



Waikato Shows Off Its Best

Apart from some wet weather on Saturday morning the LBBNZ AGM members enjoyed a weekend of good Limousin, good company and good hospitality. Friday night saw the early birds meet for a Pizza dinner in Cambridge to start the weekend off in a sociable way.

Breakfast with Kivlean Limousins

Saturday morning was the official kick off with breakfast at the home of Murray Kivell and Peta Lean, in Victoria Rd, close to Cambridge. Despite the rain people were able to see the weaner bulls from the lounge window but had to brave the rain to see the cows.

Limax – North Island Bull Trial

The NILB Bull Trial Sale is on 7 June at 1pm (Viewing from 12 noon). Members were able to see the bulls up close along with the information supplied by Robert Hunt (Bull Trial Convenor).



Richard and Diana Maxwell (Limax) had some impressive cows and calves close by for us to view.



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Hobbiton

Some spent the afternoon at Hobbiton, which exceeded expectations



Others went on a Cruise of the Waikato River.

AGM/Dinner

The AGM was held this year at the Avanti Drome on the site of St Peters School, near Cambridge. It is the national high performance centre for cycling and triathlon and is an impressive place to see and have a burst on the track. Jocelyn Lane's mural of the drawings of Limousin in the caves of Limoges in France provided the backdrop as we remembered the passing of Jocelyn, David Linton and Anne Woodward.

With Gary Kennett so busy with the ALBS Directorship it was decided to have a redistribution of roles within the LBBNZ Council:

President: Peta Lean

Secretary: Natalie Roberts

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ALBS Director: Gary Kennett

Members were urged to use the LBBNZ website to promote their studs (a page can be put in for \$100 for 2 years) and offer cattle for sale (free). Advertising on the home page is \$10 per month. Photos and news items are always needed to keep the website current. Become a facebook friend as news and photos will go onto facebook first. Visit www.limousin.co.nz

Good Union, a Good George pub hosted the Conference Dinner where a good time was had by all.

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Photo Competition

The photo competition was hotly contended with some 23 entries this year. However, competition means a winner:

First Place: Karen Dobson (Ngarimu)

Watch this space as we work on getting it in a form that can be copied and published.

It is worth waiting for!

Second Equal:

Jennifer Phillips (Fern hill) – “Twin Delight”



Second Equal: Natalie Roberts (Snake Gully)



Fourth: Natalie Roberts (Snake Gully)



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Fifth: Jennifer Phillips (Fern hill)

“Golden Heaven”

John Arthur – Grandevieu – Commercial Use of Limousin

After a café breakfast in Cambridge, we all headed to Te Pahu, Arthur Rd, where John Arthur and Clyde, along with a neighbour treated us to his Grandevieu herd and a lovely morning tea in the woolshed. John has been in Limousins all of his farming life and his commercial herd reflects excellent choices in breeding. John is a repeat buyer over many years at the North Island Limousin Bull Trial Sale. The calves we saw on the ridge were sired by Huntlands Knockout, a Wulfs Excelsior bull sold by Robert Hunt two years ago.



Grandevieu Herd on the slopes of Mt Pirongia



Huntlands Knockout – 2016 Trial



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Mangatawhiri – Dorothy and Hein Kroef



Liz Maslin took a series of photos which show off the Mangatawhiri herd in their magnificence. Everyone appreciated the quality of the cows, calves and bulls on display. The R2 heifers were a stand out with two CF Jim Dandie heifers and Meriden Polled Heavy Duty heifer taking the eye. Dorothy and Hein handed out copies of the full pedigrees for all of their cattle. With a predominance of full French cattle, the pedigrees made very interesting reading and the cattle were impressive.

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The 2018 AGM

Members were treated to a magnificent lunch at Mangatawhiri Stud on Sunday. Thanks to Dorothy and Hein for their hospitality and to Trudi and Dorothy's daughter in law for providing lunch for us all. Yum!



The LBBNZ Stirrers Spoon

Frank Rientjes **confessed** to having the Stirrers Spoon for the past four years. Karen Dobson won it in Whangarei in 2014. This year it was presented to Stephen Dance (Springfalls) after him undergoing a two day apprenticeship with Frank. The Master and the Apprentice in stirring bullshit?

The large shovel does not have any winners since 2008 inscribed on it since 2008. If you know who received it in any of these years, please let us know so we can have their names etched onto it old times sake.

2018 – Stephen Dance	2012 - ?	2009? -
2014 – Karen Dobson	2011 - ?	
2013 - ?	2010 - ?	

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