

CONGRATULATIONS Ian Woolley & Bob Mehrtens



Ian Woolley Conventional 3rd



Bob Mehrtens Reversible 8th

The New Zealand Ploughing Executive on behalf of the people of New Zealand congratulates the above competitors for representing New Zealand at the recent 65th World Ploughing contest held in Einsiedel, Germany.

The results are as follows:-

Ian Woolley Conventional

Stubble	4 th	181.5 points
Grassland	3 rd	162.5 points
Overall	3 rd	344 points

Bob Mehrtens Reversible

Stubble	15 th	155.5 points
Grassland	3 rd	193 points
Overall	8 th	348.5 points

The above results shows the dedication and commitment of both of the competitors Ian and Bob would like to acknowledge the assistance from their respective sponsors and coaches, both in New Zealand and in Germany.

CONGRATULATIONS for Germany, all the best for USA 2019

If it is ploughing news, the editor would like to hear about it.
Photos and stories are appreciated.
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75th WORLD PLOUGHING CONTEST 2028

The NZPA Executive is currently requesting applications to host the 75th World Ploughing Contest in 2028, some important information is as follows:

33 WPO affiliates could attend with up to 2 competitors from each affiliate

Official teams could include 2 competitors, 1 coach, 1 judge (132 Officials + Partners)

Additional visitors could number up to 450

Host organisation is to provide:-

Accommodation and meals at no cost to the official team members

Accommodation and meals are at a cost to all visitors

Transport to and from main airport for officials and visitors on start and end dates of contest

Ideally accommodation rooms should include own toilet, washbasin and shower

There are many other responsibilities to be discussed once a host organisation is formed

Land Area required

Competition

20 ha Official Stubble

20 ha Official Grassland

Official Practice

10 ha Official Practice Stubble

10 ha Official Practice Grassland

Pre-Practice (Optional)

10 ha Un-Official Pre-Practice Stubble

10 ha Un-Official Pre-Practice Grassland



The overall land required will depend on contours and layout along with the New Zealand National Championship requirements.

A NZPA sub-committee will be formed to inspect prospective sites

Further information can be obtained from executive members

NZPA EXECUTIVE INFORMATION

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Members retiring	Noel Sheat	Palmerston	Not available for re-election
	Alex Furniss	Masterton	Not available for re-election

Noel Sheat advises a change of address to 74 Tiverton Street, Palmerston, 9430

Future New Zealand Ploughing Championships

2019 New Zealand Championships	Rakaia PMA	11 th 12 th May 2019
2020 New Zealand Championships	Takapau PMA	4 th 5 th April 2020
2021 New Zealand Championships	Applications are requested	

NZPA Facebook and Website

The NZPA Facebook and Website are being regularly updated with scheduled events along with the newsletters which are now being listed.

The NZPA Executive requests everyone to support the ploughing sponsors where ever possible, it is through the sponsor's generosity, that ploughing continues to thrive throughout New Zealand.
Thank you to all of the sponsors, big and small, we appreciate your support.

2018 RULE BOOK

The new 2018 Rule Book is now available from your Executive member.
The 2018 Rule Book covers all four classes of our ploughing championships. There has been some rule changes/adjustments, so please make yourself conversant with the 2018 rule book.

PLOUGHING EVENTS 2018

Gulf Oil Conventional

Farmlands Fuel Reversible

Franklin VMC	November	To be advised	
Takapau PMA	6 th Oct	Angela Taylor	Conventional
Manawatu PMA	8 th Oct	Malcolm Taylor	Reversible
Marlborough PMA	2 nd 3 rd June	Warwick Seaton	Conventional
Courtenay/Paparua.PMA	5 th May	Ashley Seaton	Reversible
West Melton YFC	6 th May.	Ken Readman	Conventional
Nth Canterbury PMA	19th May	James Burnby	Reversible
Oxford WMC	20th May	Simon Reed	Conventional
Lincoln PMA	26th May	Adam Mehrtens	Conventional
Waitaki PMA	7 th April	Bob Mehrtens	Reversible
Mid Canterbury VMC	10 th June	Robert Casey	Conventional
Methven	16 th June	Jeff Cridge	Conventional
Rakaia PMA	17 th June	Kelvin Stokes	Conventional

Rakaia PMA was the Canterbury Vintage – Horse Plough Off event

East Otago VMC		Scott McKenzie	Conventional
Waimea Plains PMA	6 th Oct	To be advised	
Waimea Plains TMC	7 th Oct	To be advised	
Taieri	13 th May	Eric Gin	Conventional
Tokomairiro	12 th May	Scott McKenzie	Conventional
Middlemarch	21 st October	To be advised	
Central Southland VMC	20 th May	To be advised	
South Otago	November	To be advised	

Agricentre South New Holland Vintage

North Island	To be advised	
Marlborough	John Butt	Blenheim
Canterbury	John Stalker	Lincoln
	Pearce Watson	Ashburton
	Gordon Carter	Rakaia
Otago/Southland	To be advised	

Rural News Horse

North Island	To be advised	
Canterbury	John Booth	Ashburton
	John Chynoweth	Oxford
	Sharon Chynoweth	
Otago/Southland	To be advised	

Obituaries

Alan King
Cecily Blair

Tapanui
Mosgiel

Jean Baird
Mick Rayner

Gore
Carterton

Bronwyn Taylor

Matamata



Mick Rayner
Carterton

Wairarapa Ploughing Match Association

Our patron, RI "Mick" Rayner QSM passed away on 20th July 2018, aged ninety. Though never competitively ploughing, he had been an enthusiastic member of our association for many years, always attending our ploughing and practice matches. For the last 10-15 years most Wairarapa matches have been held on his property, which was very convenient as we were able to use all the woolshed facilities, and the venue being on a main road going east from Carterton it made easy access for visitors particularly with the recent interest of horse plough competitions. Mick turned up at every event and enjoyed going around the paddock chatting to contestants and taking a great interest in the mechanics of judging.

