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Presidents Brief:

QUARTERLY NEWSLETTER

ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING:

The 2016 AGM will be held in Christchurch on the weekend of 14th -15th May. This will be on similar lines to the very successful AGM held in Oamaru last year. The AGM will be held from 10am on Saturday till mid-afternoon with a conference dinner that evening. A farm visit is being arranged for Sunday morning. The idea being that members who have to use air travel can arrive into Christchurch on Friday or early Saturday morning, and travel with local members to the AGM or farm visit on Sunday. The registration form and details will be emailed to members

as a separate form with this newsletter. Please complete the registration form and make payment as soon as possible in order for attending numbers to be given to the venue. An accommodation option is available as detailed, but is up to individual members to arrange this directly. The Executive is hoping to see as many members as possible on this weekend.

It is pleasing to hear we have been getting export enquiries for both live animals and semen in recent times. A group of breeders have exported semen to Australia while another group has semen going to Nepal. Quoting for these are always a challenge, very time consuming and sometime are successful and other times not so. We continue to receive enquiries about "where do I buy goat meat from". We have referred these people on to goat meat suppliers in their area. Some enquiries do not sound much, one was for 100 boer infused crosses per week, but if you do the maths you soon realise how we would struggle to fill it. Another from an Australia exporter was for 2000 first cross Boer does for breeding on. Somehow we need to capture all the data on who we are selling Boers to, not just stud stock but also those that go into a commercial environment. I am sure some of these commercial breeders would like more dollars than what the works are offering. Anyone with ideas that may help? Information coming back from Australia indicates that they are receiving close to \$6kg cwt. Early 2016 have seen a successful start to the show year. With a new show established for Boer Goats at Taieri which was very well supported, followed by the Wanaka Show and Mackenzie Show breeders had plenty of opportunity to promote the Boer Goat to the farmers and public. There are reports on all three shows later in the newsletter.

As the 2016 breeding season is upon us, I hope you have all made your decisions on which does will be mated to which buck for the 2016 breeding season.

We are still working on the pedigrees with SIL with NZ Sheep Breeders. At this stage we are looking at what system alternatives are available and we are looking at other options to NZ Sheep Breeders. More information will be available by AGM time.

I look forward to talking to you at the AGM.

Regards Brian Loughhead – NZBGBA President

Crusader Boer Goats

On the 1st September 2014 we took possession of a 23Ha property 10km from Oxford near the Eyrewell Forest. The property had been used for dairy grazing for the last six years. We immediately got the contractor in and drilled using Grazing Brome as the main grass with plantain, cocksfoot, chicory and some clover in the mix. After soil tests showed a very low PH we applied plenty of lime and some fertilizer. The season would turn out to be cold initially and very dry which led to a very poor pasture strike. Once we got to March we did get some useful rains leading us to drill some oats and short rotation ryegrass into the poorer paddocks. The rain kept coming at just the right times for good autumn growth giving us plenty of feed for the winter.

We started to bring all our animals to the new property from late May and break fed them through the winter on oats and grass which they loved and did very well on with hardly any hay needed. We did get three snowfalls which settled but fortunately only lasted for a couple of days.

All the animals were given an exit drench before arriving on the new farm and a 5 in 1 vaccine for the pregnant does before kidding.

Kidding started from early August with kids being of good size and strong at birth meaning they were up and on their feet getting a drink quickly. The doe kids averaged 4kgs and buck kids 4.5kgs. We had four sets of triplets and four singles with the rest being twins and two deaths with one being a membrane over the mouth and one died a few days before being born. A few more buck kids than doe kids but overall a very good kidding.

Birth weights are entered into the KidPlan programme and then we start weighing from November on a regular basis with weaning at around sixteen weeks, apart from a few bucks which we weaned earlier due to size and starting to show too much interest in the does. Weaning weights are then put into KidPlan. The doe kids weaned at just over 26kgs average and bucks and wethers just over 30kgs. The kids are given a 5 in 1 vaccine at around six weeks and a second shot four weeks later. We regularly do a few FEC samples to monitor the worm counts in all of our different age groups of goats. We have not had to drench for worms to date as being on a new property and good pasture length has kept worm levels lower but we will have to keep an eye on this over the next few years.

