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Left to right: Alan Wills, Ian Woolley, Bob Mehrtens, Colin Millar, Malcolm Taylor.



Above and below: Ian Woolley, Bob Mehrtens

The New Zealand Ploughing team that went to the USA in August 2019



Angela Taylor and Bob

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Left to Right:

Linda Guy, John Guy, Malcolm Taylor, Kelvin Stokes, Angela Taylor

Cleaning the cups at Manawatu Match

If it is ploughing news, the editor would like to hear about it. Photos and stories are appreciated.
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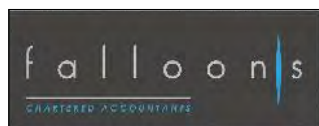


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World Ploughing USA 2019

The World Contest that nearly never was. Two weeks out, wheat not harvested, grass straw not baled, no one around and many locals not even aware of the contest apart from a couple of signs. 3 and a half weeks out from the contest day, Ian Woolley and myself unloaded our tractors from the container and joined the Austrian team in a paddock kindly loaned by a local farmer Barry Hasbargen, alias Big Bear (a man who was to become a great friend of the NZ team).

Land was made available by Big Bear, with the message, “plough where you want, workshop available and shed to store tractors in overnight”. For 10 days we ploughed alongside the Austrians who came and went. Soon other countries slowly appeared on the scene but unofficial practise was not available because of unbaled straw so everyone had to help themselves.

The soil was very sandy and showed every fault. Because no land is ploughed in that area there was a hard pan at about 18cms so with a minimum 16cm rule it paid to stay shallow. Finally, some wheat was harvested and there was an opportunity to plough stubble in very sandy soil. Some plots had 4 different soil colours from one end to the other. As is quite normal, the practise land was totally different to the contest site. The grassland final site had the most beautiful soil I have ever ploughed with the furrows just peeling off the boards.

I was very proud of the two plots I ploughed at the final and if I went back tomorrow, I wouldn't change a thing, but I was disappointed with my placing of 13th in stubble and 6th in grass, 10th overall.

During the contest there was a total of 28 New Zealanders on site, so a huge thank you for the support that they gave Ian and myself. My grateful thanks to Alan and Allison Wills for their team management. A job very well done. Ian and Jenny Woolley were the most wonderful people to travel with. The days and hours that Ian and I practised together were well worth it: the going early and bouncing ideas off each other, make us a very competitive pair. It was always interesting to see the other countries watching us like hawks. To our coach Malcolm Taylor, the results of the last 3 years at world contests are all due to you. The time and ideas you have given us are invaluable, a lot of new tricks were learnt by us, including you.

The New Zealand ploughing team of the last 3 years has been a great success and I very proud to be part of it. Let's do it again sometime. Many thanks to you all. Many thanks to Mainfreight, NZPA, Timaru PMA, Trust Aoraki and my family for their support to the World Final in America. Merry Christmas.

Bob Mehrtens

Manager's Report to New Zealand Ploughing Association.

66th World ploughing Contest, Lake of the Woods, Minnesota USA, 2019

Alison and I and Malcolm arrived at Baudette, which was the local town about a week after Ian and Jenny and Bob.

They had recovered their tractors from the container and had started some practice in some fairly tough pasture. When we arrived, they had transferred to a much better site offered to them by Big Bear who leased land just across the road from the World Ploughing site.

Our accommodation was at a fishing lodge complex on the banks of the Rainy River. Ours was a 3 bedrooms cabin with one bathroom. The WPO functions were held in the Sportsman Lodge which was within 50mtrs of our cabin.

The local area did not have a big population base and in fact was quite remote. Baudette was a town probably the size of Methven. You were considered a local if you lived within 3 hours of the site. The main business of the town was as a local service centre for the arable farming community and the recreational fishing industry.

Hence, it was what we would call a fairly “low key” event with little or no trade sites but with some craft and food retail outlets.

When we arrived, there was very little activity on the site but the farmer who had made the land available had built a big barn to provide shelter and workshop space at the marshalling area.

Once the American Ploughing people had arrived from all parts of the US the site quickly took shape under the guidance of WPO officials.

Having judged on both days I consider that the plots were fair to all ploughmen. However, there was one or two plots that gave the ploughman the opportunity to show their skills. Andrew Gill from Nth Ireland was one I have in mind. His stubble plot had both a depression and a rise which he handled particularly well to score the Bronze Medal.

It has been an absolute pleasure to be part of this NZ Team as their Manager. In the 3 trips we have done I never experienced a comment or an action that I would have considered unnecessary or out of place. We lived in very close quarters in the USA but at all times the attitude was respectful and accommodating. With the objective of getting a good result, firstly for Ian and Bob but also for the Team and NZ Ploughing everyone was focused and worked well together.

Malcolm is a good and very analytical coach who kept working on a few things well into the last few hours of practice.

We were well supported by Jenny and Alison and the good-sized support team who turned up. Their presence there was well regarded.

It would be fair to say the final result of 10th overall in each class was not where we or the New Zealand Ploughing fraternity hoped to be.

Most of it I would put down to 2 average stubble plots. Unfortunately, neither of those plots stood out and said “Take another look me.”

If you want to be anywhere near the podium at a world event especially with the level and intensity of competition that is there, one needs to card two very good days.

I also need to comment that Malcolm, Ian and Bob are well regarded within the world scene as being very capable with their coaching and ploughing skills. People also enjoy their company.

With Regards
Alan Wills

Ian Woolley’s report will be published in the December newsletter.

- Letters to the editor -

Just to inform you all Colin Millar has just been elected Chairman for the 5th Consecutive time of the World Ploughing Organisation.

Something quite special as it has never happened before congratulations Colin job well done. It is clear that he has made a huge difference to the organisation.

Willy Willetts



Dear Sir

Carbon credits are calculated on the amount of carbon stored in timber. I have a bundle of finished timber on my 'construction site' and assume it contains a ton of carbon.

