

# CLYDESDALE TRIBUNE

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*EDITORIAL*

Welcome everyone to another edition of the Clydesdale Tribune. The Clydesdale world is enjoying an exciting and prosperous time currently with 3 newly imported stallions/colts not to mention the local horses coming through the ranks. Congratulations to Sylvia Vriend with Wolf Mound's King of Hearts from the USA, Paul Power, Colin Drummond and Fergus O'Connor with Box Valley Scania and Bill Affleck with Beereega Lord Carrick (both from Australia). It was also great to see the resurrection of the Nelson A&P Show (thanks in large part to Phil and Sue Amberger) and I have just received confirmation that Clydesdales will be on show at The Royal Easter Show in Auckland this April with a full breed classes on offer for next year. The ongoing success of the Royal Show in Canterbury has also been excellent for our breed as I'm sure Horse of the Year 2009 will be too. This year sees our involvement in HOY expand to include an in hand competi-

tion as the organisers are so happy with our ongoing participation in what is NZ's biggest show. It was also excellent to see an awesome photo of Steve Muggeridge's team ploughing on the front cover of the "Straight Furrow" rural newspaper - thats leading from the front from our North Island publicity officer.

We have also moved a long way forward with our website (thanks webmaster Gareth Pryce) and now have a site to be proud of with excellent information, news, for sale ads, show results and more. I really urge everyone to use the site as it benefits us all. We also have a new secretary - me. I can only now (after 6 months in the job) really appreciate the extraordinary job that Vivien Simmons (my predecessor) achieved in her time as secretary. Thanks Viv, you're a hard act to follow.

*Paul Stroobant*

# Annual General Meeting 2008

The annual general meeting of the Clydesdale Horse Society of New Zealand (Inc) was held at Hamilton on Friday 16 May 2008. Forty seven members attended. Listed below are some of the details.

## *Condolences*

Keith Stewart - Canterbury

Wally Allen - Taranaki K Bayne - Balclutha

Lindsay Aitcheson - Manurewa

## *Council*

The council remains almost the same with the exception of Keith Stewart (passed away) and the inclusion of Vivien Simmons.

## *Publicity Officers*

Steve Muggeridge remains the North Island Publicity Officer but a new South Island representative is required as Alan Vliet Vlielanders expressed his desire to step down from this position after 6 years.

## *Subscription*

The annual subscription was confirmed at \$50 and life membership at \$500.

## *Webmaster*

A new webmaster was appointed - Gareth Pryce from Cambridge.

## *Presentation of Trophies*

Silver Medal - Canterbury Royal Show, Liz Dalzell  
Coldstream McKinlay  
- Morrinsville A&P, B&C Signal  
Sugar Creek Isabel

Wright Stephenson Trophy - stallion 4 years and  
over at a Royal Show  
- Drummond/Power/O'Connor  
Narioka Vagabond

Murrayfield Trophy - Supreme Champion  
Clydesdale at a Royal Show

Murray Doreen retrieved this trophy and displayed it at the meeting (see pic). The winner since 2001 to be engraved upon the plinth.

## *RAS Rules*

Helen McKenzie spoke about some of the RAS rules and advised that information books and judging courses are available

## *Horse of the Year 2009*

Penelope Donaldson was appointed to take over from Paul Stroobant as co-ordinator and organiser of the Clydesdale section for the 2009 event.

## *Liz Dalzell and Ray Facer shifting to Australia*

Bob Hawkins spoke about the Dalzell's and what a great Clydesdale family they have been.

## *Secretary*

A vote of thanks was given to Vivien Simmons for her years as secretary and a silver and amber necklace was presented as a token of appreciation.

At a supplementary meeting of the Council - Paul Stroobant was employed as the new secretary.



*Fergus and Colin accept the Wright Stephenson Trophy and at right the Murrayfield Trophy.*



## *Council at 2008 AGM*

*Back Row: J. Morris, F.J. O'Connor, S.J. Muggeridge, F. Pilling, C. Drummond, B.Signal, R.J. Hawkins, P. Symes, A. Vliet Vlielanders, HPC McKenzie, Front Row: SC Thomas, VL Simmons, KJ Gillman, WL Affleck (A.Stevens absent)*



*Field day group outside Cambridge Stud*



*Kids in the wagon at Paul Symes' new shed*



*Gilbert Cooper & Rockwood Chieftain at Gareth & Jacqui Pryce's property*



*Michael Bent & Armageddon's Lord Samson*

# FIELD DAY 2008

First stop was Sir Patrick Hogan's famous Cambridge Stud where we were greeted by Sir Patrick (pictured at right) and then embarked on a guided tour of the stud's facilities. We also had a chance to see Zabeel - the super sire and son of the great Sir Tristram. Pictured below is a showcase of the apparatus required to manage Sir Tristram at breeding time. Next



stop was Gareth and Jacqui Pryce's property overlooking Lake Karapiro. An assortment of wagons and farm implements plus mares with printed pedigrees were presented. Rockwood Chieftain was also paraded. Just a short drive up the road and we were at Derrick Thornton's property where Derrick paraded his Clydesdale mares and working geldings. Fred Pilling also paraded Fellbeck Thomas the resident stallion. Then it was on the road again and off to Paul and Kathleen Symes new farm where an assortment of wagons were viewed in the new shed and then horses viewed in the new yards. An



*Fergus and Michael inspecting a breeding mare*

excellent lunch followed with plenty of time for a chat and another look over those wagons.

