



# Canterbury A&P Association Newsletter SUMMER 2011

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WED 14 - FRI 16  
NOVEMBER  
2012

## Dakins Ambassador of the Year

The Canterbury A&P Association has a long and distinguished history since its inception in 1862 and is justly proud of its promotion of agribusiness and supporting industries. The biggest event in the South Island could not go ahead every year without the hard work of dozens of Canterbury farmers, some of whom go above and beyond when supporting and promoting the Association and the annual Show. Since 1989, the Ambassador of the Year Award has given the Association the opportunity to honour a farmer or competitor who has been seen to support their ideals and focus.



The 2011 Dakins Ambassador of the Year was awarded to **Kit and Sheryl Johnson**.

Kit was raised on a large sheep farm and spent 34 years in tourism retiring in 2004 to focus solely on the raising and management of alpacas. Kit and Sheryl have embraced the alpaca industry with enthusiastic commitment that has rewarded their hard work with a well-earned and honest reputation within New Zealand and overseas as successful breeders and exhibitors. Kit actively assists with the setting up and dismantling working bees as well as supplying the penning gates for use as holding pens in the alpaca assembly areas on the National Bank Lawn. They are a popular couple amongst their fellow exhibitors and have always displayed impeccable sportsmanship. Kit's obvious enjoyment showing alpacas makes him a wonderful advertisement for the A&P movement.

## Top Show Results - 2011

**Supreme Champion Animal of Show sponsored by Tenth Dot Management** – Cooper JR, Maxwellton Penelope Pitstop (In Hand Pony).

**Alpaca:** Supreme Champion Huacaya Fleece – Davy S/Roche C, Aquaviva Hermes. Supreme Champion Suri Fleece – Richards H, C & S, Surico Maya. Supreme Champion Suri Alpaca – Churchill R & M, El Dos Cadena Gaia. Supreme Champion Huacaya Alpaca – Johnson K & S, Silverstone Ice Master ET.

**Cattle:** Meat & Wool Cup Supreme Beef Animal in Show – Hayward, R B & S C, Twin Oaks Willa 839. PGG Wrightson Ltd Supreme Champion All Breeds Dairy Cow – Tahora Farms, Comerica Vanessa.

**Eukanuba Dog Trials:** Sheep Dog Trial – Neil Evans, Gem. Yard Dog Trial – Jimmy Butters, Walt.

**Goat:** Supreme Champion Angora – Sundstrum C C & P D. Supreme Champion Mohair Fleece – Sundstrum C C & P D. Supreme Champion Standard Boer Goat – Cruickshank Wynn. Supreme Champion Dairy Goat – Barbara Kennedy, Antrimdowns Maisie.

**Horse:** In Hand All Breeds Supreme Award – Cooper J R, Maxwellton Penelope Pitstop. Supreme Champion Saddle Pony – Mrs D Sellar/B Field-Dodgson, Beechcroft Playboy, r. B Field-Dodgson. Ballantynes Grand Prix – Susie Hayward, Andretti. Supreme Champion Ridden All Breeds - Allie Harper, Dream Girl. Supreme Champion Saddle Horse – Allie Harper, Dream Girl. Supreme Champion Paced & Mannered Saddle Horse – Bailey Family, Amberleigh Ascot r. Abby Thomas.

**Llama:** Best of Breed Llama – Watford Grange/A Thompson, Johanna. Supreme Champion Suri Llama – Francis Woolley, Llama Lookout Kaspian. Supreme Single/Double Coat Llama – Watford Grange/A Thompson, Johanna. Supreme Champion Working Llama – Lynn Barrett, Llama Lookout Legend.

**Poultry:** Grand Champion Poultry Exhibit – Inwood C W.

**Shearing:** NZ versus Australia Blade Shearing Test – New Zealand. NZ versus Australia Machine Shearing Test – Australia. NZ versus Australia Woolhandling Test – Australia. Open Blades – Billy Michelle. PGG Wrightson Open Machine – Shannon Warnest. Open Woolhandling – Huia Whyte-Puna. Keith Fincham Memorial Trophy – Mike Woodlock, St Andrew's College.

