



Members Update

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President's Message

Hello everyone, and welcome to the Spring edition of the **Members' Update**.

Since my election as your President last April in Warragul, Victoria, to say life has been uneventful would be an under-statement. With one Council teleconference meeting, the UK trip and 6th World Congress meeting, field days, shows, and the ARCBA conference in Brisbane it has been a very busy few months.

The UK trip and World Congress meeting proved very rewarding. The Congress meeting was held in Stratford-on-Avon (Shakespeare's home town) where I felt so proud to represent Australia and lead a great team of delegates. The theme of the meeting was "International Trade in Bovine Genetics" and how the opportunities are there for export.

Global Marketing-Australia's contribution to these subjects being. All countries look to New Zealand's website as a model and regular updating of a world Website with a view of making all countries of similar standard and linked.

The setting up of an international genepool with all South Devon countries focusing on international marking and to collaborate to develop an international focus in marketing of these genetics.

We also moved that we do a feasibility study to get a World Global Genetics evaluation within a time frame of twelve months. This would be expanding on the present combined Australian and New Zealand South Devon evaluation.

The election of a new World President resulted in Dar. Giess from the USA taking over from Douglas Scott from the UK. Douglas has done a great job and I feel Dar will be very inspirational for our world body. We were also very proud to have our John Cassidy elected as his Deputy and the suggested nomination for Secretary was Carolyn Poultney from the UK.

The next World Congress is planned in three years time - probably in Canada.

With our contribution to the Congress from our sheer numbers, positive contribution to debates, our National Report and knowledge, we certainly made our presence felt.

The tour of the farms was very well organised and the hospitality was second to none. (please refer to Maurie Rees' report on this later in the Update).

We came back home again to various weather conditions, still very dry in many parts but WA has reported the best winter ever. The Field Days, Shows, Feedlot Trials,

Fat Steer contests have proved very successful with much interest and sales of our animals.

Sales of South Devons have also reported great interest especially in those animals which have results via the "Genestar" tests.

In August I attended the ARCBA conference in Brisbane which proved every educational. I feel it could have been better attended but majority of beef breeds of cattle were represented to hear the great guest speakers speaking on their various subjects.

We now have a photo competition organised for you all to participate in - courtesy of SA member David Leese. It will be very interesting to see what we come up with for the various categories. Please send YOUR entry just to be in it!

By now your State Branch Secretary should have received information about hosting an exchangee from New Zealand. Please give it some serious thought and let David McDonald know before the end of October.

Beef 2006 is coming up in Rockhampton from 1st to 7th May, 2006. The South Devon Society is planning to hold this year's **tour** to precede Beef 2006 by visiting a number of places in North Queensland.

This tour will start in Cairns a week before Rockhampton, possibly 24th April. We are planning to travel by coach to the Atherton Tableland, then out west to Longreach through Barcaldine, Emerald and back to Rockhampton for the start of Beef 2006. Accommodation has been booked in Rockhampton from the 1st to 7th May so please make an effort and mark these dates on your 2006 calendar. The AGM will be held at a suitable time during the Rockhampton week. Prices etc are still being negotiated but it is rather difficult when you are unsure of numbers. It would be very helpful if you can give David McDonald an indication of your interest and/or ability to participate in this tour. As soon as a "detailed" plan is available I will circulate it to all members.

I will close now wishing you all the best with your South Devons, whether it's showing, Sales, feedlot trials, or field days. We must get out there and promote these wonderful animals.

All the best, Margaret Newton

6th South Devon Cattle World Conference “Pre Conference Tour”

Saturday 4th (June 05) The Hilton Kensington Hotel, London, was alight with excitement as many old & new South Devon World Breeders & friends congregated to commence what proved to be a most creditable, educational & hospitable 6th South Devon Cattle Pre World Conference Tour of the South East, Devon & Cornwall Countryside & Studs.

Ably led by our Tour Leader Carolyn Cree (Agricultural Travel Bureau), Carolyn Poultney (South Devon English Herd Secretary) & Douglas Scott (World South Devon President), our coach load of 49 breeders plus Leaders, commenced the beginning of what proved to be a wonderful 9 day tour packed full of wonderful hospitality, food, friendship, beautiful countryside, weather and of course our main love some very good South Devon Cattle.