Last stop was Michael Bent's property where we were shown the mares Michael is currently using for breeding. We were then shown the American imported horse - Armageddon's Lord Samson who is the resident stallion. A letter of thanks was sent to Cambridge Stud thanking them for their hospitality. To all the families that opened their properties (and hearts) to all of us who attended the field day - on behalf of the Clydesdale Horse Society of NZ (Inc) please accept a huge thank you.

## AGM 2009

Friday 29 May 2009  
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Council meeting starts at 9.30am  
Annual General Meeting starts at 1.30pm  
Items for the agendas are open now and will close on April 1 2009. Nominations for the office bearers are now open and will close on April 1 2009. Councillors retiring by rotation are automatically eligible for re-election unless they choose to resign from the position.

Retiring 2009 are

S.Muggeridge, C.Drummond, B.Signal,  
K.Gillman, V.Simmons

K.Gillman has indicated he will not be  
restanding for president.

W.Affleck has been nominated as president  
by K.Gillman

seconded by P.Stroobant

# KING OF HEARTS

## *A modern day Clydesdale love story*

There is a story behind “King of Hearts” but it is perhaps as much about love, life and dreams as it is about horses. That and a promise to an elderly dying man: “You know how to take care of the mares, don't let anyone tell you otherwise”. I was very sad to lose Walter Allen (Wally) to illness. He had been my companion for 22 years but he was always so much more: a friend and a great mentor, imparting a happy enthusiasm for life and achieving goals on shoestring budgets. At first I just couldn't face his loss or the horses but slowly found a path to follow - and to fulfil his words and knowledge into the love of heavy horses. I met Wally at a harness club meeting in Taranaki and just seemed to get on well. I had a hackney pony and harness (but no gig!) and he was a retired builder/farmer restoring horse drawn vehicles. He had worked heavy horses regularly in his youth but had never had a registered purebred colt. With two ponies on 5 acres and the occasional colt for sale it wasn't long before a Clyde colt arrived: Craig's Sir Keith. At that stage pedigrees, clean hocks etc were all relatively unknown! As a show horse Keith was never a champion and we were worried when one all breed judge said he had “Ben Alder” hocks. It sounded like an unfortunate complaint!! And so began a long study into pedigrees, types build etc and truly Keith did have Ben Alder hocks: clean and strong. Keith had a superb temperament and was never happier than to be surrounded by small children all hanging onto his legs for support. He was regularly in parades around the district. The unwary child would be at risk from losing an icecream though. Even at 22 he was harnessed up and walked away as normal. Over time we decided to find a mare and bred our first clydie foal. And from there things just seemed to grow. The youngsters to start work and go to shows. But also to learn a lot about type, flat bone, shoulder slope. With a subscription to The Draft Horse Journal from the USA we got an insight into clydes overseas. Perhaps the greatest legacy Sir Keith gave us (over and above his pedigree) was that all his offspring were improvements on the mares. And with Keith's daughters in work the ploughing at Hamilton became an annual “holiday”.



*Wally and Sylvia with Sir Keith in the restored wagon*

Keith's daughters were bred to Lord Samson and these foals were very correct for type and excellent disposition. It was in the later years I became very ill and physically incapacitated. It was Wally's support and “joie de vivre” that kept me going. And it was only much later that I could appreciate just how good our working mares were. But as I became well Wally's age and illness caught up with him: he had been so timeless up till then. But it just seemed such a waste to give up on all the work and fun we'd had. With my physical ability still in some doubt I decided to follow pedigrees/types and breeding - the foals are such a delight to be around. But finding suitable stallions always involved a big trip for the mares. Via the Draft Horse Journal I knew one stallion I liked. Wally and I always gave each other impossible challenges or dreams and a colt from the USA was always one. And most challenges were met even if not in the original form!! Then I saw King of Hearts for sale. This horse had a strong pedigree (via stallions and mares) tracing back to Ayton Perfection, Dunure Footprint, Badrill Castle to name some. He also had strong show records through his parents so type was also correct. And by my understanding of pedigrees the colt with Ayton Perfection blood lines was the best choice for mares with Doura Perfection blood lines. King of Hearts will be my final legacy to Walter and his horses when he gave so much earlier on. I will never forget the tears of joy on his face when he saw Keith's first foal, and he held that young animal (big as it was!) like it was fragile glass and the



*Wally and Sylvia ploughing*



*Wolf Mound's King of Hearts at 8 months*



very essence of life itself. Walter taught me how to make dreams come true. King of Hearts will always be the ultimate dream for me and my horses but I hope he can add value to other clydie mares as well. His name says it all : born on the 14 February and to carry on Walter's dreams and hopes - he truly is "King of Hearts" . In acknowledgement to his breeders he is called Wolf Mound's King of Hearts.