Good rains in January has allowed us to make 660 small bales of hay cut and baled in three days.

Half of our wether kids are now over 40 kgs and we are hoping to get them away for slaughter shortly. The aim is to get as many wethers off the property prior to the winter. We are using KidPlan as a tool to identify the quicker growing bloodlines to meet this objective.



We have been to the Taieri and Wanaka shows recently, which is a great time to catch up with other breeders and also line your own animals up with other animals on show. It was pleasing to get a few ribbons.

The bucks have just gone out with the does and we are now planning the feed requirements for the winter.

Wanaka Champion Junior Doe at ChristmasTracy and I look forward to catching up withall breeders at the conference. Visitors are always welcome.

Geoff & Tracy Moore

Crusader Boers

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2016 Taieri Boer Goat Show

This was the inaugural show for Boer Goats at Taieri hosted by the Otago Taieri Agricultural & Pastoral Show on 23rd January 2016. Being the first show, expectations were for 25 – 30 Boer goats to be exhibited therefore making the show ideal for one of the NZBGBA Junior Judges to officiate at. Annabelle Hampton duly put her hand up and controlled the ring very well especially when you consider that by show day entries were 53 goats and her very first class was over 10 doe kids.

Show Results:

Buck kid born after 01/08/15

Buck kid born before 31st: July Buck 12 months & under 24 months Buck 24 months & under 36 months Buck 36 months & older 1st: 19/15 Crusader Boers 3rd: 20/15 Crusader Boers 1st: 01/15 Phoenix Boer Goats 1st: 23/14 Avonlea Boers 1st: 50/13 Alpha Boers 1st: 05/08 Alpha Boers 2rd: 41/12 Phoenix Boer Coats 2^{nd} : 60/15 Sunny Park Boers 4^{th} : 30/15 Whitestone Boers

2nd: 20/13 Avonlea Boers

 1^{st} : 05/08 Alpha Boers 2^{nd} : 73/09 Alpha Boers 3^{rd} : 41/12 Phoenix Boer Goats 4^{th} : 86/10 Phoenix Boer Goats

Champion Junior Buck: 19/15 Crusader Boers Reserve Junior Buck: 01/15 Phoenix Boer Goats

Champion Senior Buck: 23/14 Avonlea Boers Reserve Senior Buck: 50/13 Alpha Boers

Grand Champion Buck: 23/14 Avonlea Boers







| Doe Kid born after 01/08/15 | 1 st : 58/15 Whitestone Boers 3 rd : 52/15 Whitestone Boers | 2 nd : 440/15 Crusader Boers 4 th : 446/15 Crusader Boers |
|-----------------------------------|--|--|
| Doe 12 months & under 24 months | 1 st : 11/14 Whitestone Boers 3 rd : 30/14 Whitestone Boers | 2 nd : 419 Crusader Boers 4 th : 14/14 Sunny Park Boers |
| Doe 24 months & under 36 months | 1 st : 28/13 Whitestone Boers 3 rd : 24/13 Whitestone Boers | 2 nd : 78/13 Crusader Boers 4 th : 07/13 Sunny Park Boers |
| Doe 36 months & older | 1 st : 17/12 Whitestone Boers 3 rd : 55/12 Crusader Boers | 2 nd : 03/09 Avonlea Boers 4 th : 56/08 Whitestone Boers |
| Champion Junior Doe: 58/15 Whites | tone Boers | |

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Champion Senior Doe: 17/12 Whitestone Boers Reserve Senior Doe: 03/09 Avonlea Boers

Grand Champion Doe & Supreme Champion: 17/12 Whitestone Boers





Sires Progeny

- 1st: Crusader Boers 2nd: Avonlea Boers 3rd: Avonlea Boers 4th: Sunny Park Boers
- Dam & one progeny 1st: Crusader Boers 2nd: Avonlea Boers 3rd: Phoenix Boer Goats

2016 Otago Taieri Agriculture & Pastoral Supreme Champion Boer Goat



Owen Booth, Whitestone Boers 17/12, Annabelle Hampton (judge)

From the NZBGBA Executive of whom 4 were there on the day – congratulations Annabelle, you did a great job, thank you for accepting the judge's appointment and now we have a junior judge who has a little more judging experience.