Our first stop on our journey south was at Robert & Sophie Whitcombe’s “Hawkley Herd” Petersfield. Much interest was aroused by the large white “Rabbit eared Border Leicester Stud sheep on display near our bus stop! Here we enjoyed seeing some very good cattle. Females of average size with good udder shape and teat placement. Robert said “he aimed to concentrate on overall growth, structure, good hind quarter width and excellent mobility with overall growth rates of young stock high. He aims to target a carcass weight of 400kg for steers at 18 to 20 months.”

An impressive display of farm produce and wares from their Farm Shop was provided by the nearby Mayhews Family.

The first of many delicious lunches and feasts was consumed before we all clambered back into our coach at 1400hrs bound for The Thistle Hotel, Exeter. Oh no! Our then inexperienced coach driver had forgotten to provide a good floor mate to collect all the ?? from our boots!! This he later rectified after cleaning his coach after the first days travel.

Exeter is a beautiful city full of wonderful old churches and buildings and to me something like stories out of old Fairy Tales. Here unfortunately, our WA members Peter & Delys Piavanini left us as Delys was admitted to hospital with pneumonia. (Delys is slowly recovering now she is home.)

Sunday 5th

After spending the a.m. wandering around Exeter viewing its splendour, we boarded our coach (along with floor mat) at 1400 hrs to visit the “Waddeton Herd” of Gordon & Anne Tully. A contingent of 4 tractors towing trailers with hay baled to sit on awaited us to show us around the farm and stock. Unfortunately for the Tullys the weather was damp with a cold wind so everyone was most relieved to abandon their trailer and head for the warmth of the barn immediately the

farm inspection concluded. There the Tullys provided the very large gathering of breeders and friends a fantastic night of food, entertainment which included a very good magician, cattle judging competition and music. Only thing wrong was the wonderful Magician who could produce money from thin air didn’t want to join me at my bank! Congratulations and thank you to the Tully family on a truly wonderful nights entertainment, food and friendship.

Monday 6th

Luggage out 8am. Aboard Coach at 9am to visit Richard & Angela Samridge “Allington South Devon Herd”, Devon. The sun was shining brightly and we were all set for a wonderful days travel with a large contingent of breeders in cars following behind along the very narrow country lanes. It really is an art to know just which driver is suppose to back into tiny spaces provided and who is suppose to go when a driver meets someone coming towards them and wants to pass! Seems many drivers use as much fuel backing up as they do going forward! Congratulations to our clever coach driver who skillfully maneuvered his large coach down the very narrow lanes in Devon and in particular the roadway leading into Richard & Shirley Harvey’s “Sexton Farm”. Again we were given a wonderful farm tour on the back of trailers in the glorious sunshine followed of course by more food.

At 1730 hrs we again boarded our coach which arrived at Lee Mill at 1800hrs where our hosts for the next 2 nights transported us back to our various farm stay destinations. Our personal farm stay with Ken & Grace Adams proved to be most hectic. The first night out at dinner with a large group of friends at Rosemarie & Gerry Horsman’s farm where they were most keen to sell all visitors a share in the “Local Treacle Mine”!

Tuesday 7th

An early start to inspect our host’s South Devon cattle prior to meeting out coach at Ashburton 0900hrs to visit the “Bittleford South Devon Herd” owned by Patrick & Pat Croaker on the English Dartmoors. What wonderful weather we were blessed with. Patrick claimed they only get one or two such days annually when you can see for miles over the Dartmoors and the beautiful Devon countryside. On the Dartmoors the Croakers run Dartmoors ponies, Whiteface Dartmoor and Swaledales sheep plus Belted Galloway (the white band around the Belties make them much more visible to motorists than black Galloways Patrick claimed). A pedigree South Suffock flock plus 50/60 South Devon cows are run on the more productive country. Patrick has a clear blueprint for his South Devons. They must have good feet, udders, a docile

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temperament plus ease of calving which is most important. Bulls must be highly mobile, well fleshed but not overly muscled to produce store steers at 14 to 18 mths of age. Our farm tour was concluded with a delicious late morning tea spread which many thought was our lunch, only to be confronted with another huge spread another 1/2 hour down the road at "The Feathers Restaurant" Princetown.

