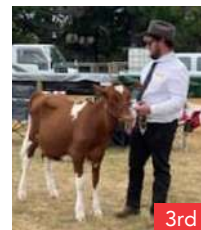
1st Place – Tessa/Northbrook Tessa - Haylee Baker - Northbrook



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3 Entries
CLASS 2C
FORMAL 18 - 31 YEARS

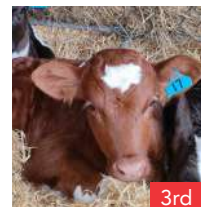
1st Place – Lowburn Supreme Izy-Bee - Kimberley Simmons
 2nd Place – Te Kiripi Clo Jovi - Jody Hardwick
 3rd Place – Lowburn Supreme Izy-Bee - Jack Simmons



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13 Entries
CLASS 3
NOVELTY 31 YEARS AND UNDER

1st Place – Northbrook Sage - Ruby Trubshaw
 2nd Place – Ted feeding calf - Tocker Family
 3rd Place – Baby Izy-Bee - Kimberley Simmons

PHOTO COMPETITION RULES

1. The competition to consist of the following classes:
 - (A) Mature Cow, 4 years and over
 - (B) Cow, 3 years old
 - (C) Heifer, 2 years old
 - (D) Heifer, 1 year old
 - (E) Heifer Calf
 - (F) Bull, one year or under
 - (G) Bull, two years and over
 - (H) Herd Scene
 - (I). Special Class, for photographs depicting a Milking Shorthorn activity or personality (Novelty, fun or social)
2. The judge to be appointed by the organisers and may be a judge of any breed.
3. Animals in individual photographs to be registered or eligible for registration.
4. Photographs which have won first or second prize in a previous competition are ineligible for further competition. A photograph of the same animal can be resubmitted if in a different photograph. Present season photographs are preferred.
5. The quality of the animal is to be judged as well as the whole photograph being taken into consideration.
6. Photographs submitted can be used for promotion by NZMSA.
7. Photographs are to be submitted electronically to info@nzmilkingshorthorn.nz or posted to NZ Milking Shorthorn Assn, PO Box 1132, Hamilton 3240. All entries must be accompanied by the entry form.

Entries close end of April annually, get your cameras out over Summer!!

Youth Photo Competition

Class 1A Informal - 12 years old and under

Class 1B Informal - 13-17 years old

Class 1C Informal - 18-31 years old

- Yearling Heifer or calf
- Judged on capturing the appealing interaction between calf and youth person
- Both animal and person in the photo
- Amateur photo, no professional photos

Class 2A Formal - 12 years old and under

Class 2B Formal - 13-17 years old

Class 2C Formal - 18-31 years old

- Yearling heifer or calf
- Judged on yearling heifer or calf type, background, dress and presentation of handler, presentation of animal
- Both animal and person in the photo
- Amateur photo - no professional, no digital editing
- Photo in colour

Class 3 Novelty - 31 years old and under

- Any type of group or individual animal/s
- Any age of animal/s
- Humorous, cute, interesting

Competition Rules:

- For all classes, animals do not need to be registered, just needs to be a Milking Shorthorn
- Age 12yrs & under (up to 31st May annually). Age 13yrs to 25yrs (from 1st June annually)
- Youth entered do not need to be members of the NZ Milking Shorthorn Assn
- Photographs submitted can be used for promotion by NZMSA
- Photos can be sent by email to the NZ Milking Shorthorn main office info@nzmilkingshorthorn.nz or by mail to PO Box 1132 Hamilton 3240
- All entries must be accompanied by the entry form. Any queries call 07 856 0816
- Judge's decision is final

SALE RESULTS 2023/2024

Summer Sensation Sale

NZ Dairy Event, 22 January 2024

One Milking Shorthorn was sold at the Summer Sensation Sale
Lot 12 – Westell Hunt Angela SOS



LOT 12

Westell Hunt Angela SOS

Breeder: Westell Properties

Vendor: H Rodes

Price: \$7,600

Annual Red Cow Farm Milking Shorthorn Sale

Tuesday 16th April 2024 | 100% online

The aim of Red Cow Farms 3rd annual sale was to lift the standard of offering of Milking Shorthorns and it certainly achieved that. A variety of genetics was on offer, with a total of 30 lots up for sale.

All 30 lots sold, with an average of \$1,950. The top priced animal was Lot 14 – Brecon Dylan Enid P S1S (Brecon Dylan S1S/Brecon Enid S1S), sold to Heavenly Moos Ltd from Ohinewai for \$2,650.

Northbrook Milking Shorthorns Annual Sale

Tuesday 30th April 2024 | 100% online

The start of 2024 saw Northbrook celebrating their 50 years of breeding Milking Shorthorns, with some great results at NZ Dairy Event in January. This year saw 33 R2 Milking Shorthorns which were sold as surplus to requirements.

30 lots were sold at an average price of \$1,583. Top priced animal was Lot 16 – Northbrook BB Goss S1S (Northbrook Ballboy/ Northbrook Goss), sold to Hughes Crowley Company Ltd from Riverton for \$1,950.



David Buick

Article by Russell Tocker

Last year with the Central Districts 100th Year Anniversary approaching I did a little study up of historical herds near to me. Flicking through the breed century book, I came across the Cloverlea herd of David Buick. Further readings of his herd shows as follows:

Registration of 13 bulls and 30 females in Volume 1 of the Herd Book in 1915. Prominent bulls from the herd used in other herds were Cloverlea Digby, Cloverlea Earl and Cloverlea Red Indian. The Kaiwharehou Sale Catalogue 1950 describes Cloverlea as perhaps the leading stud in 1915, as well the herd was dispersed 1924. Cloverlea also bred the first New Zealand Royal Show Champion cow Studleigh Nancy Lee with production of 623 lb of fat at 8 years old.

An advertisement from a dispersal sale states that Pedigree Milking Shorthorn cattle from the famous herd of Mr David Buick, Kairanga, Palmerston North are to be sold by public auction on Thursday 19th June 1924 ... at the Cattle Pavilion on Showground.

A look into David Buick's background shows that he was born in Wellington in 1848. His father, William Buick, had come to Wellington in 1841 on the Arab from England. Buick Senior farmed in the Hutt Valley, with Buick Junior taking over the farm in 1867. On 5 June 1876, he married Mary Ann Buick (née Hill), daughter of I. M. Hill from Nelson.

In 1881, Buick Junior bought land in the Manawatu's Kairanga Block. Living at a time when many New Zealanders were immigrants, Buick was proud of his birth in the colony and referred to it on occasion.

Buick was a successful breeder of Romney Marsh sheep. Buick bred race horses and they won several high-profile races, which certainly helped his political career. He played a fundamental role in establishing the freezing works in Longburn. For some time, he was the president of the Manawatu Caledonian Society.

Mr David Buick, as a Member of Parliament, bio from the internet is as follows:

The new member for Palmerston was born at Karori, Wellington in 1848 and is the son of late Mr William Buick, who arrived in the colony, per ship Arab, in 1841. His parents re-moving to the Hutt in 1852, Mr Buick received his education there. He worked on his father's farm at the

Hutt till 1867, when he took possession, the place henceforth being known as "Greenvale Farm." Re-moving from the Hutt in 1885, Mr Buick came to Palmerston North and purchased some 550 acres of first-class grazing land on Rangitikei Line, where he established a famous stud of Romney Marsh sheep.

Later Mr Buick took up a farm in the Kairanga, near Palmerston. Mr Buick has been a prominent member of local bodies and has taken part in local government for many years. Whilst residing at the Hutt he was elected a member of the first Board there, and also held the position of Lieutenant in the Petone Navals during 1883 and 1884. He is chairman of the Manawatu Road Board and Drainage Board, which positions he ably filled for some time. Mr Buick has twice previously contested the Palmerston seat, in 1896 and in 1899. He is a typical farming member and his wide experience and practical knowledge should be of much assistance to the House. Mr Buick has always taken a sportsman's interest' in the sport of Kings, and has of late been very successful with his horses.

OBITUARY - MR DAVID BUICK, M.P.

Mr. David Buick, M.P. for Palmerston North, died in Wellington at 11 o'clock last night, from influenza. The late Mr. Buick was born at Karori in 1848 and was the son of Mr. William Buick, who arrived in New Zealand on the ship Arab in 1841. He received his education at the Hutt, whither his parents moved in 1852. Until 1885, he worked as a farmer at the Hutt, for his father and on his own account. Then he purchased about 550 acres of first class grazing land at Palmerston North, and carried on business as a breeder of Romney Marsh sheep. He first entered public life as a member of the Hutt Road Board. At Palmerston he was chairman for many years of the Manawatu Road Board and the Drainage Board, and was prominent in all agricultural and pastoral activities. His interest in sport was keen, and he was well known as a breeder and owner of thoroughbred racing stock. In the old days, when the Caledonian Society flourished, he was one of its most active supporters.

His first entry into general politics was in 1896, where he unsuccessfully contested the Palmerston seat. He was elected in 1908, and has represented the constituency since. In Parliament he has been a supporter of the farmers' interests, of which he had a wide and exact knowledge. He was a man of genial disposition, and very popular amongst members. The body will be taken to Palmerston today for private interment. The Hon. D. H. Guthrie will represent the Ministry at the funeral.

The late member took a prominent part in establishing the Longburn Freezing Works. During the war he had been closely associated with patriotic movements in the district.

Mrs. Buick died recently. The late member's family comprises one son and five daughters, one of whom is at present seriously indisposed with influenza.

Buick's wife died on 1 August 1917. Buick had a serious case of influenza in April 1918. He died in Wellington on 18 November 1918 during the height of the influenza epidemic of 1918. A fellow MP, Alfred Hindmarsh, had died of influenza only five days before him. After Buick's death, the Prime Minister, William Massey, adjourned the House of Representatives as 18 other members were also ill. Buick was buried in Palmerston North at the Terrace End Cemetery, survived by his six children. His parents, William Buick (d. 1880) and Agnes Buick (d. 1897), are buried in the same family plot as David.

BRECON

MILKING SHORTHORNS

CELEBRATING SUCCESS AT THE 2024 SOUTH ISLAND ON FARM CHAMPIONSHIPS

Another spring is upon us and we've got lots of red, white and roan heifer calves filling the pens.

There's also some interesting bull calves including several A2A2 polled calves. Sires include B. Novak, B. Rua, VR Bogar, VR Vimo Venus, Tiakitahuna PC Bret P and Burness Vimo Pace.



BRECON MONTY WESTONIA
FIRST PLACE 5 YEAR OLD AND SUPREME CHAMPION
SIRE: BRECON EGMONT



BRECON TAIKA RACHAEL
FIRST PLACE 4 YEAR OLD AND RESERVE CHAMPION
SIRE: BRECON TAIKA



BRECON TANA ARAN
SECOND PLACE 6 YEAR OLD AND BEST UDDER
SIRE: BRECON TANA



BRECON DYLAN PHOEBE
THIRD PLACE 3 YEAR OLD
SIRE: BRECON DYLAN

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ANNUAL CONFERENCE 2024

Canterbury was the venue for the 2024 Annual Conference, with delegates attending from as far north as Waikato and as far south as Southland, based at the Sudima Christchurch Airport Hotel.



Heading in to the herd at Eyretonlea herd of Alistair Smith & family

Monday 8 April saw members gather, with the usual Board meeting held in the morning and some optional local sightseeing for those not involved. By 2pm the delegates had all arrived and we boarded buses for the first two herd visits. These were to the Eyretonlea herd of Alistair Smith and family at Rangiora, followed by a visit to the Elmgrove herd of Board Director Chris, wife Margaret & son Stu Bailey at Kaiapoi. Members were fascinated to see the solar panels at Elmgrove, and enjoyed a delicious dinner there before returning to Christchurch.

Day 2 Tuesday 9 April was a big day on the bus seeing some of the fantastic Canterbury scenery. From Christchurch, we first stopped briefly at the Marchina herd of Carolyn Hardwick at Lincoln to view some of her young stock. From here we carried on through Coes Ford, then crossed the Rakaia River on the plains & headed inland for about an hour to the Brecon herd of Mark & Jenny McDonald at Ashburton where we also enjoyed morning tea before viewing the herd. Travelling on we stopped at the ski resort of Methven where we lunched at the Opuke Thermal Pools & Spa. Sadly, there was no time to soak as we were back on the bus again. Having enjoyed the spectacular views of Mt Hutt from the McDonald's farm, we found ourselves driving around the base of the mountain and Southern Alps and through the spectacular Rakaia Gorge, about 75 kms upriver from where we had crossed that morning.



Cows in The River herd

Then we went off the beaten track! Heading downhill towards the river, we crossed the Rangitata Diversion Race to visit The River herd of Rurd and Rachel Liuwes at Hororata, situated around the canal & down to the river. With the paddock too far for the buses, delegates were ferried back & forth in farm vehicles to view the herd. This was a first-time visit for most of the delegates, and quite a talking point. Back in Christchurch that evening there was a free night for delegates, and several took up the invitation of Johanna Wood (who is also Football NZ President) to be her guests at the international 'friendly' between the Football Ferns and Thailand. This was hosted at the Apollo Projects Stadium in Christchurch and resulted in a nil-all draw, but was a great night out for those who attended. David Murphy was thrilled to be able to watch his niece play for the Football Ferns!

Wednesday 10 April kicked off with the Annual General Meeting at the Sudima Hotel, attended by 21 members and guests with guest speaker Steve Read of Read Industrial Ltd. Specialising in milking systems and irrigation products, Steve gave an insightful history of the 100-year-old family business and overview of their services. After the Annual General Meeting delegates enjoyed free time before congregating again for the final dinner and annual award prizegiving.



Board members at Conference - Bronwyn Brown, Logan Kelly, David Wood (President), Chris Bailey and Ross Soffe

David Wood and Logan Kelly were again re-elected as President and Vice-President respectively, with Chris Bailey remaining in the position of Treasurer. David Murphy retired after several years as Patron, and was replaced by former Director and President Ian Dibble. Sadly, Ian has since passed away after a short illness. There were no remits or Notices of Motion (rule changes).

The efforts of Margaret Bailey in organising Conference did not go unnoticed, with the presentation of a lovely bunch of flowers. Thanks for all your hard work Margaret!

Join us in 2025 in the mighty Waikato during the week of 7 April (actual dates yet to be confirmed).



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ANNUAL CONFERENCE 2024 PHOTO GALLERY



1. Conference group outside the Sudima Hotel
2. Conference organiser Margaret Bailey
3. Kimberley & Teena Simmons at the Elmgrove herd with Ross Soffe in the background
4. Mark McDonald at his own Brecon herd
5. Kingi & Ashleigh Oakes with Ross Soffe at the Brecon herd visit
6. Ross Soffe finds a friend at the Elmgrove herd visit
7. The Elmgrove herd of Chris, Margaret & Stu Bailey
8. Alan Moore at the Elmgrove herd visit
9. David Murphy studies the form
10. Russell Tocker and Alistair Smith at the Eyretonlea herd visit
11. Russell Tocker and Peter Hughes at the Eyretonlea herd visit
12. Visiting the Marchina herd of Carolyn Hardwick – Kimberley & Teena Simmons, Ross Soffe, Alan Moore, David Wood and Sue Moore with Jodie Hardwick
13. Rachel Liuwes, Margaret Bailey and Robyn Dibble at The River herd of Rachel & Ruurd Liuwes
14. Teena Simmons and Russell Tocker at The River herd visit

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NZAEL Update



At New Zealand Animal Evaluation Limited (NZAEL) our aim is to support the sector to improve New Zealand's rate of genetic gain in dairy, so we can remain internationally competitive and increase farm profitability and sustainability.