Mick was a people person and involved for many years with district activities, including being a councillor for 23 years with Wairarapa South County (before the amalgamation with Carterton Borough), 9 years with the Wairarapa Electric Power Board, the Wairarapa A&P Society for about 70 years and a foundation member of the Carterton Lions Club from its inception in 1959. He was a Mason, and his services as almoner for St Mark's Lodge were greatly appreciated by the widows and ailing and older members at various social activities around Christmas and so forth.

Mick is survived by his wife Noeline and two daughters and grandchildren and great grandchildren.

Cecily Nevill Blair

Born Cecily Nevill Briggs, 25th December 1929 at Nurse Leeden's Maternity Hospital in South Dunedin.

Daughter of James Maxwell Briggs, teacher, Dunedin, (4.10.1901- January 1972) and Gladys Amelia Briggs, nee Nevill, (18.9.1905-16.8.1963).

Sister of Stuart (deceased) and Russell (deceased).

Cecily went to Waikari Primary School (her father was the Principal) and they also stayed with the Nevill family at Moa Creek for a time while there house was being built at Balmacewen Rd.

She attended Otago Girls High School, hence the hymn 'Be Thou My Vision' as it was the school song.

On leaving high school she became a nurse which gave her many lifelong friends.

Cec married Alan Blair on 4th December 1953 at First Church in Dunedin and together they have had a strong marriage lasting 64 years.

Cec provided strong support for Alan in his farming and accompanied him to many A&P Shows where he was often a competitor or judge of the Border Leicesters, Breed Society tours, local Lions meetings and ploughing matches. She was the Womens Convenor on the organising committee for the NZ Ploughing Competition and World Ploughing competition that was held on the Outram family farm in 1994

She was a Life Member and President for a time of the Taieri Ladies Golf Club and an accomplished golfer. She was also a member of the Silverstream Women's Club and enjoyed connecting with her friends and other women on the Taieri.

While Alan was a member of the Young Farmers Cec was a member of the Country Girls Club before it combined with the Young Farmers.

Cec always maintained her interest in health matters and was a strong supporter and member of the Outram Medical Trust that was established to keep the practice at Outram and maintain doctors and nurses for the wider district.

Although Cec and Alan never had children, their nieces and nephews were always treated as if they were. Likewise their children were like grandchildren to them.



Cecily Nevill Blair
Mosgiel

NZPA ANNUAL SUBSCRIPTION

It was confirmed at the recent AGM, the NZPA have implemented an annual subscription system for all interested people to become members of the New Zealand Ploughing Organisation Inc. as follows:-

Annual cost \$30.00

Date due 1st January 2019

Life members that have been accepted over the last 3 years will receive a pro-rata exemption.

Honorary Life members will be excused from the annual subscription.

Existing Life members will receive an application form, please complete and return to the address advised.

To become a financial member of NZPA is a purely voluntary option.

Tokomairiro Ploughing Association

Tokomairiro Ploughing Association held their match on 12th May 2018 on the property of Barrie Allison's Gowan Bank at Milton. It was a stubble paddock, just damp enough. Twenty two competitors took part. 8mls of rain fell the night before match day which made conditions slightly damp for ploughing but match day was warm and sunny. The standard of ploughing was good with some very tidy plots ploughed.

Champion ploughman Scott McKenzie, Runner Up Bob Mehrtens, Murray Baird qualified

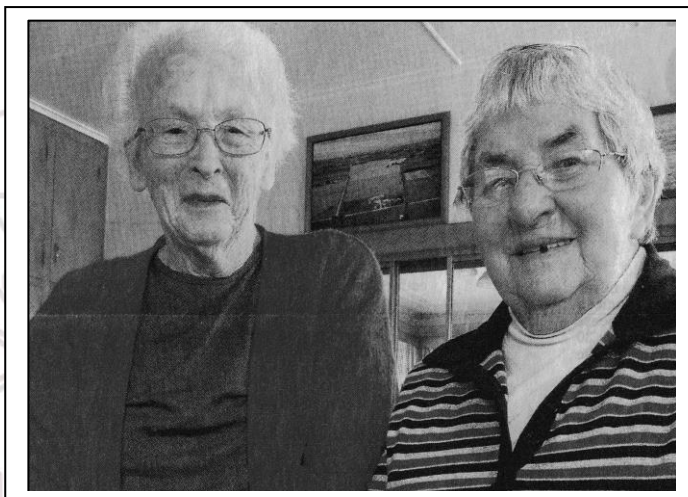
Thanks to Nancy Allison and Joan Thornthwaite for catering. Nancy and Joan have catered for our match since the early 1970s and it was their last year. A presentation was made to them.

