



The Ayrshire Seminar in April and Annual Conference in June are fast approaching. Lets make them events to remember with great attendance from members.

- Graeme Knight Memorial Trophy
- Ayrshire Seminar
- Breed Production Record



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GRAEME KNIGHT MEMORIAL TROPHY

The Graeme Knight Memorial Trophy will be awarded to the member who provides the most well-written article promoting the Ayrshire breed for either the Ayrshire Bulletin or any other farming publication. This trophy can be awarded at the discretion of the Board in the special award category at the Annual Conference.

ANNUAL CONFERENCE 2015

Save the dates now! 16-19 June 2015 hosted by Otago-Southland Ayrshire Club. Full itinerary and registration available early April with the Autumn Bulletin and at www.ayrshire.org.nz.

BOARD NOMINATIONS

Elections take place this year in Wards 4 (Bay of Plenty), 8 (Canterbury) and 9 (Southland). Nomination forms will be sent to all members in those wards shortly. Peter Allison in Southland and Donald Green in Canterbury are both available for re-election, Diarmid Somerville in Bay of Plenty will be retiring as a Director.

SPECIAL AWARD NOMINATIONS

Nominations from Clubs for all special awards close on 31 March 2015. These include the Kiteroa Trophy, Bell Booth Achiever Awards, Distinguished Member Awards and the inaugural Graeme Knight Memorial Trophy.

BREED PRODUCTION RECORD

A new breed production record was set in the 2013/14 season by the Sanrosa herd of Gordon, Shona & Jonathan Glentworth. 222 pedigree Ayrshire cows averaged 7286 litres milk, 334 kg fat, 273 kg protein (607 kg milksolids) in 280 days. Congratulations to the Glentworth family on this fantastic achievement. Look out for more production results in the Autumn Bulletin.

WORLD DAIRY EXPO

Congratulations to Selwyn Donald of Arran Ayrshires, Featherstone, who has been named as Associate Judge at the World Dairy Expo to take place in Madison, Wisconsin in October. This appointment is very prestigious, with Selwyn the first New Zealander of any breed to be named and only the second from the southern hemisphere. He will be one of two Associate Judges named from outside the USA at the 2015 Expo.

ALLTECH PHOTO COMPETITION



Ayrshire New Zealand welcomes Alltech NZ Ltd as the new sponsor for the Alltech All New Zealand Photo Competition. This year the format will change with a brochure printed and forwarded to all members to take part in the Members Voting Competition portion. Voting will also take place online. All results will be announced at the Awards Night at Annual Conference and prizes and a framed photo presented to the winner in each class. This will allow our flagship competition to be included as part of the Awards night.

Ayrshire Seminar

Waikato 9-12 April 2015

Full itinerary and registration available soon at www.ayrshire.org.nz

Arrive at Auckland Airport before 11am on Thursday 9th April. Fly out of Auckland Airport after 2pm on Sunday 12th April. Farm visits include Rosemoor, Kiteroa (Agrisea), Premier (De Laval), Kilfennan (nutrition), Paxton Park (horses), Carmelglen. Industry visits include Gallagher and LIC. The Seminar also includes guest speakers, breeders forum with local club dinner and Go Karts.

Accommodation: Aaron Court Motor Inn, Hamilton \$86.50 per person twin share including breakfast

Cost: \$90 per person includes lunch at LIC. Accommodation and all other meals at your own expense.

Vehicle and fuel sponsored by Ayrshire New Zealand and Semayr Breeding Services.

Please do not book flights until confirmation of your registration is received by e-mail.