Last November, an Independent Working Group (IWG) was set up with the support of DairyNZ to help the sector achieve world-leading rates of animal genetic gain. Numerous stakeholders, including dairy farmers and Breed Societies, had the opportunity to engage as it considered the sector's work.

Following this process, the IWG made several recommendations, including four workstreams to be developed, which are:

- 1) the process for establishing the NBO,
- 2) improving phenotypic data quality,
- 3) developing a system to achieve one gBW, and
- 4) cooperating on communication, education and extension services for farmers regarding the importance of genetic gain.

One IWG recommendation was that genomic estimated breeding values (EBVs) should be delivered by LIC and CRV, due to their access to the largest genomic reference populations.

The natural flow on from these recommendations is that the development of NZAEL's genomic evaluations (NZAEL 3.5) will be put on hold, while we work with LIC and CRV to investigate an alternative genomic AE solution for the industry. We will also ensure that the learnings from this project are available during the development of the alternative national genomic animal evaluation solution.

Economic value updates:

This December will still see the annual update of Economic Values (EVs) occur. These EVs are adjusted annually to ensure breeding worth (BW) is reflective of the most recent market values and reflect real world costs and revenues farmers are facing.

Herd testing standards:

Outside of the IWG work, there was also a consultation on proposed changes to the New Zealand Herd Test Standards conducted in 2023. These changes were reviewed by a committee of industry and farmer representatives over a two-year period. They aimed to modernise the standards, align them with industry practices, and establish high data quality standards.

These outcomes will primarily affect herd testing service providers but will have some impact on farmers. However, this helps modernise Herd Testing regulation to accommodate a broader range of management practices, differing preferential treatment of animals and variable milking regimes.

High quality data is important for accurate animal evaluation and to help identify elite animals and continue working towards the goal of improving New Zealand's rate of genetic gain in dairy.

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TOP REVIEW 2023

A system of classification of registered females based upon type and individuality, TOP Classification recognises that progress towards the improvement of the Milking Shorthorn breed should be obtained through animals superior in conformation as well as production.

Classification is undertaken by Ayrshire New Zealand on our behalf in late spring each year. Animals are scored by trained inspectors on a scale of 1-9 for 11 different conformation traits.

Members are required to submit all two year old cows (both pedigree and grade), along with any older animals they wish to have re-classified. In particular, the two year old data plays a large role in calculating sire proofs and the information is invaluable in that respect.

With the 2024 TOP season fast approaching, it is timely to remind members of the new Milking Shorthorn awards that were adopted from the 2022 season:

- Excellent – 90 points plus (9/9, 8/9, 9/8)
- Very Good – 85-89 points (7/8, 8/7, 8/8, 7/9, 9/7, 8/9, 9/8)
- Good Plus – 80-84 points (5/6, 6/5, 6/7, 7/6, 6/8, 8/6)
- Good- 75-79 points (3/5, 5/3, 4/4, 4/5, 5/4, 4/4, 4,6, 6/4)
- Fair – 74 or below (3/4, 4/3 or below)

The scores in brackets above are Udder Overall and Dairy Conformation

Excellent Cow award conditions:

- Cows must have calved three times before receiving an Excellent award i.e the earliest age an Excellent can be awarded is four years old
- To receive subsequent Excellent awards a cow must have calved twice between each award i.e. E2, E3, E3, E5 etc

Ayrshire New Zealand inspectors are all trained in the application of these awards.

Although it is almost 12 months since the last TOP season, we are delighted to bring you the 2023 Milking Shorthorn TOP & Classification statistics.

TOP Statistics	2023				
	2023	2022	2021	2020	2019
Two year olds	341	399	371	428	371
Older	88	14	69	125	107
Herds	14	11	12	14	13

Excellent Cows 2023

	Animal Name	Birth ID	Sire Code	Sire Name	Owner Farm Name
EX	BRECON DURO BONNY S1S	KYRH-18-25	517730	BRECON DURANGO S1S	Red Cow Farms Ltd
	BRECON FONZ SPIRAL S0S	KYRH-17-123	516688	VR FONSECA	Red Cow Farms Ltd
	BRECON MONTY JINNY S1S	KYRH-18-87	514565	BRECON EGMONT S0S	Red Cow Farms Ltd
	BRECON MONTY NELLY S1S	KYRH-18-132	514565	BRECON EGMONT S0S	Red Cow Farms Ltd
	BRECON MONTY WESTONIA S1S	KYRH-18-71	514565	BRECON EGMONT S0S	Red Cow Farms Ltd
	BRECON PO NELLIE P S1S	KYRH-19-158	518542	BRECON POHARA S1S	Red Cow Farms Ltd
	BRECON TAIKA RACHAEL S1S	KYRH-19-63	KYRH-16-109	BRECON TAIKA S1S	Red Cow Farms Ltd
	BRECON TANA ARAN S1S	KYRH-17-11	516541	BRECON TANA S0S	Red Cow Farms Ltd
	BRECON TANA PANDORA S1S	KYRH-17-27	516541	BRECON TANA S0S	Red Cow Farms Ltd
	BURNESS EG SPRITE S1S	DYLO-18-97	514565	BRECON EGMONT S0S	Burness Partnership
	BURNESS HUNT RUBY S1S	JYPM-17-18	516592	MYRTLEHOME HUNT	Burness Partnership
	LOWBURN JEDI ROSE-ANN S1S	DRVL-17-25	516542	GLENCLIFFE JP JEDI	S & T Simmons
	NORTHBROOK WOW S1S	CDQG-17-40	512576	BEKAY BLITZ ANGELO-ET S0S	Northbrook Enterprises Ltd
	WESTELL JEDI ROLLIE S1S S1S	CRKB-19-47	516542	GLENCLIFFE JP JEDI	J M & K L Sneddon Partnership
	WESTELL PINGERLY FLEUR S1S	CRKB-16-130	510566	TREETON PINGERLY	Pirie Farms Ltd
	E2	LOWBURN CARBO SHORTY S0S	DRVL-15-32	514566	OLIVER WOODS CARBO-P S0S

Ian Dibble

14/9/47 - 24/7/24

Kaihere Milking Shorthorns - Waikato

Article by Nacre Maiden

The Kaihere stud was founded in 1920 by Ian's father R R Dibble following the First World War, when the opportunity was given to returned servicemen to register cows in the Milking Shorthorn Herd Book. Ian ran the herd from the early '60s with his brother Jim. Both recall showing stock with their father, stock being walked to shows, trucked or sometimes taken by train. Another childhood memory is walking stock the 9 kilometers between the farm on Seifert Rd and the smaller block the family owned at the other end of Tauhei near the junction of Tauhei and Cameron roads. Often it would take a few goes to get the stock started as they just wanted to return home rather than head along the road. The boys would collect bottles to be recycled along the way and were able to keep the money earned.

The early years of running the herd were tough, both Ian and Jim had been away for high school so hadn't spent much time on the farm learning and contract milkers had been in place so some record keeping and maintenance had not been kept up. Despite this, their father largely left them to it.



Ian with his father RR Dibble leading Prince, 1960's

The property at Seifert Rd where Ian spent a large part of his farming career was not completely in grass when he and Jim took it over. In those first years, they had 150 milking cows and 100 dry stock predominantly Milking Shorthorn, milked through a walk-through cow shed. About 400 acres was in rushes, which they tried to rotary slash twice a year to get under control. Where there was grass, a lot of it was Yorkshire Fog, not ideal milking cow food, and the back was in tea-tree, 3 to 9 feet high. Being a peat farm, summers were spent fighting peat fires. Over time, the peat was drained and pastures improved, allowing for easier management and greater stock numbers.

Bridges were initially wooden ones with no sides that made plenty of noise when stock and vehicles crossed, sometimes stock would get pushed into the drains. Later the bridges were upgraded with concrete beam bases and wooden side rails.

In the early 80s, the walk through was replaced by a rotary cowshed. However Ian and Jim found there to be too much that could go wrong with this style of cowshed and replaced it after about 15 years with a basic 50-aside herringbone that is still in use.

An early setback was losing a number of animals to TB. While government compensation was given, it didn't make up for the loss of genetics. Prior to the advent of artificial breeding, Ian and Jim would attend stock sales between milkings to purchase bulls and also cows to add to the genetics of their herd. This was a great way to meet other breeders. In turn they also hosted their own annual sale in conjunction with Dave Clow of the Cloverdale herd in the 80s and 90s, selling in-calf heifers and promising yearling bulls to buyers across the country.

Ian and Jim both attended Young Farmers, which provided an opportunity to gain skills. Ian received his heavy traffic license driving a tractor and laden trailer, which came in handy when taking stock to shows. For some years they did have their own truck but this proved expensive and was sold. For a period, Ian used his father-in-law's Bedford truck to take stock to shows. He would chug up the southern motorway and into Auckland for the Easter show, a highlight as they often had evening entertainment and a wide variety of exhibitions.

Other Young Farmers activities included picking up hay. Ian and Jim would pick their own up during the day and then head out after milking to collect thousands more with the group. You couldn't fault Ian's work ethic. He would say "if you can't see the jobs to be done on the farm, you are walking right past them." Ian had never needed a job reference or work outside of the family business, but he was proud to have been offered a job by the neighbour who on occasion stopped to speak to his father. Seeing Ian continue to work, shovelling metal onto a trailer, no digger or fancy front end loader in those days, while the men caught up, he offered him a job should he ever need one.

Early highlights of Ian's farming career included being the top herd of the breed one year and topping the Orini herd test group all breeds. Also having Champion cow at Hastings Royal Show, Waikato breeders had taken a lorry load of stock down.

Eventually life on the farm got easier as they gained experience, and Ian was able to get off farm to attend Saturday night dances. It was at one of these dances that he met the young lady that would be the love of his life and mother to his children, Robyn. Although she had grown up locally on a dairy farm, Ian wasn't looking for a farm worker and so while Robyn did help when required, the farm and cows remained predominantly Ian and Jim's domain. Having worked together for such a long time they could often communicate almost telepathically when drafting stock or across a paddock.

Ian took his first overseas trip with Young Farmers to Australia, a 21st present from his parents. This sparked a lifetime interest in travel, often tied to farming and dairy stock. Most recently he attended the 2023 International Red Dairy Breeds Federation conference and tour through the Baltic states. Previously, accompanied by his wife Robyn or other family members he had also travelled to Uruguay, United Kingdom, Scandinavia and the United States. Ian enjoyed getting to see more than just

the tourist sites of the country and would highly recommend to other breeders making the most of these opportunities. He and Robyn also hosted international and local visitors on farm, making lifelong friendships, and in return visiting their farms and homes.

Through his interest in Milking Shorthorns Ian became a dairy cattle judge and had the opportunity to judge both in Australia and England, in addition to more locally. Taking the family with him to judge at the English Royal show in 1996, he was proud to meet Princess Anne and have his photo taken with her on this occasion. Closer to home he found it entertaining that his cattle judging experience saw him called upon to twice judge dairy goats and on another occasion when judging calf club, a section that included pet rocks.

Ian with family and staff support often took a large team to the local Morrinsville A & P show. Often times multiple loads of stock would be taken, and all family members would put in an appearance, particularly since Ian had taken on the steward role. Even those family members less inclined to lead stock would be given support jobs. Ian would also be onsite prior to show day helping with setup.



Ian with a favourite cow

Ian had every intention of exiting the cowshed in his 50s, and when daughter Nacre and her husband Anthony came on board to manage the Seifert Rd herd, Ian and Jim purchased dry stock land at Waihou, some 30 minutes from the dairy farm. However this brief attempt at being out of the cowshed only lasted a couple of seasons before Ian, missing his cows, purchased a small dairy farm near the dry stock block to milk his favourite 150 cows. Later daughter Andrea and her son Noah supported his desire to continue milking, spending a number of seasons on farm. Noah inherited his grandfather's passion for cows of all breeds, and now they run their own herd, currently 50:50 sharemilking at Orini.

Son Phillip and his wife also spent time involved in the farm and continue to do so. Ian was definitely the cow person but somehow son Phillip picked up enough engineering and machinery knowledge from Robyn's father and other influences to be an asset on farm, able to weld and drive the digger. Useful knowledge as from the start Ian and Jim have always looked to improve properties they have had, loving a good project whether it be building cowsheds, re-fencing blocks or upgrading water systems and effluent systems.



Upgrading farm water system

Ian had only rarely sent bobby calves. In most seasons surplus male stock were steered and retained within the business to be finished direct to slaughter. Ian and Jim were fortunate enough to have land in addition to the milking platform available to raise this stock on. Initially this was the less developed part of the Seifert Rd property and in the last 20 years the runoff block on Ngutumanga Rd, Waihou that Jim ran. The Milking Shorthorn stock fattened well, steers and often also a line of fat heifers proving to be a good additional income source.

Ian held the office of Patron of the New Zealand Milking Shorthorn Society at the time of his death. He had been heavily involved previously in both the breed bull scheme and the magazine and held numerous roles at both branch and national level over the years. He was a tireless and committed supporter of the breed. The Kaihere herd has been involved in the breed's sire proving scheme since it started. Five Kaihere bred bulls over the years that Ian rated as outstanding: Kaihere Profit, Kaihere Phil, Kaihere Grenade, Kaihere Maxim and Kaihere Milking Boy. Ian was a strong believer in using home breed bulls, he felt he got good success with the sons of external sires, including international bulls, over his best cows.



Ian and Jim, with Ian's grandchildren stacking conventional bales, ideal for calves and the show season

Though much has changed across the course of Ian's time farming, much has stayed the same. We must continue to breed cows with ever better udders and production traits, Ian felt the breed future would then be strong.