Gulf Oil Silver Plough Farmlands Fuel Reversible		Points	%
1	Scott McKenzie	182	70%
2	Bob Mehrtens	188.5	67.3%
3	Murray Baird	182	65%
4	Eric Gin	166	63.8%

Agricentre South New Holland Vintage		Points
1	Murray Grainger	144.5
2	Alistair Rutherford	129
3	Ray McKenzie	128
4	Tom Fowler	127

Classic		Points
1	Colin Hitchcock	131.5
2	Lenny Balneaves	129.5
3	John Goldsworthy	116.5
4	Ian Bulling	115

Rural News Horse		Points
1	Sean Leslie and Casey Rae	145
2	Paul Eaton and Des McGregor	115.5



Nancy Allison - Joan Thornthwaite
Thank you for your catering over
the last 45 years

Special Prizes:

Youngest Ploughman	Hamish Baird
Best Feering on ground	Scott McKenzie
Best finish on ground	Bob Mehrtens

Report completed by Alistair Allison

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Oxford Ploughing Association

Oxford Ploughing Association held their match on 19th May 2018 on the property of Briden's Farm. Ground conditions were good.

Gulf Oil Silver Plough Farmlands Fuel Reversible		Points	%
1	Ian Woolley	178	68.6%
2	Bob Mehrtens	188.5	67.3%
3	Simon Reed (Qualified)	149	57.3%

Agricentre South New Holland Vintage		Points
1	Gordon Carter	201
2	John Stalker	164.5
3	Robert Weavers (Qualified)	148

Vintage Open		Points
1	Lyall Parnham	131
2	Wyn Ashe	126
3	Bill Skurr	81.5

Rural News Horse		Points
1	John Chynoweth Sharon Chynoweth	112.5

Report by Geoff Townshend

West Melton YFC Ploughing Association

West Melton YFC Ploughing Association held their match on Saturday 6th May 2018 on the property of the Seaton family at Kirwee. It was a stubble paddock, just some moisture – good conditions. There was a total of 22 competitors 9 conventional/reversible, 6 open plain, 6 vintage and 1 horse team. The West Melton YFC did advertising in the local paper and on facebook which brought a crowd of 250 + over the day, also coffee and food vendors who are keen to attend again. An honesty box at the gate raised \$257.00 which will be forwarded to the NZPA. The match was followed by a bbq lunch and prizegiving.

Thanks to the Seaton family for the use of the ground and shed for lunch and prizegiving and the Courtenay Paparua PMA for marking out the paddock

Gulf Oil Conventional Farmlands Fuel Reversible		Points	%
1	Ian Woolley	183.5	70.57%
2	Ashley Seaton	189.5	67.67%
3	Bob Mehrtens	183.5	65.53%
4	Ken Readman (qualified)	145	55.76%

Open Plain		Points	%
1	P McCartin	122	46.92
2	L Parnham	115.5	44.42
3	B Skurr	108	41.53
4	H George	100	38.46

Agricentre South New Holland Vintage		Points	%
1	J Stalker	145.5	55.93
2	P Watson	139	53.46
3	R Weavers	128.5	49.42
4	D Hight	124	47.69

Rural News Horse		Points	
1	J Chynoweth S Chynoweth	143.5	55.19
2			

Special Prizes: Best ploughed plot - Ian Woolley

Report by Paul Murphy

Marlborough Ploughing Association

Marlborough ploughing association held their match on 3rd June 2018 on the property of Phil and Sheryl Neal at Rapaura, Blenheim. The ground conditions were ideal, good for ploughing with some trash. There were four in the Reversible/Conventional class, Warwick Seaton qualified, eight in the vintage, John Butt qualified for the final (caterpillar D2 Reid and Grey silver 3 furrow). There were 2 horse teams, two vintage from Canterbury and three farm ploughs. Twenty ploughmen altogether.

The day was cool but fine with some cloud. There was a small trade display. On Saturday there was a coaching and practice day with Alan Wallace and Roger Jordan.

Thanks to Phil and Sheryl Neal, Alan Wallace, Roger Jordan, Ian Woolley, Allan Gifford, Bill Ward, Jenny Woolley, Kate Jordan. John, Dwayne, Jim, Jocelyn, Dianne provided hot food both days.

You should never quit, winners never quit and quitters never win.

You have to put one foot in front of the other and keep going.

Don't wait until the iron is hot; but make it hot by striking.

Arriving at the goal, is a starting point for another goal.

Whatever has to be done, is always your choice.

The people who influence you, believe in you.

Every exit, is an entry, to somewhere else.

Rakaia Ploughing Association

Rakaia Ploughing Match association held their ploughing match on 17th June on the property of Neville and Marilyn Copland at Chertsey. There were 25 competitors on fed off green feed oats. A dull morning turned into a pleasant sunny afternoon. There were good ploughing conditions after a cloudy wet week.

