



The year is flying by once again. Spring is well underway with calving now complete and mating about to start for most members.

- Graeme Knight Memorial Trophy
- Sharemilking job required
- Youth feature



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### GRAEME KNIGHT MEMORIAL TROPHY

The family of the late Graeme Knight have offered to donate a memorial trophy to the Association, and we are looking for the most appropriate format for this. The Board welcomes the feedback and ideas of members, and asks that if you have any suggestions that these are forwarded to the Ayrshire office no later than 30 November 2014.

### BULL REGISTRATIONS /DNA COLLECTION

It's not too late to register to have your bull calves DNA profiled prior to registration as part of this year's TOP schedule. You don't have to be taking part in TOP to register, contact Pam for more information.

### E-REGISTRATION

e-Registration forms are available on the website or from the office for your 2014 born calves. If you are involved with the lifetime registration programme, don't worry as your calves will be registered automatically.

### HERD BOOK / PRODUCTION REGISTER

For those members who receive a Herd Book, this is included with this mailout. If you don't receive a Herd Book, but would like to, please contact Pam Goodin. The Herd Book is free for senior members only, all other members pay \$18.50 incl GST.

The Production Register will be sent out at the end of November. Once again, if you don't receive this but would like to please contact Pam. The Production Register costs \$18.50 incl GST for all members.

### ACE Herd update

97 heifer calves have been reared and we are currently milking 440 cows with 4 losses for the season to date. Production on a daily basis is on par with last year, which is acceptable as weather-wise it has not been the easiest of springs. The cows are currently producing 1.9 kg MS per day on no extra feed.

120 bales of baleage had been made to date and the summer crop has just been sown down. Supplements left over from winter include 47 bales of baleage, 50 bales of hay and 150 tonnes of pit silage.

AI mating is due to start this week.

Gordon Glentworth - Ace Herd Committee



### SHOW SEASON

All members are reminded that when showing they are representing the Ayrshire breed and are asked to dress and behave accordingly. Please also remember to send us in your show photographs for inclusion in publications.

### HERD TEST DATES

Members are reminded that the Production Credibility Policy allows no more than 75 days between herd tests for herds to be eligible to win production awards, and all Herd Tests must be pm/am tests. All members are asked to check their scheduled herd test dates, and if necessary change them, to allow their herd to remain eligible.

### ANNUAL CONFERENCE 2015

Save the dates now! 16-20 June 2015 hosted by Otago-Southland Ayrshire Club. Information on add-on choices post Conference will be available on the website early in the New Year.



### SHAREMILKING OR LEASE OPPORTUNITY REQUIRED

The contract for the Ace Herd is not being renewed by the farm owner, and as a result we are looking for a new 50/50 sharemilking contract or lease farm for the 2015/16 season. The existing lower order sharemilker is keen to stay with us. Any size position or location considered. If you are aware of any opportunities, please contact your local Director or Gordon Glentworth on 06 764 6704.

## dates to remember

### november

- 21 / 22 North Island Championships, Egmont  
28 Production Register issued

### december

- 23 Office closes for Christmas break

### january

- 12 Office re-opens  
23 South Island Championships, Otago-Taieri  
24-25 Autumn Show Points Shield, Rotorua  
24-27 National All Dairy Breeds Youth Camp  
Feilding, hosted by Holstein Friesian New Zealand  
28 - 30 NZ Dairy Event, Feilding

### february

- 4 Board Meeting  
20 Autumn Bulletin booking deadline  
27 Autumn Bulletin copy deadline  
27-28 Autumn Show Points Shield, Kaitaia

## SALES BRIEFS

Ayrshire Breeders Bull Sale, Morrinsville, 22 Sept 2014. 45 lots av. \$1848, with 35 13-born bulls av. \$1775 and 10 12-born bulls av. \$2105. There were three joint top-priced yearling bulls at \$2750 each. Autumn born Valendale Quantus (BW 90) is sired by Salt Spray Bonny George out of Southwind Phils Gantas, B6-8, daughter of top production cow Southwind Jules Gantas, E8-9 and was sold by vendors Valendale Ayrshire Ltd (Tom & Junne Johansen), Gordonton to Pekatahi Ayrshires Ltd (Bruce & Margaret Fowell), Whakatane. From the Kiteroa stable of Wally & Zane Kite, Kiteroa Kontenda ET (s. Goldwyn Pretender ET) out of Kiteroa Koral, Exc, and Kiteroa Bo Pistol Pete (s. Kiteroa Bonny Blue Silver) out of Kiteroa Bo Peace Lilly, V7-8 were both sold to R & S Stevenson, Carterton. Top priced 2 year old bull was again from Valendale, in Valendale Snows Boy ET (S. Snowline International) out of top production cow Valendale Darna, VHC (PW 434). Snows Boy was sold for \$3000 to A Sherman of Hawera.



## NZ DAIRY EVENT 28 - 30 Jan 2015

Schedule and entry forms now available

[www.nzdairyevent.com](http://www.nzdairyevent.com)  
or the Ayrshire website

Entries close 23 November 2014

## Ayrshire New Zealand

### Youth Achiever Competition



It's not too late to enter the Youth Achiever competition and earn great cash prizes for Ayrshire and show activities. Register online at [www.ayrshire.org.nz](http://www.ayrshire.org.nz).

### Youth Committee

The new youth representative on the the Youth Committee for the 2014/15 year is David Ackermann of Musica Ayrshires, Leeston. David was our representative for the International Youth trip to Canada a couple of years ago and is looking forward to getting more involved in youth activities, starting with helping to organise the next Ayrshire seminar. Sarah Leech of Tirau remains on the Committee and Kylee Perrett has retired, thanks to Kylee for all her work.

### Ayrshire Seminar 2015

Following another successful Seminar in Taranaki in April, the next Ayrshire Seminar will take place in Waikato in April 2015. Dates will be available by Christmas, look out for more information in coming months. If you are aged 18-30 start planning now to join us.

### World Ayrshire Conference youth delegate

Expressions of interest are called for a youth delegate to represent Ayrshire New Zealand at the World Ayrshire Conference in USA, late Sep-early Oct 2016. A partial subsidy will be provided to the successful applicant. See the website/facebook for further information.

### Overseas Representation

Two Ayrshire NZ youth will be representing us overseas in January 2015. Luke Instone of Retro Ayrshires, Gore will be attending the Australian All Breeds Youth Camp, and Scott Honeyfield of Te Matai Ayrshires, Waitara will be the NZ delegate to the youth tour to Finland. Costs for both delegates are partially subsidised by Ayrshire New Zealand.

**YOUTH BEANIE NOW AVAILABLE \$15**

*Contact the office to order*

## SEMAYR UPDATE

Roger Hutchings has been re-elected as one of the outside Directors on the Semayr Board for a further two year term.

A total of 23 young bulls have been selected for the 2015 Ayrshire Progeny Test Team. Sires of the young bulls include Quinella, Hughie, Protein Pak, Bonny George, Andrei and Tosikko.

Young bull semen from the 2014 Progeny Test Team is almost sold out - get your last orders in now so you don't miss out!