To produce this timber, carbon was delivered to the oil refinery, then delivered as fuel around the country. The forestry industry delivered the logs to local and overseas mills where it is processed into timber. The waste timber is burnt and the rest is treated & kiln dried before it is delivered to me. Some of the energy required in these processes comes from renewable sources but the great majority requires carbon input.

There are probably a million variations to this equation by using the technology that monitors every step in these processes it should be possible to estimate the carbon used to produce my bundle of timber. Is the stored carbon a credit or debit to environmental carbon?

Alex Furniss
Masterton

- Ploughing Match Results -

Manawatu Vintage Results

17 ploughmen all ploughed vintage class at Manawatu Vintage match on the 10th March 2019. Dryish stubble ground well marked out. 1st day practice. 2nd day competition. Results. 1st Allan Gibson 174.5 points. 2nd Ian McSporran 173. 3rd. Rex Andersen 171. 4th. Bruce McCormick 170.5. 5th Elvery Hunt 168 & Ian Jensen 168

Ian McSporran

East Otago Vintage Results

East Otago Vintage held their ploughing match on 3rd May 2019 on the property of Harpsdale Partnership State Highway One, Palmerston. Ground conditions were good after 20 mm of rain. It was a lovely autumn day. With the grounds being close to State Highway One a number of travellers called in. One senior man said he had not been to a ploughing match in 50 years. Some of the junior ploughing competitors made some very good plots. The day finished with a barbeque and prizegiving at the Vintage Clubs rooms.

Gulf Oil Silver Plough Conventional and Farmlands Fuel Reversible

1. Bob Mehrtens 204.5
2. Scott McKenzie 182
3. Ian Woolley 177.5 (Qualified)

Rural News Horse Ploughing

1. John Booth

Johnson Gluyas New Holland Vintage

1. Alister Rutherford 145
2. Murray Grainger 139
3. Tom Fowler 136.5
4. Ian McSporran 127.5

Special Prizes

Best Feering Scott McKenzie

Best Finish Bob Mehrtens

Runner up to Champion Scott McKenzie

Champion Ploughman Bob Mehrtens

Waitaki Results

Waitaki Ploughing Association held their match on Sunday 5 May 2019 on the property of John and Peter Hughes at Maori Road, Morven. There were excellent ground conditions. There were thirty one entrants from Christchurch to Southland with local vintage ploughmen competing. Two horse teams drew a small number of spectators who also viewed the rest of the field.

Judges worked really hard to get the top placings as the competition was very high. Thanks to Stowell Motors 2012 Ltd, PGG Writghtson, Arthur Motors Ltd, Waimate ITM, Drummond and Etheridge, Turnbull Grain and Seed, Independent Engineers Ltd for the raffle prizes and sponsorship.

Ashley Seaton qualified.

Gulf oil silver plough conventional and the Farmlands Fuel Reversible			
		Points	Percentage
1	R Mehrtens	215.5	76.96
2	I Woolley	196.5	75.57
3	A Seaton	203.5	72.67
4	S McKenzie	184.5	70.96

Johnson Gluyas New Holland Vintage

		Points	Percentage
1	R Weavers	98.5	75.77
2	P Watson	85	65.38
3	J Stalker	83.5	64.23
4	M Millar	79	60.77

Rural News Horse

		Points	Percentage
1	J Booth and J Earl	86	66.15
2	J and S Chynoweth	84.5	65

Local Vintage – Single Furrow

		Points	Percentage
1	K Holland	53	

Local Vintage – Two Furrows

1	J Smith	72	
2	A Boyce	58	

A small token of appreciation was given to the property owners as without them supplying the paddock we could not have held our match. Also, a big thank you to the sponsors.

Lynda Holland

Timaru Results

On an overcast day, 30 competitors competed at Timaru Ploughing Association's annual match, held at Waipopo Farms on the property of the Newton family at Seadown.

There were 14 competitors in the Johnson Gluyas New Holland Vintage class. It was great to see a young first-time competitor having a go in this class. Thanks to Bruce Cameron for helping him out where needed. In the Gulf Oil Silver Plough Conventional class there were 9 competitors, 3 in the Farmlands Fuel Reversible and 2 in Rural News Horse class.

After doing the opening splits, competitors adjourned to the Shearer's Quarters café for a hot lunch before getting back into ploughing again.

Gulf Oil Silver Plough Conventional		Points	%
1	Ian Woolley	150	57.69
2	Scott McKenzie	148.5	57.12
3	Robert Casey	147.5	56.73

Farmlands Fuel Reversible			
1	Bob Mehrrens	171	61.05
2	Ashley Seaton	165.5	59.11
3	James Burnby (Qualified)	164.5	58.75

Johnson Gluyas New Holland Vintage			
1	Ian McSporran	91.5	70.38
2	Robert Weavers	79.5	61.15
3	John Stalker	71	54.62

Alistair Chambers qualified in the Vintage class

Vintage Open Class			
1	David Gamble	41.5	31.92
2	Stuart Stratford	41.5	31.92
3	Paul Fyfield	25	19.23

Rural News Horse			
1	John Chynoweth	93	71.54
2	John Booth	92	70.77
3			

Special prizes were given out:

The J Gibson Memorial Cup for the district competitor with the most points - Bob Mehrtens

Canterbury Stock and Station Agents Challenge Cup for the Champion Ploughman – Bob Mehrtens

William Hill Memorial Challenge Cup for best district ploughman – Bob Mehrtens

Vintage Trophy – Ian McSporran

D C Turnbull Memorial Challenge Cup - Ben Lewis

Novice Competitor – Ben Lewis

The Timaru Ploughing Association would like to thank the landowners for the use of the paddock, loading bank and power to run the points compilers caravan, the many generous local sponsors who supported them, the Shearers Quarters for providing fantastic meals and afternoon tea. We are also grateful to the judges who came once again and Colin Millar and Dianne Weavers who did the points digitally for us. Thanks also to Irene Ward to worked as a runner, tirelessly chasing up points from the judges.