Show Season 2023/24

North Island Championships – Morrinsville

Judge: Isaac Kelsen

2 Years In-Milk Registered Combined Breeds

1st: Kaihere Legend Jewel
Gread Family - Ohinewai

4 Years and over In-milk Registered Combined Breeds

1st: Westell Jedi Saddie S1S
Ella Pirie - Te Aroha
2nd: Westell Carbo
Jarod Hudson - Ngatea
3rd: Westell Butter Faye SOS
Jarod Hudson - Ngatea

Registered Combined Breeds Best Udder

1st: Westell Jedi Saddie S1S
Ella Pirie - Te Aroha
2nd: Westell Carbo
Jarod Hudson - Ngatea
3rd: Westell Butter Faye SOS
Jarod Hudson - Ngatea

DRY & YOUNG STOCK - COMBINED BREEDS

Senior Yearling Heifer – Born June/July

1st: Imaginayr Java Amy
Reagan Kelly - Kaiaua
2nd: Kaihere LS Joyous P
Tauhei Farms Ltd
3rd: Westell Rumble Wanda S1S
Maverick Holsteins - Otorohanga

Junior Yearling Heifer – Born August/September

1st: Swissmade Paula 52b
Ella Pirie - Te Aroha
2nd: Westell Samson Mavis S1S
Maverick Holsteins - Otorohanga
3rd: Kaihere LS Precious P
Tauhei Farms Ltd

Senior Heifer Calf – Born June/July

1st: Xcead Dellta Sunny P
Gread Family - Ohinewai
2nd: Raetea Delta Mavis
Raetea Genetics - Rotorua
3rd: Westell Gus Francis
Westell Properties

Junior Heifer Calf – Born August/September

1st: Riveredge Gold Pavlova
Jarod Hudson - Ngatea
2nd: Panorma BB Ava
Panorama Genetics - Hamilton
3rd: Laurendale Jazz Fuchsia
Ella Pirie - Te Aroha

Junior Female Champion

Swissmaid Paula (Swiss)

Junior Female Reserve Champion

Imaginary Java Amy (Guernsey)

Junior Champion

Westell Samson Mavis S1S

Reserve Junior Champion

Xcead Delta Sunny P



Senior Champion
Westell Jedi Sadie



Reserve Champion
Westell Carbo Sammi S1S

South Island Championships – South Island On Farm Competition

Judge: Wendy Harker

This year the South Island Milking Shorthorn Championship was held on farm. An unbelievable 190 entries in total. Wendy Harker was asked to take this task on as judge. Wendy flew into Invercargill on the night of the 30th January 2024. 31 January she was picked up from her motel at 7 am in the morning to start her judging in Southland. Next few days she continued her travels up country through Otago, up to Canterbury and as far as Rai Valley.

Many Kms travelled to see 190 head of red cattle. It has all been worth it.

A big thank you goes to Wendy for taking this offer up, you have done an amazing job. Thank you to everyone who helped organize this On-Farm competition. Also thank you to everyone who put their cattle up to be judged. The stock all looked amazing!!

2 Year Old Class

- 1st: Burness Boom Megan (Best Udder)
Logan and Nicky Kelly - Kaitangata
2nd: Brecon Supreme Tara
Red Cow Farm - Canterbury
3rd: Lowburn Jedi Jax
Simmons Family - Invercargill

3 Year Old Class

- 1st: Rebson Norman Debra (Best Udder)
Coleman-Cowie Farming - Canvastown
2nd: Maybella Jazz Eve
Anieka Templer - Balfour
3rd: Brecon Dylan Phoebe
Red Cow Farms - Canterbury

Intermediate Championship

- Rebson Norman Debra
Coleman-Cowies Farming - Canvastown

Reserve Intermediate Championship

- Maybella Jazz Eve
Anieka Templer - Balfour

Honorable Mention

- Burness Boom Megan
Logan Kelly - Kaitangata

Blue Cow Section

- 1st: Blue Cindy
Peter Hughes, Crowley - Riverton
2nd: Little Blue Pep
Stu Kent - Otautau
3rd: Westell Arnie Flo
Anieka Templer - Balfour

Bull Calf Section

- 1st: Brecon Sam Bass
Red Cow Farms - Canterbury
2nd: Brecon Buffalo Bill
Red Cow Farms - Canterbury
3rd: Brecon Finnegan
Red Cow Farms - Canterbury

Heifer Calf Class

- 1st: Te Kiripi Clo Jovi
Hardwick Family - Christchurch
2nd: Brecon BMT Vera
Red Cow Farms - Canterbury
3rd: Te Kiripi Clo Clas
Hardwick Family - Christchurch

Yearling Heifer Class

- 1st: Brecon Jazzy Veronica
Red Cow Farms - Canterbury
2nd: Burness All Jade
Logan Kelly - Kaitangata
3rd: Brecon Jazzy Louise
Red Cow Farms - Canterbury

Junior Champion

- Brecon Jazzy Veronica
Red Cow Farms - Canterbury

Junior Reserve Champion

- Burness All Jade
Logan Kelly - Kaitangata

Honorable Mention

- Te Kiripi Clo Jovi
Hardwick Family - Christchurch

4 Year Old Class

- 1st: Brecon Taika Rachael (Best Udder)
Red Cow Farms - Canterbury
2nd: Te Kiripi Ned Beaut
Logan Kelly - Kaitangata
3rd: Brecon Supreme Musetta
Coleman-Cowie - Canvastown

5 Year Old Class

- 1st: Brecon Monty Westonia (Best Udder)
Red Cow Farms - Canterbury
2nd: Brecon Monty Nellie
Red Cow Farms - Canterbury
3rd: Lowburn Jedi Rose
Simmons Family - Invercargill

6 Year Old Class

- 1st: Te Kiripi Savr Rose
Logan Kelly - Kaitangata
2nd: Brecon Tana Aran (Best Udder)
Red Cow Farms - Canterbury
3rd: Lowburn Jedi Rose-Ann
Simmons Farm - Invercargill

7 Year Old Class

- 1st: Burness 15-7 (Best Udder) 8 Years Old
Logan Kelly - Kaitangata
2nd: Elmgrove CN Millie – 9 Years Old
Bailey Partnership - Kaiapoi
3rd: Lowburn Carbo Shorty – 8 Years Old
Simmons Family - Invercargill



Senior Champion
Brecon Monty Westonia – Red Cow Farms, Canterbury

Reserve Senior Champion
Brecon Taika Rachael – Red Cow Farms, Canterbury

Senior Honorable Mention
Te Kiripi Savr Rose – Logan Kelly, Kaitangata

Best Udder Overall
Brecon Monty Westonia – Red Cow Farms, Canterbury

Supreme Champion
Brecon Monty Westonia – Red Cow Farms, Canterbury

NZ Dairy Event 2024

Judge: Jamie Taylor

COMBINED BREEDS ALL NEW ZEALAND SHOW

Agrisea Combined Breeds Junior Heifer Calf

- 1st: Laurendale Jazz Fuchsia
Ella Pirie - Te Aroha
- 4th: Panorama BB Ava
Molly Fletcher - Hamilton
- 6th: Copperhill Jedi Sage
D & R Simons - Midhurst

Agrisea Combined Breeds Senior Heifer Calf

- 1st: Xcead Delta Sunny P S1S
Xavier Gread - Tahuna
- 2nd: Riveredge Delta Sia
Jarod Hudson - Ngatea
- 3rd: Raetea Delta Milly
Jake Leech - Tirau

Agrisea Combined Breeds Junior Yearling Heifer

- 1st: Westell Mont Sandie S0S
Powell Family - Rongotea
- 3rd: Westell Hunt Angela S0S
Heather Rhodes - Waikato
- 6th: Oliver Woods AR Lauren S1S
Soffe Family - Stratford

Agrisea Combined Breeds Senior Yearling Heifer

- 3rd: Northbrook EM Twilight
Nikki Baker - Bunnythorpe
- 4th: Northbrook Em La Bella
Ruby Trubshaw - Bunnythorpe
- 5th: Dungannon Flair Midge S0S
Jake Leech - Tirau



Agrisea 2024 Junior Combined Breeds Reserve Champion
Westell Mont Sandie S0S - Powell Family - Rongotea



Agrisea 2024 Junior Combined Breeds Honorable Mention
Xcead Delta Sunny P S1S – Xavier Gread, Tahuna

Bromley Dairy & Pumps Combined Breeds Two Year Old In-Milk

- 2nd: Laurendale Arlo Francie S1S
Ella Pirie - Te Aroha
- 3rd: Oliver Woods E Erica S1S
Soffe Family – Stratford
- 4th: Northbrook B Honeybee
Northbrook Enterprises Ltd, Bunnythorpe

Bromley Dairy & Pumps Combined Breeds Two & A Half Year Old In-Milk

- 1st: Northbrook Berrie S0S
Northbrook Enterprises - Bunnythorpe

Bromley Dairy & Pumps Combined Breeds Two & A Half Year Old In-Milk

- 2nd: Northbrook Royal Way
Northbrook Enterprises Ltd - Bunnythorpe
- 3rd: Northbrook Go Atlanta S1S
Northbrook Enterprises Ltd - Bunnythorpe

NZ Milking Shorthorn Association 2024 Intermediate In-Milk Combined Breeds Honorable Mention

- Northbrook Royal Way
Northbrook Enterprises Ltd - Bunnythorpe

Fibre Fresh Combined Breeds Four Year Old In-Milk

- 1st: 296
- 2nd: Westell Butter Faye S0S
Jarod Hudson - Ngatea

Fibre Fresh Combined Breeds Five & Six Year Old In-Milk

2nd: Northbrook Open
Northbrook Enterprises Ltd - Bunnythorpe

Fibre Fresh Combined Breeds Seven Years & Over In-Milk

1st: Northbrook Wok
Northbrook Enterprises Ltd
2nd: Oliver Woods P Pett S0S
Soffe Family - Stratford



Fibre Fresh 2024 Best Uddered Senior Combined Breeds Cow

Northbrook Wok – Northbrook Enterprises Ltd - Bunnythorpe

Fibre Fresh 2024 Senior In-Milk Combined Breeds Champion

Northbrook Wok – Northbrook Enterprises Ltd - Bunnythorpe



Westell Jedi Saddie S1S

Fibre Fresh 2024 Senior In-Milk Reserve Combined Breeds Champion

Westell Jedi Saddie S1S – Ella Pirie - Te Aroha

Ken & Betty Baker Milking Shorthorn Supreme Champion Cow

Northbrook Wok – Northbrook Enterprises Ltd - Bunnythorpe



FUTURITY CLASSES

2024 NZ Dairy Event Futurity Yearling

4th: Dungannon Flair Midge
Jake Leech - Tirau

2024 NZ Dairy Event Futurity Calf

4th: Raetea Delta Milly
Jake Leech - Tirau

JUNIOR HANDLERS YOUTH SHOW DRY STOCK SECTION

Semex All New Zealand Youth Show Junior Heifer Calf

6th: 442

Semex All New Zealand Youth Show Senior Heifer Calf

3rd: Raetea Delta Milly
Jake Leech - Tirau
6th: Xcead Delta Sunny P S1S
Xavier Gread - Tahuna

Semex All New Zealand Youth Show Senior Yearling Heifer

2nd: Dungannon Flair Midge S0S
Jake Leech - Tirau

Semex All New Zealand Youth Show Junior Heifer Calf

5th: Laurendale Jazz Fuchsia
Ella Pirie - Te Aroha
6th: Panorama BB Ava
Molly Fletcher - Hamilton

CHAMPIONSHIPS 2024/25

North Island Championship will be held at the Stratford A & P Show, 30 Nov - 1 Dec 2024

South Island Championships will be held at the Wyndham A & P Show, 7 Dec 2024

NZ Milking Shorthorn Assn wish all our participating members the best of luck.

Stratford Show 2023

Article by Ross Soffe

The Milking Shorthorns were judged as a Combined Breeds Class for the first time at Stratford Show in 2023. The reason for the change was more to do with the small numbers of Brown Swiss and Guernsey entries than the lack of Shorthorn entries. A wet and stormy night preceding the show did not bode well, but the day dawned reasonably fine. The judge was Peter Smith with about 40 entries.

The cow classes were well contested. The 2 yr class was won by Oliver Woods E Erica exhibited by Ross and Joanne Soffe with Northbrook Wheats exhibited by the Wood Family in 2nd place. The 3yr old class was won by the Brown Swiss entry with Northbrook Royal Way (Wood Family) second with a Guernsey entry in third place. Intermediate Champion went to the Brown Swiss 3yr old entry with Northbrook Royal Way in reserve.

In the 4 & 5 year class Brecon Taika Poppy exhibited by Brian and Marian McDonald was placed first. The 6yr and over class was won by Oliver Woods P Pett (Soffe Family) with Westell Pingerly Fleur (Ella Pirie) second and Northbrook Open (Wood Family) third. Senior Champion Cow went to Oliver Woods P Pett with Brecon Taika Poppy in Reserve.

Supreme Champion was won by the Brown Swiss 3yr old cow. Champion Milking Shorthorn cow was Oliver Woods P Pett.

The senior yearling class was won by the Brown Swiss entry, Oliver Woods AR Lauren was second and the Junior yearling was won by Westell Mont Sandy (Radly Holsteins) with Northbrook Royal Halo (Wood Family) placed third. The Senior Calf was won by Northbrook Sage (Wood Family), Vat Fullers Gus Polly (Noah Dibble) was second and Oliver Woods Norme (Soffe Family) third. Junior Calf was won by Copperhill Jedi Sage (Daniel and Rachael Simons), Laurendale Jazz Fuschia (Ella Pirie) was second and Lakeview Port Royal (Lakeview Partnership) was third. The Junior Champion was the Junior yearling Westell Mont Sandy with the Brown Swiss Senior yearling in reserve and Copperhill Jedi Sage the Honorable Mention.

It was another great Stratford Show with good entries and quality animals and the combined breeds class is a good format. Thanks to all exhibitors and we hope to see you back again in 2024.



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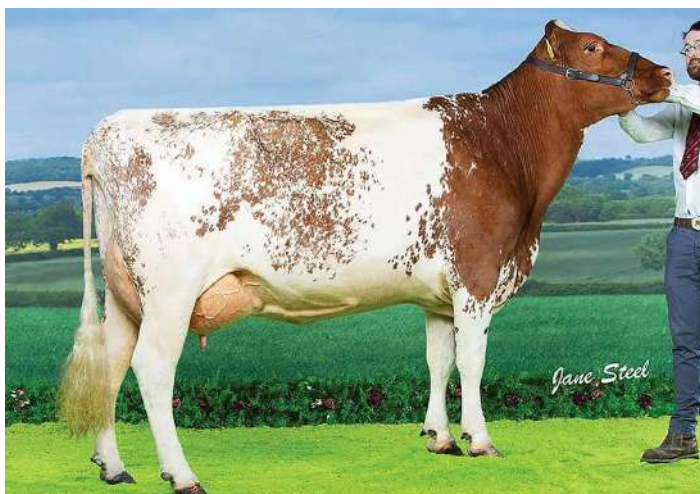
INTERNATIONAL FEATURE



Churchroyd – The art of cattle breeding

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The Churchroyd prefix has become a household name within Shorthorn breeding circles with successes at major shows, chart-topping proven bulls in AI and record-breaking type classification scores. Indeed, the herd recently featured in *Cowsmopolitan* (the international multi dairy breed magazine) for the unique achievement of two consecutive generations of 97-point home-bred cows. However, all of this has been achieved from very humble beginnings on an exposed hilly farm in Yorkshire's West Riding.



Richard and Mary Collins were married in 1967 and started milking a commercial herd at Church Farm, Lower Whitley near Dewsbury. After ten years of milking mainly British Friesians and some non-pedigree Shorthorns the couple decided that if they were to continue in milk production they wanted to go pedigree, and as they had both a connection to Shorthorns from childhood, the Dairy Shorthorn would be their chosen breed.

