

Star Brood Cow Awards

Information supplied by Mr Michael Hentschke – Enterprise Ayrshires

In recent years nominations for Star Brood Cow awards have declined as members have not been nominating eligible animals for this recognition or were not aware of the details of the award. I am sure many animals have qualified for awards but to be eligible members must submit the relevant information to the Federal Secretary for this award to be verified.

This issue was tabled at the most recent Federal Council meeting and it was resolved to promote this award through the Journal. We felt it was timely to update the criteria for the allocation of points towards these awards. Members need to apply for these awards and provide production records to confirm the standards have been met for the points requested.

To be eligible a cow must first have 3 daughters classified Good Plus or better and one star will be awarded for every 6 points accrued based on the following criteria:

TYPE

Every daughter classified Good Plus earns 1 point

Every daughter classified Very Good earns 2 points

Every daughter classified Excellent receives 4 points

PRODUCTION (Individual lactations)

Each daughter lactation yielding the mature equivalent of 7000 Litres and 280Kg B/fat and 225Kg Protein earns 1 point.

J2 5000L and 200F and 160P

S2 5300L and 212F and 170P

J3 5600L and 224F and 180P

S3 5900L and 236F and 190P

J4 6200L and 248F and 200P

S4 6500L and 260F and 210P

Production (Lifetime)

Each daughter with lifetime yield of 2000Kg B/fat and 1600Kg Protein and 50000 Litres earns 1 point

Each daughter with lifetime yield of 2400Kg B/fat and 1920Kg Protein and 60000 Litres earns 2 points

Each daughter with lifetime yield of 2800Kg B/fat and 2240Kg Protein and 70000 Litres earns 3 points

ABV's For Sons

Any son with a positive ABV for milk, butterfat, protein or type earns 1 point for each positive ABV rating.

Star Brood Cow daughters

Each daughter who earns Star Brood Cow status earns one extra point.

A cow will be recognised as a Star Brood Cow when her progeny accrue 6 points. Additional stars shall be awarded for each additional six points. An eligible female may be awarded Star Brood Cow Status separately on the performance of her daughters obtained by ET methods of breeding. However, stars gained by ET daughters are to be shown separately and ET shown after the award.

I know there are cows out there that deserve this recognition and I hope this prompts members including myself to get the recognition that our cows deserve. Should you have animals that wish to enter please contact Janelle Johnson, the Federal Registrar at Livestock Business Centre on 02 4232 3333. So get those entries coming in now for the Star Brood Cow.

SUPERIOR TOTAL PERFORMANCE

This award is different to a Star Brood Cow Award as it is based solely on production & classification of the cow entering for the award.

It is based on the following criteria

“This cow, having been classified VG85 or higher, produced in excess of 39,000 litres of milk & 1,600kg of butterfat and being 10 years of age or more has been inspected and classified VG or better for each category in the mammary system.”

Again it is an award that has lacked entries in previous years, due mainly to a lack of awareness. The Ayrshire Breed is known for its longevity, so again, contact the Livestock Business Centre for an entry form and get those old girls the recognition they deserve.

Ayrshire 'Appenings

Australia has recently become an Associate Member of the World Ayrshire Federation joining other countries such Canada, New Zealand and South Africa.

Congratulations must go to two young NSW Ayrshire members for reaching the State Judging Final at the 2013 Sydney Royal Easter Show. Ashley Mayo and Emma Ludington both qualified for the event. Emma was placed 3rd. Ashley was unable to attend the final.

The last 12 months have seen many overseas judges presiding at some of our major Australian Shows. In September 2013 **Mr Jamie McQuat of Mapleburn Ayrshires** will be adjudicating at the Adelaide Royal Show. He will then go onto New South Wales to judge the 30th Anniversary NSW Branch Calf Show on 14th September at Hurlstone Ag High School..

Wedding bells are in the air. Congratulations to Sam Gordon & Fiona Boardman on their recent engagement. Rumour has it September 2013 is the month they say "I do!"

2012 National Titles - In a fantastic achievement for the youth in the Ayrshire Breed we had 4 members representing at the National Titles in November, 2012.