Bob Mehrtens – Secretary Timaru PMA

Mid Canterbury Vintage Results

Mid Canterbury Vintage Machinery Club held their match on 25th May 2019 on the property of M and J Paton at Wakanui on a lovely autumn day. Twenty-Four competitors ploughed over a clover paddock. Two Australian ploughmen competed Pryde Inglis reversible and Morgan Waters conventional. Thanks to the Wakanui Institute ladies for lunch and afternoon tea. Thanks also to the sponsors, judges and volunteers.

Kelvin Stokes qualified.

Gulf oil silver plough conventional and the Farmlands Fuel Reversible			
		Points	Percentage
1	K Stokes	178	68.46
2	R Mehrtens	186.5	66.61
3	R Casey	161	61.92
4	K Readman	124	47.69

Johnson Gluyas New Holland Vintage			
		Points	Percentage
1	P Watson	182	70%
2	R Weavers	167	64.23%
3	J Stalker	167	64.23%
4	C Boon	156	60%

Vintage Open

		Points	Percentage
1	E Barnes	174	66.9%
2	B Graham	143	55%
3	C Cross	139	53.46%
4	G Corbett	125	48%

Rural News Horse

		Points	Percentage
1	J and S Chynoweth	99	
2	J Booth	72	
3			
4			

Tokomairiro Results

Tokomairiro Ploughing Match Association held their match on 25th of May 2019 on the property of Barrie Allison's 7kms south of Milton. Conditions were perfect, both underfoot and overhead. It was with sadness that club member John Goldsworthy passed away the day before our match. A moments silence was held in respect of John. Seventeen competitors competed over three classes. Unfortunately, our match clashed with a Canterbury match which may have cost us an entry or two. The ground was spring sown barley stubble and ploughed very well. Thanks to Jo Sime and Neil Gamble for compiling points on computer. All concerned were very pleased at how quickly prizegiving could be done. It was great to see three young ploughmen competing: Hamish Baird, Time Hastie and Paul Kowalewski. Mark Dillon qualified.

Gulf oil silver plough conventional and the Farmlands Fuel Reversible

		Points	Percentage
1	James Burnby	194.5	69.46
2	Scott McKenzie	176	67.69
3	Mark Dillon	172	66.15
4	Murray Baird	173.5	61.96

Johnson Gluyas New Holland Vintage

		Points	Percentage
1	Alistair Rutherford	155	59.62
2	Murray Grainger	148	56.92
3	Graeme Anderson	135.5	52.12
4	John Wild	133.5	51.35

Classic Ploughing

		Points	Percentage
1	Tim Hastie	144	55.38
2	Iain Bulling	125	48.07
3	Graeme Anderson	111	52.12
4	Colin Hitchcock	96	36.92

Champion ploughman James Burnby

Runner Up - Scott McKenzie

Best Finish James Burnby

Best Crown - Scott McKenzie

report completed by Alistair Allison

Hinds YFC Results

Hinds YFC held their match on Sunday 26th of May 2019 on the property of Ian Lowe at Hinds. Ground conditions were very good with some dead grass. There were 31 ploughmen altogether including two Australians, Pryde Inglis ploughing reversible and Morgan Waters ploughing conventional. It was a sunny Norwest day on a sprayed off grass paddock.

Thanks to Ian and Christine Lowe for the paddock, Lynnford Rural Women for a lovely lunch and afternoon tea. Thanks to the sponsors, judges, stewards and points compilers.

Robert Casey qualified

Gulf oil silver plough conventional and the Farmlands Fuel Reversible

		Points	Percentage
1	R Mehrrens	177.5	63.39
2	R Casey	155.5	59.81
3	K Stokes	132.5	50.91
4	P Inglis Australia	130.5	46.61

Johnson Gluyas New Holland Vintage

		Points	Percentage
1	P Watson	93	
2	R Weavers	92	
3	J Stalker	84 Q	
4	A Chambers		

Vintage Open

		Points	Percentage
1	D Ross	124	
2	B Graham	121	
3	E Barnes	118	
4	D Breeding		

Rural News Horse

		Points	Percentage
1	J and S Chynoweth	108	
2	J Booth	80	

YFC Class

		Points	Percentage
1	M Ridge	154	
2	J Bedford	137	

Taieri Results

Taieri ploughing association held their match on Sunday 26 May 2019 on the property of C Wallis at Mosgiel. Ground conditions were excellent. There were 16 competitors, 8 silver, 4 vintage, 3 classic and one novice. Thanks to the Wallis family, sponsors, judges, stewards and Rural Women.

This was a non-qualifying match

Gulf Oil Silver Plough Conventional and The Farmlands Fuel Reversible

		Points	Percentage
	Mark Dillon	187.5	72.12
	Scott McKenzie	175.5	67.50
	Murray Baird	186.5	66.61
	James Burnby	178.5	63.75

Johnson Gluyas New Holland Vintage

		Points	Percentage
1	Graeme Anderson	150.5	57.88
2	Murray Grainger	145	55.77
3	Alistair Rutherford	137	52.69
4	John Wild	120.5	46.35

Classic

		Points	Percentage
1	Colin Hitchcock	110.5	42.5
2	Owen Anderson	104.5	40.1
3	Len Balneaves	100.5	38.6

Novice

		Points	Percentage
1	Tim Hastie	146.5	57.12

Champion Ploughman — Mark Dillon.

