

Ploughing News

May 2019



NEW ZEALAND PLOUGHING
ASSOCIATION INCORPORATED

Winners of the 64th NZ Championships -held at Wilkinson's Farm, Chertsey



Bob Mehrtens winner of the Farmlands Fuel Reversible



Paul Houghton winner of the Johnson Gluyas New Holland Vintage Ploughing

If it is ploughing news, the editor would like to hear about it. Photos and stories are appreciated.
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Scott McKenzie winner of the Gulf Oil Silver Plough



Matt Ridge winner of the Contemporary Ploughing being presented with the D M Brown Memorial Trophy by Sherry Brown.



John and Sharon Chynoweth winners of Rural News Horse Plough Championships being congratulated by Peter Burke

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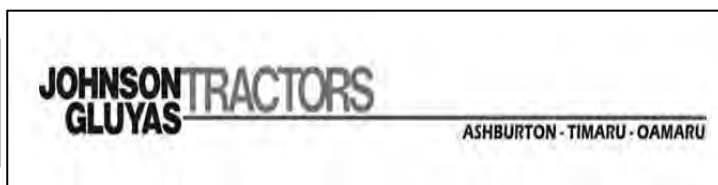


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GULF OIL Silver Plough	2019 National Championships										OVERALL				
	Scott McKenzie	Kelvin Stokes	Mark Dillon	Simon Reed	Jeff Cridge	Warwick Seaton	Robert Casey	Tryphena Carter	Ken Reedman	Angela Taylor	Eric Gin	Hamish Baird	Adam Mehrtens	Brad McKenzie	John Guy
Placing	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12	13	14	15
Points	360.5	355	335.5	322	320.5	293.5	287	279.5	270.5	270.5	267	241	238	220.5	215
Percentage Results	69.33	68.27	64.52	61.92	61.63	56.44	55.19	53.75	52.02	52.02	51.35	46.35	45.77	42.40	41.35

Farmlands Fuel Reversible	2019 National Championships										OVERALL				
	Bob Mehrtens	Ashley Seaton	Malcolm Taylor	James Bumby	Murray Baird										
Placing	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10					
Points	406.5	388.5	376	347	318.5	0	0	0	0	0					
Percentage Results	72.59	69.38	67.14	61.96	56.88	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00					

Johnson Glvua's New Holland	2019 National Championships										OVERALL				
Vintage Ploughing	Paul Houghton	Pearce Watson	John Stalker	Murray Grainger	Maurice Millar	Ian Cocker	Tom Fowler	Graeme Anderson	Ian McSporran	John Butt					
Placing	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12			
Points	341	337	335	334	321	305.5	288.5	287	276	229.5	0	0			
Percentage Results	65.58	64.81	64.42	64.23	61.73	58.75	55.48	55.19	53.08	44.13	0.00	0.00			

Rural News Horse Plough	2019 National Championships										OVERALL				
	John & Sharon Chyno	John Booth & Alastair	Paul Eaton & Alastair	Derrick Thornton	Kylie & Clohe Northco										
Placing	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10					
Points	371.5	292	255.5	239.5	187.5	0	0	0	0	0					
Percentage Results	71.44	56.15	49.13	46.06	36.06	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00					

Conventional Maximum 260
Reversible Maximum 280
Vintage/Horse Maximum 260

President Report 2019

I sincerely apologise for the error in the points system announced at the Gala evening and take full responsibility for what has happened. My apologies to the prize winners, those that have had places changed, the sponsors and to Rakaia PMA. The mistake is no reflection on them as they ran an excellent final, thank you. I can assure you this error has not been taken lightly.

We are in the process of seeking technical advice on how this error has occurred; we will further investigate the option of more manual checks with the possibility of a 4th person to help with this. As well as moving the awards announcements much later in the evening to allow all of these things to happen.

We will be working with sponsors to get photos retaken as we work through a process to rectify this situation.

