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Methven Ploughing Association Match report Sunday 28/6/25

After two postponements we held our annual match at Highbank in a stubble paddock kindly loaned by Bill Burrows on Methven/Barrhill/ Rakaia Rd.

The day was fine and warm, excellent soil conditions with just a bit of mud in the gateway. Because there was only one competitor in the Silver plough section present who hadn't qualified it ended up not being a qualifying event.

Thanks to the judges and points compiler and our sponsors.

Results

Silver Plough

1st Tryphena Carter 68.08 %

2nd Bob Mehrstens 65.96%

3rd Henry Williams 62.86%

Vintage Qualifying

1st Robert Weavers 68.65%

2nd Dave Allan 66.35%

3rd Bruce Graham 64.81%

Horses

1st John and Sharon Chynoweth 65.19%

Champion Ploughman Tryphena Carter

Best District Ploughman Matt Ridge

Report Bruce Redmond

Contemporary

1st Olly Maw 46.35%

2nd Jeff Richards 43.46%

3rd Keith Merrychurch 40.96%

Vintage Open

1st Malcolm Cretney 61.35%

2nd Danie Oosthuizen 52.31%

3rd Lyall Parnham 51.15%



Danie Oosthuizen



John Wild

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Mid Canterbury Vintage Machinery Club

This non qualifying match was held on the 21st June, a largely sunny but cool day, after being postponed from the 14th as a result of all the wet weather Canterbury has had so far this year. The paddock of short clover stubble on the property of Matthew and Julia Paton at Wakanui was in good condition for ploughing, following a week of dry weather and a couple of days with a norwest breeze. It was a bit greasy on top for awhile after a heavy shower went through just prior to the start of the match.

We had a good number of competitors, considering this was a non qualifying event, with 27 entries, consisting of 3 Silver Conventional, 5 Contemporary, 9 Vintage Qualifying, 5 Vintage Open, 4 Farmers Class, and 1 Horse Team. It was great to have 3 competitors from outside of Canterbury who traveled considerable distances to join in our match. The Afternoon Tea and Prize Giving was held in the Club's rooms at the A&P Showgrounds in Ashburton.

Results;

Silver Plough Conventional

1. Tryphena Carter 100 points
2. Matt Ridge 98.5 points
3. Josh Rushton 77.5 points

Contemporary

1. Keith Marychurch 64.5 points
2. Kerry Mansell 61 points
3. Robin Holmes 61 points
4. Geoff Richards 51 points
5. Donald Macaskill 48.5 points

Vintage Qualifying

1. Robert Weavers 192.5 points
2. Murray Grainger 181 points
3. Dave Allan 160 points
4. Paula Jordan 152 points
5. John Wild 142 points
6. Pearce Watson 140 points
7. Colin Boon 132 points
8. David Hight 130 points
9. Danie Oosthuzien 118.5 points

Classic or Vintage Open

1. Neil Campbell 70 points
2. Geoff Corbett 62 points
3. Malcolm Cretney 58 points
4. Roger Smith 55.5 points
5. David Bredding 55 points

Horses

1. John & Sharyn Chynoweth 103 points

Farmers Class

1. Charlie Crozier 4 furrow
2. Liam Sloper 7 furrow
3. Will Paton 6 furrow
4. Hamish Paton 6 furrow





North Island Conference

Each year all place getters at North Island club events get ranking points (3 for first, 2 for second and 1 for third) and at the end of the season these are totalled up and trophies are presented to the aggregate winners. The 2 trophies contested are the WR Clough Memorial Cup for conventional and reversible classes and the Dench-Hunt trophy for Vintage class.

At this years NI regional ploughing conference in Taupo Malcolm Taylor won the WR Clough Memorial cup and Ian Cocker the Dench-Hunt trophy.

Colin Milar was also honoured by the conference with the presentation of a model tractor and plough in recognition for his dedication to ploughing at all levels.



