

Welcome to the November Ayrwaves

Calving is done, the next seasons are beginning as we start to share show results with the North Island Championships this month and planning for the TOP tours is underway. It's still not too late if you are interested in classifying your herd, but you will need to be quick!

FROM THE OFFICE

ANNUAL CONFERENCE

The 2018 Annual Conference & AGM will take place at the Distinction Hotel, Whangarei hosted by the Northland Ayrshire Club. Dates are 11 – 13 June 2018 (Monday – Wednesday), with an optional tour further north 14-15 June. Please note that this is a week later than usual. Lock the dates into your calendar now, more information will be available in the coming months.

MEMBERS WITH MULTIPLE HERDS

There has been a change to the Board policy for members with multiple herds. For Senior members with multiple herds (under the same ownership structure), additional herds can be added to their membership for an annual fee of \$15.00 + GST. This means that they can register animals in more than one herd under their membership. Please call Melissa if you would like to add additional herds to your membership.

SEMAYR UPDATE

Peter McFall (Greenlane Ayrshires) has retired from the Semayr Board after a number of years of service. Many thanks to Pete for his input into this important Association activity. David Ackermann (Musica Ayrshires, Leeston) and Michael Booth (Thornton Park Ayrshires, Palmerston North) were both co-opted to the Semayr Board two years ago, and they will both now become outside Directors.

A total of 14 young bulls have been selected for the 2018 Semayr Progeny Test Team. Some of these bulls selections are subject to dam TOP and/or production and the team is expected to be finalised by Christmas. Nine members have had bulls selected, and sires include Isabro, Jacks Quintin, Elvis, Toledo, Dalton, Tropical, Glorify, Dynamo, Orkko and Pets Rumba. Look out for the new team next year.

NEW REGISTRATION POLICY

With registrations for 2017 born animals about to get underway, we take the opportunity to remind members of the new registration prices and changes for members under the Lifetime Registration agreement.

As the Ace Herd is no longer in operation, all members who have a lifetime registration agreement with the Association will no longer be able to register heifers free of charge. Those members will roll automatically onto a standing order system, based on the same month and breed content as their current lifetime agreement. As those registrations are started shortly, affected members will receive a letter outlining these changes.

The reduced new registration prices for ALL heifers will be as follows:

Heifer up to 1 yr (first 100)	\$5.50
Heifer up to 1 yr (over 100)	\$3.50
Heifer over 1 year	\$9.50
Naming on database required	\$1.00 (additional)

The 'under one year' price is applied up to 31 August in year after the animals birth year. All Semayr sired heifers up to one year are eligible to be registered free of charge.

MALE REGISTRATIONS

Members are also reminded that all bulls born from 1 June 2017 must be DNA parentage verified to be eligible for registration.

2020 WORLD CONFERENCE - AUSTRALIA

The dates for the next World Ayrshire Conference will be 12-30 January 2020 in Australia. For more information check out the website <http://australianayrshire.com.au/whats-happening/2020-world-ayrshire-conference/>

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.

HERD BOOK / PRODUCTION REGISTER

For those members who receive a Herd Book, this will be posted next week. If you don't receive a Herd Book but would like to, please contact Angela Makara. The Herd Book is free for Senior members only, all other members pay \$18.50 incl GST.

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

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.

SEMAYR SEMEN AVAILABLE

\$8.00 + GST per straw

Limited quantities available – first in first served
Current BW as at 28 October 2017

506527 Skyline Mustang	BW 33/92
508505 Lodore Blake	BW 40/95
508530 Te Matai Protein Pak	BW -141/74
508531 Asmo Sale ET	BW 66/77
510551 Southwind Isabro	BW 58/94

Please contact Melissa at the Ayrshire office to order.

DATES TO REMEMBER

Herd Book issued - 10 November 2017

North Island Championships (Bay of Islands) - 10 - 11 November 2017

Production Register issued - 30 November 2017

Office closed for Xmas Break - 22 December 2017

Office reopens - 8 January 2017

NZ Dairy Event - 31 January to 2 February 2018

South Island Championships (Gore) - 3 February 2018

Board meeting - 7 February 2018

LATEST NEWS

NORTH ISLAND CHAMPIONSHIPS

The North Island Championships will be held at Bay of Islands - 10 & 11th November 2017

Also held at the Championships will be the Fredrickson Trophy (Young Handlers - Senior), Greenlane Trophy (Young handlers - Junior) and the A & M Scott Memorial Shield.