Gulf Oil Conventional Farmlands Fuel Reversible		Points	%
1	S McKenzie		62.7
2	Ashley Seaton		60.7
3	K Stokes (Qualified)		56.7
4	T Carter		47.5

Agricentre South New Holland Vintage Qualifying		Points
1	G Carter	185.5
2	J Stalker	179
3	P Watson	171.5

Vintage Open		Points
1	C Begg	154.5
2	N Ross	112.5
3	R Smith	96.5

Rural News Horse		Points
1	J Chynoweth	200
2	J Booth	115

Special Prizes:

Champion ploughman – J Chynoweth

District Ploughman – G Carter

Runner up district competitor – P Watson

Report completed by John Davison

Timaru Ploughing Association

Timaru Ploughing Association held their match on Sunday 3rd of June 2018 on the property of the Kyle family at Seadown. We ploughed a stubble paddock which was surprisingly dry considering the wet conditions around the rest of the county. There were 7 competitors in the conventional/reversible class, 7 in the vintage/open class and 2 horse teams. We were delighted to have three young boys keen to have a go at ploughing (Thomas Kyle 12, Lachie McCully 16 and Quinn Foley Smith aged 12). They all took turns on the same tractor and plough under the guidance of Paul Murphy with extra support from John Kyle and Bruce Cameron. Ray McKenzie also for gave up his time to help support our new conventional competitor.

Timaru Ploughing Association would like to thank the Kyle and Newton family for the use of the paddock and our many valued sponsors who provided us with a huge range of prizes. This year we used the nearby Shearers Quarters for our lunch and afternoon tea. It was a great place to wait for the prizegiving as the weather had started to get colder and wetter by late afternoon. Thanks also to Victoria Kyle and Lexie McCully for helping out with the raffles and collecting money for the afternoon tea and the judges who travelled to support our event as well.

Results are as follows:

Gulf Oil Conventional Farmlands Fuel Reversible			
1	Scott McKenzie	182.5	70.1%
2	Bob Mehrtens	186.5	66.6%
3	Tryphena Carter	161.5	62.1%

Agricentre South New Holland Vintage		
1	R Weavers	159.5
2	A Chambers	147
3	G Carter	134

Agricentre South New Holland Vintage Open		
1	S Stratford	93
2	D Gamble	75.5
3	N Smith	50.5

Rural News Horse		
1	J Chynoweth	131.5
2	J Booth	69.5

Prizes were given out to our novice competitor Graham Reid as well as Lachie McCully, Thomas Kyle, Quinn Foley Smith.

Competitor travelling the furthest distance Tryphena Carter was presented with a gift as well.

Scott McKenzie received a trophy for the champion competitor, local trophies went to Bob Mehrtens and David Gamble.

Report by Bob Mehrtens

We should not give up and we should not allow the problem to beat us.

You can't cross the sea, merely by standing and staring at the water.

Always do your best, what you plant now, you will harvest later.

It does not matter how slow you go, so long as you don't stop.

Set your goals high, don't stop until you get there.

Problems are not stop signs, they are guidelines.

In life we can have results or reasons.

Methven Ploughing Association

Methven Ploughing Association held their match on Saturday 16 June 2018 on the property of Bill Burrows at River Road, Methven. There were excellent ploughing conditions on a harvested pea paddock. There was 11 competitors in the Silver class, 9 in Vintage Qualifying, 5 Vintage Open, 3 Novice and 2 horse teams. The day went well, with some welcome sun to finish the day. There were a great turnout of competitors and a good number of spectators. Thanks to the land owner, our wonderful sponsors, judges and our loyal local committee

Gulf Oil Conventional Farmlands Fuel Reversible		Points	%
1	Ashley Seaton	195.5	69.8%
2	Scott McKenzie	159	61.15%
3	Warwick Seaton	154.5	59%
4	Jeff Cridge (Qualified)	149	57.3%

Agricentre South New Holland Vintage Qualifying		Points
1	Gordon Carter	175 (by countback)
2	Peter Mehrtens	175
3	Pearce Watson	169.5
4	Robert Weavers	168.5

Vintage Open		Points
1	Lyall Parnham	153.5
2	Cliff Begg	113
3	Don McCullough	106
4	Neil Ross (3F)	92

Rural News Horse		Points
1	John Chynoweth Sharon Chynoweth	174
2	John Booth & Jim Earl	133.5

Young Farmers and Novice	
1	Jess Cunliffe
2	Matt Ridge

Special Prizes:

Best Crown – Alistair Chambers. Best Finish – Robert Weavers.

Best Plot – Ashley Seaton. Best district competitor – Robert Weavers

Report by Dianne Weavers

North Canterbury Ploughing Association

North Canterbury Ploughing Association held their match on Sunday 20th May 2018 on the property of Alan Winter at No 10 Road, Mandeville in a barley stubble paddock with mulched regrowth. Ground conditions were good and moist. There were 27 entries, a good turn out with Ian Woolley and James Burnby visitors. There was 1 team of horse competitors, John and Sharon Chynoweth. We would like to thank our committee and all our long time sponsors and other supporters, also the landowner who does anything we ask for.

Farmlands Fuel Reversible Gulf Oil Conventional		Points	%
1	I Woolley	176	76.7
2	B Mehrtens	176	62.8
3	A Seaton	165	58.9
4	S Reed	152	58.4
5	J Burnby (Qualified)	151	53.9

Agricentre New Holland Vintage Qualifying		Points
1	P Watson	157
2	D Hight (qualified)	150
3	P Mehrtens	149
4	J Stalker	144

Vintage Open		Points
1	W Ashe	130
2	B Skurr	122
3	L Parnham	108
4	Codi Winter (Junior 1 st timer)	73

Rural News Horse		Points
1	John Chynoweth Sharon Chynoweth	129

Special Prizes:

Junior Trophy went to Codi Winter

Report completed by Bill Ward

Accept the challenges, so that you can feel the exhilaration of the victory.