After an interesting visit to the "High Moore Visitors Centre" we clambered back onto our coach at 1400hrs bound for the Moortown to visit John & Diana Jordan's "Moortown South Devon Herd" farming steep picturesque Moorland country where we again enjoyed another farm tour inspecting South Devons, Galloway and South Devon x Galloway cattle, Scotch blackface ewes which live on the unfenced open Moors, Nth Country Cheviot sheep and Dartmoore ponies (the emblem of the Dartmoore National Park). During our farm tour John explained he aimed for a slightly smaller but beefier type of South Devons with good length and "easy calving is a must!" The Jordans were extremely lucky to escape losing all of their sheep & cattle herd due to "a foot & mouth scare in 2001."

Back onto the coach at 1730hrs bound for Gidleigh for an evening meal and entertainment and finally to our wonderful hosts for some much needed sleep!

Wednesday 8th

After an early breakfast our host Ken delivered us to "Lee Mill" where everyone reloaded their luggage onto the coach to depart at 0930hrs to visit "The Trewint" herd owned by Peter & Elizabeth Rowe, and "Tregondale" herd owned by Mervyn and Stephanie Rowe, Cornwall. The entrances to both farms were absolutely spotless as both Elizabeth & Stephanie run farmstays in their beautifully converted old stone barns into modern self catering cottages. "We have to keep up appearances for our more fastidious guests" Elizabeth explained and this they both did well. Peter explained during our farm tour that he aimed to produce cattle with good natural fleshing with good width, a good loin - and an ability to do well off grass. "Our cows must be good doers" he said, and what a lovely herd of cows with good feet, udders and natural fleshing he had. The calves at foot were proof of their dams do ability. Following our Trewint farm tour aboard the usual 3 to 4 tractor drawn trailers we once again enjoyed a wonderful lunch spread provided by both of the Rowe families. All aboard the trailers and onto the adjoining "Tregondale" farm. Mervyn uses an electric tagging system to help with his cattle recording and is most adamant that more Society members should record more figures to make for more realistic and

useful breed statistics.

1500hrs we were back onto the coach bound for Plymouth, Mayflower Steps. 1600hrs we boarded our ferry at Plymouth for our most beautiful scenic & serene one way river trip up the Tamar to Calstock complements of David Thomas & Family, "Treguddick South Devon Stud". What a glorious trip it proved to be in the warm evening sun!

At Calstock our coach was waiting for us to continue our journey onto Newquay where we checked into our hotel around 1930hrs. A truly glorious day with good cattle, food, spectacular scenery and weather. The wonderful summer twilights are really quite delightful at this time of the year.

Thursday 9th

0730hrs. All aboard the coach bound for The Royal Cornwall Show. What a wonderful display of beautifully presented South Devon cattle were paraded for all to see with a total of approximately 71 head competing in the ring! FV & MA Plain's Champion Female "AI Foxhole Matha" with a wonderful heifer calf at foot won the 'Supreme Champion South Devon Exhibit' from an enormous Champion South Devon Bull "Plympton Roland" exhibited by H Tully & Sons. These later combined the following day to win the 'Interbreed Best Pair of Beef Breed Cattle' and "AI Foxhole Matha" - 'Supreme Champion Beef Exhibit Royal Cornwall Show' and 'Best exhibitor Bred Cow'. South Devons also won "Best Young Pair of bulls", plus 'Reserve Best Young Bull.'

A fitting finale for a wonderful show effort by all South Devon exhibitors. Following the South Devon judging members regrouped in the President's Marquee for the English Society hosting of Cream Teas and a Royal visit from HRH Princess Alexandra with all her grace and charm.

Friday 10th

With the sun beating down some people joined Carolyne Cree on a "Garden Tour" including Lanhydrock, while others caught the 0730 coach to the Royal Cornwall Showgrounds for the Interbreed Judging. Results already mentioned.

1400hrs we again boarded our coach bound for our visit to the very interesting 'Eden Project'. A very interesting collection of biomes - very large dome shaped hot houses cleverly displaying most plants from tropical to warm temperate from all around the world.