Being a first up show for the Boer Goats, the Otago Taieri Agricultural & Pastoral Society could not help but be very impressed with the dedication and organising of the Booth families and the support shown by the Canterbury and Central Otago members who travelled their Boers. This show will be a very good lead in to the Wanaka Show in early March so every effort must be made to grow the show but more importantly is the need for breeders to support the Canterbury, Taieri and Wanaka Show as a combined group.

2016 Upper Clutha Show, Wanaka New Zealand.

Peter, my driver, likes to make sure you get to the airport early, so I arrived with more than plenty of time to catch my flight on "that airline". I looked around the duty free but nothing to catch the eye. I really wanted a hat. Sitting peacefully on a bench all to myself, engaged in my puzzle book, day dreaming of the days to come in the South Island and what would the quality of the goats be like. Would there be earth quakes? At least it was going to be cool after our 38 and 40 degrees in Victoria. At peace with the world I felt the most enormous galumph hit the seat right beside me. My goodness was I dreaming or had an earthquake hit? No, it was a rather large, garrulous, friendly female with a very heavy Kiwi accent and three bottles of Scotch wanting to chat, heading home to Queenstown to say goodbye her Father. What more can you do than listen? My introduction to NZ prior to even leaving Aussie!!! Help!!! What was to come?

I got into Queenstown late, on "that airline". Tony Grayling, Wynn Cruikshank & Warwick Ferguson waiting patiently for me. Wynn hands over the vehicle he has been driving to Warwick (AKA Ferg/Fergie) & myself. Tootling from the airport Ferg, driving, looks behind him to see that Tony is in his vehicle alone!!! Where oh where is Wynn? Oops, back at the airport! Tony does the quick NZ turn around & collects Wynn. Warwick & I having done our good deed, head to my lodgings. Warwick had to bunk down with Jenny Bassett our MC and her three children, the stewards. Always prepared, he had his sleeping bag with him - Really? I don't think they mucked up the hotel bookings. It was just subtle subterfuge on Warwick's behalf as the thought of being in the ring with me all the next day and having to listen to me snore next door was more than he could bear.

Collected, by Warwick, on Friday morning we headed for the show. I have never seen such delightful grounds, lush, verdant, lovely old shade trees and good coffee. Welcomed by some of the people that I had met previously at Christchurch in November 2014, hugs, kisses on and off cheeks, handshakes and smiles all round was the norm. I was overwhelmed! And then for the hat - Philippa Loughhead and I made a hasty perusal of the stalls and a straw hat resulted.

As I stood in the ring, with all the Judge's clobber on, hat and make up (just for you Wynn!) and Warwick, with whom I was judging, I felt the whole experience was quite surreal. It had been so many years in the making. A dream, awe struck, I had to get my act into gear. Don't daydream, Nerida, you are here, it is real, do the best you can. Ray is here.

First class up was doe kids. Twelve in the class and what a twelve!! Next class and another big one was the doe hogget's. Hogget's, aren't those little pigs? Then the hogget bucks. What a peculiar language these Kiwis speak. Then the two - three year old does, then the buck class. I was absolutely delighted to see such wonderful animals. Beautiful! meat down the front legs and hindquarters to die for and strong bone.

Then the senior does. And then "She" walked in to the ring (harrumph!) you could see she was a contender!



Proud, majestic, standing four square, an elegant older lady with just enough femininity, balance and the most correct doe. Bred by Wynn but now owned by Barry Wills. I found out later that she had been pulled in from the scrub two days earlier. Give me some of that scrub please!! Yes, she is our Grand Champion Doe. Next problem was who would be reserve? There were two lovely does. After a lot of discussion, deliberation (and extensive time, said some) between us, it came down to who had the least faults, won, a hard call to make. The old bucks were no less impressive. Both I found out later bred by...surprise, surprise Wynn.

