

PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

Spring is just around the corner and many of you will be starting to think calving is not far off. Bull sales are now behind us and most have reported more demand, and better prices achieved for the bulls sold. There appears to be a far greater acceptance of the role of cross-breeding and this is likely to continue. As we see the higher per kilo price for beef the extra Kilo's Charolais cross progeny produce starts to really mount up. There is no doubt that in the next few years we will see finishers paying big premiums for Charolais cross cattle. EID identification is a powerful recording tool for finishers to identify top performing animals and the extra weight and yield produced from Charolais will reward those that produce them. We have had a positive AGM this year in Hamner. Breeders were in good spirits. I would encourage breeders who don't get to these events to get along to them. We would always like to see more participation and your inputs are always welcome.

Getting the two Charolais societies back under one umbrella in New Zealand is always a topic that comes up. We have worked together on the Charolais Feature in the New Zealand Farmer, and it was really well received. A couple of weeks back Fergus, Sam and I met with the council of the New Zealand Charolais Cattle Society. It would appear that at council level there is at least a genuine desire to see this happen. Both councils will be seeking breeder's views on a proposed framework for this to happen. Hopefully we get good feedback from members and good input. You will see something on this in the next few weeks. On a sad note Doss Gilmour from Hawkes Bay recently passed away. Our thoughts go out to Stuart and his family during this time. An extract from the eulogy is included in this issue. Best of luck for calving and let's hope spring is favourable.

Regards, Brent Fisher - President

ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

Apart from the cold there was a good turnout at Hamner for the AGM.

This was followed by drinks and dinner at the adjoining restaurant which I believe was enjoyed by all.

It was nice to have the invited President of NZCCS Drew Dundass and wife Caroline join us for this occasion and the first Hemingford Sale the next day and gave a good opportunity for our newer members to meet them both.



View from Motor Lodge, Hamner



Brent Fisher and Drew Dundass

BULL SALE REPORTS

Bull sales are over now apart from any having yearling sales.

The market seemed buoyant and averages were positively up on the previous year for some vendors, with spirited bidding on the better bulls. This follows on from a good year of weaner sales and the beef prices holding up over the Dairy fallout. The faithful old commercial breeding cow is again looking like good value for both production and pasture improvement.



Hemingford sale



Silverstream sale

OBITUARY- Dorothy (Doss) Anne Gilmour

Council acknowledges the recent sad passing of Doss Gilmour. Our condolences to Bill, Stu, Bruce, Christine and families. She was a great supporter of the Charolais breed and as many of you would remember Doss, at the Greenwood Park bull sales, her extremely polite and great personality was appreciated by all. She will be very sadly missed.



DOSS'S LIFE

Doss grew up on a farm in the Argyll HB area. Her birth name Dorothy was a struggle for her to pronounce, so she told her folks that "Doss" is what she would like to be called and so it was. She developed an affinity with horses and would ride 4 or 5 miles each day to catch the bus to school. Doss's affinity with school wasn't as strong as her horses, so one day decided to ride the opposite way so she missed the bus. On leaving school, Doss followed the concept of "Landgirls" and volunteering to look after farms while the young men went to war. Having grown up on a farm this is where her future lay.

Doss married very early in her life to Bill and she moved to the farm at Elsthorpe. It wasn't long before her desire to be actively involved in farming came to the fore and slowly became more involved in the running of the farm.

Together they had, and brought up 3 children at Elsthorpe, as well as working on the farm as the head shepherd. She had a number of horses and a team of 5 or 6 dogs, as farmwork was done on horseback back then. Doss would take the kids to horse events, and hunting etc driving the 5 ton truck with horses on the back, soon she found it too boring so, in her early 40's, she also took up hunting which she enjoyed both for the riding and the social side afterwards.

They developed the Greenwood Park Charolais Stud in the late 1960's and it was at this time it quickly became apparent that getting a vet in to artificially inseminate a cow with semen whenever

they were ready, was an expensive exercise, there had to be a cheaper option, so Doss volunteered to learn how to do it. Doss became the first woman in NZ to learn how to inseminate cows and she became very skilled at it.