## HORSE OF THE YEAR ENTRY FORMS

[www.hoy.co.nz](http://www.hoy.co.nz)

Entries are due in by February 14 2009  
Clydesdale classes are 21 & 22 March 2009

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## Website Report

The Societies new website has been up and running since July this year, since then thousands of visitors have viewed the website from within New Zealand to Australia, UK, USA, and around the world. The site has been designed to try and provide information for members and the general public.

The website contains the dates of upcoming shows, and results and photo's from all shows so far this year. You will also find all the forms needed including registration, membership, change of ownership and stallion returns.

There is also a very successful for sale section, so if you have any horses, equipment, or other Clydesdale related items this is a very good place to advertise.

Please take the time to look at the website and for it to work effectively we need input from our members so if you have any comments, suggestions, photo's, results, or items to be advertised please e-mail [gareth@blackwoodclydesdales.co.nz](mailto:gareth@blackwoodclydesdales.co.nz) or phone me on 07 823 3205



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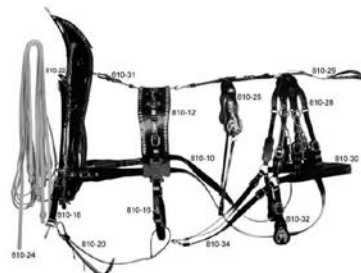
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# SHOW SEASON 2008/2009

## Nelson A&P Show Results 22-23rd November

Judge: Paul Power

Best Presented Class

- 1) Donnybrook Seamus (P Amberger)
- 2) Erewhon Opal (S Amberger)
- 3) Glen Lie Millie (J Hawkins)

Entire 3yrs & over Class

- 1) Donnybrook Seamus (P Amberger)

**Champion Entire**

Mare in foal or foal at foot

- 1) Erewhon Maggie (C Drummond)

**Supreme Champion**

Dry Mare Class

- 1) Glen Lie Millie (J Hawkins)
- 2) Donnybrook Kirsty (F O'Connor)
- 3) Donnybrook Marcella (F O'Connor)

Gelding any age Class

- 1) Donnybrook Dark (C Drummond)
- 2) Erewhon Ferg (J Hawkins)
- 3) Erewhon Major (C Drummond)

Best Walking Clydesdale Class

- 1) Erewhon Hazel (C Drummond)
- 2) Glen Lie Millie (J Hawkins)
- 3) Donnybrook Major (C Drummond)

Ridden Class

- 1) Donnybrook Dark (C Drummond, Rider: Andria)
- 2) Donnybrook Major (C Drummond, Rider: Pippa)
- 3) Erewhon Hazel (C Drummond, Rider: Kelly)

Sledge Class

- 1) Donnybrook Dark (C Drummond)
- 2) Erewhon Ferg (J Hawkins)
- 3) Erewhon Opal (P Amberger)

Single Horse shown in Harness Class

- 1) Erewhon Ferg (J Hawkins)
- 2) Erewhon Opal (P Amberger)

Pair or Multiple in harness attached to a wheeled vehicle Class

- 1=) (C Drummond) Team of 5

- 1=) (J Hawkins) Team of 2

Log Skidding Class

- 1) Erewhon Opal (P Amberger)
- 2) Erewhon Ferg (J Hawkins)
- 3) Atohua Warrior (C Drummond)



*Phil Amberger & Donnybrook Seamus*



*Colin Drummond with Erewhon Maggie and foal*

## Tokoroa A&P Show 6th December 2008

Judge: M Doyle

Single Horse in Harness Turnout

- 1) Fellbeck Clyde (F Pilling)
- 2) Rockwood Julia (G & J Pryce)
- 3) Thumper (Sven)

Single Horse in Sledge

- 1) Fellbeck Nicky (F Pilling)
- 2) Llewlyn Howard (D Thornton)
- 3) Tom (D Sneddon)

Pair Horse in Sledge

- 1) Llewlyn Howard & D T Oliver (D Thornton)
- 2) Fellbeck Bonnie & Fellbeck Nicky (F Pilling)
- 3) Thumper & Robbie (Sven)

Single Horse 1/2 Ton Pull

- 1) Tom (D Sneddon)
- 2) Fellbeck Clyde (F Pilling)
- 3) Rockwood Julia (G & J Pryce)

Pair Horse 1 Tonne Pull

- 1) Thumper & Robbie (Sven)
- 2) Llewlyn Howard & D T Oliver (D Thornton)
- 3) Fellbeck Bonnie & Fellbeck Nicky (F Pilling)