Early mentors to Richard and Mary were George Dent of the Winbrook herd and Billy Goodman, who managed the well-known nearby Kirklees herd. The Collins' also had a very close friendship with John Hayward of the Hooton herd, a friendship that still endures between the two families to this day. The traditional Shorthorn attributes of the robust constitution and excellent feet and legs were well suited to the steep and exposed pastures at Church Farm, but from the outset the couple was determined to improve udder conformation, an area where they felt the breed was at the time lagging behind. Some great cow families have been developed over the years, the Peggys from Strickley, the Gentle family from Orchardholme, the Kirklevingtons from Hauxwell and the Bronte Wildeyes family from the Kirklees herd (the Bronte element of the name was added to differentiate from another Wildeyes line within the herd). The now-famous Heather family was graded up from the original commercial herd.



Along with their three young children Jill, Wendy and Ian, Richard and Mary would spend their leisure time showing their beloved cattle, the big family holidays of the year being The Royal Show at Stoneleigh, and of course the Great Yorkshire Show at Harrogate. Ian can well remember as a young lad standing at the bottom of a very large class at the Royal show. Such an experience can be demoralising for a young person but in Ian's case it made him all the more determined to succeed, and in 1997 he proudly led Churchroyd Bronte Wildeyes 9th to take the championship rosette at that year's Royal.

Tragedy struck in 2004 with Richard's very untimely death. Richard was at the height of his career and was due to become President of the Shorthorn Cattle Society and his influence is sorely missed, however, he would have been very proud of the way Wendy stepped up to the mark in taking on that role and honouring her father's memory.



Udder shot of Churchroyd Heather 50 EX97

At the tender age of 26, Ian had to take on the running of the farm and the breeding policy decisions for the herd. The results speak for themselves; the herd has gone from strength to strength, collecting breed and interbreed championships at major shows, the highlight of which was Churchroyd Peggy 19th winning Supreme Interbreed at the Great Yorkshire show in 2016, and she was also Champion at the National Shorthorn show in the same year.

Ian's breeding policy is highly focused and uncompromising; he demands a cow with a natural ability to milk and he identifies cleanness of bone, openness of rib and silky udder texture as essential traits in a dairy cow. Udders must be well attached with correct teat placement, and at the same time, she must possess strength of frame and good locomotion in order to produce and reproduce. In the past, outside bloodlines have been used to improve udders and dairy character; in recent years, however, Ian has increasingly used home-bred bulls from their very best family lines with remarkable success. Earlier in the year, Churchroyd Heather 50th emulated the achievement of her dam Churchroyd Heather 29th to become the first consecutive generation of EX97 point cows of any breed in the world! Add to this that Heather 50th is sired by the EX96 point Churchroyd Victor (a son of Churchroyd Lady Barrington 12th EX95) and that her son Churchroyd Pure Class, who is in turn a son of Churchroyd Wild Card EX95, is currently the most popular bull in the Shorthorn Sires stud. Another major achievement this year was that Churchroyd Heather 107th, another daughter of Wild Card, became the second animal in the breed to score VG89 in her heifer lactation. Heather 107th is a stunning example of the art of the master breeder.



Churchroyd Pure Class as a yearling

Although Ian does not actively select for breeding indexes, two of the highest PLI bulls in the breed are Churchroyd Wild Card and Churchroyd King Willie. The legacy of these two bulls will be felt in the breed for years to come through their daughters, and also their sons such as Pure Class and the popular Churchroyd Pharaoh (King Willie x Peggy 19th). Occasionally Ian will look outside the herd to add a new cow family and this was the case when he purchased Cotley Foggathorpe Lass 138th EX94 from the Tonelea dispersal sale in 2007. He then bred her to Churchroyd Victor to produce the bull Churchroyd Foggathorpe V EX92. After collecting semen from the bull Ian sold him at the society sale for a record price of 3,700gns. Ian is very impressed with the bull's daughters currently milking in the herd.



Proud Grandmother Mary at the National Calf show 2019 with David and George Ultram and Molly and Harry Collins.

The Collins' are a very tight-knit family. Ian and Mary are backed by Wendy who relief-milks between other jobs, and Wendy's husband James. Between them, they rear the young stock at Springfield farm near York, while Jill uses her accounting skills to keep the books. Ian's children Harry and Molly are closely involved in helping on the farm and at the shows. Harry has just started a full-time course at Reaseheath College. At last year's Great Yorkshire show Harry earned the coveted Young Handler Championship against stiff competition from all breeds. He then followed this up by becoming Champion Shorthorn Handler at the National Calf Show with Molly being tapped out in Reserve.

INTERNATIONAL FEATURE



Ontario Cow Sets New Lifetime Production Record

Credited from Canadian Milking Shorthorn Society

<https://milkingshorthorn.ca/ontario-cow-sets-new-lifetime-production-record/>

The Milking Shorthorn breed in Canada has a new Lifetime Production Champion for Milk and Fat production. Koopycrest Logic Ali Anne VG-87, bred and owned by Shawn Koopmans of Picton, Ontario, recently eclipsed both previous records in her ninth lactation. Anne produced 95,601 kgs of milk, 4235 kgs of fat (at 4.4%) and 3121 kgs of protein (3.3%) over nine lactations, with average BCAs of 345-386-346. This also places her #2 for lifetime protein production, behind only Serol Ace Satin, owned by Ferme M. Dicaire of St-Eugene, Ontario.

Anne has piled up a long list of accolades during her milking career in the Koopycrest herd. She received a Superior Production Award seven times from the Canadian Milking Shorthorn Society and was recognized as a Class Leader for composite BCA on five occasions. Three times she was awarded the Knottview Farm Award for highest 305 day fat production, while she received the Joseph Sullivan Award twice for highest 305 day protein production. In addition, Anne was the Honourable Mention Grand Champion at the 2014 National Milking Shorthorn Show.

Koopycrest Logic Ali Anne was the first homebred Milking Shorthorn bred by Shawn Koopmans, after buying her dam as an embryo from the United States. This cow, Koopycrest Mocha Ali Apple EX-90, was incredibly accomplished in her own right and remains the All Time Champion for 305 day milk and protein production, producing 16,742 kgs of milk, 676 kgs of fat and 488 kgs of protein in 2nd lactation. Apple was the starting point for the Koopycrest Milking Shorthorn herd, with Anne being her most accomplished daughter.

Anne has also been an accomplished brood cow in her own right, as she has produced two Very Good daughters with impressive milk records. She is also the dam of Koopycrest Anecdote-P, a proven sire marketed by Semex Alliance who was used internationally and produced a number of accomplished daughters in multiple countries.

Anne takes the lifetime milk production title from the previous record holder, Oceanbrae Noelle S EX-90, bred and owned by the Barrett family of Oceanbrae Farms, Belmont, PEI. The previous record holder for lifetime fat production is the aforementioned Serol Ace Satin, bred by Ferme Serol of Roxton Falls, QC and owned by Ferme M. Dicaire of St-Eugene, ON.

INTERNATIONAL FEATURE

Richford Pingerly Valentine named 2023 Cow of the Year

Credited from Canadian Milking Shorthorn Society
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On July 15th, Richford Pingerly Valentine was unveiled as the 2023 Cow of the Year at the CMSS Field Day and Annual Meeting, hosted by the Richardson family of St. Marys, Ontario.

Valentine, classified Excellent 92-2E, was bred by Don Richardson of Richford Farms. She was subsequently a consignment to the 2016 National Milking Shorthorn Sale, where she was purchased by Oceanbrae Farms of Belmont, Prince Edward Island. According to her breeder Don, "Valentine was the sort of heifer that we thought would excel in any herd, so we were confident consigning her to the National Sale. We were glad to hear that the Oceanbrae herd had purchased her, as they had previously purchased cattle from us."

Fred Barrett of Oceanbrae Farms noted that "Valentine caught our attention, as she traced back to our Oceanbrae Lady cow family. As we had success in the past with cattle from the Richford herd, we felt comfortable purchasing her for our herd."

Richford Pingerly Valentine has produced 54,795 kgs of milk in five completed lactations at 3.7% fat and 3.3% protein. In early 2023, she completed her best lactation to-date, producing 13,118 kgs of milk in 305 days, the third largest All-Time milk record for Canadian Milking Shorthorns in Mature Cow age class. This is despite Valentine having to temporarily relocate to a foster

herd while the Barrett family rebuilt their dairy barn following Hurricane Fiona in September 2022.

Valentine was relocated to Red Oak Farms in Oyster Bed Bridge, PEI, where the Versteeg family cared for her and six of her herdmates until the Barretts resumed milking in March 2023.

Cow of the Year isn't the only recent accolade Valentine has earned. She was also named Grand Champion of the 2022 CMSS Virtual Show in September 2022 after placing first in the Mature Cow Class. Valentine is sired by the Australian sire Treeton Pingerly, the #1 LPI sire marketed by Semex.

Runner-up for 2023 Cow of the Year was Emadale LSC Taco Maid EX-90-2E, bred by Doug Wherry of Oshawa, Ontario and owned by Sheldon Richardson of St. Marys, Ontario.



For more information on the bull contact Logan Kelly 027 426 5409

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ASSOCIATE JUDGES

- f) Approval of the elevation to Senior Judge where an Associate Judge has not passed the required Senior Judge standard is solely at the discretion of the NZ Milking Shorthorn Board.
- g) Associate Judges must work under the supervision of a Senior Judge on not less than two occasions before they can be recommended as Senior Judge.

For more information on the process of elevation from Associate to Senior Judge, please contact the NZMSA office or refer to the By-Laws as printed in the annual Herd Book or as available on the website.

Obituaries

NZ Milking Shorthorn Association send condolences to the families and friends of the following past & present members:

Sandra Kelly
Burness Partnership
Location - Otago

Ian Dibble
Tauhei Farms Ltd
Location - Waikato



President David Wood (left) presents Paul with his Honorary Life Membership while wife Jennifer (seated) looks on

Paul Penberthy - Honorary Life Member

Article by Johanna Wood

Paul Penberthy is a quiet and unassuming gentleman who has had a love of Milking Shorthorns all his life.

Residing in the Manawatu, Paul's love of the Milking Shorthorn was inspired by his father Mason and his Uncle Hector who had the Willowdale stud. In his early years, Paul was the one who stayed at home milking the cows and undertaking farm duties while his father and uncle attended A & P Shows around the region. The Willowdale stud was known for breeding longevity into their cow families and this continued under Paul's stewardship when he took over the reins.

The first Milking Shorthorn conference Paul attended was in 1952, when he was 19 years old. His father (Mason) couldn't attend, so Frank Bond and Tom Gretton suggested to Mason that they 'let Paul go' and they promised to look after him. Well, luckily Paul was allowed to go, and he had a fantastic time attending the conference and staying at the Zetland hotel. You may think he would recall some insightful learnings at this early stage of his farming career, but his standout memory was his first ever purchase from a 'pie cart'. It must have been a good pie.

Farming has seen a lot of changes over the years as technology has transformed farming. Back in the day, Mason thought Paul had 'gone mad' when he bought teat washers and a washdown hose for the shed. Far too modern for Mason's liking. I don't know if he would have approved of the radio Paul started bringing to the cowshed in his later years either.

Some of Paul's happiest memories are of the various shows that he attended, from local Newbury school calf clubs to the bigger A&P shows. He was always very proud to see his three daughters leading Milking Shorthorn calves in the various classes, and although hectic at the time, they are wonderful family memories.

Paul served for many years on the local A & P Show committee and was often seen rallying the troops as a steward at local Manawatu shows.

Farming life can be lonely, so Paul also made the most of the various Milking Shorthorn events on offer. Whether on the committee or just being a part of the Milking Shorthorn group, he has always cherished these associations. Paul feels he's been very blessed having met so many wonderful 'Shorthorn people' over the years.

Paul served as secretary of the Manawatu Branch of the Milking Shorthorn Association, now known as the Central Districts Milking Shorthorn Association for 22 years. He is currently the patron of the local branch and his passion for the history of the branch is evident as he recounts the stories of the past. In fact, at the recent Central Districts Branch 100th celebration, it was Paul, with the support of his wife Jennifer and two of his three daughters who brought along some interesting memorabilia of the branch.

Over the years, Paul has contributed to many NZMSA conferences as a surprise guest entertainer with a wicked sense of humor.

Nationally, Paul served our association as judge of the association.

It is with gratitude for Paul's quiet service to the breed that we recognize him with Honorary Life membership of the New Zealand Milking Shorthorn Association.



Thomas Lilley & Champion Cow

Over The Fence

Article by Mark McDonald

We all know that there are some fabulous Milking Shorthorn cows out there but often these cows are never seen by anyone other than their owners. I was lucky enough to judge at the Waikato On Farm competition last December so I got to visit a number of different farms and see some great animals. Hopefully some of these will feature elsewhere in the magazine. But for this article I'd like to show off some of the cows I've seen on various farms I've visited in the South Island.



Young cow at Tim Delanys

In October I had to drive to Xcell Breeding Services in Woodend to collect frozen straws of bulls that I had collected. So to kill time I drove a little further north to Waikuku where Tim Delany has a dairy farm bordering the Ashley River. His is a colourful herd of Shorthorns, Ayrshires, Brown Swiss and other minority breeds. There were some great deep bodied cows to see but with the exception of an Encore daughter that I recognised I can't provide any other breeding details.

For the first time in years there was a Milking Shorthorn cow at the Christchurch show in November. Thomas Lilley had purchased the Sunstorm Supreme daughter at Wendy Harker's dispersal sale the previous season and this was her first show outing. She was presented beautifully and was a great representative of the breed. Jody Hardwick also had youngstock at the show that again were presented outstandingly and looked like exciting prospects.



Attractive roan cow at Tim Delanys

Late in January we called in to see Mark Ring and Sarah Hope in the Rai Valley, Mark had managed our farm for a number of years. They were in their first year 50/50 sharemilking on a 340 cow farm and had put together a multi breed herd including some Shorthorns which they

had been breeding for a number of years. A tall strong Kaikoura daughter stood out and the following week a Brecon Eduardo 2 year old placed 5th in a class of 25 at the On Farm judging. There were also some lovely young stock on their support block a short distance away. Neighbouring Mark and Sarah are Mason and Becky Coleman-Cowie who won Intermediate Champion in the On Farm judging. Unfortunately we didn't have time to visit them as we were due at the start a hike of the Nydia track. Next time.



Kaikoura daughter at Rings

The On Farm judging was held early in February and involved Wendy Harker travelling the whole of the South Island to sort her way through almost 200 entries. I visited Ruurd and Rachel Lieuwes's farm on the banks of the Rakaia River with Wendy where they had drafted about a dozen cows for judging. Two Gorbro Joan's Jazz 3 year olds caught the eye with their distinct colouring along with a daughter of Brecon Pohara. Ruurd and Rachel bred the LIC sire The River Dylan Ablaze.



Lieuwes #34

A month later we all gathered for the AGM in Christchurch and I had the opportunity to visit Eyrtonlea and Elmgrove herds which I hadn't seen for some years. Standout cows at Eyrtonlea were the St. Andrew's Alliance daughters. The Smiths were under water restrictions for irrigating so grass was short but the herd still looked in great condition.



