

UPPER CLUTHA A&P SOCIETY – NEWSLETTER
August 2010
COMBINED RURAL TRADERS- Proud Strategic Partner

President's Report

I have been involved with the Show for 20 years and have seen it grow to the iconic event that we have now. I am truly honoured to hold the Chair and to ensure the continuing success of this show. There is no doubt that the Upper Clutha A&P is a unique event. We have the majestic backdrop of the Southern Alps and Lake Wanaka, however this alone does not guarantee success. It is with the generous support of all our Volunteers, Sponsors, Exhibitors and Competitors that make this show something that we as a community can all be proud of.

My sincere thanks go to the committee, who put many hours of work behind the scenes and also to Jane, Bronwyn and Sue who are constantly working on planning and coordinating all services and personnel required. Their attention to detail is testimony to the success of the show.

To our sponsors, I extend our sincere thanks, as without your generosity our show would be very different. In particular we have a great relationship with CRT our strategic partner. We have a proud rural heritage and this link with CRT is very fitting. To our Rob Roy partners, Radio Wanaka and the ODT our thanks for promoting our event to the wider community and keeping our profile high. Thank you also to our 5 pavilion partners, Macalister Todd Philips, Upper Clutha Transport, Accountancy at Altitude, Pembroke Stud and Aspiring Lifestyle Retirement Village.

This year we will be enclosing Pembroke Park with fencing; this will make the show one complete entity. We will now be able to place more entertainment out there and the gate entry points will be strategically placed so that no matter where you park there will be one within easy access.

We have looked at our current Logo and decided that it needed a lift. Along with this we have revamped the website, please take the time to have a look. There will be a photo gallery and if anyone has some old photos that we could include we would love to be able to put them on the site.

We are also working on an Agricultural Project for the local primary schools. This will be in the form of a booklet that will have relevant information on livestock with questions to answer. Planning is well under way for 2011 and I look forward to seeing you all at the show.

Fe Howie

Life Member

At the recent AGM it was with immense pleasure that the Society awarded a Life Membership to Kay Curtis. Kay continues to an active and valued member of the Society and was secretary-treasurer from 1979-1989 and then she took over the treasures position till 2005.



Equestrian

We have had a review of the schedule and next year we have introduced InHand Sport Horse, Thoroughbred and Pony classes. These are scheduled for Friday afternoon in the Hunt Ring. We encourage you all to put the word out of these new classes. The Hunt Ring will provide a quiet arena for young stock. Sadly Harness is in recess as entries have been low and we thank all those who have supported this section over the years and perhaps in the future we may be able to reinstate this section.

We have also introduced a Working Hunter Hack and Pony to be tried over jumps. This will be on Friday morning. There are also changes in Novice wins in the classing and RTR. The Local Hack classes are now also on Friday morning. First Ridden will be starting earlier at 8.30am. This is to accommodate the Pet Parade that will now be held in the Hunt Ring prior to the Grand Parade. The Grand Parade will again be ticketed. You will not receive your prize money from Saturday mornings classing unless you present your participation ticket.

We extend our condolences to Sue Anderson and her family with the passing of Ken. Ken along with Sue judged show Jumping for many years and we will miss Ken's presence and sense of humour immensely. Also to the Smith Family with the recent passing of John. John also was one of our show jump judges whom we will also be sadly missed at the show.

Trade

We also hosted a record number of trade site 2010 totalling 351 compared to 290 in 2009 and we see no reason that this trend won't continue.

Fleece

We continue to receive good numbers of entries in this section and entries closure date will now be Feb 25th. Entries will not be received however without entry fees.



Home Industry

The Home Industry Committee was delighted with the record number of entries received this year. Most of the classes were well supported particularly the junior classes, Photography and Preserves and Jams. The Home industry Section of the show can be entered by people of all ages whether living in town or the country as there is something for everyone. The Pavilion proved a popular place for the public to come and wander around and have a look at the great exhibits.

We are looking forward to 2011 and would also encourage anyone interested in wanting to come and help either with setting up or stewarding to contact a HI Committee member.



Sheep

Last year the Merino Ram sale was held at the show and was very successful. Sheep entries were on par with previous years however there are some sections that are stronger than others.