Single Horse Log Skidding

- 1) Thumper (Sven)
- 2) Llewlyn Howard (D Thornton)
- 3=) Fellbeck Nicky & Fellbeck Bonnie (F Pilling)



*Derrick Thornton on the sledge*

## Cambridge A&P Show 29th November 2008

Judge: C Gill

Colt, 2 year old

- 1) Alpine View Thomas (G & J Pryce)

Entire Horse, 3 years and over

- 1) D T Oliver (D Thornton)

Gelding, Any age

- 1) Fellbeck Clyde (F Pilling)
- 2) Llewlyn Howard (D Thornton)

**Champion Entire Clydesdale:** D T Oliver

Reserve Champion Entire Clydesdale: Alpine View Thomas

Dry Mare, 3 years and over

- 1) Fellbeck Nicky (F Pilling)
- 2) Fellbeck Bonnie (F Pilling)
- 3) Rockwood Julia (G & J Pryce)

Brood Mare, 3 years and over

- 1) Maxwellton Belle (G & J Pryce)

**Champion Clydesdale Mare:** Fellbeck Nicky

Reserve Champion Clydesdale Mare: Maxwellton Belle  
Single or pair in Wheeled Vehicle or agricultural implement

- 1) Llewlyn Howard & D T Oliver (D Thornton)
- 2) Fellbeck Bonnie & Fellbeck Nickie (F Pilling)
- 3) Rockwood Julia (G & J Pryce)

Single Horse in Sledge

- 1) Fellbeck Clyde (F Pilling)
- 2) D T Oliver (D Thornton)
- 3) Llewlyn Howard (D Thornton)

Pair Horse in Sledge

- 1) Llewlyn Howard & D T Oliver (D Thornton)
- 2) Fellbeck Bonnie & Fellbeck Nicky (F Pilling)

Single Horse Log Skidding

- 1) Fellbeck Clyde (F Pilling)
- 2) D T Oliver (D Thornton)
- 3) Fellbeck Nicky (F Pilling)

## Courtenay A & P Show 22nd November 2008

Judge: S Boon

Best Presented Horse and Handler

- 1) Ashstencroft Rose (J Booth)
- 2) Donnybrook Amber (C Hedley)
- 3) Ashstencroft Donella (J Booth)
- 4) Dayboo Anja (J Booth/G Day)
- 5) Drayton Flyn (D Price)

Mare 3 Years and Over

- 1) Ashstencroft Donella (J Booth) Champion
- 2) Donnybrook Amber (C Hedley)
- 3) Ashstencroft Rose (J Booth)

Filly, Yearling and 2 yr old

1) Dayboo Anja (J Booth/G Day) Reserve Champion

Best Walking Horse, Mare or Gelding any Age

- 1) Dayboo Anja (J Booth/G Day)
- 2) Drayton Flyn (D Price)
- 3) Ashstencroft Donella (J Booth)
- 4) Donnybrook Amber (C Hedley)
- 5) Ashstencroft Rose (J Booth)

Sledge Driving Class

- 1) Drayton Flyn (D Price)
- 2) Donnybrook Amber (C Hedley)
- 3) Ashstencroft Rose (J Booth)
- 4) Ashstencroft Donella (J Booth)

Best Turnout Single or Multiple Attached to a Vehicle

- 1) Ashstencroft Donella (J Booth)
- 2) Ashstencroft Rose (J Booth)



## Timaru Show Results at Waimate Show Grounds 11th - 12th October 2008

Judge: John Cottle

Best Presented

- 1) Ashstencroft Donella (J Booth)
- 2) Ashstencroft Colleen (Gould/McGregor)
- 3) Ashstencroft Rose (J Booth)

4) Dayboo Anja (Booth /Day)

Yearling

1) Dayboo Anja (Booth/Day)

Mare 3 years and over

1) Ashstencroft Rose Champion

2) Ashstencroft Donella Reserve Champion

3) Ashstencroft Colleen

Best Junior Handler

1) Ashstencroft Donella

2) Desiree Kuhnert

Best Walking Heavy Horse

1) Ashstencroft Colleen

2) Ashstencroft Rose

3) Dayboo Anja

4) Ashstencroft Donella

Best Ridden Clydesdale

1) Ashstencroft Donella

2) Ashstencroft Rose

Best Heavy Horse Sledge.