Lieuwes #20



Eyrtonlea cow

Last stop on the herd tour was Chris, Margaret and Stuart Baileys at Flaxton. Like the Smiths previously, they had drafted the red content of the herd and they looked fantastic on their own. There were some great cows to be seen here and I thought the young cows especially looked tremendous. It begs the question....when are we going to see an Elmgrove bull in the RBG/Semex lineup?



Brecon Dylan daughter at Elmgrove

Hopefully this summer I'll get to the West Coast and pay a visit to the smattering of shorthorn enthusiasts up and down the Coast.



Incalf heifer at Mark & Sarah Rings



Thomas Lambe and Reserve Champion

Royal Highland Show Edinburgh, and Irish Visit

Article by Mark McDonald

On June 15th, Jenny and I set off on a 3-week holiday, with our first stop the Royal Highland Show in Edinburgh. For both of us it was the first time in Scotland. The main attraction was the show, but we also managed a few days on a short organised tour through the Highlands where we passed through some beautiful scenery and tasted some fine Speyside whiskies.



Irthingelt Wildeyes 10th Supreme Champion

The Royal Highland show is a huge show with tremendous livestock classes, especially sheep and beef cattle. But there were also some fabulous dairy cattle on display. It was fascinating to watch the sheep judging with many breeds we don't have in New Zealand and large numbers in all classes. Rob Kite from Cottonhall Dairy Shorthorns, who had visited us at Easter, was the Shorthorn judge. Although the numbers weren't huge there were some great looking animals. Rob chose a young cow, Irthingelt Wildeyes 10 from the Moscrop family as his Supreme Champion, and the Lawson Family's Lisnamulligan Royal Kathleen 2 as his Reserve.

After a few days in Edinburgh, which was a great city to visit, we flew to Dublin to spend 10 days touring Ireland. Our hotel on the first night was in Temple Bar, the absolute nightlife hub of Dublin. Very loud and boisterous but a great night's entertainment. The following day we headed towards Kilkenny to stay with the parents of Liam Quinlan, a former staff member we had employed for three years. A short drive north from there was Ann-Maree Manley who had also spent two years with us. Ann-Maree and her father Michael have the Monasteroris Shorthorn herd in Offaly. It was really nice to finally pay them a visit and see their herd and farm. Theirs is a small herd by NZ standards, but there were some great cows to be seen. They have a young bull, Monasteroris Nearly, who was collected and awaiting his first daughters to calve down. There was a tremendous looking incalf heifer by him that really stood out. His dam M. Grayling 4th is a clean boned, deep bodied cow in her 6th lactation. A really top cow. Another couple of roan cows stood out for their deep bodies and dairyness. Lady Walton 8th was late in her 7th lactation and Iris 4th was in her 4th.



Monaterosis Grayling 4th - 6th Lactation

Another former employee, Thomas Reilly and his wife Aiofe lease two farms in Adare milking over 300 cows, so we paid them a quick visit after a night in Kilkenny. Thomas milked mostly Holstein cows with just a couple of Shorthorns that he'd purchased from the Carter family's Ransboro herd. One of these heifer's did 450 kgs M/S in her first lactation to be his top heifer. Thomas farms very much like we do in NZ and has made huge progress in the dairy industry after milking on large scale farms in Saudi Arabia for 5 years. From Adare, we stayed a night in Limerick before heading to Lahinch on the west coast of Ireland and then on up to Galway. We loved the people all along the way and enjoyed the music and banter in every one of the many pubs we visited. And as could be expected, they were very proud of their potatoes, to the point that I had roasted, mashed, chips and potatoes gratin all in one main course dish!!!



Ballytrain Marina 11th

After Galway we headed across to Cavan to visit the parents of Barry Flynn who spent two years with us and who now contract milks 650 cows at Mt. Somers with his wife Chelsea and their 2-year-old twins. Barry's father milks 39 cows in what he said was his last season of milking. Theirs was a beautiful farm with a lot of top quality milking pasture available.



Monasteroris Iris 4th - 4th Lactation

Our last farm visit was to the Ballytrain herd of James Lambe in Monaghan. Along the way we stopped at my grandfather's birthplace at Crover, from where he left in the very early 1900s, making his way to NZ. James and his son Thomas greeted us as the first Kiwis to have visited their farm. Monaghan was more rolling country but the landscape was just beautiful and the Ballytrain herd looked fantastic. There were some really good dairy cows including the dam of new AI sire Ballytrain Bullseye. Ballytrain Bloom

30th had won Supreme Interbreed Champion at Balmoral Show in 2018, a feat never before achieved by a Dairy Shorthorn. She was still in the herd but was now an old cow. James had the same issues as we all have, finding high component sires to use. He would dearly love to be able to get NZ bulls to use, but the cost and lack of willingness by AI companies to collect bulls for export is the stumbling block.

Our visit with James and Thomas was brief but thoroughly enjoyable and entertaining. Next time we will allow more time. Shortly after our visit they were hugely successful at the biggest Dairy Shorthorn show in Ireland at Tullamore, taking home Supreme Champion with Ballytrain Marina 11th. She is a Bushmills Jellybean daughter projected to do 7500 litres with 4.1f and 3.35p in her 3rd lactation. Ballytrain Primrose 49th was Reserve.



Monasteroris Lady Walton 8th - 7th Lactation

From Monaghan it was back to Dublin for one more night of Guinness and fantastic musical entertainment and then we were back at the airport and heading off to Toronto to spend a couple of days with our son Jack, and his fiancé Sophie.



Lisamulligan Royal Kathleen 2nd

As is always the case on our winter holidays, we covered a lot of ground in a short space of time. Next time in Ireland we will allow a little more time to go further south to Cork and over to the Ring of Kerry. But all in all, a fantastic holiday and we saw some really wonderful Shorthorns along the way.

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The Green Team

Article by Teena Simmons

2023/2024 show season was a blast for a wee group of youth in Southland. Amy Green of Kilmarnock Ayrshires and Shorthorns offered four youth the opportunity to lead some of her stock in the show ring. They were taught everything except how to clip their calves, they all made a special bond with their new mates.

The Green Team got to take their calves and yearling to nearly every show which had dairy in the Southern Districts. They had some highs and some lows with a couple of kids missing out at one or two shows due to Covid.

Sam Sargent led both calves and the yearling at the shows, for her first year in the ring said she would be back next year with her own animal. Charley Scoles had a rough start with calves as we had to change calf after the first couple of shows. Charley still went on to win the Southern Districts RAS Intermediate Dairy Handler of the Year.

Charlotte Rauber and William Malcolm had a very competitive season, always entering the ring to see who would beat who. William achieved runner up in Southern

Districts RAS Junior Dairy Handler. Charlotte ended the season with winning many trophies including Southern Districts RAS Junior Dairy Handler of the Year, plus winning the highest pointed youth in the Southland Herdpersons competition.

Amy deserves the credit for helping the youth in Southland and Otago, especially her wee team.

Amy and her wee team, the Green Team, will be back in action again this show season. We wish them luck.



JUDGING SCHOOLS

Judging Schools will be held by JerseyNZ/Ayrshire New Zealand (joint) and Holstein Friesian NZ in Autumn 2025 and are available for Milking Shorthorn judges and prospective judges to attend.

Look out for dates & locations in the new year.



Showing, Reflections on my first Season

Article by Hannah Pow

My name is Hannah Pow. I was fourteen when I was first handed a lead rope attached to a beautiful but somewhat recalcitrant roan Milking Shorthorn yearling aptly named Diva and was instructed "Whatever you do, don't let go". Now not letting go might come second nature to most farm kids, but the fact that I live in the small town of Balclutha and not on a farm was not lost on me as I focused on the task or more specifically heifer in hand. From humble beginnings, great things are often achieved. In no time at all the heifer was leading, this wasn't her first time on the halter after all, and I was still attached to the other end of it! My passion for handling and exhibiting dairy cattle had been kindled and the journey that was the 2023-24 show season had begun.



My first show was the Balclutha A&P Show. This was a great show to start with because everyone was very supportive and helped me feel comfortable. The girls already had a day out the weekend before at the West Otago A&P show. With the aforementioned Diva or Glenmoor Shine Bright as she is known, gaining Champion Dairy Exhibit of the show. Diva was again on show, with myself on lead in my very first show ring. To say I was apprehensive is an understatement!

I was very grateful to have a wonderful judge who talked me through everything and gave me great feedback. One red ribbon later and the morning was off to a good start. This turned out to be a great day for our show team with all three animals taking out Champion, Reserve and Honourable Mention for the Milking Shorthorn classes. Glenmoor Firebug also placed third in the All Breeds Calf class and Glenmoor Angelina gained Champion All Breeds calf on top of All Breeds Junior Champion. It really did feel like a big time when I got the task of exhibiting

Angelina for Supreme Champion. To top it all off, I got my introduction to the handlers classes where the handler is judged as opposed to the animal, gaining second place in a strong class. Although it was a lot to get used to on the day, I had a lot of fun.

Of course as all exhibitors know, there is much more to show day than leading animals and 'hopefully' winning ribbons. Preparation starts weeks before with halter training of calves and the reintroduction of the halter to yearlings. Feed regimes are introduced and animals are clipped to show them at their best. Animals are brought to the grounds the night before most shows, they are then washed that night and this process is repeated in the morning. There's bedding to put down in the stalls, food and water to put out in front of the animals as well as organisation of covers, halters, lead ropes, and wash gear. The finishing touches include brushing out tails, polishing hooves and cleaning ears. Between the time of washing them and the end of the show you not only have to keep the animals clean, you also need to do the terrible job of catching their excrement and wiping their bum. All this happens before you get to change into your show clothes and enter the ring.

The Balclutha A&P show was just the beginning of a very busy show season for me. Wyndham and Tokomairiro soon followed before the Christmas break with Winton, Taieri, Palmerston, a sodden Waiau, North Otago and Invercargill after.



For me, apart from the time spent with the animals, making new connections with people who also show cattle was the best part. They are all very supportive and help one another out with things like watching the animals, clipping them or even showing each other's animals. Coming in at a close second for my favourite thing about showing definitely would have to be the travelling. Since the shows were all over the bottom of the South Island we were able to have some very fun road trips and of course the obligatory McDonalds or KFC stop-ins on the way home.

My least favourite thing was definitely the days that we had to stay out in the ring on really hot days because it was so hot that animals were getting tired and not performing to the best of their ability. This was very frustrating as a handler as it affected my job in the ring to show them to their highest potential. Another thing that I didn't really enjoy was staying on the grounds the night before shows. I found that I was very tired and struggled to get into the right

headspace come show day. Because of this I think it will be best for me to avoid staying in the tent this upcoming season.



Although I still have a lot to work on and learn, I am extremely grateful to have this great opportunity and am very thankful to Nicola Muller of Glenmoor Milking Shorthorns who I had the delight of showing with this past show season. Nicola has made me feel very comfortable about being in the ring and made sure I felt safe with the animals which she also provided. A big thank you to her for

always having the animals at their best and having showing gear ready for us whenever we needed it. I'd also like to say thank you to our fitter Shane Pow who also made sure I got to the show days. He also played a big part in helping wash the animals as well as making an appearance in the ring now and then.



I am very grateful for everyone that I have had the privilege of meeting throughout the last show season. These people are all very wonderful and just great people to be around and learn from. A special mention to the various A&P, young handler committees and RAS. The people involved put in a lot of work to make these shows happen. Without them, it would be very hard to organise such amazing events.

With spring 2024 now upon us, it's back to preparing for next season's shows. Fresh show prospects are appearing and planning is already underway. For anyone thinking of giving it a go, find yourself an animal and enjoy the experience. Just remember "whatever you do, don't let go".

Hannah was named RAS Southern Region champion senior handler for the 2023-24 season. She has also been named in the JerseyNZ team to compete in January 2025 in the IDW youth challenge in Australia.

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New Zealand Milking Shorthorn Association **CLOW & MURPHY YOUTH POINTS COMPETITION**

INFORMATION:

Entries to the new Clow & Murphy Youth Competition for 2024 have now closed, but our Junior members can look forward to this Competition being a regular item on the NZ Milking Shorthorn calendar, with certificates being presented to the Junior and Senior winners.

The Competition is open to any person in the Junior age bracket (12 years and under), or the Senior age bracket (13-25 years). Calves must be true to colour, registered (or eligible to be registered) at S1S status. Entrants are to use the same animal and be the handler of the calf.

Points are allocated at official A&P Shows, but points are also accepted from Club Shows and On-Farm Competitions. Activity cards are sent to all entrants to collate results throughout the showing season. Once complete, these are sent back to the office to collate the results.

Points are allocated as follows:

Breeds section for Calf or Yearling Heifer – eg: Milking Shorthorn/Other breeds Section, depending on show:

- 1st – 6 points
- 2nd – 5 points
- 3rd – 4 points
- 4th – 3 points
- 5th – 2 points

If you get placed 6th and below, 1 point for participation is awarded in the breeds section only.

Extra Points:

Junior Champion Milking Shorthorn (or other breeds) – 10 points

Reserve Junior Champion Milking Shorthorn (or other breeds) – 8 points

All Breeds calf or Yearling Heifer – Points as above, no extra participation points are awarded in all breeds if placed 6th or below.

We have a great number of entrants for the first year of the Competition, with two Junior and seven Senior entrants. We look forward to seeing what you are all able to achieve over the season and to share these achievements with everyone.

Our thanks to all those who entered, and if you missed out this year, be sure to keep an eye out for when entries open in 2025!

2023/24 WINNERS



Senior Winner

Haylee Baker - 70 Points



Junior Winner

Ruby Trubshaw - 56 Points



Ruby Trubshaw - Junior Member based in the Manawatu

Article by Johanna Wood

Ruby is the granddaughter of Johanna and David Wood. She is 11 years old and loves spending time on the farm with Aunty Anja and Grandad.

Ruby has raised calves for her local boys and girls agricultural pet day and her affinity with her calves continues on as she finds them in the paddock and goes up to give them a cuddle many years later.

Over the last year, Ruby participated in Feilding’s Rural Day where she dressed her calf and herself up in green. A super excited Ruby came back to the farm with her winnings as she took out 1st place.

At NZDE 2024, Ruby showed her calf, Sage and for the first time took a previous calf into the ring.



Welcome Aboard New Members

NZ Milking Shorthorn Assn extends a warm welcome to our newest members!

Aimee Harmer

STUD: TAHAU
LOCATION: Waikato
MEMBERSHIP: Associate

Nicole Furniss

STUD: WIND VIEW
LOCATION: Waikato
MEMBERSHIP: Senior

Phil & Rebecca Abrams

STUD: REDWAY
LOCATION: Waikato
MEMBERSHIP: Associate

Northbrook Youth Challenge

Article by Nikki & Haylee Baker



Last year Northbrook celebrated 50 years since beginning in 1973. We decided to enter a team into the New Zealand Dairy Event Youth Challenge. We competed in a team of four in three events. These were: Clipping a calf (in half an hour), we split up and judged and showed two calves. Our team was made up of Nikki Baker, Haylee Baker, Zara McDonald and Jacob Howell.