Jenny, our MC did a wonderful job of keeping the crowd entertained while we deliberated. As for Sarah, Charlie and Jesse what a great little team – busy everywhere. Oh and me use a mike!!! Eke, I am the biggest scaredy cat. You do it Warwick!



You do it!

Saturday, we were at the show again, this time to promote the breed and taste the product. NZ does it so, so well. There was a lot of interest in the Agrisea and NZBGBA tent filled to the brim with quality Boer goats. I think we all had sore jaws after chatting with so many people encouraging them to farm Boer or Boer infused goats and suggesting they attend the food tent for a taste of this tender, low fat meat. Not to be out done, I was so proud to see our choice of Supreme Champion with Wyn holding him on the back of Tony's ute being acknowledged by the President during the Grand Parade. Also appropriate was the brief commentary about the Supreme Champion and Boer Goats in general as Wyn and Tony paraded our champion with the rest of the elite winners. And let's not forget the Jack Russell race!!! But that is another story, entirely.

2016 Wanaka Show Supreme Champion Boer Goat

Sunday, Monday & Tuesday were classification days. Kaaren and Lindsay where tremendous hosts and what quality goats we had to classify. Warwick and I were lucky enough to enjoy their hospitality on Saturday, Sunday and Monday nights. Warwick even showed Lindsay how to trim one of their lovely old boy's feet, with a grinder, on Monday morning. (Wonder where he learnt that?)

After the foot trimming lesson we took off to Tony and Wynn's abode to classify 40 young bucks. An incredible experience as they were so varied and really tested your eye. Tony was gracious enough to take time off to take us down the Rail Trail which is over the back of his farm. If you ever get the chance I recommend this voyage, not for the faint hearted. The views, for an Aussie used to flat land, were incredible. And a meal at Chatto Creek Pub will certainly not go amiss!

Tuesday, we had more classifications to be done with Dougal Laidlaw's goats. Reminded me of the Level one judging school held at home last year, the heavens opened. Except this time it was only rain and we were huddled under pine trees looking at some really nice animals. Off to a warm dry place for coffee and eats. Then off to the airport for flights to Auckland. Ferg back home to Hamilton and Tricia and me onto Rotorua to Taupo to see friends that I had not seen for many years, was it 6 or 8 years ago? Who cares? "That airline" was late again. Ferg rescued my luggage then had to freight forward it to Taupo.

And then Oh, Yes!! R&R. Girl time and no goats for two whole days!!!!!

Then Friday came, back home to reality.

To Wynn and the Upper Clutha Show Society for inviting me to co-judge with Fergie, thank you so much. To Tony who removed gates from his paddocks to make pens for the show and therefore make the day flow, who also lost his ute to the judges for 5 days – many thanks. To all the friends that I had the chance to catch up with and the new friends made, thank you, thank you so much for the most enjoyable, laugh filled, educational experience.

Nerida Tull – Australian Judge

Footnote: Wyn and Warwick first meet Nerida and Ray at the last NZBGBA sale at Pukekohe in 2003. The following year we stayed with Nerida and Ray when the Australian National Boer Goat show was held in Victoria and from those visits a strong friendship has developed. Although Ray has passed away both Nerida and Warwick know he was sitting on her shoulder at Wanaka chirping away in her ear. Wyn has been known to farm sit Nerida's farm while she visits her son in America, while Warwick and a select few kiwis are regular visitors to "Peppercorns" to the point of leaving boots and clothing there for the next visit.