Perseverance is not a long race; it is many short races, one after the other.

Setting goals is the first step in turning the invisible, into the visible.

A journey of a thousand miles, must begin with a single step.

The way to get started is to stop talking and begin doing.

Keep your eyes on the stars and your feet on the ground.

Don't watch the clock, do what it does, keep going.

East Otago Vintage

East Otago Vintage held their match on 8th April 2018 on the property of the Sheat Partnership at Fleming Road, Palmerston. Ground conditions were wet enough. 20 competitors competed and ploughed well under the conditions. Quite a number of local spectators attended. The day finished with a spit roast and barbecue at the Vintage Club rooms. Thanks to Colin Millar for doing the points by computer. A very good system. Scott McKenzie qualified. Results are as follows:

Gulf Oil Conventional			%
1	Scott McKenzie	170.5	65.58
2	Robert Casey	147	56.54
3	Kelvin Stokes	141.5	54.42

Farmlands Fuel Reversible			%
1	Bob Mehrstens	176	60.71
2	Ashley Seaton	149	53.21
3	James Burnby	132.5	47.32

Agricentre South New Holland Vintage			%
1	Murray Grainger	176	60.71
2	Gordon Carter	149	53.21
3	Ian McSporran	132.5	47.32

Rural News Horse			%
1	Sean Leslie	155.5	59.81
2	Colin Drummond	108	41.54
3	Erin Cassie	102	39.23

Special Prizes: Best Feering Scott McKenzie, Best Finish – Scott McKenzie, Runner Up – Murray Grainger.
Champion – Scott McKenzie
Report by Noel Sheat

Taieri Ploughing Association

Taieri Ploughing Match Association held their 71st match on 13th May 2018 at 10am on the Wallis's farm at Mosgiel. The day was fine and warm. It was a stubble paddock in good condition. The straw was a little long which made ploughing people work harder. Thanks to the Wallis family who were the land owners and sponsors for their loyal support. Thanks to the judges and officials. Special thanks to the caterers for lunch and afternoon tea. Results are as follows:

Gulf Oil Silver Plough Conventional			%
1	Scott McKenzie	190.5	73.0
2	Eric Gin (Qualified)	189	72.6
3	Tryphena Carter	174.5	66.9

Farmlands Fuel Reversible			%
1	Bob Mehrstens	205.5	73.2
2	Murray Baird	195.5	69.8
3	James Burnby	182	65

Agricentre South New Holland Vintage			%
1	Murray Grainger	158	
2	Tom Fowler	153	
3	Ray McKenzie	148.5	
4	John Wild	145	

Rural News Horse			%
1	Sean Leslie Casey Rae	150.5	
2	Paul Eaton Des McGregor	103	

Special Prizes: Champion Ploughman – Bob Mehrstens, Runner up – Murray Baird, Best Feering – Eric Gin, Best Finish – Scott McKenzie, Oldest Ploughman – John Goldsworthy, Youngest Ploughman – Hamish Baird
Report by Murray Taylor



Lincoln Ploughing Association

Lincoln Ploughing Association held their match on Saturday 23rd June 2018 on the property of Lyle Parnham at Sedgemere. The paddock was sprayed off, so no turf or stubble and the soil was damp and soft. Due to a lot of rain we had to postpone our original date and four weeks later with a change of paddocks we held the last of the Canterbury matches. It included the Agricentre South New Holland Agriculture Vintage plough off and the Rural News Horse team qualifying. It was a frosty start for 28 ploughmen and when it thawed it was very sticky for ploughing competitors and spectators. For afternoon tea we had the pleasure of our sponsor Mr Merv Prebble from Prebble Seeds Ltd who also sponsors New Zealand Ploughing.

Thanks to the Parnham family for providing a paddock in this difficult season. Also thank you to Neville Sharp for his offer of a paddock originally.

Results are as follows:

Agricentre South New Holland Vintage		Points
1	John Stalker	182
2	Pearce Watson	175.5
3	Gordon Carter	165
4	Maurice Millar	163

Rural News Horse		
1	J and S Chynoweth	188
2	J Booth	154
3	E Cassie	126.5
4	C Drummond	79

Gulf Oil Silver Plough Farmlands Fuel Reversible			
1	Ashley Seaton	204	72.8%
2	Simon Reed	158.5	60.9%

3 Adam Mehrstens (Qualified)	152	58.2%
4 James Burnby		

Open Plain Ploughing		
1	Win Ashe	124.5
2	Paul McCartin	117.5
3	Hamish George	94
4	Lyle Parnham	90.5

Best District Plough Person – John Stalker. Best finish by District Person – John Stalker. Best Body Work in Silver Plough – Ashley Seaton. Best ploughed plot on the ground – John and Sharon Chynoweth. Best turned out horse team – John and Sharon Chynoweth.