1800hrs time for a quick change and the wonderful Cornish Regional Evening of Drinks & Dinner Party commenced. It lacked nothing! Food, drinks, friendship - fine hospitality at its fullest!

Around 2200hr we returned to our hotel for much needed rest to help digest our splendid meal.

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Saturday 11th

Ned and my 40th wedding anniversary!

0800. All aboard the coach on our journey North to Stratford. 1230. We visited the Barrington Park Estate for lunch followed by a tour of inspection of their crossbred cattle.

1700. Coach departed heading for the Swans Nest Hotel, Stratford a beautiful city built along the Avon River. Some folk attended the Shakespearian Theatre production of 'A Midsummer Night's Dream'. We were personally fortunate to enjoy our Anniversary evening and meal compliments Mike Amos.

Sunday 12th

A long awaited sleep in, followed by a wander

around Stratford.

1400. All aboard our coach bound for the beautiful old Warick Castle with all its splendor and ghosts. It is wonderful that the English have maintained all of the castles, old buildings, etc, which are so much part of their history to share with so many generations past and present.

Our congratulations to all who put so much effort, time, money and energy into making this tour such a wonderful success. Unfortunately Ned and I have inherited the South Devon cattle's 'very efficient feed conversion ability' and the many kilos gained I fear will be with us for some time to come.

Mauree Rees

From the Council

The mid-year Council meeting was held on 2 August 2005, by telephone hookup, after the safe return to Australia of our Delegates to the World Congress in England. Thank you to Mauree Rees for her report about the Congress which is printed above.

1. The first item discussed at Council was the likelihood of another **South Devon Review**. The New Zealand South Devon Society participated in a first time "combined beef breeds" magazine in which the first third has articles of relevance to all the beef breeds; and the remainder is divided into sections for individual breeds with appropriate reports, photographs and advertisements.

Although Australian Councillors were pleased to see the results of the (NZ) combined magazine concept, there was no suggestion it was appropriate for South Devons in Australia. Council decided to continue with the biennial timeframe for the "Review" and that the next Review, to be dated 2007, shall be released just before Christmas 2006. The "active" months for input to this next Review will be June-September 2006 (inclusive), but any articles which arise before that time will be received by your Secretary with pleasure.

2. Council considered and endorsed a questionnaire looking at response to South Devons in the market place and the commercial use of South Devons. Richard Arnold and Philip Barrett-Lennard agreed to trial the questionnaire on a face-to-face basis in both South Australia and Western Australia during August. Other Councillors agreed to subsequently utilise the **marketing questionnaire** in their "own" respective States with all results to be collated by the end of October 2005 prior to the next Council meeting.

3. Following an initiative from SA member, David Leese, Council considered and endorsed a new **South**

Devon Photo Competition. Closing date shall be 31 December 2005 and the essence of the competition is "having fun"! Please refer to page 7 at the back of this "Update" for both Rules of the competition and an appropriate Entry Form. Multiple copies may be taken of the entry form if more than one entry is desired!

4. The Secretary introduced a new research-cum-extension project called the "**Southern Technical Support Program**" (STSP) which will be starting in 2006 and continue for 5 years. It is underwritten by Meat & Livestock Australia (MLA) with commitment by both ABRI and BREEDPLAN. The majority of beef breed societies have also given their "support in principle" for the project which, in turn, is expected to assist the members of each society on an individual basis. Four of ABRI's younger BREEDPLAN extension officers, including Andrew Byrne, will make up the STSP team. More information on this program will be circulated in due course.

5. As mentioned in the "President's Message", plans are a-foot for the 2006 South Devon tour to occur during the last week of April, 2006 in northern Qld. The tour will start at Cairns and finish at Rockhampton to coincide with the start of "Beef Australia 2006", which is scheduled from May 1st to May 7th, 2006. For more details on Rockhampton please visit their website www.beefaustralia.org or phone 07 4922 2989.

6. The **next Council meeting** is scheduled for Tuesday, 8 November 2005. If you have any queries or information to be raised at this meeting please contact your Branch Delegate prior to the meeting.