1) Ashstencroft Donella

2) Ashstencroft Rose

Best Heavy Horse/Horses Wheeled Vehicle

1) Ashstencroft Donella and Rose



John Booth & Ashstencroft Donella

## Letter from Blackwatch

After 25 years of working our Blackwatch Clydesdales, I have made the decision to retire our business and just enjoy the couple of Clydesdales we have left. Thus it has been a time of happy reflection as I think back on the last 25 years. As I remember the people that have helped me through the years, I find myself reflecting back to the members of the Clydesdale Society and Waikato Heavy Horse who have supported me both practically and with comradeship over the years. Without those people my dreams would never have come true. The people I have met, the places I have been, the experiences I have had, the movies we have been involved in, have all added to some very fulfilling and very happy years. Everything to competing horse to stream trains, movies such as The Piano, Hercules, Zena Warrior Princess, adverts like Benjamin Moore, treks, Christmas parades, Scottish events, and the scores of wide eyed children we have entertained all add to the picture. The older men we have stopped and talked to while out with the horses and the stories they can tell, made you realise what a special place in the history of this country Clydes have earned. So in this happy time of contemplation I want to thank both The Clydesdale Society and Waikato Heavy Horse for their part in this time. For the people who have been so supportive, for the Field Days were I learnt so much, and got help with things like wheel wrighting, for the magazines so full of good material, I would like to thank you, and wish you well in the future of these groups.

Paul & Lynda Halverson

Blackwatch Clydesdales

## Royal New Zealand Show Canterbury, 12th to 14th November 2008

Judge: Mr C. Alex Morris, Australia

Best Presented Clydesdale Horse and Handler (21)

- 1) Erewhon Maggie (C Drummond)
- 2) Glen Willowvale (S.L. Butterick-Kent)
- 3) Donnybrook Dark (C Drummond)
- 4) Grey Valley Zara (S.L. Butterick-Kent)
- 5) Ashstencroft Rose (J Booth)
- 6) Ashstencroft Donella (J Booth)

Entire Horse, 3 years and over (4)

- 1) Narioka Vagabond (C Drummond)
- 2) Donnybrook Seamus (S Amberger)
- 3) Barton Fields Cameron (BE & CM Robertson)

Colt, 2 year old (1)

- 1) Erewhon Kenneth (P Pattullo)

Colt, Yearling (3)

- 1) Langnevin Samuel (M Lang)
- 2) Mossdale Knockout (W.L. Affleck)

CHAMPION ENTIRE CLYDESDALE: Erewhon Kenneth

RESERVE CHAMPION ENTIRE CLYDESDALE:

Narioka Vagabond

Champion stallion also wins: RAS Trophy (Wright Stevenson Challenge Cup) Challenge Cup / McIntosh Family Medal

Brood Mare,

3 years and over, foal at foot or in foal due before 31 Jan. (3)

- 1) Erewhon Maggie (C Drummond)
- 2) Woodbury Ruby (J & D Cook)

Mare not in foal current show season, 3 years and over (10)

- 1) Woodbury Laura (J & D Cook)
- 2) Glen Lie Millie (RJ & JE Hawkins)
- 3) Woodbury Red (J & D Cook)
- 4) Erewhon Hazel (C Drummond)
- 5) Glen Willowvale (SL Butterick-Kent)
- 6) Grey Valley Zara (SL Butterick-Kent)

Filly, Yearling (2)

- 1) Dayboo Anja (J Booth)
- 2) Mossdale Jeannie (WL Affleck)

CHAMPION CLYDESDALE MARE or FILLY: Erewhon Maggie

RESERVE CHAMPION CLYDESDALE MARE or FILLY:

Woodbury Ruby

SUPREME CHAMPION CLYDESDALE: Erewhon Maggie

Champion Mare also wins: Challenge Cup / RAS Gold Medal

Best Yearling or 2 yr old Colt or Filly, bred by exhibitor. Silver Medal class - Clydesdale Horse Society of NZ Inc (4)

- 1) Dayboo Anja (J Booth)
- 2) Mossdale Jeannie (WL Affleck)
- 3) Mossdale Knockout (WL Affleck)

John McEwing Trophy - best 2 yr old and under (adminstrated by the Canterbury Clydesdale Club)

Dayboo Anja (J Booth)

Gelding, any age (9)

- 1) Donnybrook Major (C Drummond)
- 2) Erewhon Ferg (RJ & JE Hawkins)
- 3) Donnybrook Dark (C Drummond)
- 4) Donnybrook Luke (C Drummond)
- 5) Atohua Warrior (C Drummond)
- 6) Erewhon Bert (C Drummond)
- 7) Langnevin Midnight Sky (M Lang)

Best Walking Clydesdale (22)

- 1) Donnybrook Amber (CJ Hedley & MJ Musson)
- 2) Woodbury Ruby (J & D Cook)
- 3) Ashstencroft Donella (J Booth)

4) Woodbury Red (J & D Cook)

5) Ashtencroft Rose (J Booth)

6) Erewhon Maggie (C Drummond)

Pair Females, any age, must compete in other classes (5)

- 1) (CJ Hedley & MJ Musson)
- 2) (J Booth)
- 3) (J & D Cook)
- 4) (C Drummond)
- 5) (SL Butterick-Kent)

Best Groomed and Decorated Clydesdale, to be shown in harness (17)

- 1) Glen Willowvale (SL Butterick-Kent)
- 2) Ashtencroft Rose (J Booth)