Your positive comments are welcome and as associations have meetings put some thought into finding suitable representatives to speak for you on the NZPA executive. Once again all I can do is apologise.

Willy Willetts

Apology

I sincerely apologise for the error during the final sorting of the placing's from both days of the recent NZ Championships. I TAKE FULL OWNERSHIP of the issue at hand. It was not a data entry issue; it has been proven that it was a computer glitch.

I feel so sorry for all of the competitors and families on the evening, especially the announced place-getters and the competitors that have now been advised they were incorrect.

I am embarrassed-gutted (and several other words I cannot print) for the position I have put the executive and New Zealand Ploughing family in.

I have paid a computer technician to spend several hours trying to identify how the error occurred. He has advised it is a glitch between Microsoft Office 2010 and the upgrade to the 2016 edition.

More time being available to check (and also additional checks) will hopefully ensure such a major issue does not occur in the future. Over the two days a total of 716 double checks were made.

Once again please accept my apologies

Kind regards Colin Millar
2019 Points Co-ordinator

2019 Results

Gulf Oil Silver Plough Championship	
1 st	Scott McKenzie
2 nd	Kelvin Stokes
3 rd	Mark Dillon

Farmlands Fuel Reversible Plough Championship	
1 st	Bob Mehrtens
2 nd	Ashley Seaton
3 rd	Malcolm Taylor

Rural News Horse Plough Championship	
1 st	John & Sharon Chynoweth
2 nd	John Booth & Alistair Earl
3 rd	Paul Eaton & Des McGregor

New Holland Agriculture Vintage Plough	
1 st	Paul Houghton
2 nd	Pearce Watson
3 rd	John Stalker

Contemporary Ploughing	
1 st	Matt Ridge
2 nd	Jess Cunliffe

DM Brown Memorial Trophy – Matt Ridge	
Best Presented Horse Team Rosette - John Booth & Alistair Earl	

Vern Bishell Trophy- best presented horse team	John Booth and Alistair Earl
First Time competitor badges	Graeme Anderson and John Butt
Wiganwood Trophy - best presented tractor, equipment and contestant	Graeme Anderson
Fairhall Trophy - highest placed, not previously in the top 5 on % basis	Warwick Seaton
WG Miller and Miller Family Trophy - highest placed competitor under 35 on % basis	Ashley Seaton
Australian Exchange	Warwick Seaton
Royal Agricultural Society Medals	Bob Mehrtens and Scott McKenzie

Official photos of place winners with our sponsors will be published in the next newsletter.

Middlemarch Match Report 26th and 27th October 2018

Middlemarch Ploughing Association held their match on 21st October 2018 on the property of Matt O'Connell at Middlemarch. The paddock was silt with a thick thatch on top. It was a very hot day with 11 competitors working hard to tip a 40 year old paddock over. Although a challenge, the results were good. Report compiled by Sean Leslie


Silver Plough class		%
1 st	Scott McKenzie	61.15 %
2 nd	Shane Burnby - qualified	50.38 %
3 rd	Graeme Reid	29.61%

Reversible 1 st James Burnby		49.46%
Vintage		%
1 st	Pearce Watson	50.36
2 nd	Murray Grainger	48.46
3 rd	Alistair Rutherford	45.76

Horse	
Tom Fowler and Casey Tilson 50.96 %	Best opening – James Burnby
Best Finish – Scott McKenzie	Champion Ploughman – Scott McKenzie

Manawatu Vintage Match Report 3rd March 2019

The Manawatu Match was held on the 10th March 2019. Slightly dry stubble ground, well-marked out. The first day was practice, second day competition. Report compiled by Ian McSporran.