Doss had a good eye for stock and her input was always considered when out buying bulls and adding genetics to the herd.

Two years ago Doss and Bill finally moved off the farm at Elsthorpe to "Summerset in the Orchard" a retirement Village in Hastings.

Doss passed away on the 3rd June 2015

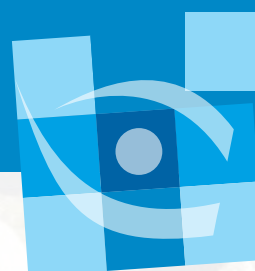


INTRODUCING BEEFDATA – AN ONLINE TOOL TO HELP SUBMIT YOUR ANIMAL REGISTRY DATA

PBBNZ and Charolais NZ have partnered to provide Beefdata, an online tool to assist those breeders who would like to try a simple alternative to sending paper to Registry.

This is a free tool for Charolais NZ members. It is designed to be as simple as possible, and provides clear feedback of progress. You will see when your data has landed with registry, is processing, and is completed and online.

TO REGISTER FOR YOUR HERD TO BE SETUP, GO TO WWW.BEEFDATA.CO.NZ AND FILL OUT THE APPLICATION FORM.



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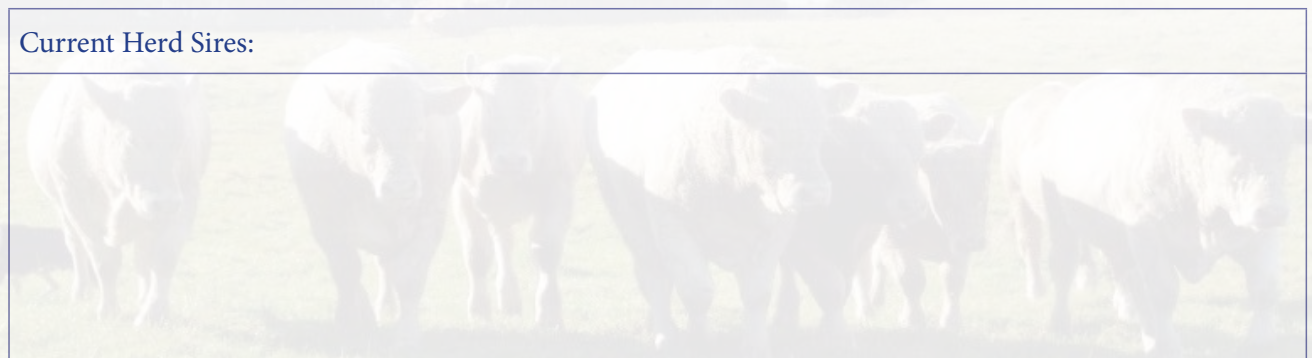
Send to Pivot Design, Adele Gray Email: adele@pivotdesign.co.nz. - Forms must be in no later than **30th October 2015**

Stud Name:	
Breeder Name:	
Address:	
Post Code:	
Phone:	Mobile:

Stud Profile: *(Max 200 words)*

Breeding Objectives: *(Max 200 words)*

Current Herd Sires:



Photos included

ROYAL SHOW HAWKES BAY OCT 2015



The Royal Show is going to be held in Hawkes Bay in October at this year. It is councils intention to promote this event to our members and encourage them to get behind this event. We all know showing is a means to an end, to what end you may ask. We do have a number of Charolais breeders who like to compete with their cattle and we want to give them the opportunity to have a good strong showing at Hawkes Bay Royal Show. We will be having our own sponsored Charolais Class. As an incentive the Council have proposed a promotional levy of \$500 being offered to the South Island members to be split amongst themselves to help in transport to get your cattle to Hawkes Bay.

FROM REGISTRY

CALF ENTRY REMINDER There are still a few members that have not entered their 2014 calves yet. If you are one, could you please get them in soon, before penalty rates apply. Penalties of \$10 per calf apply.

ADL'S were due back to the office by 31st July. If you have not returned your ADL please attend to this immediately.

YEAR LETTER

The year letter for 2015 born calves will be “L”

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