Report by Judith Smith

Mid Canterbury Vintage Machinery Club

Mid Canterbury Vintage Machinery Club held their match on Sunday 10 June on the property of Robert Butterick at Christy's Road, Wakanui.

Results are as follows:

Gulf Oil Silver Plough Conventional Farmlands Fuel Reversible			%
1	S McKenzie	178.5	68.65
2	R Casey (Qualified)	145.5	55.96
3	G Reid	138	53.08

Agricentre South New Holland Vintage Qualifying		
1	G Carter	135
2	P Watson	133
3	R Weavers	132.5

Agricentre South New Holland Vintage Open		
1	I Bulling	103
2	C Begg	102
3	D Ross	87

Rural News Horse		
1	J Chynoweth S Chynoweth	
2	J Booth	



Hinds YFC

Hinds YFC held their match on 9th June. Once again Ian and Christine Lowe supplied two grass paddocks for ploughing. After all the wet weather in Canterbury, the paddocks had dried out enough with the weather supplying a clear day with excellent ground conditions. There were 37 competitors including 2 horse teams and 2 Young Farmers. Hinds hosted 3 North Island visitors Willy Willetts, Colin Millar and Alex Furniss who helped with judging. Thanks to the committee and all involved in a good day.

Results are as follows:

Gulf Oil Silver Plough Conventional Farmlands Fuel Reversible			%
1	Scott McKenzie	196	75.38
2	James Burnby	188.5	67.32
3	Robert Casey	153.5	59.03
4	Eric Gin	152.5	58.65

YFC
1 D Stanton
2 S Lowe

Agricentre South New Holland Vintage Qualifying		%
1 J Stalker	187	71.92
2 D Hight	172	66.15
3 P Watson	158.5	60.96

YFC
1 I Bulling
2 R Smith
3 C Begg

Rural News Horse
1 J Chynoweth
2 J Booth

Neil Ross - Secretary

New Zealand Australian Exchange 2018

At 2.30 am on the last Wednesday in May Adam Mehrtens collected me from home and we went through to Chch airport for a 6am depart. Adam was sporting a terrible chest cough which then resulted in him swigging down a bottle of Vic's 44 at customs with a cheer on from customs staff and others to our great surprise, as the Asian lady at the unichem in the airport had obviously not been totally up to speed with flight requirements or was short on sales and at 5am saw two sitting ducks so to speak.

We boarded with Adam clearly under the influence of Vic's 44 and soon arrived at Melbourne.

Bob Clayton met us after sometime as we got held up in customs and he simply disappeared on us. I happened to notice a chap walking the other way in the crowd at great pace carrying a torn old piece of a cardboard box and chased him down. He was our man. A humourous 2 hours followed, getting to his home, where we were asked by Bob for directions like we had local knowledge of where we were going. I ended up in the back seat on roaming on google maps navigating.

We were met at Bobs by Shaun Carson who took us through to Colac, to his place with a bit of a tour. Shaun's farm became our base by day as the match was close and later that day he took us to Joe Wettermans where Joe and Pita were fantastic hosts.

Joe threw us the keys to his Nissan patrol ute for the rest of our time in Colac and always had a meal on the table when we got home. This was very generous and appreciated.

They even got concerned when Adam and I missed a turn off one night in the dark and got lost for an hour and a half. The neighbours all pulled together for ploughing gear, myself getting Hugh Richies David Brown and plough that actually went very well and Adam on the Neil family's Deutz and a spare plough of Shaun's. It didn't marry quite so well.

We spent a lot of time getting Adam under way, as his plough was a bit let go but we both got a small practice in before the matches. Carlton dry may have helped us just laugh at this situation.

On match day we both did well considering and we were very impressed with the friendly nature of them all.

You'll see by the photos we made a few rookie mistakes but when your tractor has a poor power to weight ratio and brand new tyres then rusty boards one expects such things.

Two and a half rounds into my crown on both days, I had to pull out as I was in the wire fence.

Hugh Ritchie made mileage of us in a nice way which was well received at the presentations. We had a dinner out on the Saturday night with the Victorian ploughmen and families in Colac and after the Sunday match the Loughridge family kindly took us home with them for two days. Brett and Pride Inglis took us out for a day then early the following morning Jodie took us back to Melbourne airport where I had to return home for work and Adam carried on to Tasmania.

We had a great time, met a lot of new friends and learnt how to plough from scratch again. I'm sure I brought home a skill or two I have overlooked and thanks to NZPA for the sponsorship.

I believe we need to keep this exchange alive even if it means changing the criteria slightly as you do learn a lot on it especially about dealing with adverse issues quickly and adapting to suit. No doubt good skills right throughout the sport.

Regards Simon Reed



Adam Mehrtens



New Zealand / Australia Exchange



Simon Reed

RAKAIA PLOUGHING MATCH ASSOCIATION HISTORY

The Rakaia Ploughing Match Association was formed in the 1920s. However, ploughing matches were first held in the district in the late 1800s.

The Rakaia PMA has hosted the New Zealand Championships four times. Two of our committee, Jim Stewart and Eddie Oakley have been involved in all four events: 1965, 1972, 1989 and 2002. The committee has a wealth of experience in New Zealand events and also the 2010 World Final held at Methven in which several of our members held key positions on that committee. The Cairn of Peace monument erected in Methven for the 2010 event is a local tourist attraction.

