

Simmentales

**Targeted News from
The Industry Heavyweights**

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PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

Greetings Members

I trust your spring is going well and the fruits of your mating decisions of last spring are bouncing around looking full of potential. The weather down south has been pretty good, all in all, and casualties have been few. Spring is always full of promise and indications are both lamb and beef will sell better this year than last.

I hope you have all had a look at the new trial Docility EBV. I believe this will significantly alter the way we choose to sell or buy. I personally will be reluctant to look at any bull without an estimate of their genetic disposition and I reckon it might be hard to sell one with a poor EBV. Like it or not this will be a game changer and I would urge all members not submitting docility scores to do so. You will have received a tip sheet on how to score your calves with this newsletter. It's getting a bit late to do your yearlings now so the next opportunity will be at weaning next year. If you have any questions about scoring your young cattle please give me a ring 03 485 9727 and we can go through it.

Late February next year is looking likely for our AGM in Gisborne, as part of a herd tour of that area. Full itinerary details will follow as plans firm up and I urge you all to consider attending. We will see some good cattle, maybe learn a thing or two and definitely have a good time in the company of fellow Simmental breeders.

Julene and I spent some time last winter in Scotland and England visiting Simmental breeders and furthering our search for Simmental genetics that would add value to the beef industry here. We also caught up with a lot of breeders at the Royal Highland Show in Edinburgh, which happened to coincide with our trip. To be honest I came away from Scotland pretty disappointed. The beef studstock industry there revolves around the majority of bulls selling at Stirling at multi-vendor sales which does nothing but encourage overfeeding and an overemphasis on size. The show ring appears to be the major marketing tool. Bulls are kept inside from the start of their first winter until sale and fed a diet rich in protein and energy which had a serious effect on their mobility and 'blown' feet were not an uncommon sight. Body length and width across the butt were sought after with leg structure, mobility and balance down the list. To be fair there are some breeders trying to breed more natural cattle but it was an uphill battle for them to get rewarded for their efforts.

Costs were high with one breeder calculating it cost £3,500 to get a bull to Stirling. Beef production costs were also very high with the same

farmer quoting £3.67kg/cw for 12/13month old bulls killed at 400-420cw. They were contracted to Asda (supermarket chain) at £4.05/kg which was near a record high.

The English cattle were run on a more commercial footing without the pressure to make big weights. More bulls were sold privately with no equivalent to Stirling Sale. We saw two properties using polled genetics from Denmark which were quite interesting.

I hope to get up to the Royal in Feilding in December so may catch a few of you there. Otherwise I would wish you a relaxing holiday season with adequate moisture and sunshine for a great farming summer. Please remember I am always on for a discussion about anything Simmental so if you have any queries or concerns don't hesitate to pick up the phone.

Regards,

Garry McCorkindale

NEW MEMBERS

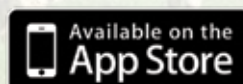
Simmental NZ would like to welcome Jeremy Gloyn Rongotea, Manawatu as a new breeding member. Also Rochelle and Brad Smith from Hawera have joined our society as youth members. We wish these members well with their breeding endeavours and look forward to working with them in the future.

ONLINE SALE CATALOGUES

Brett Willcock at PBB has been working with ABRI to streamline the loading and usage of bull sale catalogues on Internet Solutions. Simmental NZ has requested for this greatly improved system to be implemented for the Society – so we can look forward to an updated system for next years bull sale season.

ABRI PHONE APP

For those technical whiz kids out there – there is now an ABRI mobile app available. This can be found iTunes App Store or Google Play.



DOCILITY EBV

A great deal of work has been going on behind the scenes with this – see the President's message for more details.

ROYAL SHOW

Good luck to the members who are exhibiting at this event and a big thank you to the team who have been working hard to put such a prestigious event together.



BEEF CLASSING

It is great to see such a large proportion of our membership putting significant emphasis on beef class when selecting/culling their cattle. Please remember if you are using beef class in sale catalogues, that the vendor must clearly state who did the beef classing and the date that the assessments were done. Simmental NZ strongly recommends using an accredited beef class assessor. A list of these assessors can be found at on the ABRI website at:

abri.une.edu.au/online/pages/accred_scorers_ausnz.htm

February 2014

EASTLAND SIMMENTAL BREEDERS TOUR AND AGM

YES! IT IS HAPPENING!

WHEN: FEBRUARY 25 –27, 2014

WHERE: STARTS AND FINISHES IN NAPIER.

ITINERARY: FEBRUARY 25

Travel by bus from Napier to Gisborne, stopping at Kerrah Simmentals, Wairoa and a commercial Simmental user, Mahia followed by our AGM.

FEBRUARY 26

Travel by bus to Goldcreek Simmentals on Matawai Road. Then take back road to Wairoa. Take other back roads coming out at Raupunga on SH2, South of Wairoa. We will have brief visits to commercial users of Simmental on these back roads. Back to Napier for the night.