Register with Ayrshire NZ by Friday 20 March 2015

For members, or employees and sons & daughters of members, aged 18 & over to learn, enjoy and mix with other young and/or new Ayrshire breeders and make contacts.

dates to remember

february

- 27 Autumn Bulletin copy deadline
- 27-28 Autumn Show Points Shield, Kaitaia

march

- 6 Board nomination forms posted
- 11-12 North Island TOP training & certification
- 20 Ayrshire Seminar registrations close
- 24-25 South Island TOP training & certification
- 31 Remits close
- Nominations close for Special Awards
- Alltech Photo Competition entries close

april

- 1 Autumn Bulletin issued
- 9 Taranaki Club Sale
- 9-12 Ayrshire Seminar, Waikato
- 13 Lodore Sale, Okaihau
- 14 Pa Hill Sale, Kaitaia
- 17 Board Nominations close
- 20 Thames Valley Club Sale, Morrinsville

may

- 1 Members Photo Competition issued
- DairyCare Somatic Cell Comp closes
- National Progeny Competition closes
- 18 Notices of Motion close

june

- 3 Annual Report issued
- 12 Members Photo entries close
- 16-19 Annual Conference, Invercargill
- 18 Annual General Meeting

NZ DAIRY EVENT

Held at Manfield Park, Feilding, 28-30 January 2015 and judged by Kevin Lang of South Africa. Champion Cow was awarded to 9 year old Talsen Danish S2A, E8-8 (s. Arran Tri Danehill) owned by the Addison/Hartstone Partnership. Reserve went to Arran Risto Tinker, a 5 year old cow owned by the Donald Family of Featherstone and sired by Lagace Ristourn. Intermediate Champion was named as 3 yr old Brookview Less Isodore owned by Vince & Sheridan Steiner, Tokoroa (s. Lessard Imperial) and Reserve as 3 yr old Brookview Real Secret (s. Palmyra Tri Star Reality) exhibited by Imogen Steiner. Junior Ayrshire Champion and Junior All Breeds Champion was the junior yearling heifer Arran Nexus Hetty (s. Nexus Dreamer), daughter of two time Champion Peak View Alfie Hetty, owned by the Donald Family and M & J Vaughan. The senior heifer calf Te Awhata Burdete Cosmo (Palmyra Tri Star Burdette) owned by Barry & Deidre Tippett of Opunake was named as Reserve Junior Champion.

See www.ayrshire.org.nz for results from the Semex Summer Sensation Sale held at NZ Dairy Event.

Ayrshire New Zealand

Young Judge Competitions

For the second year running an Ayrshire competitor has won the prestigious World Wide Sires All Breeds Young Judge competition. Kylee Perrett of Sentinal Ayrshires, Stratford, won the Arran Trophy for the Ayrshire Young Judge Competition on the first day of NZ Dairy Event, with Hannah Wentworth of Christchurch in second place. Kylee went on to win the All Breeds competition two days later, with Hannah placing third. Well done to all Ayrshire competitors, and thanks to the overjudges and those exhibitors who allowed us to use their animals and handlers.

South Island Young Handlers

Held at the Otago/Taieri Show in mid-January the Fredrickson Trophy for Senior Young Handler was won by Lorna Button with Luke Instone in second place. The Greenlane Trophy for Junior Young Handler was won by Emily Instone, with Fynn Allison and Reece Lynch in second and third respectively. Congratulations to all competitors.



SOUTH ISLAND CHAMPIONSHIPS

Held at Otago/Taieri A & P Show on 24 January 2015 and judged by Zane Kite of Ohaupo. South Island Champion Cow was awarded to four year old cow Fairleigh Ex Brash, V7-8, owned by Fairleigh Dairy Farm Ltd (Eade Family), Gore and sired by Waxham Executive ET. Reserve South Island Champion went to Ingleside Ferns Elexis, another four year old cow sired by Waxham Executive ET and owned by Craig Morton, Wyndham. North Island Junior Champion went to the yearling heifer Stoneleigh Chilli owned by Luke Instone of Gore and reserve to Ingleside S J Lucy exhibited by Gemma-Lyn Hitchcock.

See the youth section for the young handler results.

Annual Conference 2015

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

Post Conference tour to Te Anau also available, refer December Ayrwaves for information



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Full Itinerary and registration available early April