3) Ashtencroft Donella (J Booth)

4) Woodbury Ruby (J & D Cook)

5) Grey Valley Zara (SL Butterick-Kent)

6) Donnybrook Luke (C Drummond)

7) Erewhon Hazel (C Drummond)

Sledge Driving Class (12)

1) Erewhon Ferg (RJ & JE Hawkins)

2) Woodbury Ruby (J & D Cook)

3) Donnybrook Major (C Drummond)

4) Atohua Warrior (C Drummond)

5) Langnevin Midnight Sky (M Lang)

6) Erewhon Bert (C Drummond)

Single, any age, to be shown in harness attached to a vehicle. (7)

1) Ashtencroft Donella (J Booth)

2) Donnybrook Major (C Drummond)

3) Donnybrook Luke (C Drummond)

4) Erewhon Ferg (RJ & JE Hawkins)

5) Donnybrook Amber (CJ Hedley & MJ Musson)

6) Woodbury Ruby (J & D Cook)

Pair or Multiple, any age, to be shown in harness attached to a vehicle.

1) Black team of 3 (C Drummond)

2) Ferg & Amber (Hawkins & Hedley)

3) Rose and Donella (J Booth)

4) Bay team of 3 (C Drummond)

Ridden Clydesdale (10)

1) Ashstencroft Rose (Ridden by Jo)

2) Grey Valley Zara (Ridden by Emma Kent)

3) Donnybrook Luke (Ridden by Grant Allen)

4) Erewhon Hazel (Ridden by Bronwyn)

5) Erewhon Ferg (Ridden by Jamie Hawkins)

6) Erewhon Bert (Ridden by Kelly Allen)



Erewhon Maggie with handler Wendy Britton



Two Kent sisters with two Clydesdale sisters

## Rotorua 100th A&P Show 24th January 2009

Judge: Trevor Berge

Best Turned out in Harness

- 1) DT Oliver (D Thornton)
- 2) Fellbeck Clyde (F Pilling)
- 3) Llwllyn Howard (D Thornton)
- 4) Rockwood Julia (G Pryce)

Single horse in sled

- 1) Llwllyn Howard (D Thornton)
- 2) DT Oliver (D Thornton)
- 3) Douglas (G Shorter)
- 4) Thumper (S Christensen)

Pair in sled

- 1) Llwllyn Howard & DT Oliver (D Thornton)
- 2) Fellbeck Nickie & Fellbeck Bonnie (F Pilling)
- 3) Rockwood Julia & Princess Patrica (G Pryce)

Pair in sled (tonne pull)

- 1) Llwllyn Howard & DT Oliver (D Thornton)
- 2) Fellbeck Nickie & Fellbeck Bonnie (F Pilling)
- 3) Rockwood Julia & Princess Patrica (G Pryce)

Single horse in sled (1/2 tonne pull)

- 1) Fellbeck Clyde (F Pilling)
- 2) DT Oliver (D Thornton)
- 3) Llwllyn Howard (D Thornton)
- 4) Fellbeck Bonnie (F Pilling)

Log Skid

- 1) Fellbeck Bonnie (F Pilling)
- 2) Fellbeck Nickie (F Pilling)
- 3) Llwllyn Howard (D Thornton)
- 4) Thumper (S Christensen)

CENTENNIAL EVENT (wheeled vehicle or agricultural implement)

- 1) Fellbeck Nickie & Fellbeck Bonnie (F Pilling - pair sledge)
- 2) Llwllyn Howard & DT Oliver (D Thornton - pair wagon)
- 3) Douglas (G Shorter - single cart)
- 3) Rockwood Julia & Princess Patrica (G Pryce - pair wagon)



Murray Lang with 3 year old Langnevin Midnight Sky



Pauline Pattullo with Erewhon Kenneth



Gareth Pryce & Derrick Thornton on the wagons at Rotorua



The Royal Show Canterbury is certainly an event not to be missed

## Amberley A&P Show 1st November 2008

Judge : JP Power

Best Presented Horse and Handler

1. Woodbury Red (J Cook)
2. Glen Lie Millie (JE Hawkins)
3. Woodbury Ruby (J Cook)
4. Langnevin Sky (M Lang)
5. Erewhon Ferg (JE Hawkins)

Mare or Gelding Any age

1. Glen Lie Millie (JE Hawkins) Champion Clydesdale
2. Woodbury Red (J & D Cook)
3. Erewhon Ferg (JE Hawkins)

Yearling Colt or Filly

1. Langnevin Samuel (S Lang)

Two Year Old Colt Filly or Gelding

1. Grey Valley Breeze (D Price)

Best Walking Clydesdale

1. Woodbury Red (J & D Cook)
2. Glen Lie Millie (JE Hawkins)
3. Langnevin Sky (M Lang)
4. Erewhon Ferg (JE Hawkins)
5. Langnevin Samuel (S Lang)