**Sheep:** BNZ Supreme Champion Meat Animal – Jordan I M & C A. BNZ Supreme Champion Wool Animal – R J Gardyne & Newhaven Stud. Essential Nutrition Miss Canterbury Best Shorn Ewe Hogget – Masefield, R V & M K. Canterbury Sheep Exhibitors & Merial Ancare All Breeds Super Ewe - Dual Purpose/Wool Breeds – David Sidey. Meat Breeds – Jordan I M & C A.

**Vintage Machinery:** Best Overall Vintage Exhibit – M G & S M Hunt.

**Woodchopping:** Les Gilsenan Memorial Standing Championship – Jason Wynyard. Bill Curtain Memorial World Underhand Championship sponsored by Goldpine - Shane Jordan. Stihl Teams Race NSW vs SI – South Island. NZ vs Australia Veterans Team Race - New Zealand. Jack & Jill Championship – Bob Dowling/Raewyn Windley. Jill & Jill Championship – Raewyn Windley/Zabrina Lowe. Stihl Chainsaw Finals – Karl Bishoff.

**Wool:** Supreme Champion Fleece – The Gums Partnership. Supreme Champion Black & Coloured Fleece – William Gibson.

Full results available at [www.theshow.co.nz](http://www.theshow.co.nz).

## Message from the President Peter Gardner



*Thank you to everyone who helped make the 2011 Canterbury A&P Show very successful. A good crowd, not record, but still well attended by many people from both town and country. The weather may not have been as good as it could have been but it did keep the public from going to the beach!*

*There were many points of interest including the Wedding On Show on the Village Green, the Rugby World Cup that was on display for just a few hours but attracted a good crowd, all of the judging and the horses in the main arena, especially the Clydesdales celebrating 100 years. Plus there was the cattle on the National Bank Lawn and sheep and shearing that all attracted big crowds. And the trade exhibition space that attracted big crowds especially on the Friday in the Trade & Feature Pavilion and Marquees with people sheltering from the cool winds.*

*I thank all the volunteers who helped in all of the sections. The Judges and Stewards were really busy working in their respective sections. To all the exhibitors and volunteers, a big thank you, without you all we wouldn't have a Show.*

*To all the winners, congratulations. A special mention to Peter Fleming for winning the Air New Zealand Show Legend. Peter and Ann have both put a lot of time and effort into the Show for many years.*

*Congratulations to the winners of the Dakins Ambassador of the Year, Kit and Sheryl Johnson, owners and exhibitors from the Silverstream Alpaca Stud.*

*To Rae and her staff at Tenth Dot Management, the Show just wouldn't work without you, thank you. Dugald and Nigel, the grounds were in perfect condition due to your efforts, well done.*

*Thank you to Nancy and those who helped with the flowers in the Members' Marquee and the team who hosted in the marquee.*

*We can now look forward to our 150th Show in 2012; we've already had great interest from exhibitors!*

*P. J. Gardner*

# CELEBRATING 150 years

## History of the Canterbury A&P Association - Part Four

By 1918 the Friday of Show Week had become People's Day at the Show. In the 1950's when the official provincial holiday for the anniversary day of the province was shifted from 16 December (the date of the arrival of the first of the First Four Ships), to the Friday of Show Week, a change that meant an official holiday for the banks and businesses, large numbers of people from both town and country attended the Show.

The depression of the 1930's and WWII had its effect on the Canterbury A&P Association and its Show but the Show returned with vigour and though entries were poor that year the patronage of the general public set a new record attendance.<sup>10</sup>

In 1947 the mortgage on the Addington site was paid off and a motor camp developed on part of the site which provided a valuable source of income. In 1953 three serious fires occurred at the grounds and a decision was made to build new offices near the main entrance. Another serious fire destroyed the No.1 Grandstand in 1975.<sup>11</sup>

In 1963 the Canterbury A&P Association celebrated its centennial and continued at the Addington Showgrounds until 1996 when the A&P Association acquired a 250 acre block of land at Wigram from the Christchurch City Council. The old facilities at Addington had become cramped and dusty and no longer able to cope with the large number of entries and crowds of visitors and the move to the Canterbury Agricultural Park in Curletts Road was made in 1997.