FEBRUARY 27

Half day visit by bus to Focus Genetics at Rissington. Finish back in Napier.

WHAT TO DO NOW!

- » **1.** Let me know if you are interested.
Email knaufarm@farmside.co.nz or phone Colleen, 06 838 6792.
- » **2.** ACCOMMODATION - At least make a pencil booking for accommodation which is getting scarce, especially in Napier.
I have arranged corporate rates at the following:
Harbour View Lodge, Napier. Freephone 0800 668 432 www.harbourview.co.nz

» Pacific Harbour Motor Inn, Gisborne
Phone 06 867 8847 www.pacific-harbour.co.nz

The Napier accommodation is handy to the airport and good eating places.
The Gisborne accommodation is also handy to good eating places and a nice setting.
- » *Cost of bus has yet to be confirmed.*

FUTURE BEEF

– HOOF AND HOOK COMPETITION

There were plenty of very tasty looking Simmental and Simmental cross Steers on parade at this exciting event. Simmental and Simmental cross steers featured in a variety of classes:

Hoof Results

LIGHTWEIGHT CROSS BRED STEER

Sponsored by Charolais Breeders NZ

1st Tom Dever (Simmental Cross)

HEAVYWEIGHT PUREBRED STEER

Sponsored by the NZ Shorthorn Association

4th Charlotte Berrett - Kerrah Simmentals (Simmental)

HEAVYWEIGHT CROSSBRED STEER

Sponsored by Charolais Breeders NZ

2nd Ella Tweedie (Simmental/Angus)

3rd Lauren Knauf - Kerrah Simmentals (Simmental/HF)

4th Rian Bovill - Martin Farming (Red Angus/Simmental)

HOOK RESULTS

LIGHTWEIGHT CROSS BRED STEER

Sponsored by Elevate Bar & Function Centre

3rd Tom Dever (Simmental Cross)

HEAVYWEIGHT CROSS BRED STEER

Sponsored by ADB Williams Trust

1st CJ McKinnon - Tangiwai Holdings (Simmental Cross)

2nd Lauren Knauf - Tangiwai Holdings (Simmental Cross)

3rd Rian Bovill - Maungaraki Cattle Co (Red Angus/Simmental)

CHAMPION HEAVY WEIGHT STEER

Sponsored by Generation AngusNZ

Res Champ: CJ McKinnon - Tangiwai Holdings (Simmental Cross)

OVERALL RESULTS

LIGHTWEIGHT CROSS BRED STEER

Sponsored by Tararua Breeding Centre Ltd

1st Tom Dever (Simmental Cross)

HEAVYWEIGHT PURE BRED STEER (OVERALL)

Sponsored by 1986 Steer Carcass Competition Fund

4th Charlotte Berrett - Tangiwai Holdings (Simmental Cross)

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BEEF EXPO

Tony & Glennis Thompson with Glen Anthony Zodiac took out the Champion of Champions at the 2013 NZ Beef Expo held at Manfeild Park in May. We congratulate Tony & Glennis on this accomplishment and look forward to seeing them at the Royal Show with their team.



Knauf Family and friends from Tangiwai Station with their future beef ribbons. They are from left: Lauren and Tessa Knauf, CJ McKinnon, and Charlotte Berrett.



Tony with Champion of Champions 2013 Glen Anthony Zodiac



Tessa Knauf (Kerrah Simmentals) preparing and exhibiting her Simmental Steer (photos courtesy of Alex Meads).

THE BULL SALE

The Simmental bulls had a strong sale at the Aginnovation Beef Expo. All eight lots (3 x 2yr bulls & 5 x 1yr bulls) on offer were sold with an average price just short of \$6000. The highest priced bull was MF Wow Factor, purchased by John & Helen Hammond of Ruaview Simmentals at Ohakune.



Highest priced bull MF Wow Factor



THE CLAAS QUEEN OF HEART HEIFER SHOW & SALE

Simmental was well represented in this event with eight quality heifer calves on offer.

At the completion of the showing section of this event, two lovely Glen Anthony heifers had made the final line up, Glen Anthony Amber and Glen Anthony Aroha. The heifers were then all offered for sale in the auction ring. Top priced Simmental heifer was the lovely Glenside Ariana bred by Garry & Julene McCorkindale – Lawrence.



Top priced Simmental heifer Glenside Ariana

STEAK OF ORIGIN

This event just gets bigger and more competitive every year, and despite most of the country enduring a tough summer drought, the quality of the steak in this competition was as good as ever.

Congratulations to John & Helen Hammond of Ruaview Simmentals in Ohakune for winning the Best of European section with their Simmental entry. Also in the very competitive crossbred section, Jon & Sam Knauf from Kerrah Simmentals in Wairoa gained second place with their Simmental/Kiwi X entry. It is also worth noting the winner of this section went on and won the overall competition.