We really enjoyed working together as a team and pushing each other to try our hardest. Overall, we came out seventh out of nine teams and were super stoked to be there as Team Northbrook! We look forward to doing it again next year!



Northbrook Milking Shorthorn Youth Team Challenge

Article by Johanna Wood

While a number of young Milking Shorthorn breeders have participated as members of other teams in the New Zealand Dairy Event Youth Challenge since the inception of NZDE, 2024 saw the first time in the history of the NZDE, the Milking Shorthorn Association was represented by a team with all Shorthorn young breeders from the Manawatu region.

The idea was thought about as a way to celebrate 50 years of the Northbrook Milking Shorthorn stud. The youngsters have cared for and shown Northbrook calves for many years at their local Boys and Girls Agricultural Club days. Two of the team (Nikki and Haylee Baker) have continued this into their local high school (Feilding High School, which used to have Milking

Shorthorns) by activating a secondary school club day which is supported by the Manawatu Oroua Boys and Girls Agricultural Committee.

In preparation for the event, some of the team attended the Youth Camp prior to the show and the friendships made here ensured that the team had plenty of advice from their colleagues.

The team was well turned out in their 50-year polos. Although they weren't placed in the top three, they represented the breed well and we congratulate the team on their efforts.

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SELLING STOCK ONLINE?

Here are some tips on selling stock online

PHOTOS/VIDEOS

Make sure to show your animal off. You can put more than one photo on a sale!!

FOOT NOTES

Talk about family or their best quality

MATING DATES

Include if Natural or AI

A2A2 STATUS

PUBLICITY

Publicity is a key to any sale. Use Facebook, magazines and newspapers to advertise your sale.

THREE GENERATIONS INFO

Make sure it is updated

ASKING PRICE

Realistic for the time and season you are going to be selling in

TOP STATUS

AVAILABILITY

Make it available for vendors to see or contact you about stock

GROWTH WEIGHTS

Growth Weights of Young Stock

BREED LOGO

If available

POLLED STATUS





*Imagery of the Kaihere Stud
in loving memory of our amazing past secretary – Ian Dibble*

Photos taken by Ella Pirie

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WAIKATO BRANCH REPORT

Wendy Harker | President

As long as I can remember the Waikato Branch NZ Milking Shorthorn has had Ian Dibble as its driving force. He was either Director, President or Secretary and was always the one to ring and remind you that things need to happen. This year will be our first AGM without him and there will be a massive gap. But it is not his work that we will miss him most for. It is the absolute passion for the Milking Shorthorn Breed, the enthusiasm when talking about the latest heifers, the quiet leadership and the friendship that he offered to all our members. Thank you Ian, and all your family for all you have done for our Branch.



Kaihere Moon Light

The year has been a relatively quiet one for the branch but we did hold a very successful On-Farm Show in December. We were fortunate to have Mark McDonald judge this competition that involves covering a large number of kilometres over three days. Grand Champion & Champion Senior Cow was awarded to Westell Butter Faye owned by Jarod Hudson, Intermediate Champion was awarded to Kaihere Moon Light owned by Josh Sneddon and the Junior Champion was awarded to Ratea Delta Mavis owned by Pat & Shelly Schnuriger. Thank you to all the members who entered this competition and congratulations to the winners. Thanks once again to Mark for doing such a fantastic job of judging.

The North Island Championships were held at the Morrinsville Show in March 2024 and once again it was the Dibble Family that made this event happen. It was lovely to see two young breeders take out the Championships.

Thanks to Isaac Kelson for travelling a long distance at short notice to judge this competition.

The Branch is starting the process of organizing the 2025 NZ Milking Shorthorn Conference and we would love to welcome members from all over New Zealand to the Waikato.



Westell Butter Faye

HERD BOOK & PRODUCTION REGISTER

As reported in the 2023 magazine, issues outside our control meant that we have not yet published the joint Herd Book & Production Register for 2022 and 2023. Once the data became available in BreedIT in early 2024, workload issues pushed out publication and then the reporting function in BreedIT was unavailable for some time as the reports were being updated. Just as they became available, we were affected by the LIC parentage updates that took place in July/August 2024. We have now worked through the registration status updates on affected animals to ensure that the data printed in the Herd Book & Production Register is correct, and expect the 2022 – 2024 volumes to be issued by Christmas.



CENTRAL DISTRICTS REPORT

Mike Treder | Secretary

This year we had a full calendar of events and field days. First of all, we had a small gathering on the 30th of August to celebrate our 100 years as a branch at a restaurant in Palmerston North, it was a small gathering, but it was good to mark the centenary date.



Mike Hoggard talking at the 100th Year Celebration of the Central Districts branch

Next on the list was our summer field day at the Tocker farm at Tiakitahuna just south of Palmerston North, their farm is 380ha mostly made up of river flats and terraces with the Manawatu River as a boundary, which can flood a lot of it. The farm itself is very long and narrow so it can take a while to bring their 700 cows in for milking. The herd is made up of Jerseys, Friesians, Ayrshires and Milking Shorthorns. Also, Russell showed us their environmental work, including fencing off some bush blocks and their duck shooting lagoon. There was a good turnout with DairyNZ and LIC coming along to learn about the Shorthorns. Big thanks to Farm Source for supplying lunch.



The Tocker's Herd

The highlight of the year was our 100 Year Dinner, held at the Coach House Museum in Fielding. With 50 people attending, from current members to past members, it was interesting to note that some of the original members have descendants still in the branch today (Tocker's Great Uncle & Reon Hince's Great Grandfather), it was a great occasion. With Russell as emcee and guest speakers, starting with Mike Hoggard who had a town supply farm in Upper Hutt, David Wood our National President, Andrew Hoggard who is an MP for the ACT party and is Mike's son, and Graham Pedley who owned a farm in the Manawatu. It was a fantastic night out with great food and reminiscing. Everything went like clockwork, well nearly everything. Peter and Dale Gore forgot about the event, but after a couple of phone calls they made it with minutes to spare. Big thanks to the committee for organising the night.

The youth calf day was again held at the Wood property in the Manawatu. Thanks to Carla Marsden and Russell for organising the day.

The On Farm Competition was again an enormous success with over 90 head of cattle judged over the two days, big thanks to Bob Lawson for taking time out to judge the animals, he was very impressed by the quality of stock.



Members attending our 100th Year Celebration

The Central Districts Fieldays are an important event in our calendar, it is very time-consuming, setting up and being on the stand for three days, but the benefits of putting the breed out there far outweigh the negatives. You just don't know what numbers of enquiries you will get from year to year, but again the interest was strong, farmers are looking for something different in their herds. Big thanks to all the helpers over the three days and those who set up and pulled down our shed.



Andrew Hoggard MP at the 100th Year Celebration

The National conference was held in Canterbury, with several CD members attending, they were very impressed with the way it was run. Well done to the Canterbury organisers.

We changed our On Farm Competition prizegiving date and made it earlier to coincide with another very special award, but first the On Farm awards were spread over the whole district, which is good to see. It was great to have our Judge there to hand out the awards. The other special award went to Paul Penberthy, he received the Honorary Life Membership Award from the National Assn. We hadn't told Paul about the award, so it was a complete surprise to him. This was well deserved for a man who gave so much to the breed and still attends a lot of our fieldays and AGMs.

On to our AGM, which was held at Peter Gore's place, so he wouldn't forget, haha. It was a great catch-up with everyone, status quo for all the officers, a great lunch with

some home-brew plum wine that Russell brought along, everyone was feeling very merry. Thanks to Peter and Dale for offering to have the meeting at their place.



Howell Winter Field Day

We had two winter trips this year, the first being to Ashley Clinton, in the Central Hawkes Bay to Andy Hunt's place, he brought some heifers off Norm Atkins, two this year and three the year before. All the heifers are milked OAD at the top farm then are brought down to the bigger farm as 3yos and are milked TAD. The day went well even though they just had 120mm of rain that night, was a great day out as we've never been there before, then off to lunch at the Tikokino Pub, thanks to Norm for organizing this. The

second trip was to Nireaha to see Steven & Bec's herd nestled under the Tararua ranges where they can get over 2 meters of rain a year, the farm is rolling with steeper hills at the back. They have some cows by Curveball and Arlo crossed with their black and white cows that are doing very well. They also have a cow that they've called the All Horn, a cross between a Shorthorn and a Longhorn, apparently it milks very well. We headed to Mt Bruce (Pukaka) bird reserve for lunch. Thanks to David for organising this. I would like to thank Russell for his time and effort in making things go smoothly in the CD.



Champion Calf at the Central Districts Calf Day

ON FARM 2024

Class 1 - SNR Bull Progeny, Group In-Milk

	Herd	Cow #	Cow Names	Sire
1	Waiwera Milking Shorthorns	22/118	Waiwera Z Chip / Waiwera Z Lightning Mapleton	Mapleton Vly J Zumba
2	Northbrook Enterprises	30/45	Northbrook Blitzten / Northbrook Peppermint	Northbrook Bishop
3	Treder Bros	212/99	Belleview Corrina P / Belleview Andrea	Oliver Woods Carbo P

Class 2 - JNR Bull Progeny, Group In-Milk

	Herd	Cow #	Cow Names	Sire
1 =	Kowhai Acres	7/28	Kowhai Lorna / Kowhai Elsie	Sonic Boom
1 =	Waiwera Milking Shorthorns	91/50	Waiwera TC Rhythm / Waiwera TC Dazgirl	Waiwera Turbo Charge
3	Northbrook Enterprises	152/279	Northbrook Reed / Northbrook Tropical	Westell Arlo

Class 3 - SNR Bull Progeny, Group In-Milk

	Herd	Cow #	Cow Names	Sire
1	Kowhai Acres	50	Kowhai Pin Burbara	Treeton Pingerley
2	Northbrook Enterprises	82	Northbrook B Honeybee	Northbrook Busta
3 =	Waiwera Milking Shorthorns	50	Waiwera TC Dazgirl	Waiwera Turbo Charge
3 =	Kowhai Acres	45	Brecon Fred Arran	Brecon Freddy
3 =	Northbrook Enterprises	140	Northbrook Ready-Fan	VR Flake P Fanof P

Class 4 - 3 Year-Old In-Milk

	Herd	Cow #	Cow Names	Sire
1	Northbrook Enterprises	217	Northbrook Fost Ample	Oceanbrae Foster
2	Waiwera Milking Shorthorns	169	Waiwera Jed Buttercup	Glenclyffe JP Jedi
3	Northbrook Enterprises	83	Northbrook Tp Honeybee	Treeton Pingerly

Class 5 - 4 Year-Old or 5 Year-Old In-Milk

	Herd	Cow #	Cow Names	Sire
1	Northbrook Enterprises	293	Northbrook White Mell	Brecon Egmont
2	Treder Bros	212	Belleview Corrina P	Oliver Woods Carbo P
3 =	Hiwinui	231	Hiwinui Spice	Northbrook Axel
3 =	Waiwera Milking Shorthorns	21	Waiwera Elma	Creighton Park Elmo
3 =	Kowhai Acres	268	Westell Butternut Taz	Blackwood Park Butternut

Class 6 - 6 Year-Old or 7 Year-Old In-Milk

	Herd	Cow #	Cow Names	Sire
1	Northbrook Enterprises	1	Northbrook Wow	Bekay Angelo
2	Waiwera Milking Shorthorns	118	Waiwera Z Lightning	Mapleton Vly J Zumba
3	Treder Bros	146	Bellevue Fitter	Waiwera Turbo Charge

Class 7 - 8 Year-Old and Over In-Milk

	Herd	Cow #	Cow Names	Sire
1	Waiwera Milking Shorthorns	30	Waiwera Fabio Fleur	Skyview Zumba Fabio
2	Treder Bros	156	Bellevue Ovation	Brecon Encore
3 =	Waiwera Milking Shorthorns	55	Northbrook Shells	Clanrye West
3 =	Kowhai Acres	321	Northbrook Guava	Eyretonelea Snow
3 =	Northbrook Enterprises	154	Northbrook Jaxs	Treeton Pingerly
3 =	Treder Bros	84	Bellevue TC	Waiwera Turbo Charge

Class 8 - Heifer Calf

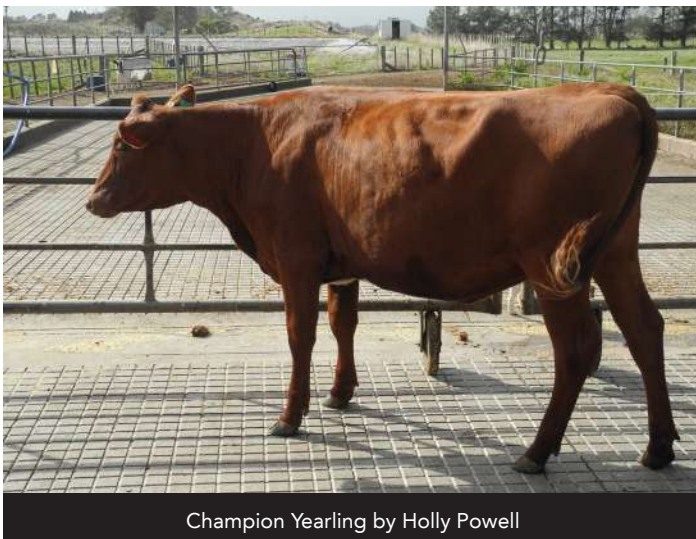
	Herd	Cow #	Cow Names	Sire
1	Richwood	23-500	Richwood Cutie	Northbrook Lockdown
2	Cloudy Gully	23-94	Cloudy Gully Misty	Westell Carbo Arlo
3 =	Waiwera Milking Shorthorns	23-98	Waiwera Jett Scoreo	Te Kiripi Tomas
3 =	Kowhai Acres	23-10	Kowhai Lolita	Northbrook Delta

Class 9 - Yearling Calf

	Herd	Cow #	Cow Names	Sire
1	Ridgeline Farms	CRKB 22-111	Westell Mont Sandie	Riversleigh Alston Montagna
2	Treder Bros	22-13	Bellevue Patch P	River Jazzy Ember
3	Northbrook Enterprises	22-1	Northbrook Em Twilight	River Jazzy Ember

Class 10 - Blue Roan In-Milk/Heifer

	Herd	Cow #	Cow Names	Sire
1 =	Kowhai Acres	7	Kowhai Lorna	Sonic Boom
1 =	Tiakitahuna	653	Blue Bell	Not Recorded
3 =	Richwood	355	Northbrook Richwood Celtic	Northbrook Notable
3 =	Treder Bros	92	Bellevue Knight	Northbrook Duncan