***Ben Hentschke** (Sth Aust) and **Stuart Lockhart** (NSW) competed in the National Judging Final. **Ashley Mayo** (NSW) and **Caitlin Liebich** (Sth Aust) competed in the National Parading Final. Congratulations must go to these young Ayrshire enthusiasts, particularly Ashley who was awarded Runner Up for Paraders.*

Congratulations must go to Amy Hayter of Werombi Vale Ayrshires. Amy is enrolled at Camden High School in Year Ten and is currently topping her year in Agriculture. Another reason the Ayrshire Breed is in good hands. Well done Amy.

Special mention must be made of the fact that 2013 marks the 100th Anniversary of Hillcrest Ayrshires and the Family of Kevin Smith. Their contribution to the Ayrshire Breed has been invaluable and Hillcrest have had many Champions along the way. Congratulations on such a fantastic milestone.

Ben Hentschke was selected by Federal Council to represent Australia at a International Ayrshire Youth Gathering in the UK recently. Ben did Australia proud by winning many of the sections in the competitions conducted, being awarded overall winner. Congratulations Ben. See Ben's report later in the journal.



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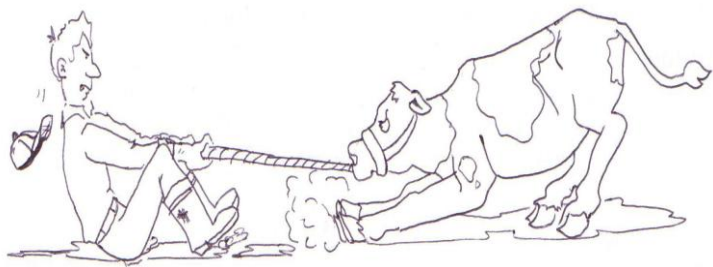
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IN MEMORIAM

We Remember Sue Jones



After a long battle with cancer, Sue Jones passed away on the 7th June 2013 at the age of 70. Sue is survived by her husband Ray, son Brian, daughter-in-law Ellen, and grandson Luke.

Sue has been an Ayrshire breeder for over 40 years. She served as President of the Qld AAL branch for 10 years from 2002 to 2011. She also attended RNA Stockbreeder meetings for the Ayrshire breed over these same 10 years. But her involvement with Ayrshires is just a small part of the enormous community service Sue has given to the Samford Valley over her life. Sue was a founding member of the Samford Valley Pony club over 40 years ago and has remained a member all her life, continuing to serve as an instructor and judge right up until the present. She was also a member of the Samford CWA, the Samford Show Society, and the Samford Historical Museum Society. And with all of them, she was an active and involved member. It is amazing that she found the time to be a part of all these organisations. But that was Sue, always doing things for others and the community as a whole, rather than for herself.

Sue (nee Petersen) grew up and lived her whole life in the Samford Valley. Her family history in the area dates back to 1868 when Daniel McCombe bought 60 acres of land and later purchased another 50 acres for £106.10. The main source of income in those times was timber and dairying. Eventually it changed to small-crop farming on the creek flats. Sue and her brother would have to help with the hard work of clearing the land, preparing the soil for planting, and the most tiring job of all – watering. Sue told of the hundreds of times they would have to fill buckets from the creek. Daniel McCombe was the signatory to the Government in asking for a school to be built at Samford in 1872. As the farmers had to build it themselves, Daniel cut all the shingles for the roof. This community spirit was definitely passed down to Sue. The McCombe and Petersen clans have been integral to Samford's rural community life for over 100 years. Sue and husband Ray were the fifth generation to live on part of the original property, and with her son Brian and his family also living on the property, the dynasty now extends to seven generations.

Ray and Sue purchased their first Ayrshire cow in the early 1970s from the Seven Oaks stud owned by Oscar Jones (no relation) which was also in the Samford Valley. They also went on to purchase a number of Ayrshires from the Auchen Eden stud owned by the Scott family. Nelson Mann, an Ayrshire dairy farmer from the Darling Downs, provided Ray and Sue with a lot of early help and advice on breeding and showing cattle. He also gave Sue a heifer from his herd.