SOUTH ISLAND CHAMPIONSHIPS

The South Island Championships will be held at Gore - 3 February 2018

Also held at the Championships will be the Fredrickson Trophy (Young Handlers - Senior), Greenlane Trophy (Young handlers - Junior) and the Autumn Show Points Shield.

SALES BRIEF

AYRSHIRE NATIONAL BULL SALE 2017

Results will be published in the December Ayrwaves

YOUTH UPDATES

YOUTH COMMITTEE

The Youth Committee for the 2017/18 year is Donald Green (Convenor), Vince Steiner, Pam Goodin, David Ackermann and Imogen Steiner. We thank retiring Committee member Courtney Davies for her input and welcome Imogen to the team. Please contact any of these Committee members with your feedback and ideas.

AYRSHIRE YOUNG JUDGE COMPETITION

Please contact the Ayrshire office if you intend to enter the Arran Trophy for the Ayrshire Young Judge Competition which will take place at the NZ Dairy Event in Feilding at 8am on Thursday 1 February 2018. All members under 30 years of age who have not previously won the World Wide Sires All Breeds Young Judge competition are eligible to enter.

AYRSHIRE SEMINAR

The next Ayrshire Seminar will be held in Canterbury on 20-24 April 2018. Look out for the itinerary and more information in the December Ayrwaves. Or, for more information or to express your interest, please contact Wendy Drummond glenandwendy@gmail.com

YOUTH ACHIEVER COMPETITION

Entry forms have been sent to all on our Youth database. But we know there are plenty of kids out there who are the children of members and won't have received this. The entry form can be downloaded directly from the website www.ayrshire.org.nz. While you're there, make sure your kids are part of our youth database and we can get this sent out to them directly in the future.

Once again this season there will be an overall winners prize of an Ayrshire calf, kindly donated by Musica Ayrshires (Ackermann family, Leeston).

AUSTRALIAN YOUTH CAMP

Expressions of interest are now being called for the Australian National All Breeds Dairy Youth Camp. Ayrshire New Zealand will provide sponsorship of \$500 to a youth member aged 18 & over to attend this camp in January 2018 (dates to be confirmed) in Victoria. Contact Pam at the office now to register your interest.

YOUNG HANDLERS TROPHIES

The Fredrickson (Senior) and Greenlane (Junior) Young Handler Trophies will be competed for at the North and South Island Championships. Check out the 'Dates to Remember' section for shows and dates. The rules for these classes are printed in the October Bulletin, page 19. These classes are always hotly contested, good luck to all competitors this season.

NATIONAL ALL BREEDS YOUTH CAMP

The National All Breeds Youth Camp hosted by Holstein Friesian NZ will take place prior to NZ Dairy Event from 27-30 January 2018 at Feilding. Watch Facebook for more details as they come to hand.

NEXT GENERATION AYRSHIRE SALE

The second 'Next Generation' sale took place at the Waikato A & P Show last week, and was again a great success. Heifer calves purchased through the sale are eligible for futurity classes at the Waikato Show and NZ Dairy Event, and a highlight of the show was the yearling class of heifers purchased at last seasons sale. This sale and the futurity classes are certainly generating a lot of interest.

Ayrshire lots sold as follows:

Lot 6 Kiteroa Bo Jump \$3100 to Munden & Fullerton, Ngahinepouri

Lot 7 FBBM-17-4 \$2500 to Tori Bucknell, Taupiri

Lot 15 Larkspur Sunreal Blue Ivy \$1800 to Nicole Maher, Te Kauwhata

Lot 16 Premier Jive Burleigh \$1100 to Alex Young, Te Awamutu

NOTIFICATIONS

More and more we are able to contact members electronically via e-mail. We try to use the method preferred by each member, so if you wish to change your method please contact the office. You will not be receiving anything electronically if we don't have your e-mail address, so please ensure that this is up to date with us. Electronic notification is now the simplest, quickest and least expensive way for us to contact you. But the choice is always yours, so give us a call.

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