Champion Yearling by Holly Powell



2nd placed yearly Bellevue Patch, by River Jazzy



Blue Cow from Karl Woods



Tocker Cow



Wood Cow



Wood Cow



Wood Cow



Wood Cow

CENTRAL DISTRICTS PRODUCTION COMPETITION RESULTS 2023/24 RESULTS SPREADSHEET

Place	Farm	Age	Name	Cow No	Yr Born	Vol	Fat Kg	Fat %	Prt Kg	Prt %	Solids Kg	DIM	Sire Name
1	Kowhai Acres	2	Kowhai Hallie	210	2021	5664	329	5.81	198	3.50	527	270	Northbrook Ringo
2	Kowhai Acres	2	Kowhai Lorna	7	2021	5364	307	5.72	191	3.56	498	257	Sonic Boom
3	Four Ways Farm Ltd	2	Waiwera TC Dazgirl	50	2021	4086	208	5.10	149	3.65	397	254	Waiwera Turbo Charge
1	Four Ways Farm Ltd	3	Waiwera Tana Dazze	111	2020	4762	257	5.40	193	4.05	450	240	Brecon Tana
2	Four Ways Farm Ltd	3	Waiwera Jed Buttercup	169	2020	6731	277	4.11	222	3.30	499	282	Glenciffe Jedi
3	Northbrook Enterprises	3	Northbrook Go Presto	7	2020	4414	225	5.10	177	4.00	402	266	Northbrook Ringo
1	Four Ways Farm Ltd	4	Waiwera Oliver Trixie	32	2019	5749	311	5.40	225	3.92	536	259	Pinedale Oliver
2	Four Ways Farm Ltd	4	Waiwera Oliver Barbie	100	2019	6414	294	4.58	238	3.72	532	284	Pinedale Oliver
3=	Frisia Farm	4	Emma 29	16	2019	4760	263	5.54	174	3.66	437	257	Waiwera Turbo Charge
3=	Tiakitahuna Milking Shorthorns	4		34	2019	3494	230	6.59	140	4.01	370	218	Waiwera Turbo Charge S0S
1	Hince Enterprises	5	Northbrook A Honeybee	69	2018	8292	363	4.38	238	3.42	647	279	Northbrook Axel
2	Four Ways Farm Ltd	5	Waiwera Lucky Flick	31	2018	6945	282	4.06	223	3.21	505	231	Skyview Zumba Fabio
3	Tiakitahuna Milking Shorthorns	5		140	2018	5408	260	4.8	204	3.78	464	243	
1	Four Ways Farm Ltd	6	Waiwera Angie	76	2017	6836	316	4.62	246	3.60	562	259	Brecon Antonio
2	Four Ways Farm Ltd	6	Waiwera Dundam	63	2017	6253	312	4.99	257	4.11	569	274	Northbrook Duncan
3	Tiakitahuna Milking Shorthorns	6		282	2017	5724	295	5.15	227	3.97	522	266	Pinedale Benson S0S
1	Lakeview	7	Fusion Pinerly Plum	454	2016	7274	321	4.42	281	3.86	603	247	Treeton Pingerly
2	Four Ways Farm Ltd	7	Waiwera Egmont Lady	493	2016	6355	298	4.68	237	3.73	535	274	Brecon Egmont
3	Tiakitahuna Milking Shorthorns	7		15	2016	5878	242	4.12	190	3.24	433	230	Brecon The Fallen S1S
1	Four Ways Farm Ltd	8	Waiwera Charge Clover	97	2015	5818	284	4.89	201	3.46	486	258	Waiwera Turbo Charge
2	Tiakitahuna Milking Shorthorns	8		37	2015	5467	286	5.24	199	3.64	486	262	Marchina Polled Dean S0S
3	Four Ways Farm Ltd	8	Waiwera Bishop Bomb	69	2015	6407	263	4.11	232	3.62	495	283	Northbrook Bishop
1	Four Ways Farm Ltd	9	Waiwera Fabio Fleur	30	2014	6716	263	3.92	221	3.29	484	283	Skyview Zumba Fabio
2	Northbrook Enterprises	9	Northbrook Lucy	191	2014	5789	245	4.22	197	3.40	441	272	Northbrook Plato
3	Northbrook Enterprises	9	Northbrook Ballgmore	54	2014	5509	234	4.24	194	3.53	428	280	Blackwood Park Dan
1	Four Ways Farm Ltd	10	Waiwera Encore Sally	52	2013	7053	272	3.86	248	3.15	520	271	Brecon Encore
2	Northbrook Enterprises	10	Northbrook Peach	63	2013	5344	215	4.02	182	3.40	397	265	Northbrook Turbo
3	Northbrook Enterprises	10	Northbrook Ample	218	2013	5945	223	3.76	194	3.26	413	283	Northbrook Turbo
1	Four Ways Farm Ltd	10+	Waiwera Snowfall	74	2012	6021	278	4.62	224	3.71	502	272	Eyretonelea Snow
2	Northbrook Enterprises	10+	Northbrook Wok	120	2012	5893	231	3.93	201	3.42	433	241	Treeton Pingerly
3	Northbrook Enterprises	10+	Northbrook Melbourne	294	2012	5840	262	4.48	227	3.90	489	289	Northbrook Turbo

Mike Hoggard's Speech

The following speech was given by Mike Hoggard at the centenary celebrations of the Central Districts Branch

David has asked me to talk about the early days of the town milk industry and my family's involvement.

Because of transport, which in the early days were horse and cart and roading issues in a lot of cases, land alongside urban areas became town milk farms.

My family's involvement started in the early 1930's as my father and grandfather (a Lambton Quay lawyer who did all the legal work for the town milk industry) converted class 3 soil into farmland. Swamps, gullies, iron pans, four rivers, my grandfather had bought it during the depression as an entranceway into the Tararua for tramping.

After World War 2, my parents established Wairiti Milking Shorthorns that had as its core the Australian Illawara Shorthorns - I guess they came by boat.

Milking Shorthorns in particular looked after themselves. My father's memoirs tell of a deep red cow who could open the gates with her horns (no dehorning in those days), get in the chicken shed and open the chaff feed drum and eat the meal - the giveaway was a red cow with white face. My parents also showed cows and apparently at the Royal Show in 1951, I was two years old riding the Champion Shorthorn - she distinguished herself by trotting off to graze the better grass by the visiting Governor General.

The Milking Shorthorns never went hungry - no matter how good the fencing if there was better grass on the other side - they got to it. Remembering that town milk was for drinking, the milking sheds in those days were basic with no concern for quality control or refrigeration. No effluent disposal - unless over the bank or into the river; no washdown hoses; and dogs standing on their back feet to drink from the bar cooler (we saw this in Australia, on a visit 23 years ago). In the morning the milk

was stirred in the cans to distribute the cream. Town milk farmers were only paid on their quotas, the overflow was virtually given away to export.

Payment was 6 pence a gallon - September to April and 9 pence in the winter months May to August. So in the days pre herringbone and rotary cowsheds you walked the cow into the bale, put the chain on to stop her backing out, then a leg rope on to save yourself a bad injury, stimulate the udder for a minute or - cups on, then onto the next cow. Less cows meant more time for milking. For town milk you didn't have split calvings but year round calving 6-10 cows per month to keep the production regular.

In 1962 a wintering barn was built. Having to meet a quota in winter meant the cows needed cossetting at night. In the morning getting the cows out of the barn was a joy - it was so warm. The frame was only 7 feet high which caused a lot of problems cleaning it out when roll bag & roll bars on tractors came in, it took real practice to pull shavings out.

By the early 70's Wellington Dairy Company had their own factory in Lower Hutt and Wellington City Council bought milk from them to go through their Tory St Factory - yes, Councils had their own factories.

Wellington Dairy Farmers had expanded to take in Otaki and Levin. Surplus milk at giveaway prices went to Manawatu Milk Co. But there Manawatu made a deal with Wellington Council to supply milk - cutting out Wellington Dairy farmers - and so started the demise of Town Supply factories. We saw the writing on the wall and joined the exodus from the Upper Hutt region.

RETIRED MEMBERSHIPS

For Retired Members (not actively farming) and/or friends of the breed without herdbook; no registrations; no voting rights

\$50.00 Incl

Conditions apply
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FREE ASSOCIATE MEMBERSHIPS

Do you know somebody local who has a few Milking Shorthorns and would benefit from an Associate membership? The Board are giving away Associate memberships for a limited time, The membership is limited to electronic notifications only, with the exception of the magazine, and will automatically lapse if the subscription is not paid by 31 August the following year. This offer is limited to the first 25, so get in quick!

Limited time
Conditions apply
Contact the office for more info.

JUNIOR MEMBERSHIPS

For Junior members up to the age of 18.

May register animals; no voting rights in the parent body.

\$30.00 Incl

Conditions apply
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OTAGO/SOUTHLAND BRANCH REPORT

Teena Simmons | Secretary

Yet another season done and dusted 2023/2024. Once again, the constant rising of costs such as food, gas, and supplies has put a strain on living. Interest rates need to come down. It's going to be a tight one this year, but I'm sure us farmers know how to do it hard; we will make it through.

Considering our club is only small, wow what achievements have been achieved by some of our members! Great to see the young ones coming through, us oldies need to support them. Very proud of this club.

Season started in July 2023 our club enjoyed a night of ten-pin bowling followed by a meal at the Avenal. Congratulations to Amy and Jared for winning top bowlers for the night. A night enjoyed by all.

On December 17th, 2023, our club enjoyed a herd walk at Nick and Anieka Templer's place. The day was attended by members from all breeds from across Otago and Southland. Great to see Anieka's all-breed herd. We all picked our favorite cow here on the day, Maybella Jazz Eve. The hospitality was awesome, thank you Nick and Anieka for having us.

South Island Championship this year was held on farm, at the end of January, beginning of February 2024. 190 head entered all over the South Island from Invercargill to Rai Valley. Wendy Harker was asked to judge, a big job but she got a result. Special thanks go to Mark McDonald, Logan Kelly and Teena Simmons for their efforts in organising this event. Congratulations to Red Cow Farms for winning Supreme Champion with Brecon Monty Westonia.

At the same time of judging the South Island Championship, Wendy managed to also judge our Otago/Southland On Farm Competition. Congratulations to Logan and Nicky Kelly for winning Supreme Champion with Te Kiripi Savr Rose.

Thank you, Wendy, for judging both competitions.

On April 9th, 2024, the Milking Shorthorn Conference took place in Canterbury. Some of our members attended. Thank you to the Canterbury members for hosting an awesome conference over three days. Great to see the shortie herds in Canterbury.

At the April Conference David Murphy stepped down as Patron.

Just like to make an acknowledgment to one of our club members, Amy Green for all her work that she does for the young youth down here in Southland. Amy organised the 2023 Calf Club here in Southland. She had over 40 children attend. She is underway organising the 2024 Calf Club in November. Amy also has a team of young youth who she has allocated calves for and teaches them to care, lead and takes them around to the shows in Southland and Otago. Their team is called Green Team.

Also, Amy has just become the new RAS Southern Dairy Representative, well done Amy.

Congratulations to Hannah Pow who has been chosen for the JerseyNZ Youth Challenge team to go to IDW. Hannah has been under the wing of Nicola Muller. We wish Hannah well.

Congratulations to Jared Rutten for achieving his Diesel Mechanic Apprenticeship, our club is very lucky to have two qualified Diesel Mechanics now, Jared and Jack.

Congratulations to Kimberley Simmons for winning a scholarship to study in the UK at the Royal Agricultural University for 6 months. Kimberley leaves on the 19th of September and will return in February. We will look forward to her return and stories to tell.

Our Year ended with our 105th AGM and prizegiving which was held on the 13th of June at the Pioneer Tavern Edendale. Officer bearers all stay the same Bronwyn Brown President, Teena Simmons Secretary/Treasurer and Publicity officer, Nicky Kelly Vice President, and Kimberley Simmons Youth representative.

Thank you to everyone who entered our Production Awards for 2023/24, great to see some shorties pulling the K's.

Remember we have a Facebook page "Otago Southland Milking Shorthorn Association". Check it out to see what we have been up to.

If anyone is cruising around down here in the deep south, do not hesitate to contact one of our members, it's always good to stop for a yarn and us southerners like showing off our cows down here.

Look forward to seeing everyone in Waikato at Conference next year.

Also, our club has done a Calendar for 2025, if you would like one contact Teena, they are \$35 plus some postage.

OTAGO/SOUTHLAND PRODUCTION RESULTS 2023/24

Class A 2-year-old highest milk solids

1	Maybella Dylan Kate	545 m/s	Nick and Anieka Templer
2	Lowburn Jedi Lucky	530 m/s	Simmons Family
3	Brecon Sonic Connie	526 m/s	Nick and Anieka Templer

Class B 3-year-old highest milk solids

1	Maybella Jazz Sheba	666 m/s	Nick and Anieka Templer
2	Lowburn Darcy Trudy	558 m/s	Simmons Family
3	Lowburn Jedi Linda	530 m/s	Simmons Family

Class C 4-year-old highest milk solids

1	Te Kiripi Ned Beaut	581 m/s	Logan and Nicky Kelly
2	Grosvenor OB Lulu	542 m/s	Nick and Anieka Templer
3	Grosvenor JCCH 19-4	456 m/s	David and Paul Murphy

Class D 5-year-old highest milk solids

1	Burness Att Molly	707 m/s	Logan and Nicky Kelly
2	Grosvenor Eng Sue	658 m/s	Simmons Family
3	Richwood Lucky	606 m/s	Simmons Family

Class E 6-year-old highest milk solids

1	Burness Fos Molly	679 m/s	Logan and Nicky Kelly
2	Lowburn Zumba Linda	646 m/s	Simmons Family
3	Lowburn Jedi Rose-Ann	578 m/s	Simmons Family

Class F 7-year-old highest milk solids

1	Burness Hilly Pearl	724 m/s	Logan and Nicky Kelly
2	Roslyn Dun Kowhai	552 m/s	David and Paul Murphy

Class G 8-year-old highest milk solids

1	Burness 15-7	678 m/s	Logan and Nicky Kelly
2	Lowburn Carbo Linda	568 m/s	Simmons Family
3	Roslyn Sor Spot	469 m/s	David and Paul Murphy

Class H 9-year-old highest milk solids

1	New Luce 14-185	621 m/s	Logan and Nicky Kelly
2	Grosvenor Gil Shan	614 m/s	Murphy Family

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Class I 10-year-old highest milk solids

1	Burness 13-1	600 m/s	Logan and Nicky Kelly
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Class J 11-year-old and over highest milk solids

1	Burness Emp Ruby	600 m/s	Logan and Nicky Kelly
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Class K Blue cow highest milk solids

1	Brecon Alston Eliza	542 m/s	Anieka Templer in 269 Days
2	Westell Arnie Flo	542 m/s	Anieka Templer in 287 Days

Class L Dam and Daughter highest milk solids added together

1	Burness Alan Molly	638 m/s	
	Burness Att Molly	707 m/s	
	Total milk-solids	1304 m/s	Logan and Nicky Kelly
2	Lowburn Carbo Linda	566 m/s	
	Lowburn Zumba Linda	646 m/s	
	Total milk-solids	1212 m/s	Simmons Family
3	Lowburn Zumba Linda	646 m/s	
	Lowburn Jedi Linda	530 m/s	
	Total milk-solids	1176m/s	Simmons Family

Class M Dam and two Daughters highest milk solids added together

1	New Luce 10-4	439 m/s	
	Burness Hilly Pearl	724 m/s	
	Burness Snowflake	599 m/s	
	Total milk-solids	1762 m/s	Logan and Nicky Kelly
2	Lowburn Zumba Linda	646 m/s	
	Lowburn Jedi Linda	530 m/s	
	Lowburn Jedi Lindy-Lou	474 m/s	
	Total milk-solids	1650 m/s	Simmons Family
3	Northbrook VF Jacks	546 m/s	
	Lowburn Freddo Jacks	455 m/s	
	Lowburn Jedi Jax	467 m/s	
	Total milk-solids	1468 m/s	Simmons Family

Class N Two Daughters by one Sire highest milk solids added together

1	Burness Hilly Pearl	724 m/s	Beaulands Hilly
	Burness Hilly Stella	671 m/s	
	Total milk-solids	1395 m/s	Logan and Nicky Kelly
2	Maybella Jazz Sheba	666 m/s	Gorbroy Joans Jazz
	Maybella Jazz Eve	527 m/s	
	Total milk-solids	1193 m/s	Anieka Templer
3	Lowburn Jedi Rose-Ann	578 m/s	Glenclyffe JP Jedi
	Lowburn Jedi Rose	606 m/s	
	Total milk-solids	1184m/s	Simmons Family

Class O 3 Daughters by one Sire highest milk solids added together.