Runner Up — Scott McKenzie

Best Crown — Mark Dillon

Best Finish — Mark Dillon

Oldest ploughman — Alistair Rutherford

Youngest ploughman — Paul Kowalewski

Tidiest outfit — John Wild

Report completed by Neil Gamble

Marlborough Results

Marlborough Ploughing Association held their match on the 2nd of June 2019 on the property of Philip Neal at Rapaura. Ground conditions were good with a sprayed grass paddock which ploughed very well. We had a practise day on the Saturday. Sunday 2nd June was a fine day. There was only one competitor attempting to qualify, which meant that without another person to compete against, they could not qualify for the next New Zealand Ploughing Championships. We had the two Australian exchanges there. One used Roger Jordan's blue plough and the other a 4-furrow reversible plough. Thanks to the Australians who finished the paddock the next day with a farm plough, thanks also to Alan Wallace who judged.

Vintage – 1st A Murdoch (qualified for next year's NZ Ploughing Championships)

2nd H Cosgrove- Davies

3rd M Glendining

Conventional –

1	I Woolley	210 pts
2	K Stokes	173.5 pts
3	R Casey	147.5 pts
4	K Readman	135.5pts

Methven Results

Methven PMA held their match on 8th of June 2019 on the property of Andrew Currie at Methven. There were excellent ground conditions but tufty long grass. The match took place on an early winter's day. It was a clear day with snow on the mountains and a cool wind from the south. Thanks to Andrew Currie for the loan of his paddock, to the judges, stewards, caterer and Dianne Weavers for adding the points. This was a non-qualifying event.

Gulf oil silver plough

		Points	Percentage
1	J Cridge	149	57.30%
2	A Mehrtens	138	53.07%
3	M Ridge	129.5	49.80%
4			

Johnson Gluyas New Holland Vintage Qualifying

		Points	Percentage
1	P Watson	155.5	59.80%
2	R Weavers	148	56.92%
3	C Boon (qualified)	125	48.07%
4	C Begg	113	43.46%

Vintage Open

		Points	Percentage
1	L Parnham	136	52.30%
2	E Barnes	120.5	46.34%
3	C Cross	115	44.23%

Rural News Horse

		Points	Percentage
1	J and S Chynoweth	164	63.07%

Best plot on ground J and S Chynoweth
 Best district ploughing R Weavers
 2nd best district ploughing M Ridge

Report completed by Sandy Redmond

Lincoln Results

Lincoln Ploughing Association held their match on the 6th of July 2019 on the property of PGG Wrightson Seeds at Springs Road, Lincoln. Rain on the grounds the previous day made the ground ideal to plough. The day was overcast and cold with a brief period of light rain after lunch. We had 28 competitors, 11 in the Silver Plough Conventional/Reversible class with 4 trying to qualify, 10 in the Open plain, 4 in vintage and 2 horse teams ploughing. We celebrated 150 years since the Lincoln Ploughing Match committee held their first match at Prebbleton in July 1869. Competitors, judges, stewards and committee were given a special certificate to mark the occasion. We had afternoon tea and prizegiving at the Broadfield Hall. We then had an evening meal at the Lincoln Hotel, just as they did in 1869. We celebrated with a toast proposed by our sponsor, Canterbury Champion sponsor and NZPA sponsor Mr Merv Prebble of Prebble Seeds and a slice of anniversary cake make by Mrs Nerolie Stalker. Thanks to Lincoln Scouts for lunch in the hay shed, Lincoln Cancer Society, our judges, stewards and sponsors.

Gulf oil silver plough conventional and Farmlands Fuel Reversible

		Points	Percentage
1	Ashley Seaton	193.5	69.1
2	James Burnby	170.5	60.8
3	Ken Readman (qualified)	150.5	57.8
4	Simon Reed	150	50.6

Open Plain

		Points	Percentage
1	Bob Mehrtens	99	
2	Win Ashe	91	
3	Hamish George	75	
4	Lyle Parnham	72	

Vintage

		Points	Percentage
1	Pearce Watson	101	
2	Robert Weavers	90	
3	Colin Boon	75	
4	Alistair Chambers		

Rural News Horse

		Points	Percentage
1	John and Sharon Chynoweth	111	
2	John Booth and Alistair Earl	81	

Best ploughed plot on ground Ashley Seaton
 Best district ploughing Hamish George
 Best finish by district plough person Hamish George
 Best Body work in Silver plough/Reversible Ken Readman

Report completed by Judith Smith

Canterbury Vintage Results

Canterbury Vintage and Horse Plough – Off was held on Sunday 7th July on the property of M and G Winter and Family at Swannanoa.

Results were as follows:

Alistair Chambers and Colin Booth will be representing Canterbury at Takapau in 2020 as winners of the Canterbury Vintage Plough Off

Also going to the 2020 New Zealand Ploughing Championships representing Canterbury are John and Sharon Chynoweth, John Booth and Jim Earl. They are the winners of the Canterbury Horse Plough Off.

Simon Reed qualified in the conventional class and Adam Mehrtens also qualified for Takapau in 2020. Two qualifiers were taken from here because Marlborough did not have a qualifying winner at their event in June.

Sedgemere Results

Ploughing Weekend 24th and 25th August

Well it's the time of year when all the official competition ploughing matches for the Canterbury area are over and it's time for some fun and more relaxed ploughing and friendly competition and time for some new people to try their skills. Also, it's a way of raising money for the Sedgemere Hall Committee.

This match always draws a good field of plough people as some just lough for the weekend but not in any other matches. This match is judged so there is the competition side to it also. It was two good days with fine weather and no rain, the ground conditions were good and the soil was in good condition, as one ploughman said we haven't seen so many worms for a long time. The furrows held together well as it was a clover grass mix with a few small patches of silty sand so made for easy ploughing.

Some of the competitors came from long distances, one from the middle of the North Island and a good group from South Canterbury but most were locals.

Saturday saw 32 competitors entered, these were put in 3 classes

Novice 12, Hydraulic 6, Open Vintage 11, Horse 2, Coulter Cut 1, unfortunately only 1 horse team ended up making it to the weekend.