Vintage Class		Points		Points
1 st	Allan Gibson	174.5	2 nd	Ian McSporran 173
3 rd	Rex Anderson	171	4 th	Bruce McCormick 170.5
5 th	Elvery Hunt & Ian Jensen	168		

Thornbury Vintage Match Report 5th April 2019

Thornbury Vintage moved the Match date forward this year, the reason being easier to source suitable paddocks and get the match back into Thornbury after being in the Drummond area for the last three years. The paddock was in good ploughing order but the undulating surface was challenging and the overall quality of ploughing and workmanship was commendable. The weather was very kind and the decision to stage the two day event proved to be a success as being the first match of the circuit most entrants took the opportunity to get the mind and brain back to ploughing match mode for the 2019 season. Entries were 2 reversible, 4 conventional, 6 vintage, 6 classic, 1 horse, total 19. Thanks to the Horrell Family for the use of their property and to John Wild for his part in arranging the venue and judges. For the gossip column we now have a lady judge from our club in the name of Nicky Bulling. Nicky has previously been stewarding and is now very enthusiastic about her upgrade to judging and the help being received from the more experienced.

Report compiled by Athole Bennie

Silver Plough		
1 st	Scott McKenzie (Qualified)	64.8% pts
2 nd	Murray Baird (Rev)	62.3% pts
3 rd	James Burnby (Rev)	60.5% pts

Vintage		
1 st	Alistair Rutherford	200.5 pts
2 nd	Murray Grainger	160.0 pts
3 rd	Graeme Anderson	151.5 pts

Classic and Horses		
1 st	Ian Bulling	64.8% pts
2 nd	= Colin Hitchcock	147.5 pts
	Ross Middleton	147.5% pts

Farming looks easy when your plough is a pencil and you're a thousand miles from the cornfield
by Dwight D Eisenhower



Ashley Seaton



Malcolm Taylor

The Courtenay Paparua Ploughing Match Report 6th April 2019

The Courtenay Paparua Ploughing Match was held on the 6th of April on the property of Simon Reed, Halkett. The day was cold with a few light showers but the rain the day before made the wheat stubble and ideal to plough. The field was made up of eight silver plough contestants, six vintage, two open plain and two horse teams, 18 in all. Prize giving and afternoon tea were held at the Halkett School. Thanks to all our judges, sponsors and helpers.

Report compiled by Jeff Cridge.

Gulf Oil Silver and Farmlands Fuel Reversible		Points	%
1 st	B Mehrtens (Qualified)	191	68.2
2 nd	W Seaton	173.5	66.72
3 rd	A Seaton	183.5	65.5
4 th	S Reed	169	65.00

Johnson Gluyas New Holland Vintage		Points	%
1 st	R Weavers	137.5	52.88
2 nd	P Watson	137	52.69
3 rd	J Stalker	131.5	50.58
4 th	A Chambers	109.5	42.16

Open Plain		Points	%
1 st	R Smith	75	28.85
2 nd	J Marychurch	63	24.23

Rural News Horse		Points	%
1 st	J and S Chynoweth	153.5	59.04
2 nd	J Earle and J Booth	113	43.46

West Melton YFC Ploughing Match Report 7th Sunday April 2019

The Annual West Melton YFC Ploughing Match was held Sunday 7th April 2019 on ground kindly made available by Simon Reed at Halkett. The paddock was stubble and with rain earlier in the week it made for excellent conditions producing some top quality Ploughing. The competitors were, Conventional/Reversible Class 8, Vintage Class 5, Open Plain Class 1, Horse Class 2.

Conventional/ Reversible Class		Points	%
1 st	W Seaton	192	73.8
2 nd	A Seaton	198	70.7
3 rd	B Mehrtens	164	58.6

Vintage Class		Points	%
1 st	P Watson	149	57.3
2 nd	J Stalker	130	50
3 rd	A Chambers	123.5	47.5

Open Plain Class		Points	%
1 st	J Marychurch	60	23

Horse Class		Points	%
1 st	J & S Chynoweth	162.5	62.5
2 nd	J Booth	101	38.8

The day concluded with a BBQ & prize giving at the local Halkett School.