Rakaia township is situated on SH1 between Christchurch and Ashburton in the middle of the Canterbury Plains. Magnificent views of the Southern Alps offer photo opportunities for overseas visitors. The Rakaia River is renowned for salmon fishing and a large salmon statue is erected at the north end of the township.

Methven is to the west, near the alps and attracts travellers year round. Nearby Mount Hutt is a skiers paradise and operates June to October.

Known as the granary of the country, Mid Canterbury is the largest cropping area in New Zealand. Traditional crops are still grown but opportunities to diversify to vegetable seed, lily bulbs, Asian brassica, hemp and many others are becoming more common. Dairy conversions have taken place on many sheep and marginal soil cropping farms.

All this produce must be processed, and within 15km of Rakaia we have lily bulb processing factories, a dairy factory, lamb and deer plants, vegetable processing (fresh and frozen) and seed dressing operations.

The area is well served by cafes, restaurants and country pubs. Good shopping can be found in Ashburton and Methven.

The Hotel Ashburton, with its picturesque garden setting will be the focal point and headquarters for the 2019 event. There are motels within walking distance of the hotel and plenty of accommodation choices around Ashburton and Rakaia. The ploughing site is less than 15 minutes from the hotel.

64th New Zealand Ploughing Championships

The Rakaia Ploughing Match Association along with the New Zealand Ploughing Association invites everyone to take part at the 64th New Zealand Ploughing Championships which is being based at the Hotel Ashburton and held at Chertsey
8th May to 12th May 2019

Rakaia Ploughing Match Association
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Wednesday 8 Practice Day (grass) 9.30am – 4.30pm
Ice Breaker Evening – 5.30 Gluyas Motor Group (venue to be confirmed)

Thursday 9 Practice Day Stubble 9.30am – 4.30pm
19.30 - NZPA AGM Mid Canterbury Vintage Machinery Club Rooms

Friday 10 9.30 - Church Service
10.15 - Plot Draw
11.00 – Ploughman's Briefing
11.30 - Mayoral Luncheon
12.30 – Bus Trip

Saturday 11 9.30 - Judges Briefing
10.00 - Official Opening in the marshalling yard
10.30 - Parade to plots
11.20 - Start of ploughing
11.40 - Stop for judging of splits
12.20 - Ploughing recommences
15.00 – Ploughing stops
15.15 – Parade to marshalling yard

Sunday 12 10.30 – Parade to plots
11.20 - Start of ploughing
11.40 – Stop for judging splits
12.20 – Ploughing recommences
15.00 – Ploughing stops
15.15 – Parade to marshalling yard

Presentation Dinner – Hotel Ashburton
17.30 – Drinks
18.30 – Presentations
19.30 – Dinner

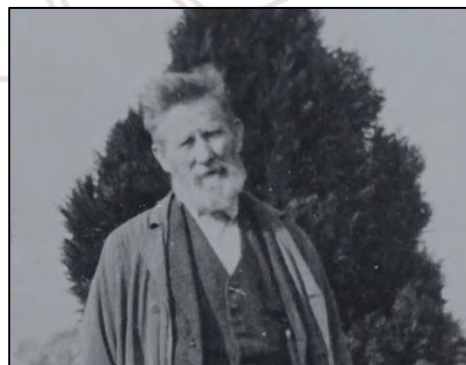


INTERESTING HISTORY Alex Furniss
We think nothing these days of travelling long distances for a weekend of ploughing. I thought you might be interested in a letter written by my great-grandfather about a trip he made in 1906 when he was 54. He had decided their farm at Rangiwhia (Manawatu) was too small to support his family. He had received information about a land ballot in the Waikato and this is part of the letter he sent to his family in England.

.... It was only a week away from the time of the ballot when we thus decided to go for it. I was about 240 miles away from the land and 60 miles still further from Auckland where we had to ballot. I set out from home and caught a bus and train to Taihape. After Taihape, I set out on foot as the train went no further. I had walked 16 miles and it began to rain so I got in to a government cement shed and lay down on some bags of horse feed.

Got away as soon as day broke and got some food from some men on the line (in a canvas place). I had walked another 7 miles in the rain when I met 3 people on horses and they told me I couldn't go any further because of the water. I said I would try so I went on for a mile or more, then came to what would

John Furniss



not be a great river in a regular way, bridged by a wooden bridge of which I could only see the hand rails on each side but not the bridge. I made for it and got over all right, only getting wet up to my body. I continued my journey and came to a larger river, the water of it not fit to drink because of the sulphur near the volcanoes. A man on horseback came across the river towards me. He told me there was a swift current up to his stirrups and he wouldn't advise crossing there but there was a sheep bridge further up the river where a farmer takes his flock across. I went in search of this and found it a mile or so upstream. I got across all right.

On the open plain I found a telegraph pole stretched in the direction I wanted to go, so I followed it hoping it would lead to some habitation, which it did. It led me to a place called Keriori. I got there about 5pm and found a boarding house kept by some Maoris. I got a good meal and asked for a bed and if I could dry my clothes. I poured water out of my boots and turned them upside down to dry. I placed my wet clothes outside the door of my room and went to bed, cold and wet. Very soon after, the locals started singing and dancing in the next room and this went on until after midnight.