The first Show at the new site held that year included a range of events, from dog trials to shearing, and exhibits such as ostrich and llama, wines and cheeses, agricultural machinery and services, as well as the more traditional livestock competitions.<sup>12</sup>

A new era had begun and with it continued a strong link with the past with the relocation of the 1887 Treasurer's Building to the new site - the building was later restored in 2010.

<sup>10</sup> The Opening Furrow p.77 CCC Heritage files

<sup>11</sup> The Press 15 September 1975 p.1

<sup>12</sup> The Press 8 November 1996

## Committee Nominations

Members please note that nominations for the General Committee close on Wednesday 15 February 2012. Nomination forms are available from the Show Secretary 03 343 3033 or info@theshow.co.nz.

## Annual General Meeting

The Canterbury A&P Association AGM will be held Wednesday 28 March 2012.

## Trade Exhibitor Awards



Winners of the Trade Exhibitor of the Year Awards were announced on Wednesday evening of the Show. The prize package for the overall winner included a \$5000 radio advertising contract with More FM.

Winners in each category –  
Overall Winner: Stihl Shop Fosters.  
Best Presented Food Trade Site: Teza Juiced Teas. Best Presented Marquee Trade Site: Chameleon By Annah Stretton. Best Presented Indoor Trade Site: The Slammer. Best Presented Small Outdoor Trade Site: Tava & Talikins. Best Presented Medium Outdoor Trade Site: Stihl Shop Fosters. Best Presented Large Outdoor Trade Site: Claas Harvest Centre Canterbury.

## Show Legend

The Show Legend Award was introduced by the Canterbury A&P Association Committee and Management in 2004; it is now an annual Award. The Award honours an individual for outstanding voluntary services to the Canterbury A&P Association and the annual Show.



AIR NEW ZEALAND

The Air New Zealand Show Legend celebrates the people who are truly passionate about the Show, many of whom come from families where generation after generation they have given their time freely and enthusiastically to support the A&P movement. It is these people, who up till now have been the unsung heroes, which truly make the Show a success.

The 2011 Air New Zealand Show Legend was awarded to **Peter Fleming**.



Wedding On Show couple Jemma and Adam were hitched at the Show on Showday.

## Mint Lamb

Hastings farmer William Feetham has taken the top title with his Romney X lamb named the country's best, from paddock to plate, in the 2011 Mint Lamb Competition.



Overall Placings - 1st William Feetham, Hastings. 2nd Sarah Rodie, Amberley. 3rd Dave & Rosie Clark, Rangiora. 4th Allan Paton, Christchurch. 5th Sarah Rodie, Amberley. 6th Richard Bell, Rakaia. 7th William Feetham, Hastings. 8th Christina Jordan, Blenheim. 9th Ken Tomlinson, Amberley. 10th Anton Gibson, Middlemarch. 11th= Scott Anderson, Rotherham. 11th= Ken Tomlinson, Amberley. 12th Andrew Adams, RD1. 13th Chris Earl, Hawarden. 14th Murray Smith, Rangiora. Agent/Drafter of winning Lamb - Ross Dyer.

## Stud Ram & Ewe Fair

The Canterbury A&P Association's annual Stud Ram & Ewe Fair will be held Wednesday 11 and Thursday 12 January 2012 at Canterbury Agricultural Park.

Wednesday 11 January	RAMS	EWES
10.30am Hampshire	3	2
Texel	45	-
12.00pm South Suffolk	37	-
2.00pm Poll Dorset	24	-
3.30pm Suffolk	54	-
Thursday 12 January		
11.30am English Leicester	5	-
Romney	7	-
Corriedale	5	-
Border Leicester	25	-
1.00pm Southdown	46	-
3.00pm Dorset Down	28	-

## 2012 DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

Stud Ram & Ewe Fair	11-12 January
Canterbury A&P Assn AGM	28 March
Spring Into Action	16 September
150th Canterbury A&P Show	14-16 November

The Canterbury A&P Show is managed by:

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