Results

Novice class 1st Bruce Graham 94 pts 2nd Neville Smith 84 points

Hydraulic class 1st Robert Weavers 132 pts 2nd Robert Casey 122 pts

Open class 1st Pearce Watson 110 pts 2nd Hamish George 82 pts

Horse class John Booth and Ben 78 pts Coulter Cut Allen Redmond 88 pts

Sunday the same entries minus the coulter cut competitor

Novice class 1st Bruce Graham 82 pts 2nd Dave Gamble 74 pts 3rd Neville Smith 54 pts

Hydraulic class 1st Matt Ridge 110pts/2nd Robert Weavers 110pts/3rd Robert Casey 95 pts

Open class 1st John Stalker 128 pts 2nd Pearce Watson 103 pts 3rd Bruce Cameron 97pts

Horse class John Booth and Ben 84pts

Thanks to all those who make it all happen, those are the land owners L & S Parnham, a big thank you to you both for all the work you put into this two-day event.

Sponsors, it is good to see so many come forward for this event. Thank you to the organisers and all the workers who set out the plots for the competitors so the fun can commence on time. Competitors, some travel long distances for this event. Judges, they all give up their time to come along and help make it a success. Meals, well it's a big job for the ladies, but everyone gets well fed with good healthy food. If I didn't mention you please take this as a thank you. Well what a weekend, it is just great, lean a little more while doing what we all enjoy, the art of ploughing. Thanks to whoever came up with the idea of this weekend, it's always a great event. I get involved because I believe in it and most of all enjoy it!

Abridged report by Bill Ward

Reporoa and Rotorua Results

REPOROA / ROTORUA PLOUGHING ASSOCIATION

Match Report

In fine, dry and calm conditions the Reporoa / Ploughing Association hosted its 62nd annual match on the property of Alan & Alison Wills on Saturday September 28th.

We hosted a field of 15 competitors; Silver Plough Class 5, Vintage 8 and 2 horse teams.

The paddock was sprayed out pasture and the plots were a little short of full size to get everyone in.

Results.

Silver Plough;	1 st Malcolm Taylor	72.5 %pts
	2 nd Kelvin Stokes	65.96 %pts
	3 rd Angela Taylor	64.81%pts
Vintage	1 st Elvery Hunt	185 pts
	2 nd Paul Houghton	171.5 pts
	3 rd Rex Anderson	171 pts
Horse	1 st Derrick Thornton	130pts
	2 nd Fred Pilling	

Special Trophies

The Pedlar Handicap Trophy, Malcom Taylor

The Percy Philips Vintage Trophy, Elvery Hunt

The Millar Trophy for the Horse Class, Derrick Thornton

The Bryan and Beryl Wills Trophy contested by the Horse and Vintage Classes, Elvery Hunt

The day concluded with a BBQ, the Prize Giving and the presentation of a Reporoa / Rotorua Ploughing Association Life Membership to Colin Millar.

Alan Wills

Takapau Results

The Takapau Ploughing Match was held 5th October 2019 on the property of the Minehan Family, Speedy road. It rained previously but dried out well due to the light Stoney soil and the strong gusty winds. Surprisingly did not upset Fred Pilling's horses Bonnie and Jude!

There were 15 ploughmen. 5 Silver, Angela Taylor qualifying. Due to 2 articles in the paper there was a good turnout of local support.

Thank you to the Judges and Stewards and Caterers and points compilers and Sponsors, without all this help it would not have been such a great competition.

	Silver Plough	
1st	Malcolm Taylor (REV)	211.5
2nd	Kelvin Stokes	191.5
3rd	Angela Taylor	189
4th	John Guy	145.5

	Vintage Ploughing	
1st	Paul Haughton	209
2nd	Ian McSporran	166
3rd	Elvery Hunt	163
4th	Rex Anderson	128

Horses Fred Pilling 40 points.

Wairarapa Results

Wairarapa Ploughing Match Association held its Annual Match on 6th October at the Rayner Property at Gladstone. 16 Ploughmen attended. It was a very good day with members of the public attending. It rained the night before.

Gulf Oil Silver Plough

1st Malcolm Taylor
2nd Kelvin Stokes

Vintage Ploughing

1st Paul Houghton
2nd Elvery Hunt

Vintage Open

1st Peter Noaro
2nd John Brookie

Barbara Wilson

South Otago Results

Gulf Oil Silver Plough and Farmlands Fuel Reversible

1 st	Scott McKenzie	183.5	70.58%
2 nd	Murray Baird	183	65.36%
3 rd	James Burnby	164	58.57%

Johnson Gluyas New Holland Vintage Ploughing

1 st	Murray Grainger	184.5	70.96%
2 nd	Alister Rutherford	153	58.85%
3 rd	Graham Anderson	153	58.85%

Classic

1 st	Len Baineaves	120.5	46.35%
2 nd	Ross Middleton	98	37.69%
3 rd	Colin Hitchcock	76.5	29.42%

Although the weather leading up to the match was VERY intermittent, the day of the match was one out of the box, being warm, sunny and not a breath of wind. The match was held on the dairy farm of Mr Eion Young in Clinton. The paddock certainly showed sign of the previous wet weather, but ploughed well. Being dairy pasture, the grass was probably longer than a normal sheep pasture paddock, but it was the same for everyone, and apart from the odd opening glitch, the ploughmen soon had the land sorted.

From the paddock, everyone moved to the Clinton Tavern for eats, prizegiving and later the Otago/Southland meeting.