David McDonald, Executive Officer

Branch Reports

South Australia

1. South Australia's usual press publication "The Stock Journal" runs an annual **Hunks & Spunks** Competition. On 3 February 2005 the "stud man" was Peter Colliver (of Dukes Flat Stud) whose repertoire reads as follows:

Name: Peter Colliver, age 21

Height: 195 centimetres

Lives: Cookes Plains

Occupation: Farm hand

Nickname: Pistol

Nominator: Dad, Ian

Favourite feed: Steak

Best Band: Clay Walker, Foo Fighters

In my spare time: I love going to B & S balls and spending time with my South Devon stud cattle.

When I grow up: I want to be a cattle stud manager.

Love the country because:

The people and open spaces.

Most embarrassing moment:

The speeches at my 21st

What your ex-girlfriend would say about you:

He's a nice guy.

Most valued possession:

My stud cattle and Commodore ute.

Your ideal woman:

Tall, brunette, good personality and fun-loving.

Describe your dream date:

A nice dinner followed by a country music concert.

Why you should be the hunk of 2005:

It would be a great opportunity to meet single country chicks with similar interests.

2. The Gum Hill family continues to expand with 2 new arrivals - first Lachlan Hamilton Lines, a son for Haydn & Poppy of Keith SA, and second Jessica Alice Turner a daughter for Felicity & husband Mark Turner, of Meningie SA.

3. Following the devastating bushfires on Eyre Peninsula in January 2005 many country areas (of SA) held special fundraising events. Cricket supporters, local businesses and the general public showed strong

support for a charity 20/20 cricket at Jamestown on 28 January 05. Star of the match was David Leese of Davelle Stud whose score of 63 included several huge sixes that thrilled the crowd!

Obituary

It is with sadness that we record the death of one of South Australia's long time South Devon breeders, Walad Kennion Cook, aged 80 on June 10th 2005.

Wal, as he was affectionately known had suffered from bone cancer for a short while, however never let that be a hurdle to living as he continued to pursue his agricultural interests.

Registering "Eversley" in 1974, his 31 year involvement included showing at the local and Adelaide Royal Shows, participating in the Beef Cattle Field Day Series, providing steers for school competitions and taking every opportunity to promote the breed on Yorke Peninsula and further afield.

Wal was a keen photographer and at Dinners, Shows, Field Days and farm walks was snapping away. He and Diana maintained meticulous scrapbooks on South Devons from their early involvement and they are a delight to browse over. Press cuttings, results of sales and shows, photographs etc were always pasted into these books.

A specialist and registered seed grower, he served on many committees and boards in that area of agriculture.

Wal will be remembered by all who knew him in the South Devon breed as a happy, generous person, who was always willing to share himself and his "Eversley" herd.

To Diana, and the Cook families, our sincere sympathy, we look forward to maintaining an association with you, as commercial members and breeders.

New South Wales

On 18th August 2005, the 4th annual Everreddy Sale was held at the Tamworth Stock Selling Complex.

The bulls sold to \$5500 for an average of \$3100 with bulls going north to Rockhampton and south to Henty as well as the local area.

Brian James

Kildare Sale

On 19th August 2005, the 28th Annual on-property bull sale was held at "Kildare", Upper Horton, NSW.

The Kildare South Devons and Lopast Shorthorns returned a combined average of \$3640 - up almost \$300 on last year's sale.

Stud proprietors, Rick & Sue McDouall, sold 20 of 24 Kildare South Devon bulls to a top of \$7000 and an average of \$3775.

There were 12 of 13 Lopast Shorthorns sold to a top of \$5250 and average of \$3417, with one passed in.

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New South Wales Cont ...

Repeat buyer Charles Green, "Moorabinda", Taroom, Queensland, paid equal top dollar of \$7000 for two South Devon bulls - the 25-month-old 916 kilogram Kildare Yellowstone, which was the heaviest bull in the catalogue and had the highest eye muscle area (EMA) of 125 square centimetres.

Mr Green paid \$7000 for the 830kg 25-month-old Kildare Yemen, which featured full GeneSTAR rating for tenderness.

Mr Green was the sale's volume buyer, taking home eight South Devon bulls that averaged \$5250.

John Clarke, "Carbeen", Coolatai, bought four bulls, including one Shorthorn, to a top of \$4000 and

average of \$4625.