UPPER CLUTHA A&P SHOW - 11TH MARCH 2016

| JUDGE | Nerida Tull – Australia Warwick Ferguson – New Zealand | |
|----------------|---|-----------------------|
| STEWARDS | Sarah Bassett & Jessica Bassett | Sheffield, Canterbury |
| SPONSORS | Shingle Creek Chevon | |
| ENTRIES (ACTUA | LS) 41 | |
| | | |
| | STUD | TAG |

| KID DOE (born after 1 June) | 11 entries | |
|-----------------------------|------------------|-----------|
| 1st | Crusader Boers | CRU 440 |
| 2nd | Whitestone Boers | WSB 30/15 |
| 3rd | Whitestone Boers | WSB 58/15 |
| 4th | Crusader Boers | CRU 444 |
| 5th | Amberfield Boers | AMB 574 |
| 6th | Avonlea Boers | AVN 15/46 |
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| JUNIOR CHAMPION DOE | Crusader Boers | CRU 440 |
| RESERVE JUNIOR CHAMP DOE | Whitestone Boers | WSB 30/15 |
| | | |
| 2TH DOE 12 - 24 MTHS | 9 entries | |
| 1st | Crusader Boers | CRU 422 |
| 2nd | Whitestone Boers | WSB 1150 |
| 3rd | Amberfield Boers | AMB 410 |
| 4th | Avonlea Boers | AVN 1401 |
| 5th | Avonlea Boers | AVN 1488 |
| 6th | Amberfield Boers | AMB 409 |
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| DOE 24 - 36 MTHS | 5 entries | |
| 1st | Whitestone Boers | WSB 24/13 |
| 2nd | Whitestone Boers | WSB 28/13 |
| 3rd | Sunnypark Boers | SPB 3107 |
| 4th | Sunnypark Boers | SPB 3148 |
| 5th | Sunnypark Boers | SPB 3174 |
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| SENIOR DOE 36+ MTHS | 6 entries | |
| 1st | Drybread Boers | ALP 8080 |
| 2nd | Avonlea Boers | AVN 903 |
| 3rd | Avonlea Boers | AVN 1087 |
| 4th | Whitestone Boers | WSB 17/12 |
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| 5th | Whitestone Boers | MU 856 | |
|--|------------------|------------|--|
| 6th | Avonlea Boers | AVN MG1013 | |
| SENIOR CHAMPION DOE | Drybread Boers | ALP 8080 | |
| RESERVE SENIOR CHAMP DOE | Crusader Boers | CRU 422 | |
| GRAND CHAMPION DOE | Drybread Boers | ALP 8080 | |
| KID BUCK (born after 1 June) | 4 entries | | |
| 1st | Whitestone Boers | WSB 45/15 | |
| 2nd | Avonlea Boers | AVN 15/20 | |
| 3rd | Sunnypark Boers | SPB 510 | |
| 4th | Sunnypark Boers | SPB 560 | |
| JUNIOR CHAMPION BUCK RESERVE JUNIOR CHAMP | Whitestone Boers | WSB 45/15 | |
| BUCK | Avonlea Boers | AVN 15/20 | |
| 2TH BUCK | No entries | | |
| SENIOR BUCK 24+ MTHS | 2 entries | | |
| 1st | Alpha Boers | ALP 350 | |
| 2nd | Alpha Boers | ALP 8005 | |
| SENIOR CHAMPION BUCK RESERVE SENIOR CHAMP | Alpha Boers | ALP 350 | |
| BUCK | Alpha Boers | ALP 8005 | |
| GRAND CHAMPION BUCK | Alpha Boers | ALP 350 | |

| SUPREME CHAMPION BOER | Alpha Boers | ALP 350 |
|----------------------------|--|-----------------------------------|
| SIRES PROGENY 1st | DAM & KID PROGENY Whitestone Boers | 3 entries |
| 2nd 3rd | Avonlea Boers Avonlea Boers | |
| SIRES PROGENY 1st \$200 | Group of 3, same sire, different dams Avonlea Boers | Sponsored by Shingle Creek Chevon |

Rest and Recreation

During the latter part of 2015 I was invited to be part of what was to be a busy weekend.

Thursday, I started the day with my usual routine of out of bed at 5.15am to be at work by 6.30am. If I don't start the day with enough time for a coffee and a contemplation of the coming day then I am not a happy chappy. Once I had fed the bottle kids I soon found myself at work organizing the work load for the 20 men that I am responsible for and then forward planning for Mondays work.