Neil Gamble



Murray Grainger



John Wild



Murray Baird

Obituaries

Warner Gruber (USA), Henry and Gene's father
John Goldsworthy (Goldie) Michael Bent
Donald McCullough (Geraldine)
Joan Simpson (Joan's husband Wilf ploughed in Holland in 1972)
Noeline Hurst (Oamaru) Edna Horsnell (Waimate)
John Hay (Waimate)

Angela Taylor



My childhood years were spent growing up as an only child, in the famous Cotswold's area, in Gloucestershire, UK. During my school years I occupied my spare time with riding & caring for horses & ponies at the local riding school, being able to stable my first pony there when I was just 8 years old, thus starting the equine passion of a lifetime. After finishing school, I studied at Hartpury Agriculture College in 1970, gaining a Degree in National Certificate in Agriculture, which enabled me to have a good alround knowledge for a future in farming. My parents moved across the road from where Malcolm's family leased a dairy farm, where we met over a bottle of milk, we were married in 1974 at the local church, and our honeymoon was onboard a boat sailing to New Zealand, alongside Malcolm's brother and his wife. Which came about after an advert in the UK Farmers Weekly by the South Auckland Dairy Association requesting farm workers as NZ farms were short of help. 50 Couples & families moved over that year, Malcolm & I were placed on a 2 year contract, on a dairy farm near Morrinsville in the Central North Island, after which we were granted residency, and farmed a further 5 years on 50/50 share milking to climb the financial ladder to be able to buy our first dairy farm in 1981 with help from my Dad who sold his house in the UK & moved over to live with us and retire. During this time, we had two children Richard & Linda, whilst farming I continued my passion for horses, with starting a Welsh Cob equine breeding, "Kia Kaha Stud" with Malcolm and the kids in 1982. In 1989 we sold our first farm to purchase and convert a sheep & beef farm into dairy at the rear of the Village of Arapuni, near the Waikato River still in Central North Island. By then our third child Jo had been born, as did many foals for the breeding stud, of which I still have one now, at his ripe age of 34years (approx 136 in human years). During the late 1990' between dairy farming, horses, kids and round bale silage contracting we progressed to buy two neighbouring farms to expand the farm size to 400 acres of dairy farming, running two cowsheds. Richard is since married with two kids and moved to Newark in England, using his farming knowledge & agriculture engineering degrees to use on his wife's family arable farm for the time being. Linda, Jo & Myself focused on horses though the years, Linda lived in California USA for 4 years with a Show Jumping and Breeding yard, traveling all around the West coast & to the famous Calgary multiple times, now many years after her return to NZ, she now drives fertiliser trucks for Wealleans Groundspread while living on the family farm with her twin girls. While Jo worked through pony club, Show Jumping and into Mounted Games, a riding discipline in which involves bending, balloon bursting, flag races and more, which took her to Sweden representing team NZ on borrowed ponies, while a small back injury caused her to retire from horses some years later, she made her way onto closed circuit motorcycles, where she met her partner, together they now own their own Road & Race Motorcycle Service business, based from my 20 acres lifestyle block near Tirau, for the time being, whilst competing both on the NZ circuits and internationally, having spent a total of 9 months living abroad in Italy, for the past two years. While keeping extremely busy with the horse breeding, farming, making games equipment for the NZ Mounted Games association & taking the children to numerous competitions, a highlight of those times was taking two of the horses we bred on a week trip, riding 600kms around the Coromandel Peninsula, in the year 2000, setting up camp with 300 other riders, and walkers in a different spot each night. Since 2007, once the kids were older, I have been competition ploughing in the conventional class, I find it very challenging but enjoyable to push the limits of what I can accomplish, I find the animals simpler to work with some days. I have won numerous trophies from matches all around the country, and enjoy meeting and seeing familiar faces each year, with my best placing at the NZ finals so far being 4th place, including 3 medals. More recently we have divided the 400 acre dairy farm, with Malcolm taking one half and myself taking the other and running them separately. Like ploughing in different soils each completion, owning my own farm is challenging my skills in more new ways than ever and I welcome the challenge, during what spare time I have, I spend it with my grandchildren here, and making trips back to England every 3 years to visit Family & friends including Richard and his family.

New Zealand ploughing 2019

Firstly, we would like to start by thanking everyone who took the time to accommodate and put up with us during our time in New Zealand. Especially to those who organized tractors ploughs and equipment, as it was of an exceptional caliber. Pryde and Myself couldn't have been happier to have arrived somewhere unfamiliar but to feel so at home. Our journey started on 23rd of May, Myself, Danielle and Pryde flew in to Christchurch keen and ready to learn but most of all to turn over some New Zealand dirt. We made our way to Bruce and Sandy Redmond's in Methven and stayed with them while we practiced and competed, their hospitality was exceptional.

On Friday the 24th of May after Pryde and Myself set up tractors and ploughs we were ready for practice; we couldn't have been any more grateful to Allan Begg and his family for allowing us the ground to do so. After a few hours practice we were set to compete.

Our First competition was at Ashburton on Saturday the 25th of May. Excited and nervous we competed, Ground conditions, to us, were perfect and the weather was impeccable. Competitors were of a very high standard which was great to see. It was fantastic to see that horse drawn ploughing was still active and it was a sight to behold.

Our second competition, Sunday the 26th of May, was the Young farmers comp which was held at Hinds. Excited, nervous but more tuned in and focused we were keen to plough again. The ground conditions were different to the previous day which made for tougher ploughing, but the weather was as good as the day before.

Over the next few days we cleaned tractors and ploughs then returned them. It was then time to have a look around and the countryside was full of things to see and do. Everything was so neat and tidy! After leaving Bruce and Sandy we made our way to stay with Adam Mehrstens who took us around to see the sights before leaving South Canterbury to make our way to Blenheim.

After our road trip to Blenheim we met our new hosts Ian and Jenny Woolley who received us with open arms. Soon after arriving we made our way to the paddock to check over our tractors and ploughs and put them in the ground. After a few minor adjustments we were set to compete.