Cattle

Doug Stalker has taken over the helm from Geof Brown and our thanks go to Geof for all his work in this section. Entries were on par with previous years.

Highland Cattle entries were down slightly on previous years with only two breeders bringing exhibiting. Despite this a great day was had with a lot of interest shown in Highland Cattle by show attendees. Grant and Cathy Watts from Brighton, took out Best Highland of Show with their 3yr Old Cow Ceit Geal of Glenburn (this cow had also recently won Supreme Champion at the South Island Highland Championship).

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Next year it is proposed that the Highland Section will roll in with the Beef Cattle Section with just 3 Highland classes. Best Male, Best Female and Best Highland of Show.

Thanks to all the Stewards on the day and to our main sponsor BNZ for making it a very special show.



Alpaca

The Alpaca Section is reassessing its classes for the next show, and details will be in the schedule.

Dog Trails

Yet again we were treated to a wonderful display of Trialling in the Main Arena for the Willis Scaife Memorial on Saturday afternoon. This trophy has a long and proud family history, and it is with deep sadness that Willis's son, Arthur, who was a Life Member passed away recently, however, the Scaife Family are still very actively involved.

Volunteers

The Society extends our sincere thanks to our valued volunteers for all their time, freely given before and during the show. Without the support of all these people we would not be able to run a show. We also would love to hear from anyone who feels as though they would like to become involved with this iconic rural show.

Website – www.wanakashow.co.nz

We encourage you to use this facility. The schedule goes live just after the mail out early Jan. While we don't have on line entries you certainly can print off an entry form and post in. Faxed and e-mailed entries will NOT be accepted, the cheque must accompany at time of entry.

Obituaries

It is with deep sadness that we report on the passing of the following members, Arthur Scaife a Life Member and long time supporter of the Society, Betty Barkman, Jimmy Robertson, Heather Perriam, Jim Green MBE and Don Harley.

Event Coordinator

We once again had a hugely successful show, despite the inclement weather which could have been a little warmer in my view.

I'd like to say thank all our dedicated committee members, our loyal sponsors and volunteers, the great team in the office and of course the general public for supporting the show.

Thanks to our Strategic Sponsor CRT and a special thanks to Ed from Radio Wanaka with his endless promotion and support of the show. ODT do a fantastic job with the production of our supplement, this is a great advertising tool being deliver to all over Otago and beyond.

The Society would like to thank Lakes Leisure for ensuring that the grounds are in top condition to run the event and a huge thank you to Peter Williams, who is not only dedicated to his job but always goes the extra mile to help us.

Wanaka Waste Busters will again manage our rubbish; they did a fantastic job and are certainly passionate about recycling.

Our plans for 2011 include erecting a security fence around the trade sites and horse float area on Pembroke Park. The reasons for this are several, to link the two areas - the main area and Pembroke Park into one, more security for the trade exhibitors

on Pembroke Park especially in the evening and to secure the horses in the horse parking area ensuring greater public safety. Entertainment for next year will include a show on Friday from "Hocuspocus" a captivating magician who will entertain our younger preschool visitors. And we are pleased to announce that Ginette McDonald will be our special guest on the Saturday with two stage shows on the Radio Wanaka Stage; the Lumberjack Show will be showing off their wood chopping skills with three performances on McDougal Street and Hocuspocus will be waving his magic wand with "Pippity- Pop" fascinating the children with her balloon artistry.

The Young Farmers Regional Fencing Finals will be held in the Hunt Ring on Saturday afternoon hosted by the Tarras Young Farmers Club.

Here's to another successful show in 2011

UPPER CLUTHA A & P SOCIETY SCHOLARSHIP

Become a Member of the Upper Clutha A & P Society for \$20 per family (includes 2 x two day passes into Show) and be eligible for a scholarship to assist education and training at any educational institution in any subject related to a facet of the society's annual show.

Applications for scholarship are now available with the closing date being 30 November 2010

Open to financial members or children of members

For applications please contact: Jane at the A & P Show office on 443 9559 or by email jane@wanakashow.co.nz

Conditions apply

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