I left work at 1pm for the 2 hour trip up the road to Auckland Airport where my wide body Emirates Airline's jet was waiting. After a relaxing flight I landed at Melbourne in the land of OZ, zoomed through customs, found my rental car and was having a beer with Nerida Tull by 10pm.

Friday, as I was to be the Ring Steward at the Shepparton Show on Saturday and co present a Level One Judging School with Paul Ormsby on Sunday there was much organizing to do to help the weekend flow. With Nerida barking out instructions before heading off to work my day consisted of, finish feeding the goats, fixing a damaged gate, assessing her goat's suitability for a L1 school, my thoughts on her show team and setting up yards ready to finish tarting up her team. It was no surprise to see Nerida back at home just after lunch; she could not bear the thought of me enjoying myself amongst her goats. After a hot day working with the goats the best part of the day had arrived – beer o'clock on the verandah!!

Saturday, like others we were up early, loaded the show team and on the road before the coffee had settled. At the show ring it was chaos as goats were being unloaded but this is normal, even some heated words between drivers vying for an unloading spot. It really is quite amusing to see how people, husbands and wives react under pressure and who was working in with whom.

Shepparton Boer Goat Show 2016 was a big day for all, breeders trying to win the Victorian State Show, Lyn and Marz judging for their Level 3 qualification with Paul Ormsby and Peter Mitchell there to assess their overall performance. Being the Kiwi in the middle bought a different perspective to Trans-Tasman relations but it was nice to see the friendly faces that I have come to know over the past few years. Many of the classes had good quality goats and some of the minor placing's could have been reversed with good motivation. As in New Zealand it is very hard to fill up the older buck classes but it was reassuring to see some worthy winners in the big boy classes.

As a judge I really appreciated the opportunity to be Ring Steward, not only did I have to keep the ring flowing but I was also able to see and hear how two other judges of my level carried out their roles. After a long, hard day of goating it was back to "Peppercorns Farm" and bedbut not before a beer and wine on the verandah!!



Sunday, was another early start, a much needed coffee then off to feed the goats and get the practice groups with the two exam groups organized. Four keen breeders, two presenters and Nerida (host) started the day by way of a Level1 theory exam, once this was completed all participated in a number of practice groups of bucks and does of various ages. Then for the serious part of the day, a group of 6 buck kids (6-9months) to place in order and identify at least two positives and a negative with the emphasis on positives. The final group was 6 pregnant does (24-36month), unfortunately part way through this class it started to rain, then hail. The only shelter was a small shed just big enough for 6 heavily pregnant does, 4 breeders, 2 presenters and 1 host - all damp as. As soon as the hail had passed and looked clear it was back out into the ring to resume the exam. We must have been a little keen to finish off the exam because it was not long before we were back in the overcrowded shed with another hail storm passing by. There was plenty of time for an "up close and personal goat inspection" and once the hail had gone it was not long before the exam was completed. Overall a day that I will never forget and I am sure I will tell other budding judges about the exam day in the hail. And you guessed right ... beer o'clock on the verandah – just quite a bit later than usual.



Monday, dam these early starts. Up at 5am to make my way to Melbourne Airport, drop the rental car off and board my Emirates jet back to New Zealand. With the time zone differences I arrived home in Hamilton at 9.30pm – no beer o'clock this night.

Tuesday, 5.15am – bloody alarm!!!!!!!!!

If you are a judge you will have empathy with some of the above, in many cases travelling further and if you would like to be a judge this is how your Boer goat trip across the Tasman could be like, Rest and Recreation - Yeah right!!

Warwick Ferguson – New Zealand and Australian Boer Goat Judge.

Canterbury Boer Goat Group Workshop February 2016

On Saturday 27th February, the Canterbury Boer Goat Group held a Breeders Workshop at the Bassett's Canterbury Boer stud in Darfield, Canterbury. Twenty keen breeders, from Otago to Gisborne, turned up to hear the presenter, Stephen Andrews, Senior Level Judge, outline the processes involved in the selection of Boer goats. It was a hot Norwest day in the shed and questions such as 'Why do we breed?', 'What should we look for when choosing breeding stock?' and 'what is the breed standard?' was the subject of keen debate.