When morning came I got my dried clothes, had breakfast, had a wash in the nearby stream and set off again. It was still raining. I had been walking about a mile when I came to another river where the bridge had been washed away so I took off my clothes, crossed the river, dried myself as well as I could with my handkerchief and went on. I soon got in to bush country again – it had been open, bare plains with only scrub for about 40 miles.

I soon reached Ohakune, got some dinner and wrote a letter home. I then fell in with some men who were going to their camp in the bush. They are engaged in cutting down the bush for where the railway is to be made. I went along with them on a newly-formed road, but not metalled, knee deep in mud, picking our way as best we could for about 3 to 4 miles. We went in to the bush following a track along which provisions had to be carried to where the bush fellas were camping. We passed several camps, and then a party call us in to have tea with them. One of the men asked me if my name was Furniss. I said it seems I cannot get to where I am not known and he said he was working last winter not far from where we lived. I stayed with my companions and had supper and breakfast. The group consisted of 3 Irishmen, 1 Australian, 2 Colonial New Zealanders and 2 Maoris. All kind fellows and they would take no pay.

I set out again (still slightly raining), passed another party of bushfallers – all Maoris except for one white man. In this camp were women, children, dogs, cows and horses, all away from the road about a mile. After passing this group I soon reached a fair road for which I was glad. I went on for miles more then crossed a river on a sort of swinging wire bridge. Then I came to another bush track and this led me to another canvas boarding house where I got dinner and set off again. The rain had now eased and I soon got on a new road which was being covered with pumice about a foot thick. It makes a good road.

I soon got a lift on a light cart belonging to the government, used to move tents, tools and other things from one lot of workmen to another.

I reached Raurimu, got some tea and changed my socks for I still had 30 miles to walk before 8 the next morning.

I then set out for my night walk with a few biscuits and, towards morning, my feet being rather sore, I found an old hut without a door and the roof part off. I went in and took off my boots and lay down on a rough sort of table to rest awhile, but the mosquitos wouldn't let me do that, so as soon as a faint sign of dawn appeared, I was off again. I just managed to reach Taumaranui in time for the train to Huntly. No time to get more than a cup of tea and a small sandwich before we left. When I got to Huntly, I got a fair meal and the set out to look at the section I fancied 10 miles away.

I found it all open country, the track not fenced and nothing to guide me. I got it wrong 4 miles away and stayed the night with a man named Mr Jamison who would have no pay for supper, bed and breakfast.

I was up at daylight but it was foggy. Following Mr Jamison's directions I got in sight of the section but had no time to go on to it or I would have missed my train for Auckland from Huntly.

I got to Auckland about 2pm and went direct to the Land Office where I filled out an application for the ballot which was to be held the next day at 11am. I only put in for 1 section – 875 acres of second class land including some bush and about 5 acres of swamp. I won the ballot, paid the registration fee and half a year's rent (12 pounds, 0 shillings 7 pence) which is all I have to pay for 2 years, but we have to do improvements.

To be continued

NEW ZEALAND TEAM WORLD PLOUGHING GRANT FUND

NZPA is being asked to be more transparent, we have allocated a World Ploughing Grant Fund to assist the ploughmen to go the World Championships. The Fund amount will regularly printed in the News letter
There is no alteration to the funding in this proposal from the NZPA original agreement

World Ploughing Grant Fund

Host of the Championships contribution will be deposited in the World Ploughing Grant Fund (WPGF) and can't be allocated to another Fund

The NZPA has started the (WPGF) of \$42000.00 which is three years of grants.

Each year this fund will be divided by 3 = \$14000 leaving = \$28000.00 the Host contribution will be added to the fund
If required, the NZPA will top up the fund to \$42000.00 the following year.

Dividing the fund by three is to make a more consistent average over the years. Acknowledgement of receiving the contribution will be in the newsletter.

The Host PMA or Vintage Ass now have a goal in helping directly with the winners from the Championships going to represent New Zealand at the world contest.

NZPA grants \$6000.00 to each competitor, plus \$2000.00 to management for team expenses TOTALING \$14000.00

The Host PMA or Vintage Ass has an opportunity to apply at local Businesses for sponsorship and the Energy and Liquor Trusts for funding.

When applying for Funding from the trusts, people needing to be more creative (Renting the grounds, fertiliser, zero balance sheet and many more) These charitable Trusts are prepared to help in the setup of the National Championships.

The NZPA constitution requires \$550000.00 to be kept as Special Reserve Fund

World Ploughing Grant Fund

NZPA starts the Fund 3 years Grants (3 x \$14000.00) = \$42000.00

Distribution of Fund

\$ 42000.00 divided by 3 = \$14000.00 to be distributed to the team and management annually
Leaving \$28000.00

The host contribution from the annual Championships will be added to this Fund

NZPA will add to the Fund to ensure an annual account total of \$42000.00

The Host PMA or Vintage Ass can now see and know, that their contribution of the profits are helping directly to assist the winners from the Championships, going to represent New Zealand at the world contest.

Sponsors can be informed where the money is going to be allocated into the special account, the World Ploughing Grant Fund. The Ploughing Association will not be using the hosts profit for general expenses.

We all know how hard the Host committee works to make this event come to fruition; this is our small way in thanking the Host committee.

Methven Bowling Team including NZPA President Bruce Redmond