Malcolm Taylor receiving the WR Clough Memorial cup from Campbell Agnew



Colin Milar receiving a mark of appreciation from Ian McSporran on behalf of the NI Ploughing family.



Ian Cocker receiving the Dench-Hunt trophy from Campbell Agnew

Reversible

Position	Competitor	Score	%
1	J Burnby	147.5	52.68%

Conventional

Position	Competitor	Score	%
1	M Dillon	174.5	67.12%
2	T Carter	157.5	60.58%
3	B Mehrtens	157	60.38%
4	D Gladwell	156	60.00%
5	T Sime	144	55.38%
6	J Watt	141	54.23%
7	B McKenzie	110.5	42.50%
8	R Mehrtens	98	37.69%
9	R Casey	15.5	5.96%

Taieri Ploughing - 12 July RESULTS



Vintage

Position	Competitor	Score	%
1	M Grainger	169	65.00%
2	D Allan	155.5	59.81%
3	J Wild	152.5	58.65%
4	B Graham	141	54.23%
5	B Clearwater	85.5	32.88%

Horses

Position	Competitor	Score	%
1	Blair & Scott	159.5	61.35%

Classic

Position	Competitor	Score	%
1	C Hitchcock	122.5	47.12%
2	K Mansell	109.5	42.12%
3	L Balneaves	87	33.46%



The Executive held their latest meeting in Gore.

- NZPA are looking to purchase a good quality second hand shipping container to use for storage. If you happen to know of one for sale can you please contact your local executive member.
- Up coming Power Farming New Zealand Ploughing Championships dates: Methven 18-19 April 2026, Hinds 17-18 April 2027, Waikato 2028
- Thanks to all who have hosted Russell Mehrtens and Daniel Gladwell from Australia. It has been fantastic having the Australian Exchange up and running again.
- Czech Republic World Ploughing Contest 2025 - We have had a change in the team roles for those travelling overseas. Richard Dillon is going to judge at the World Contest for us and the role of Manager will be Sonia Dillon (with support from Ken Readman in NZ)

2029 WORLD PLOUGHING CONTEST

held on the Waimea Plains -
Riversdale

Plans are well underway with several meetings being held, with over 20 interested people coming along to help out. The organising sub committee has been formed and is made up of the following:

- **Chairperson - Nigel Woodhead** - sheep, beef, forestry farmer from Milton, involved in many leadership and governance roles. Nigel has held leadership roles within New Zealand Young Farmers and Tokomairiro A and P Association to name but a few, as well as being a previous winner of the New Zealand Young Farmer of the Year. Nigel was also one of our first contemporary ploughing competitors
- **Vice Chairperson** - Graham Miller
- **Treasurer** - Gary Fitzgerald NZPA treasurer
- **Chairperson of Financial Sub Committee** - Tryphena Carter
- **Secretary** - Sarah McCully NZPA general secretary
- **Accommodation and Tour packages** - Sarah Clinton -

SOUTH OTAGO RESULTS

Reversible

Position	Competitor	Score	%
1	James B	189	67.50%

Conventional

Position	Competitor	Score	%
1	Bob M	178	68.46%
2	Mark D	174.5	67.12%
3	Daniel G	157.5	60.58%
4	Thomas C	151	58.08%
5	Tryphena C	150	57.69%
6	Brad M	129	49.62%
7	Russell M	127	48.85%
8	Jake W	114.5	44.04%
9	Robert C	0	0%

Vintage

Position	Competitor	Score	%
1	Dave A	169.5	65.19%
2	Bruce G	167.5	64.42%
3	John W	166.5	64.04%
4	Murray G	163.5	62.88%
5	Bill C	89	34.23%

Horses

Position	Competitor	Score	%
1	Blair & Scott	168.5	64.81%

Classic

Position	Competitor	Score	%
1	Lenny B	118	45.38%
2	Colin H	96	36.92%
3	Kerry M	91	35.00%



This photo and the others from the Mid Canterbury Ploughing match come from Struan Christie via the Mid Canterbury Vintage Machinery Club Facebook page