1	Burness Emp Maid	533 m/s	Llandoverly Jimmy Empire
	Burness Emp Snowflake	599 m/s	
	Burness Emp Ruby	709 m/s	
	Total milk-solids	1841 m/s	Logan and Nicky Kelly
2	Lowburn Jedi Rose-Ann	578 m/s	Glenclyffe JP Jedi
	Lowburn Jedi Rose	606 m/s	
	Lowburn Jedi Lucky	530 m/s	
	Total milk-solids	1703 m/s	Simmons Family

Class P 3 Consecutive Generations-Grandmother, Dam and Daughter highest milk solids added together.

1	Lowburn Carbo Linda	568 m/s	
	Lowburn Zumba Linda	646 m/s	
	Lowburn Jedi Linda	530 m/s	
	Total milk-solids	1744 m/s	Simmons Family
2	Burness Roan Molly	518 m/s	
	Burness Att Molly	707 m/s	
	Burness Alan Molly	517 m/s	
	Total milk-solids	1742 m/s	Logan and Nicky Kelly

Highest Cow for Production 2024 – Highest Production Award Trophy

Burness Hilly Pearl	724 m/s	Logan and Nicky Kelly
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SOUTHLAND/OTAGO ON FARM COMPETITION 2024

Judged by Wendy Harker

Heifer Calf Class

1	Lowburn Supreme Izy-Bee	Simmons Family
2	TBFL-23-114	Henderson Family
3	Maybella Akiva Robin	Anieka Templar
4	Glenmeadow Foxy	Stu Kent

Yearling Heifer Calf

1	Burness Ali Jade	Logan Kelly
2	Burness Arlo Molly	Logan Kelly
3	Lowburn Jedi Lindy-Lady	Simmons Family
4	Brecon Sonic Atlanta	Anieka Templar

Junior Champion

	Burness All Jade	Logan Kelly
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Reserve Champion

	Burness Arlo Molly	Logan Kelly
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2 Year Old Class

1	Burness Boom Megan (Best Udder)	Logan Kelly
2	Lowburn Jedi Jax	Simmons Family
3	Brecon Supreme Mandy	A & J Lowe
4	Westell Hunt Missy	Simmons Family

3 Year Old Class

1	Maybella Jazz Eve (Best Udder)	Anieka Templar
2	Lowburn Supreme Sprinkles	Simmons Family
3	Brecon Kai Cola	Hughes/Crowley
4	Oliver Woods Robi	Anieka Templar

Intermediate Champion

	Maybella Jazz Eve	Anieka Templar
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Reserve Intermediate Champion

	Burness Boom Megan	Logan Kelly
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Honourable Mention

	Lowburn Jedi Jax	Simmons Family
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4 Year Old Class

1	Te Kiripi Ned Beaut (Best Udder)	Logan Kelly
2	Burness Font Breeze	Hughes/Crowley
3	Brecon 410 Sally	Henderson Family
4	Grosvenor OB Lulu	Anieka Templar

5 Year Old Class

1	Lowburn Jedi Rose (Best Udder)	Simmons Family
2	Burness EG Sprite	Logan Kelly
3	Aparima Luce 399	Hughes/Crowley
4	Grosvenor Sally	Hughes/Crowley

6 Year Old Class

1	Te Kiripi Savr Rose (Best Udder)	Logan Kelly
2	Lowburn Jedi Rose-Ann	Simmons Family
3	Grosvenor Jedi Natie	D and P Murphy
4	Waiwera Dundebis	Adam Gerritson

7 Year Old Class

1	Burness Emp Maid (Best Udder)	Logan Kelly
2	Lowburn Carbo Shorty	Simmons Family
3	Burness Snowflake	Logan Kelly
4	Glenmoor Honeybee	Nicola Muller

Best Udder Overall

	Te Kiripi Savr Rose	Logan Kelly
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Senior Champion

	Te Kiripi Savr Rose	Logan Kelly
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Reserve Senior Champion

	Lowburn Jedi Rose	Simmons Family
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Honourable Mention

	Te Kiripi Ned Beaut	Logan Kelly
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Supreme Champion

	Te Kiripi Savr Rose	Logan Kelly
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Blue Cow Class

1	Burness Cindy	Hughes/Crowley
2	Little Blue Pep	Stu Kent
3	Westell Arnie Flo	Anieka Templar

OTAGO/SOUTHLAND CLUB OUT AND ABOUT FOR 2023/24



Conference Canterbury 2024



Herd Walk at Nick and Anieka's Place



Prizegiving 2024



Winton A & P Show

Glenmoor Stud

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Show Time



Show Time

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The following bulls have been considered by the Board of the New Zealand Milking Shorthorn Association (Inc) and are approved as Milking Shorthorn for the purposes of registration of progeny

BULL CODE	BULL NAME	BREED 16 TH S	COUNTRY OF ORIGIN	BULL MARKETED BY
519544	Gorbro Joans Jazz	SHI16	Australia	Genetic Enterprises Ltd
520583	VR Viking Viljar Vario	AYR14 DAR3	Finland	Samen (NZ) Ltd
521537	VR Rabbalshede Fanof P Flair P	SWR16	Denmark	Samen(NZ) Ltd
521543	Waikato Farm Primestad P	AUR16	Norway	CRV Ambreed
522552	Treeton Scarlet Zumba	SHI16	Australia	STgenetics
520546	Maurstad-PP	NWR16	Norway	Samen (NZ) Ltd
521703	VR Stakkehave Viljar Vimo	AYR15 SWR1	Denmark	Samen (NZ) Ltd
523437	Llandoverly Queens Emperor	SHI16	Australia	Semex (NZ) Ltd
	Springvale Thelmas Strike	SHI16	Australia	
519554	VR Vimur Viktor	DAR16	Denmark	Samen (NZ) Ltd
519705	Husby	NWR16	Norway	Samen (NZ) Ltd
519708	VR Malback Tuomi Tokyo	SWR16	Sweden	Samen (NZ) Ltd
521534	VR Bonzai Babus P	DAR16	Denmark	Samen (NZ) Ltd
521535	VR Kilin Hohde Hessu P	DAR16	Denmark	Samen (NZ) Ltd
522547	VR Usava Ulian P	DAR16	Denmark	Samen (NZ) Ltd
522586	VR Vimo Venus	DAR16	Denmark	Samen (NZ) Ltd

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THE RIVER DYLAN ABLAZE
SIRE: B. DYLAN DAM: B HEL ERIN P

Breeder: Red Cow Farms Ltd		Owner: Lieueas Abbott Limited	
REGISTERED MILKING SHORTHORN			
SUPPLEMENTARY		G3 S✓	
BRECON HEL ERIN P S15			
Birth Ident: KYRH-19-126		No. 262	
Breed: SS O8F3		Sex: FEMALE	
Date of Birth: 19/08/2019		Classification: 2022 84 GP	
BW (\$):	79.40	PW (\$):	510.77
Protein BV (kg):	10.49	Fertility BV (%):	-4.3/30
Fat BV (kg):	19.51	Func Surv BV (%):	-1.3/14
Milk BV (ltr):	201.54	Somatic Cell BV:	-0.02/47
Lwt BV (kg):	14.10		
Overall Opinion:	-0.03/15	Dairy Conformation:	-0.24/29
Udder Overall:	-0.13/29		
Avg SCC at latest Lactation:			
Age	Milk (l)	Protein (%)	Milkfat (%)
4 yr 0 m	6064	4.01	243
2 yr 11 m	5839	4.27	249
1 yr 11 m	3314	4.21	139
Avg: 5072 4.15 211 5.49 278 269 3 Lacts.			
VR HEL P		Oseas HB No: 00000037715/DNK (517734)	
Breed: AO A1302		G3	
BW (\$):	-23/60	Protein BV (kg):	5/72
Fat BV (kg):	7/73	Milk BV (ltr):	266/76
Liveweight BV (kg):	-11/26	Fertility BV (%):	-13.7/49
Functional Survival BV (%):	-1.8/19	Somatic Cell BV:	-0.48/69
Fat %:	4.6	Protein %:	3.7
BRECON NUI ERIN S05		Birth Ident: KYRH-12-112	
Breed: SS S6F5		PW (\$): 147/86	
BW (\$):	-74/49	Lwt BV (kg):	38/13
Protein BV (kg):	-2/59	Fertility BV (%):	3.2/41
Fat BV (kg):	-1/60	Func Surv BV (%):	-1.1/29
Milk BV (ltr):	-244/63	SOC BV:	0.49/55
Age	Milk (l)	Protein (%)	Milkfat (%)
9 yr 0 m	1416	3.91	55
8 yr 0 m	5095	4.31	220
7 yr 0 m	4897	4.34	212
6 yr 0 m	5230	4.30	225
5 yr 0 m	4818	4.23	204
4 yr 0 m	4586	4.33	199
2 yr 11 m	4396	4.37	192
1 yr 11 m	3474	4.14	144
Avg: 4641 4.29 199 5.55 257 271 7 Lacts.			
Traits other than production (2022)			
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SEMEN AVAILABLE IN THIS YEARS LIC CATALOGUE

MILKING SHORTHORN REGISTRATIONS EXPLAINED

With the advent of BreedIT, the new purpose built Breed Society software developed to work alongside DIGAD (Dairy Industry Good Animal Database) there have been some changes to the way that we register Milking Shorthorns. Most of the change relates to breed component, and it is important to note that that we no longer change breed component on registering animals sired by approved bulls. All registered animals retain their original breed components based on their ancestry, but are registered into the main or supplementary Milking Shorthorn Herd Book. As an example, a heifer sired by an approved Swedish Red sire from a registered dam may be registered into the main Herd Book and show as PS, but still retain the breed makeup SHM8 SWR8.

Pedigree (no suffix)	S14 & over, by a registered Milking Shorthorn (Ped or S1S) dam and a registered Milking Shorthorn (Ped or S1S) or Board approved sire.
Supplementary Shorthorn 1 (S1S)	S1-13 by a registered dam and by a registered Milking Shorthorn or Board approved sire. All male and female animals in the preceding generation are also official and are registered / or approved bulls.
Supplementary Shorthorn 0 (S0S)	NZ Dairy Red, all other animals with a minimum 1 part breed eligibility.

Breed eligibility (e.g. S1 – S16) is the total 16ths of the agreed red breeds regardless of whether this is from a registered/ approved source or not. The agreed red breeds are Milking Shorthorn, Illawarra, Aussie Red, Swedish Red, Norwegian Red, Danish Red, Angler, Montbeliarde and Fleckvieh.

Pedigree and S1S animals will be eligible for Production Awards.
S0S (NZ Dairy Red) animals will have separate Production Awards.

All registered animals born prior to 2015 are eligible for Production Awards until the 2023/24 production season, after which the S1S & over rule will be applied. All animals born 2015 onwards are only eligible for Production Awards from S1S status and over.

- » This is to apply to individual cow awards only, not herd awards.
- » Older animals are still eligible to be upgraded to the new registration system.
- » There will be no change to the production listings in the magazine (all cows eligible for top 20 by fat & protein lists and top 3 by age group).
- » No changes to Merit and Elite awards.

CONDITIONS GOVERNING ENTRY IN THE SUPPLEMENTARY SECTION

- » Registrations will be accepted from financial members only.
- » The Board of NZMSA reserves the right to inspect at any time registered animals.
- » Animals in the Milking Shorthorn section of the Herd Book are eligible to be shown in the Milking Shorthorn classes at A & P Shows. Animals in the Dairy Red (S0S) section are eligible to be shown in the Combined Red Breed classes at A & P Shows where available.
- » All animals must carry two approved forms of identification. Approved ID's are tattoos, brass tags, AHB tags, NAIT tags or EID tags that include the birth identification of the animal.
- » All Supplementary Cattle will carry the suffix showing their position in the Grading-Up scheme after their name.
- » A Three Generation Pedigree is required for any overseas Bull whose progeny are being entered. These pedigrees will be considered by the Board of NZMSA. Where such bulls are accepted as Milking Shorthorn, they will be known as 'approved sires' and individual progeny will be eligible for registration as outlined above.
- » Any pedigree overseas Milking Shorthorn or Illawarra bull who has had progeny registered prior to 31 August 2020 will automatically be considered to be an approved bull. Any other pedigree overseas Milking Shorthorn or Illawarra bull who has not yet had progeny registered will be required to be approved by the Board under condition 6.
- » Any animal registered at the close-off of the 2011 Herd Book Volume 79 that was eligible for showing and production awards at that time shall remain eligible until 1 June 2016.
- » Members may apply to have female animals registered as at 1 January 2014 upgraded under the 2014 by-laws for production awards and showing at a cost of \$5.00 + GST per animal.
- » Members may apply to have male animals registered as at 1 January 2014 upgraded under the 2014 by-laws if born since 1 June 2005 at a cost of \$10.00 + GST per bull. For the upgrading of any progeny of such bulls, refer to condition above.

Fees & Merchandise

Prices include GST

SUBSCRIPTIONS - per annum

	Prices	Prices as at 1 April 2025
Senior Member	\$200.00	\$220.00
Associate Member	\$100.00	\$110.00
Retired Member	\$50.00	\$55.00
Junior Member	\$30.00	\$33.00
Life Membership	\$1,000.00	\$1,100.00

REGISTRATIONS - per animal

Registration female <1 year	\$10.00
Registration female >1 year	\$16.00
Registration Bulls	\$19.00

TOP & CLASSIFICATION

Herd Fee	\$57.50
Late Herd Fee	\$74.75
Late Herd Fee (over 1 month)	\$172.50
Per Cow Fee	\$5.75
Red Breed Genetics sired daughters (conditions apply)	FREE

NB minimum charge per herd applies of \$115.00 regardless of cow numbers (minimum herd fee plus per cow fees)

PUBLICATIONS - each

Three Generation Pedigrees	\$9.20
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COMPETITIONS - per entry

Photo Competition	\$11.50
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PROMOTIONAL MERCHANDISE - Each

Herd Signs	
- Double Sided	\$230
- Single Sided	\$172.50
Membership Badge	\$20.00

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Full Page	\$443.00
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