The competition in Blenheim was held on Sunday the 2nd of June. After practicing the day before with it snowing in the hills the weather was a lot friendlier to say the least. The ground conditions couldn't have been any better. We were sure it was the only piece of ground left in the valley that didn't have grapes planted on it. The competitors were something to be seen, and to compete next to ploughmen that have been in a world competition made for spectacular viewing. People had made their way from the competitions in the south to be there and was great to see some familiar faces. The days to come saw Pryde leave Myself and Danielle as we made our way on to the north island. There we met up and stayed with other New Zealand ploughmen who included the world chairman and the New Zealand chairman which made for some interesting, funny and informative conversations.

We are very grateful for the mateship and friendships we have made on this trip and hope to be back again to see all of you soon. We also hope to see many of you in Australia in the near future as well.

Once again, a huge thank you from the Aussies Morgan, Pryde and Danielle.



Left to Right:

Pryde Ingles and Morgan Waters at Blenheim Match.

Winners of the 64th NZ Ploughing Championships 2019

From left to right Chris Johnson (representing Johnson Gluyas -New Holland) John Stalker, Pearce Watson, Paul Houghton, Bob Mehrstens, Scott McKenzie, Mark Dillon and John Campbell (representing Farmlands Fuel) Melissa Jobson is kneeling at the front (Melissa presented medallions to Paul, Scott and Bob on behalf of the Royal Agricultural Society of New Zealand for excellence in agriculture.)



July Executive Meeting Items of Interest

- NZPA incurred no costs towards the second prize giving
- All competitors are required to wear NZPA approved overalls and failure to do so will be penalized. Willy is the contact person for overalls.
- As of the 1st of January, all competitors' crowns consist of 4 rounds.
- The executives are investigating ways of saving money. They have decided that it is no longer a requirement for all executive to visit the site of the future New Zealand Ploughing Championships as part of the November meeting
- Also, as a way of cutting costs, it has been approved that all reimbursements for all executive members have ceased other than for goods and services
- In response to replies we have received from Associations in regards to the questionnaire, competitors are now asked to provide their own lunches at a NZ final. Judges/helpers/stewards will get their lunch provided. All competitors, judges, helpers and stewards are invited to join us in the NZPA tent at the conclusion of the day's competition for some hot pies and a drink
- It was decided that the Cook Strait travel grant remain at \$400 for first time competitors but be reduced to \$200 for all other competitors

Regarding inter islander travel:

NZPA has obtained very favourable discounted rates from the Inter-islander, for people travelling to and from the 2020 National Ploughing Championships being held in Takapau

The discounted rates are available for anyone travelling to the Championships (trucks, trailers, cars, utes etc)

There is a correct process (along with simple conditions) which must be complied with, to obtain the above discounts
Interested people can find further information from any NZPA Executive member

Next NZPA Executive Meeting November 20th and 21st 2019 in Methven.

Deadline for articles for December newsletter is
4th of December 2019

Lincoln Ploughing Association 150th Anniversary

After the days ploughing, the prize giving and afternoon tea was held in the Broadfields community centre. New Zealand Ploughing Association President Mr Willy Willetts addressed the gathering.

As was done 150 years ago, a celebratory dinner was held. It was attended by about 65 committee, plough people and friends at "The Famous Grouse Hotel" Lincoln. This was the very hotel where 45 people sat down, under the name of the "Perthshire Arms Hotel" 150 years earlier.

On this occasion Mr Paul Murphy was the master of ceremonies. Grace was said by one of our patrons and secretary Mrs Judith Smith. After the main course Mr John Stalker gave a brief outline of the history of the association.

This was followed by an address by Mr Mery Prebble, a great supporter of the Lincoln Association. He proposed a toast to the Lincoln Association. A celebratory cake made by Mrs N. Stalker and suitably decorated with pictures of horses ploughing, a model tractor and a 6-furrow reversible plough was cut by our associations two patrons Mr Peter Carter and Mrs Judith Smith.

Thanks to all our sponsors, some having been with the association for many years and it was great to have the Executive of the NZPA on site at the ploughing also.

Thanks to the Lincoln Ploughing Match Assn Committee for arranging the event.

An update of the association's history of our association entitled "The Next Nineteen Years ,2000-2019" has been completed. A follow up of the earlier "The First 131 Years, 1869-2000".

This is available from the Secretary Mrs Judith Smith at \$5.00 per copy.

Report by John Stalker



150th Anniversary Cake

Accommodation	Takapau	N.Z. Championships
Name	Address	Contact
Tuki Tuki Motels	Herbert street Waipukurau	Tuki.tuki.motel@xtra.co.nz 068589206
Fergusson Lodge	11 Peel street. Waipukurau	06 8585221 fergussons.motor.lodge@xtra.co.co
Thornton Lodge Motel	Takapau road SH2 Waipukurau. Good truck parking	0800 846768 thortonlodge@xtra.co.nz
Waipukurau Holiday Park	20 River tce Waipukurau	06 8588184 wpkhp@xtra.co.nz
Leopard Hotel	4-10 Ruataniwha st. Waipukurau	06-8589196 jklorck@xtra.co.nz
Strawstone Homestay	341 Racecourse rd. Waipukurau	06 8586587
The Vicarage B&B	62 Porangahau rd Waipukurau	06 8586369. elaine.king@xtra.co.nz
Pippin Park B&B	295 Porangahau rd Waipukurau	06 8585147. pippinpark@xtra.co.nz
Maple Grove Homestay	5 Sydney St. Takapau	06-8558946. paul@maple-grove.co.nz
Ashcott Homestead B&B	Highway 50	021 0660820. beamishnatalie@gmail.com
Ash Cottage B&B	1096 Ashcott rd Takapau	0274667751. info@ashcottage.co.nz
Kashmir Cottage	Kashmir rd. Ashley Clinton	06 8558335. castubbs@xtra.co.nz
Gwavas Homstead B&B	5740 Highway 50, Tikokino	06 8565810. info@gwavasgarden.co.nz
Lindsay Road B&B	Lindsay road Waipukurau	06 8586051, susangrayson962@gmail.com
The Park Lodge	542 Makaretu rd Ashley Clinton	06 8556806. Larry.jane@whitegroup.co.nz
BackPaddock Lakes	314 Speedy road Ashley Clinton	0274182792 hello@backpaddocklakes.co.nz
Sawyers Arms Hotel /For Sale	Highway 50, Tikokino	06 8565446. www.tikokinocountryhotel.co.nz
Dunroamin	330 Ashley Clinton road	0273030326
Dannevirke	Is 25mins -34klm from Takapau	
Viking Lodge Motel	180 High st. Dannevirke	0800 279271/063746669 www.vikinglodgemotel.co.nz
Destinations Motor Lodge	197 High st., Dannevirke	0800 172777. destinations.motel@xtra.co.nz
Mangatera Hotel	391 High street Dannevirke	06 374 8086
Abbotsford Oaks Waipawa	85 Abbotsford road Waipawa	06 8578960
Tarata Homestay	1544 Pagets road Takapau	06 855 8967
Takapau Motorhome Park	5 Nancy street Takapau	06 8558929
There are over 100 homestays in	Central Hawkes Bay area online.	

