

Simmentales

Targeted News from The Industry Heavyweights

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AGM UPDATE

During our recent breed tour in Otago, the Simmental NZ AGM was held. Garry McCorkindale decided it was time to resign from his role as President. Garry has done an excellent job over the past 5 years, and we would like to publically acknowledge all the time and effort he has put into his presidential duties.

Garry is still actively involved in council duties, including representing SNZ on the PBB Board and on the Expo Committee.

John Hammond, our current Vice-President, felt he had too many domestic commitments at the moment, to step up into the President's shoes, so Sarah Hammond has taken on the role as President of SNZ. Thank you, Sarah, for being willing to take on this role. We appreciate your already busy life as wife, mother, farmer, teacher, horse woman, home exec. etc.!

LIFE MEMBERS

It is with great pleasure to announce that at our recent AGM, the following members were awarded life memberships for making an outstanding contribution to the Simmental Breed. Congratulations to Tony Thompson, Peter McWilliam, Craig Martin and John Absalom. These people will be awarded their life memberships at dinner to be held during the upcoming Beef Expo event.

BEEF EXPO

Entries have closed and Simmental has a quality line up of cattle, both bulls and heifers on offer for sale. A diverse range of genetics is on offer and prospective purchasers are encouraged to support this sale, as a tool for introducing some new genetics into their herds.

Simmental is also represented in the annual Future Beef Competition. It is well worth taking some time to watch this event. The time and effort that the competitors put into this event is a real credit to them and it is a great opportunity to support the upcoming youth in our industry.

We have made a group booking for dinner at Amayjen Restaurant, 7-13 Fergusson Street, Feilding on the Tuesday night 12th May at 6.30pm, for those not travelling home until Wednesday. Please confirm your attendance with Lindy at the PBBnz office by Friday 8th May.

The Beef Expo prize giving will be held during the dinner on Tuesday night.



STEAK OF ORIGIN

Once again, Simmental is represented in this event, and we wish the entrants the best of luck. Traditionally, Simmental has had a strong showing in this event, and with the focus on carcass qualities by so many of our breeders, there is no reason to expect this year to be any different.

2015 BREED TOUR

This year breeders headed to Otago for the 2015 SNZ Breed Tour. We assembled at Dunedin, prior to embarking on a busy and most enjoyable 3 days of activities. The following is a summary of what we saw. SNZ would like to thank Garry McCorkindale for his organization of the tour, and all the different venues for their wonderful southern hospitality.



MA cows with calves at foot at Leafland Stud.



A commercial Simmental herd at Lee Flat Station.

2015 BREED TOUR - CONTINUED



Bulls being viewed at Lone Pine Stud.



CLOCKWISE, ABOVE LEFT TO RIGHT:
All dressed up for the tour of SFF Finegand; View of the Catlins; MA cows on display at Beresford Stud.



MA cows and calves at Glenside.



MA cows and calves at Island Steam Stud.



An interesting look at Titoki Park - the birth place of refrigerated shipping.



Last stop, Blue Cod for lunch at Moraki Boulders.

YVONNE KINGSLAND

It is with great sadness to hear that Yvonne has passed away. Yvonne was a SNZ stalwart for twenty years in her role as Registrar/PA/Office Administrator in the days of our Christchurch office. She was awarded an Honorary membership at our breeds 25th Anniversary celebrations. Despite many of our members coming on board since our shift to Feilding, Yvonne's legacy lives on. She was exceptionally good at her role and was very popular and well liked amongst the members of the time. Our condolences go out to her family and friends.

HOUSE KEEPING REMINDERS

DNA PROFILES

Please remember to get hair samples for DNA profiling of the bulls you have used in service this past breeding season. Remember: Calves need to be sired by a bull with a DNA profile loaded onto internet solutions in order to be registered.

DOCILITY SCORING

This is docility scoring time of year for the 2014 calf drop. This needs to be done at, or just prior to weaning, as this is the time when the calves have had the least human influence. BREEDPLAN removes the environmental effect. To get the most meaningful data, your focus needs to be on consistent scoring based on the ABRI tip sheet, which is located in the performance recording section under the members' services dropdown.

<http://www.simmental.co.nz/page.php?page=Performance+Recording+Protocols>

REMEMBER: A set of EBV's is predicting what the animal's progeny are likely to do. So the Docility EBV is designed to help predict the genetic effect the animal will have on the docility of its progeny. This is completely separate from a Beef Class docility score, which is a piece of raw data, given for that animal's behavior on the day it was assessed.

BULL SALE CATALOGUES

With bull sale season rapidly approaching, it is timely to remind vendors who publish Beef Class data in their catalogues, that it needs to be stated who did the scoring and the date it was carried out.



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