Neil and Abbie Dickson, "Lemongrove", Taylor's Arm via Kempsey, bought three South Devon bulls to a top of \$4000 and average of \$2667.

Repeat buyer, Noel Dillon, "Goonal", Moree, bought three Shorthorn bulls, averaging \$4083, including the breeds top-priced bull at \$5250, for 780kg 25-month-old Lopast Yenda.

Landmark stud stock auctioneer for northern NSW, Mike Wilson, said the sale was a big improvement on last year's result.

"The South Devon bulls sold well with strong support from Queensland and repeat buyer, Charles Green, who has had a lot of success with South Devon crosses," he said.

Report from Amy Lawson, "The Land" 25/8/05

Victoria

Bryan McLean reports that the Victorian Branch has acquired two copies of a limited edition South Devon Cattle print. One will be sent to Rockhampton for auctioning at the Beef Expo the other is available for purchase if anybody is interested. A copy of the print can be seen on the Victorian Branch website www.southdevonvic.com.au If you are interested in the print contact Paula McKenzie or Bryan.

The **National Beef Expo at Bendigo** will be held May 19-22, 2006. This looks like being a brilliant venue to hold a Show/Sale. The organisers are keen to have an All Breeds sale on the Sunday (21 May) for all breeds interested. It seems this will be a show

worth attending with the possibility of other States attending and with Interbreed prizes including a Crush donated by Metalcorp valued at approx. \$5000 and Polaris donating an ATV valued at approx. \$1200.

An informative article the IGF-I Newsletter was brought to our attention by commercial member John Buxton and is attached as Appendix 2. We would like to thank the MLA & Dr Robert Herd for allowing us to use this very informative newsletter taken from the MLA Prograzier magazine Autumn Edition. South Devon breeders need to consider its potential along with The Vasse Trial results from WA as marketing tools to help promote the breed.

Western Australia

2005 Vasse Bull Trial Results

Once again 14 pure South Devon bulls plus 2 purebred Devon bulls were entered in the 2005 Vasse Net Feed Intake (NFI) Multibreed Trial. As well, there were 9 Limousin, 5 Blonde d'Aquitaine and 8 cross-bred bulls making a total of 38 entries from 7 breeders. Had many of our members realised earlier that the Narrogin School Bull Trials were no longer operating, I feel more members would have entered bulls. Please refer to Appendix 1 for the individual results from the 16 South Devon animals.

Top South Devon bull was exhibited by A & B Mountford with Unguva 99 - who had a NFI - 1.17; FCR (Feed Conversion Ratio) = 4.9; DWG (daily wt

gain) = 2.12kgs.

Generally the line up of bulls were structurally sound, well fleshed and a good representation of the South Devon Breed.

Sadly we farewelled Mr Frank Cooper, Vasse Manager for many years and a great supporter of this trial. We all wish him well in his retirement.

Hopefully this trial will continue under new management as it is important to enable breeders to compare different bloodlines performances within herds and the breed generally. Facts and figures are an important asset in promoting the viability of the South Devon Breed.

Mauree Rees, Secretary, W/A Branch

Exchange Program - By David McDonald

This year it is Australia's turn to host an exchange from New Zealand and I have been advised that NZ has chosen a successful applicant, named Michael Robertson.

I understand that 2 to 3 weeks has, in the past, been the duration of the exchange. Michael is planning to start his university studies in mid February

(2006) so either December or January are the preferable months for this exchange to occur. His preference would be to travel to Australia after Christmas but he will "fit in" with whatever can be arranged.

If you have not already discussed this possibility with members of your Branch would you please do so, as our answer to NZ is needed by mid-October.