John Hammond
wins the Best of European section

HAWKES BAY SHOW

Simmentals had a successful time at the 150th Hawkes Bay Show in October. This year the sheep and beef events were granted Royal Show status by the RAS.

The result was a big entry of 20 Simmentals from Susan Wylie and Glen Anthony, five Shorthorn yearlings, two Murray Grey yearling heifers, one Angus yearling heifer, two Charolais Yearling heifers, and one 7yr old Charolais bull. A better number of entries than in previous years.

Glen Anthony Yale, a three year old bull by Haylands Rupert who was judged Supreme Champion Simmental by Peter McWilliam and awarded a Royal Medallion. He was later beaten in to second place in the Meat and Wool Cup by the 7yr old Charolais bull. On the second day of the show, Yale turned the tables on the Charolais by winning the All Breeds Champion senior bull class ahead of the Charolais bull and Glenanthony Wai ata who came third.

Glen Anthony Simmentals had a very strong show in spite of failing to win the coveted Meat and Wool Cup. After dominating the Simmental breed classes on the first day, their big show team of four mature cows and calves, three 2yr cows and calves, five yearling heifers, two mature bulls and three yearling bulls won all the six All Breeds classes on the second day. The first and second placings in the All Breeds yearling heifer class of twelve entries was especially pleasing as was 1st, 2nd and 3rd in the yearling pairs.

Karewa Simmental Stud

Our farm is on the market and our Simmental Stud is now up for sale. Established 30 years ago, Karewa has been bred up to a very high standard.

If you wish to view or purchase stock, please contact John or Doug McNaughten on **06 374 1551** or **06 374 1575**

Our elite herd consists of:

- 20** x 3 year old and over cows with calves at foot
- 8** x 2 year old heifers with calves at foot
- 7** x 1 year old heifers out with bull
- 2** x Herd Sires
- 10** x 1 year old bulls

FINALLY...

Before everyone starts getting caught up in the annual Christmas rush – yes the madness will be here before you know it – we have included some Simmental Northland Breed Tour highlights for you to enjoy. These photos are kindly supplied by Tracey Neal of Potawa Simmentals.



Coastal hill country calving paddocks at Owkata.



A cow and calf at Ashcott Park.



Cows and calves at Blackbridge.



Cows and bull calves at Idesia.



Young bulls at Ashcott Park.



A bull calf at Blackbridge.



Julene McCorkindale having a stimulating conversation.



John Hammond (jnr) and Jim Houlbrooke discussing the Simmental X steers owned by Ken and Phyllis Rintoul of Okaihau.



Commercial cows owned by Eddie McCarthy & John Bookliss with their Simmental X calves at foot a week prior to Broadwood weaner fair.



Messrs Knauf, McCorkindale, Neal and Orr reflecting on the days events.



Commercial cows with their Simmental X calves at foot at Ken and Phyllis Rintoul's of Okaihau.



Commercial cows owned by Eddie McCarthy & John Bookliss with their Simmental X calves at foot a week prior to Broadwood weaner fair.



Lynbrae females under the watchful eye of Jim Houlbrooke and Julene McCorkindale.



A line up of young bulls at Oakdale.



Ray Cameron casting his eye over some of the Owkata mixed age cows and calves.



Lynbrae stud sires.



Oakdale cows and calves.



Northland Breed Tour 2013 - The tour group.

PBB UPDATE

You will be aware that Murray Meads resigned his position as CEO at PBBNZ at the end of July and took on a new role of Projects & Events Director for Hot Wire Events Ltd which is a subsidiary company of PBBNZ. Hot Wire Events will be the arm of PBB that will involve running the Royal Show; AgInnovation/Beef Expo, NZBT Workshops, Future Beef NZ. Murray will work 2½ days per week in this role.

Since then PBB has undergone some further restructuring with Clinton Poole's position of Shareholder and Member Services Manager being disestablished. It is envisaged that this role and the role of CEO which Murray Meads previously held, will be undertaken by a new General Manager when appointed.

Tammy Hendra who looked after HerdMASTER recently resigned and her position has also been disestablished.

HOUSE KEEPING REMINDERS

A big thank you to everyone who got their ADL's in on time – this certainly makes our job on council much easier and of course is more economical for you as members.

Also a reminder to make sure the bulls you plan to use this year have a DNA profile – if not, remember to take a hair sample and send it down to PBBNZ (contact the office if you need more envelopes).



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PBBNZ XMAS OFFICE HOURS

The PBBNZ office will close for the Christmas Break from 1pm on Friday 20th December 2013 and will reopen at 8am on Monday 6th January 2014. The PBBNZ management & staff would like to wish you a very **Merry Christmas & a Happy New Year.**

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