Paul Murphy spent the day coaching two new Judges, Chris Foster & Laura Shaw who will be part of a judging panel for the Contemporary Class at the NZ Ploughing Championships 2019. West Melton YFC express their thanks to the Courtney Paparua Ploughing Association for marking out the paddock, Simon Reed for providing the ground & Dianne Weavers for compiling the points.



From left to right: Paul Kowalewski, Joe Marychurch, Jess Cunliffe and Matt Ridge



Kylie and Clohe Northcott

Takapau Accommodation Ploughing Championships 4th and 5th April 2020

Tuki Tuki Motels. Phone 0508 885 488. tuki.tuki.motel@xtra.co.nz for NZPA Executive

Fergusson Lodge. Phone 0800 924 785. fergussons.motor.lodge@xtra.co.nz. *Very close*

Thornton Lodge Motel. Phone 0800 846 768. thorntonlodge@xtra.co.nz - *Excellent parking for trucks*

When booking please say you are a “**Plough Person**”.

Further motels & B&Bs along with a Registration form will follow in the next newsletter.

Contact person Helen McSporran 0276001107 or ianhelenmac@xtra.co.nz

Raffle results

Raffle run by Rakaia PMA in the NZPA tent

Prize of a plate kindly donated by Rhonda Smith

Winner Ian Jordan



Retired Ashburton farmer Maurice Millar in his third time contesting the Vintage Ploughing Championship.

Obituaries

Lynne McKenzie, Ada Thomsen. Richard (Dick) Quin a member of the West Otago, Methven & Rakaia PMA.

The following was received from Anna Marie McHugh, General Secretary, WPO

Dear Colin and the New Zealand Ploughing Community,

On behalf of the World Ploughing Organization, we send our sincere condolences to the people of New Zealand and the families and friends of those that lost their lives in the tragic events in Christchurch.

Our thoughts are with you all.

Yours sincerely,
Anna Marie McHugh
General Secretary
World Ploughing Organization



Creed for living

1. Make up your mind to be happy. Learn to find pleasure in simple things.
2. Make the best of your circumstances. No one has everything and everyone has something of sorrow intermingled with the gladness of life. The trick is to make laughter outweigh the tears.
3. Don't think that somehow you should be protected from the misfortunes that befall others.
4. You can't please everybody. Don't let criticism worry you.
5. Don't let your neighbour set your standards....be yourself.
6. Do the things that you enjoy doing but stay out of debt.
7. Don't borrow trouble; imaginary troubles are harder to bear than actual ones.
8. Since hate poisons the soul, don't cherish enmities and grudges. Avoid people who make you unhappy.
9. Have many interests and if you can't travel, read about new places.
10. Don't hold post-mortems; don't spend your life brooding over sorrows and mistakes.
11. Do what you can for those less fortunate than yourself.
12. Keep busy at something, a very busy person never has time to be unhappy.

Future World Ploughing Contests	
2019 USA 30 th and 31 st August	2027 Slovenia
2020 Russia, Suzdal (Date & location to be confirmed)	2028 New Zealand
2021 Rep Ireland-3 rd week September	2029 Croatia
2022 Lithuania Withdrawn	2030 France
2023 Macedonia End September	2031 Austria
2024 Norway Aug/Sept	2032 Netherlands
2025 Czech Republic, Prague	2033 Denmark
2026 Estonia	2034 Canada



Pearce Watson



Kelvin Stokes

Many thanks to photographer David Oakley

NZPA Executive Meeting – May 2019

Contemporary Class – the executive meeting gratefully accepted the D.M.Brown memorial trophy. It will go to the winner of the contemporary ploughing class. Ian Woolley will take over management of the trophies.

Members Retiring by Rotation/unavailable – Paul Murphy is resigning at end of 2019. Norm Styles is unavailable for re-election. Colin thanked Paul for his huge workload, much done behind the scenes.

Australian Ploughmen – arrive May 23rd for Hinds, Ashburton Vintage and Marlborough matches. It was noted that now matches are more spread out it's hard to arrange matches for the Australians so they can get a run of matches.