2005 Royal Show Results

2005 ROYAL NATIONAL ASSOCIATION

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Cow or Heifer 20 months & under 48 months

- 1st Chevalley Xarina, CN & HR Chevalley
2nd Maleny High Westina, Maleny State High School

Champion Cow or Heifer

Chevalley Xarina, CN & HR Chevalley

Reserve Champion Cow or Heifer

Maleny High Westina, Maleny State High School

Bull 12 months & under 16 months

- 1st Maleny High Zeus, Maleny State High School
2nd Chevalley Zeeman, CN & HR Chevalley

Bull 20 months & under 42 months

- 1st Chevalley Your Pride, CN & HR Chevalley
2nd Chevalley X Ta Cee, CN & HR Chevalley

Champion Bull

Maleny High Zeus, Maleny State High School

Reserve Champion Bull

Chevalley Your Pride, CN & HR Chevalley

ROYAL ADELAIDE SHOW 2005

Cow or Heifer 10 months & under 16 months

- 1st Paltarra Zircon, RJ & KE Arnold

Cow or Heifer 16 months & under 20 months

- 1st Davelle Win Penny, D & R Leese
2nd Paltarra Zintra, RJ & KE Arnold

Junior Champion South Devon Cow or Heifer

Davelle Win Penny, D & R Leese

Cow 20 months & under 30 months

- 1st Paltarra Yoko, RJ & KE Arnold

Senior & Grand Champion South Devon Female

Paltarra Yoko, RJ & KE Arnold

Bull 10 months & under 16 months

- 1st Davelle Win Ivan, D & R Leese
2nd Paltarra Zenith, RJ & KE Arnold

Bull 16 months & under 20 months

- 1st Davelle Win Austin, D & R Leese
2nd Paltarra Zak, RJ & KE Arnold
3rd Paltarra Zillion, RJ & KE Arnold

Junior & Grand Champion South Devon Bull

Davelle Win Austin, D & R Leese

Bull 20 months & under 30 months

- 1st Davelle T21 Ian, D & R Leese

Senior Champion South Devon Bull

Davelle T21 Ian, D & R Leese

Pair Bulls

- 1st D & R Leese
2nd RJ & KE Arnold

Pair, Bull & Female

- 1st D & R Leese
2nd RJ & KE Arnold

Sire's Progeny Group

- 1st Paltarra Winner, D & R Leese

Breeders' Group

- 1st D & R Leese
2nd RJ & KE Arnold
3rd RJ & KE Arnold

Most Successful South Devon Exhibitor

D & R Leese

2005 ROYAL MELBOURNE SHOW

Heifer 9 months & under 14 months

- 1st The Bend Louise, C & L Daley
2nd Brillato Dee Power, B McLean
3rd Melviandale Jacqueline 81, D & P McKenzie

Heifer 14 months & under 20 months

- 1st The Bend Crystal, C & L Daley

Reserve Junior Champion Heifer

The Bend Crystal, C & L Daley

Junior & Grand Champion Heifer

The Bend Louise, C & L Daley

Cow over 30 months

- 1st Melviandale Beverly 15, D & P McKenzie

Senior Champion Cow

Melviandale Beverly 15, D & P McKenzie

Bull 9 months & under 14 months

- 1st Melviandale Magician, D & P McKenzie
2nd The Bend Leonardo, C & L Daley

Bull 14 months & under 20 months

- 1st The Bend Bluegum, C & L Daley
2nd Melviandale Trumps, D & P McKenzie

Junior & Grand Champion Bull

Melviandale Magician, D & P McKenzie

Reserve Junior Champion Bull

The Bend Bluegum, C & L Daley

Bull over 30 months

- 1st The Bend Y01 Ascot Boy, C & L Daley

Senior Champion Bull

The Bend Y01 Ascot Boy, C & L Daley

Supreme Exhibit

The Bend Louise, C & L Daley

Best three head

- 1st C & L Daley
2nd D & P McKenzie

Junior Pair, Bull & Heifer, under 20 months

- 1st D & P McKenzie
2nd C & L Daley

Sire's Progeny Group, Best three head

- 1st C & L Daley,
Group by Thowra Downs Romany

Special Report - Humps and big ears

Richard and Kaye Arnold have just returned from judging cattle at the "Channel Country Cattle Challenge" during the "Back to Boulia" weekend at Boulia, in the middle of Queensland. It was a wonderful experience if not somewhat daunting to we southern cattle breeders.

Accompanied by Ashley and Jeanette Harvie, Commercial breeders from Florina Station in South Australia, we drove from Adelaide to Maree and up through Birdsville.

Planning to camp on the Birdsville track our plan was aborted when 25mls of rain fell. Fortunately we managed to get through to Birdsville before they closed the Roads. The track north was still passable allowing us to continue our journey and arrive at Boulia the night before the big event.