The Bassett's had put together a good cross section of goats, so that we could evaluate their visual structure and identify possible faults and positives. Stephen asked us to share our ideas as to what should form the basis of our goat selection and this led to an interesting discussion about Functional traits (what we need) and Form (what we would like) in our goat choices. He reiterated that despite our personal preferences in Boer goat aesthetics, the first point of call when selecting breeding stock, is to know the 'Boer Goat Breed Standard'.

The Field walk through the herd was a chance to share pasture and husbandry

tips on the back of another summer drought season. Observing goats in the paddock invariably lead to discussions on feed, and with the goats looking in great condition the Bassett's were obviously going to put up some hot contenders in the upcoming agricultural shows.

This workshop brought together a group of Boer goat breeders with a wealth of expertise and provided an



invaluable sharing and networking opportunity. A big thank you goes to Stephen Andrews for his expertise on the day and to the Canterbury Boer Goat Breeders Group who organised the event. A special mention is in order for the Bassett family - they welcomed us into their lovely new home, provided delicious morning and afternoon tea and presented their goats for us to critique!

Julie Allaway.

Mackenzie Show Report

Thanks to Chris Hampton for arranging a change in layout of the Boer goat ring for the Mackenzie A&P show held on Easter Monday at Fairlie. It was a huge improvement and we had more public able to view the judging process.

The judge was Wynn Cruickshank and he gave clear information about why he placed animals where he did, which was interesting for those watching. Unfortunately there were only two exhibitors being Geoff & Tracy Moore (Crusader Boers) and the Bassett family (Jaegar Boers) but there were 14 animals shown, which gave Wynn some deliberations at times.

If anyone is considering starting to show Boer goats, this is a perfect show to come to as your first show as it is a one day show. They need more Boer goat exhibitors to support this show, so please consider this for next year. It



is always held on Easter Monday.

Wynn had also prepared questions for the junior herdsperson competition and siblings Sarah, Charlie and Jessica were each asked these individually (without being able to hear the other's answers). This was an interesting competition this year as Wynn had put a bit of effort into the judging of it and Charlie seemed pleased to have bet his younger sister!

Thank you to Wynn for coming up from Central Otago to judge and to Sarah and Jessica for being the stewards.



MACKENZIE A&P SHOW 28TH MARCH 2016

| JUDGE | Wynn Cruickshank | Shingle Creek, Central Otago |
|-------------------|---------------------------------|------------------------------|
| STEWARDS | Sarah Bassett & Jessica Bassett | Sheffield, Canterbury |
| ENTRIES (ACTUALS) | 17 | |

| | STUD | TAG |
|-----------------------|----------------|----------|
| KID DOE | 8 entries | |
| 1st | Crusader Boers | CRU 446 |
| 2nd | Crusader Boers | CRU 440 |
| 3rd | Jaegar Boers | JAG 533 |
| 4th | Jaegar Boers | JAG 517 |
| 5th | Crusader Boers | CRU 445 |
| 6th | Crusader Boers | CRU 458 |
| 2TH DOE 18 - 30 MTHS | 3 entries | |
| 1st | Jaegar Boers | JAG 406 |
| 2nd | Jaegar Boers | JAG 411 |
| 3rd | Jaegar Boers | JAG 410 |
| MA DOE (reared a kid) | 3 entries | |
| 1st | Jaegar Boers | JAG 123 |
| 2nd | Jaegar Boers | JAG 014 |
| 3rd | Jaegar Boers | JAG 016 |
| KID BUCK | No entries | |
| 2nd | Alpha Boers | ALP 8005 |
| CHAMPION BOER GOAT | Jaegar Boers | JAG 406 |
| RESERVE CHAMP | Crusader Boers | CRU 446 |

SUPREME CHAMPION BOER Jaegar Boers

JAG 406

JUNIOR HERDSPERSON 3 entries 1st Sarah Bassett 2nd Charlie Bassett 3rd Jessica Bassett

Photo Corner



Anyone recognise this Boer goat transporter number plate?



Is this a potential member of the skirted Gentleman's Club?