Sue has been exhibiting Ayrshire cattle at the RNA Brisbane Show (Ekka) ever since purchasing their first animal in the early 1970s. Her proudest moment was in 1992 when Valley View Noble Marita was judged Champion Ayrshire Cow at the Ekka. Ray and Sue had bred her, but gave her away as a calf to their nephew, who ended up selling her to Ted Smith. It was the Smith family that exhibited her, but Sue was so happy to have bred a champion. Not satisfied with just one, she took out the Champion Ayrshire Cow award the next year as well.

Going to the Ekka each year was always a highlight for Sue. Whether she had winners or not, she would always be there each year, showing her Ayrshire cows and promoting the breed. We'll all miss her energy, humour and classic comments such as: "Anyone for a haircut?" (made to members of the public as they walked past while she was clipping) and her standard first day comment of "Well, I guess I better go and pick up my first poo".

The dairy shed at the Ekka will seem that little bit emptier this year without Sue, and I'm sure we'll all have quiet moments when we think of her. But Sue wouldn't want us to dwell on it. In her typical pragmatic style, she'd want us to be doing what she'd be doing – proudly exhibiting and promoting the Ayrshire breed.

Philip Vitale

On behalf of all the Qld AAL members

Norman & Emmie Wallace

It was sad to hear of the passing of long time Ayrshire breeders Norman & Emmie Wallace who both passed away in 2012.



Norman Bruce Wallace was born in Warrnambool on 28th September 1919 and passed away 3rd October 2012. Norman grew up at Nullawarre in Western Districts of Victoria. After leaving school at 15, he went home to work full time for his parents at 'Ellimatta', the family farm. Working on the farm he loved the Ayrshire cows. He first registered cattle in 1944, 30 cows in total, under the prefix Ellimatta. Norman began to show cows from Warrnambool to Colac with great success and made many friends along the way. In 1952 Norman bought 'Ellimatta' from his parents. At this stage he had 75 Ayrshires. In 1954 he changed his stud prefix to Walladale. While on a working holiday he met Emmie Davies and they married in 1955. They worked together and had a very good Ayrshire herd. In 1956 they had a dispersal sale of all the commercial cattle.

As their herd grew, they bought a larger farm at Tarrone, where they milked up to 300 Ayrshires with the help of an employee. In 1980 they semi-retired to Camperdown. Norman's love of the breed enabled him to travel with Emmie to five World Conferences, also judge at local shows and the Hobart Centenary Show. Norman was a regular visitor to all Ayrshire functions held over Australia including Royal Shows, Breed Sales and Country Shows. He was also a regular Victorian delegate at many Federal Council meetings.

Norman worked tirelessly for the breed in the Western District Ayrshire Cattle Club, helping all new breeders and members select young breeding stock and mature cows at sales across Victoria and New South Wales. In 2000 Norman was awarded a Life Membership of the Western District Ayrshire Cattle Club. He continued to work with members after he retired to Warrnambool.

Emily Alice Wallace nee Davies was born on 4th May 1919 and passed away on 31st December 2012 less than 3 months after her beloved Norman.

Following her marriage to Norm, Emmie quickly adapted to her life on the dairy farm. Later she became a member of the C.W.A and Embroiderers' Guild. She had a great love of needlework. After learning hardanger (a cut-work embroidery), Emmie passed her knowledge on to many through teaching at craft classes and other places. Her embroidery work won her several prizes at C.W.A Exhibitions and in craft sections at local agricultural shows. Emmie travelled extensively with Norman attending World Conferences and Ayrshire functions throughout Australia. She was never too busy to share her knowledge and share a cuppa with Ayrshire breeders when they called.

They will be both be sadly missed by members and their extended family.

By Don Castle.



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Funny Farm

A blonde heard that bathing in milk would make her beautiful. She left a note for her milkman to leave 25 gallons of milk. When the milkman read the note, he felt there must be a mistake. He thought she probably meant 2.5 gallons. So he knocked on the door to clarify the point. The blonde came to the door and the milkman said, "I found your note asking me to leave 25 gallons of milk. Did you mean 2.5 gallons?" The blonde said, "No, I want 25 gallons. I'm going to fill my bathtub up with milk and take a milk bath so I can look young and beautiful again." The milkman asked, "Do you want it pasteurized?" The blonde said, "No, just up to my boobs. I can splash it on my eyes."

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