Match Report Sheets – need filling out correctly.

Next Executive Meeting 5th and 8th July 2019

Team Members for 2019 World Contest

Team Manager	Alan Wills	Coach	Malcolm Taylor
Rev. Competitor	Bob Mehrtens	Conv Competitor	Ian Woolley
Judge	Alan Wills	WPO	Colin Millar

Noel and Thelma Sheat

Noel was appointed a patron of NZPA in honour of over 50years with ploughing and 25years involvement with NZPA.

Thelma was made an honorary life member and a citation was read by Nancy Allan to support this at the awards evening. An extract from that citation is below –

'Many of you in this room will also have experienced the same level of hospitality. There was and still is always a bed, a meal, a cup of tea at their home. Over the time that Noel has been involved with ploughing Thelma has been the back up support lady providing thousands of biscuits and baking for refreshment tents, goody bags as well as keeping Noel on track. She has stuffed thousands of newsletters into envelopes and that is a tiring task.'

Results of Colouring in Competition Rakaia Final

1st 4 - 7 years Jack France, Mount Somers – Springburn School sponsored by Ravensdown
1st 8 - 12 years Emily Heaven, Mount Somers-Springburn School sponsored by Drummond and Etheridge

There were 201 entries



Website

The NZPA has their own website page:-
www.nzplough.co.nz

Facebook

The NZPA has their own Facebook page,
check out the photos and comments:
www.facebook.com/NZPloughing

Ploughing Event Dates 2019		
NQ	Manawatu Vintage	9 th & 10 th March 2019
Q	Thornbury TMC	Practice 6 th April Match 7 th April
Q	Courtenay/Papaprua	6 th April
Q	West Melton	7 th April
NQ	Waikato Heavy Horse	22 nd April
Q	East Otago VMC	3 rd May
Q	Waitaki	5 th May
Q	Timaru	6 th May
Q	Central Southland	19 th May
Q	Mid Canterbury Vintage	25 th May
Q	Tokomairiro	25 th May
Q	Hinds	26 th May
NQ	Taieri	26 th May
Q	Marlborough	Queen's Birthday
NQ	Methven	8 th June
NQ	Geraldine Vintage Car and Machinery Club	9 th June
Q	Lincoln	6 th July
Q	North Canterbury Vintage Final	7 th July
Q	Waimea Plains Association	10 th August
Q	Waimea Plains VMC	11 th August
Q	Reporoa/Rotorua PMA	28 th September
Q	Takapau PMA	5 th October
Q	Wairarapa PMA	6 th October
NQ	Manawatu PMA	7 th October
NQ	Edendale	20 th October
Q	Middlemarch	27 th October
NQ	South Otago	2 nd November
Q	Waikato Club	To be Advised
NQ	Franklin Vintage	To be Advised
Q	Upper Clutha	7 th July

Please note Geraldine Vintage Car and Machinery Club

- Contact Don McCullough ph 03 3036433



Future NZ Final dates:

Takapau 4th and 5th April 2020

Waimea 2021 dates to be advised

NZ Final 2022 site needed

Otago 2023



Taupo Conference 29th June 2019 1pm, at the Taupo Vintage Car Club
(location to be confirmed)

Canterbury Conference 7th August 2019 8pm, Rakaia Presbyterian Church Hall

Otago/Southland Conference date and location to be advised.

Next NZPA Executive Meeting

5th and 8th July 2019

in Ashburton

Deadline for articles for October
newsletter is

20th October 2019

This Tree was Planted to Commemorate the 27th World Ploughing Contest held on this Property on May 17th and 18th 1980

The 27th World Ploughing Contest was held on the Smith Family farm on Springs Road; Lincoln in 1980. The Executive Committee suggested planting a tree to commemorate the wonderful and successful occasion. Bruce chose a Giant Redwood (Sequoiadendron Giganteum) tree and planted it in the farm yard.