Best Working Clydesdale to be Driven in Sledge

1. Woodbury Ruby (J&D Cook)
2. Erewhon Ferg (JE Hawkins)
3. Langnevin Sky (M Lang)



Jaime Hawkins with Glen Lie Millie

## Ashburton Show 31st October - 1st November

Judge: WM Affleck

Best Presented Horse & Handler: (6)

1. Glen Willowvale Mrs S.L. Butterick-Kent (Handler, Sarah Kent)
2. Ashstencroft Rose John Booth
3. Ashstencroft Donella John Booth (Handler, Desiree Kuhnert)
4. Donnybrook Amber C.J. Hedley & M.J. Musson
5. Grey Valley Zara Mrs S.L. Butterick-Kent (Handler, Emma Kent)

Clydesdale Yearling, Colt, Filly or Gelding (1)

1. Dayboo Anja John Booth (Handler, Gaye Day)

Clydesdale Mare (6)

1. Glen Willowvale Mrs S.L. Butterick-Kent (Handler, Sarah Kent)
2. Grey Valley Zara Mrs S.L. Butterick-Kent (Handler, Emma Kent)
3. Ashstencroft Rose John Booth
4. Ashstencroft Donella John Booth (Handler, Desiree Kuhnert)
5. Donnybrook Amber C.J. Hedley & M.J. Musson

Best Walking Clydesdale (8)

1. Grey Valley Zara Mrs S.L. Butterick-Kent (Handler, Emma Kent) Reserve Champion
2. Glen Willowvale Mrs S.L. Butterick-Kent (Handler, Sarah Kent)

Supreme Champion

3. Ashstencroft Donella John Booth (Handler, Desiree Kuhnert)

4. Ashstencroft Rose John Booth

5. Dayboo Anja John Booth (Handler, Gaye Day)

6. Donnybrook Amber C.J. Hedley & M.J. Musson

Sledge Driving Class (6)

1. Ashstencroft Donella John Booth (Driven by Desiree Kuhnert)

2. Ashstencroft Rose John Booth

3. Donnybrook Amber C.J. Hedley & M.J. Musson

Single or Multiple Horse or Horses, attached to vehicle (2)

1. Ashstencroft Donella John Booth

Graham Holmes Cup, for most points in Clydesdales: John Booth

Estate Jack Irwin Special Prize to the Champion Clydesdale: Mrs S.L.

Butterick-Kent's Glen Willowvale

## Ellesmere A & P Show Results 18 October 2008

Judge: Rod Kraal

Best Turnout Clydesdale and Handler

1 Ashstencroft Donella (J Booth)

2 Ashstencroft Rose (J Booth)

3 Donnybrook Amber (C Hedley & M Musson)

4 Glen Lie Millie (J E Hawkins)

5 Barton Fields Cameron (B Robertson)

6 Grey Valley Zara (Sue Butterick-Kent)

Entire 3 years and over

1 Barton Fields Cameron (B Robertson) Champion Entire

Mare any age, wet or dry

1 Ashstencroft Donella (J Booth) Supreme Champion

2 Glen Lie Millie (J E Hawkins)

3 Ashstencroft Rose (J Booth)

4 Donnybrook Amber (C Hedley & M Musson)

5 Grey Valley Zara (Sue Butterick-Kent)

Yearling

1 Dayboo Anja (J Booth & G Day)

2 Glen Lie Sallie (R J Hawkins)

Gelding any age

1 Erewhon Ferg (J E Hawkins)

Best Walking Clydesdale Malden Trophy

1 Grey Valley Zara (Sue Butterick-Kent)

2 Dayboo Anja (J Booth & G Day)

3 Glen Lie Millie (J E Hawkins)

4 Ashstencroft Donella (J Booth)

5 Ashstencroft Rose (J Booth)

6 Erewhon Ferg (J E Hawkins)

6 Donnybrook Amber (C Hedley & M Musson)

Working Horse Sledge

1 Ashstencroft Donella (J Booth)

2=Ashstencroft Rose (J Booth)

2=Erewhon Ferg (J E Hawkins)