Registration for the New Zealand Ploughing Championships 2020

Held at 279 Nelsons Road, off Highway 50. Takapau 4' & 5th April 2020

First Name _____ Last Name _____

Partner _____ Last Name _____

Email Address _____ Phone; Home _____ Mobile _____

Please Indicate: Competitor — Judge — Executive — Steward --- Supporter.

Registrations must be in by 28th Feb. 2020. Late Registrations Cost \$50.00.

Registration Fee \$10.00 per person

Practice days Wednesday, 1 April & Thursday, 2 April, 279 Nelson Rd.

I/We wish to attend the following functions:

Ice Breaker Evening, Tuesday 31st March, 7 pm. Number attending _____ \$5.00 each, Total _____

To be held at the Takapau Town hall. Super & Cash Bar

A.G.M. Meeting Thurs. Evening at Oruawharo Number attending _____ No Charge

Rededication Service, Mayoral reception, Plot Draw, Luncheon.

379 Oruawharo Road, Friday 3rd April, Starts 10 am Number attending _____ No Charge

Following this function, a bus trip will leave Oruawharo 1 [pm to](#) Severinsens hunting museum & medieval weaponry, then option to Norsewear shop, Norsewood, OR to Pfp Fertiliser manufacturing, Waipukurau.

Number to Severinsens' _____ \$60.00 Total _____

Number onto Norsewear _____ \$10.00 Total _____ Number to fertiliser store _____ No charge

Names _____

Extra two-day gate Passes. Under 16 years Free Number required _____ \$15. Per day. Total _____

Awards & Dinner Evening Sunday 5th April Held

at Takapau Town Hall

Number attending _____ \$ 60.00 pp. Total _____

Limited to 200

Total Paid _____

Lunches can be purchased each day at the practice site. Signs will be posted from the main Takapau road.

Cheques to be payable to; Takapau Ploughing 2020

Or Direct Credit BNZ account; 020780-0013653-01

USE your Name as reference

Email; ianhelenmac@xtra.co.nz or

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Cl^r H.J. McSporran

171 Kaiwaka road,

R.D.1 Napier. 4181

Phone; 06 836 5013 or text; 027 6001107

If you send me your email you will receive confirmation of payment.

Function tickets will be in your registration packs

to be picked up at the Ice Breaker Evening.



Ashcott Homestead

Bed & Breakfast

2318 Highway 50, Ashley Clinton • 021 066 0820
www.ashcalthomestead.com • ashcalthomestead@gmail.com
 Hosts – Natalie & David • 3 rooms, 6 people
Spring Fling Deal: Book for two or more nights and receive 10% off when you quote Spring Fling 2019, and receive a beautiful bottle of Ashcott Homestead Chardonnay



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Bed & Breakfast

482 Hunter Road, Porangahau • 06 855 5119
www.chapelwick.co.nz • stay@chapelwick.co.nz
 Hosts – Deborah, Sandra & Pat • 4 rooms, 12 people



Fergussons Motor Lodge

Motel

11 Peel Street, Waipukurau • 06 858 5221
www.fergussonsmotorlodge.co.nz
fergussonsmotorlodge@xtra.co.nz
 Hosts – Richard & Sandra Buddle • 12 Rooms
Spring Fling Deal: Book to stay at Fergusson's during the month of September and receive \$10 off your room, book direct using the code FMLSP19



Gwavas Garden & Homestead

Bed & Breakfast

5740 State Highway 50, Tikokino • 06 856 5810
www.gwavasgarden.co.nz • info@gwavasgarden.co.nz
 Hosts – Phyllida & Stuart • 3 rooms, 6 people



Ludlow Farmstay Rural Farmstay

Bed & Breakfast

White 53 Drumpeel Road, Otane • 06 856 8348
ludlow.white@xtra.co.nz
 Hosts – Gwen & Neil • 3 bedrooms, 6 people
Spring Fling Deal: Stay for 6 nights, 7th night is free. Includes Farm tour and a bottle of Church Road 'Gwen' Rose on arrival



Mangarara Eco-Lodge

Lodge

298 Mangarara Road, Otane 4277
 021 123 4567 or 06 8584343
www.mangarara.co.nz • greg@thefamilyfarm.co.nz
 Hosts – Greg & Rachel • 17 people
 Enjoy a free farm tour and visit the newborn animals and hang out with the farmer on "The Family Farm"



The Park Lodge

Rural Home

Makaratu Road, Ashley Clinton • 06 855 6806
larry.jane@whitegroup.co.nz
 Hosts – Jane and Larry • Whole house, 7 people
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Thornton Lodge

Motel

2307 Takapau Rd, Waipukurau • 06 8588004 or 0800 846 768
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