The invitation to judge was extended to us by committee member Tahna Jackson from Lorna Downs Station.

We commenced the day with a Junior Judging Competition with 8 enthusiastic young teenagers explaining why they would place 4 Droughtmaster heifers in a particular order. The winner won a trip to Adelaide to compete in the Junior Heifer Expo. in 2006.

The young lad who won was thrilled and may take one of our heifers to the competition next year. Approximately 100 cattle were entered in the competition and these were mainly Brahman, Braford, Charbray and Droughtmasters. The cattle were penned in pens of 3 and were split into 4 classifications- replacement

heifers, store steers, fat market cows and bullocks. Several single pens of cows with calves at foot were also entered and a pen of poddy calves, one still showing the signs of a dingo attack.

It was a real challenge judging these pens but we were supplied with weights for all animals and market specification sheets. Each individual animal was also marked so we could select an overall champion store steer, cow, bullock and replacement heifer.

We watched some of the cattle arrive and they looked pretty flighty, however we were impressed by the way they settled down and felt quite comfortable entering the pens where necessary. One cow with calf at foot didn't fit the docility mould and spent most of the day with her front legs hanging over the 2.5 metre rail.

The prize money for the cattle was amazing. \$6500 was awarded to the winners with champions winning \$1000. Having just left the Royal Adelaide Show with first prize being \$20 we couldn't believe it.

We had a great time walking around with the exhibitors and explaining our reasons for placement. It was a wonderful day made even more interesting by the other activities of Bronco Branding, Steer Riding etc We left Queensland with a great respect for the northern cattle and a belief that South Devons would crossbreed nicely with them.

It was a real change the following week when Richard judged 65 head of mainly British cattle at the local Strathalbyn country show. *Richard and Kaye Arnold*

South Devon Photo Competition

Classes

1. Bull under 24 months, 2. Bull over 24 months
3. Female under 24 months, 4. Female over 24 mths
5. Calf 9 months or under, 6. Mob of Cows & calves
7. Group of Bulls, 8. Steer or Group of Steers
9. Novelty must contain a South Devon animal

Rules

1. The competition is meant to be fun!
2. The South Devon Cattle Society will organise and run the competition.
3. Entries are invited from South Devon breeders who are financial members of the Society: an exception applies to entries in class 9, which is open to all.
4. The competition shall be limited to 1 entry per class; there is no limit to the number of classes entered.
5. There is no entry fee.
6. To enter, exhibitors must complete an entry form and submit this with the photo/s by the closing date of December 31st 2005. Entries by email will be accepted.
7. Each animal/photo entered in the classes 1-8

must be identified as follows with the following information. Class number, animal's name, registration number, date of birth, name of Sire, name of Dam. If the entry is female, it must be stated as to whether it is mated or unmated. If calf at foot the birth date of the calf must be included. Commercial or crossbred animals can be included in this class also. The name of the photographer must be included with all photos.

8. Photos entered in classes 1-8 must have the date of when the photo was taken. Photos should be of a side view, to avoid bias photos with ribbons or rosettes will not be accepted.
9. Photos must not be digitally enhanced. If in the judging panels opinion they have been enhanced they will be disqualified and no further entries from that person will be accepted.
10. Entries will be judged by an independent panel selected by the President and the Executive Officer.
11. The South Devon Society may use the photos for future promotion on the web site and future Annual Review publications.
12. The winners will receive Society exposure.

South Devon Photo Competition Entry Form

Owners Name:

Address:

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Phone: Fax: Email:

Class entered:

Animal Name:

Sire: Dam:

Registered Tattoo Number:

Date of Birth:

If photo of Female, please state whether mated or unmated:

If calf at foot, date of birth:

Date when photo was taken:

Name of Photographer:

Was the photo taken by a professional photographer?

Commercial Animals: If the photo is of commercial animals please include a brief history

COMPETITION CLOSING DATE: 31 DECEMBER 2005

Please return your entries to:-

**Executive Officer, South Devon Cattle Society of Australia Inc, SDCS, C/- ABRI, UNE,
Armidale NSW 2351**

or email to cheryl.green@abri.une.edu.au