On January 10th 2013 we had a huge fire that spread through the district. The fire was driven by a very strong northwest wind that swept through our farm yard. The tree was badly scorched others were burnt to the ground. However we nursed the tree over several summers, but alas it never recovered.

So last winter the dead tree was removed and close by a new hole was dug. In August last year we had visitors from England: Grandchildren Andrew and Louise and their Dad Will Jones (our daughter Nicola's children and husband). They helped me choose a new tree from the local nursery. It is a Copper Beech tree. The family spent the rest of the morning carefully planting the special "Ploughing" tree, knowing how much their mother Nicola and Grandad Bruce enjoyed ploughing. They loved planting the tree.

The tree now has a fence around it for protection while it is small. With the commemorative plaque at the tree, Lincoln and District Historical Society keep a record of important trees in the area. Andrew and Louise often ask how the tree is growing.

Report Judith Smith

Inserted photo from left to right: Nicola's husband and children - Andrew, Will and Louise



Leek and Potato Soup

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| 30 g butter | 1 large leek, cleaned and sliced into rings |
| 2 large potatoes, peeled and diced | 1 teaspoon crushed garlic |
| ½ teaspoon ground fennel (optional) | 1 litre chicken stock |
| ½ cup cream | 2 tablespoons sour cream to garnish |
| 1 teaspoon chopped chives to garnish | |

Heat the butter in a large saucepan and sauté the leek, potatoes, garlic and fennel if using for 2-3 minutes so they have softened but not coloured.

Add the chicken stock and simmer the soup for 15-20 mins, until the potato is tender. Place the soup in a food processor or use a stick blender to whiz the soup until it is smooth. Add the cream, season to taste and reheat if necessary but do not boil the soup. Spoon the soup into bowls and garnish with a dollop of sour cream and sprinkle over the chopped chives.

Serves 4-6



The New Zealand Ploughing Association would like to thank the Rakaia Ploughing Association for running such a successful event.

We would also like to acknowledge the following volunteers who gave up their time to support ploughing in New Zealand.

Our judges:	Ronald Sheat - Bruce Chittock - Jimmy Stewart - Marty O'Reilly - Alan Wallace - David Patterson - Richard Dillon - John Smith - Steven Watt - Lynda Guy - Peter Carter - Bob Anderson - Elvery Hunt - Neil Gamble - Colin McConachy - Fred Carpenter - Brian Kirk - Allan Brown - Ross Brown - Owen Horsnell - Alistair Allison - Ashley Gloyn, John Court.
Head Stewards	Richard Haffner, Alan Wills
Time Keeper	Nancy Allan
Points compilers	Sandy Redmond and Vicki Millar
Runners:	Bill Ward and Steve McDrury
Bakers	Thelma Sheat, Sandy Redmond, Shirley Gifford
Contemporary ploughing	Graham Miller, Alan Begg, Colin Maw, Murray Redmond, Bob Allan
Results email	Kathryn Sheat
Stewards:	Colin McKenzie, Rex Anderson, Helen McSporran, Geoff Richards, Alister McNeil, John Nordquist, Lindsay McLachlan, Colin Maw, Malcolm Cretney, John Dickson, Chris Doak, Neil Ross, Ian Lowe, Colin Boon, Stuart Stratford, Jim Stevenson, Bill Bradley, Johnathon Carter
NZPA equipment transport	Kelvin Stokes

Rakaia Final 1989



Left to Right Back row: Bob Mehrstens, Allan Baker, Bill Winter, Neville Copland, Allen Redmond, Grant Flynn, Ross Henson and Dick Quinn

Left to Right Middle row: Kelvin Stokes, John Guy, Rex Jessop, John Court, Bruce Chittock, Alistair Rutherford, Steven Watt

Left to Right Front row: David Brown, Roger Jordan, Graeme Gifford, Bryce Hunt, Stewart Allison, Alan Begg, Ivan Maw and John Davison

Postcard
from
Methven