Single or Multiple Hitch attached to a Vehicle

1 Donnybrook Amber (C Hedley & M Musson)

2 Ashstencroft Donella (J Booth)

3 Ashstencroft Rose (J Booth)



Ashstencroft Donella

## Waikato World Show 1st November 2008

Judge: Dan Dufty

Best Turned out Stallion or Colt

1 DT Oliver (D Thornton)

2 Ashburn Craigs Kaiser (VL Simmons)

3 Donnybrook Lochnorrie (P & B Stroobant)

Entire 3 years and over

1 DT Oliver (D Thornton) Reserve

Champion

Colt 2 Years

1 Donnybrook Lochnorrie (P & B Stroobant) Champion

2 Ashburn Craigs Kaisers (VL Simmons)

Colt Yearling

1 Balthangie Silver Sensation (C Dobson)

Best Turned out Mare or Filly

1 Maxwellton Belle (G & J Pryce)

2 Ashburn Craigs Keisha (K. Ross)

3 Heritage Silver Rose (C Dobson)

Broodmare

1 Maxwellton Belle (G & J Pryce) Reserve Champion

Dry Mare

1 Ashburn Craigs Kate (VL Simmons) Supreme Champion

2 Ashburn Craigs Kimberley (VL Simmons)

3 Fellbeck Nickie (F Pilling)

Yearling Filly

1 Ashburn Craigs Keisha (VL Simmons)

Best Walking Clydesdale

1 Donnybrook Lochnorrie (P & B Stroobant)

2 Ashburn Craigs Kate (VL Simmons)

3 Ashburn Craigs Kimberley (VL Simmons)

Best Yearling or Two Year Old Bred by Exhibitor

1 Ashburn Craigs Kaiser (VL Simmons)

2 Ashburn Craigs Keisha (VL Simmons)

3 Balthangie Silver Sensation (C Dobson)

Progeny Class - Two Clydesdales bred by same Stallion or Mare

1 Ashburn Craigs Kate (VL Simmons)

1 Ashburn Craigs Kimberley (VL Simmons)

Best Cared for Gelding or Mare in Harness

1 Maxwellton Belle (G & J Pryce)

2 Fellbeck Clyde (F Pilling)

Single Horse and Sledge

1 Llewellyn Howard (D Thornton)

2 Fellbeck Nickie (F Pilling)

3 DT Oliver (D Thornton)

Pair of Horses and Sledge

1 DT Oliver (D Thornton)

1 Llewellyn Howard (D Thornton)

2 Fellbeck Nickie (F Pilling)

2 Fellbeck Bonnie (F Pilling)



Judge Dan Dufty with steward Penelope Donaldson



P. Stroobant with Donnybrook Lochnorrie

Fergus & Colin with the silverware at Rangiora

## Northern A&P Show 25th October 2008

Judge: Fergus O'Connor

Class 229 Best presented Horse and Handler:

1 Donnybrook Amber (C J Hedley & M J Musson)

2 Langnevin Midnight Sky (M Lang)

3 Glen Lie Millie (J E Hawkins)

4 Erewhon Maggie (C Drummond)

5 Erewhon Kenneth (P Pattullo)

6 Langnevin Samuel (S Lang)

Class 231 Mare any age

1 Erewhon Maggie (C Drummond)

2 Donnybrook Amber (C J Hedley & M J Musson)

3 Glen Lie Millie (J E Hawkins)

4 Erewhon Hazel (C Drummond)

Class 232 Yearling Colt, Filly or Gelding:

1 Langnevin Samuel (S Lang)

2 Glen Lie Sallie (J E Hawkins)

Class 233 2yr Colt, Filly or Gelding:

1 Erewhon Kenneth (P Pattullo)

Canterbury Clydesdale Club Moody Trophy: Erewhon Maggie

Supreme Champion Ribbon Clydesdale:

Erewhon Maggie (C Drummond)

Russell Dalzell Memorial Trophy: Glen Lie Sallie (J E Hawkins)

Reserve Champion Ribbon Clydesdale: Donnybrook Amber (C J Hedley & M J Musson)

Gelding Any Age

1 Erewhon Bert (C Drummond)

2 Donnybrook Dark (C Drummond)

3 Midnight Sky (Murray Lang)

4 Erewhon Ferg (J E Hawkins)

5 Donnybrook Major (C Drummond)

Class 234 Best walking Clydesdale:

1 Donnybrook Amber (C J Hedley & M J Musson)

2 Glen Lie Millie (J E Hawkins)

3 Erewhon Bert (Colin Drummond)

4 Erewhon Kenneth (P Pattullo)

5 Erewhon Ferg (J E Hawkins)

Class 235 Best Ridden Clydesdale:

1 Erewhon Ferg (J E Hawkins)

2 Donnybrook Dark (C Drummond - Rider A Smith)

3 Donnybrook Major (C Drummond - Rider W Britton)

4 Erewhon Bert (C Drummond - Rider Bronwyn)

5 Erewhon Hazel (C Drummond - Rider L Turnball)

Class 236 Working Clydesdale:

1 Erewhon Ferg (J E Hawkins)

2 Donnybrook Major (C Drummond)

3 Donnybrook Amber (C J Hedley & M J Musson)

4 Erewhon Bert (C Drummond)

5 Midnight Sky (M Lang)

6 Donnybrook Dark (C Drummond)

Class 237 Harness Class:

1 Donnybrook Dark, Erewhon Bert & Donnybrook Major

2 Erewhon Ferg (J E Hawkins)

3 Donnybrook Amber (C J Hedley & M J Musson)



# FAREWELL GILBERT

Gilbert Cooper's story.

Gilbert was born near Humbolt, Saskatchewan, Canada, on the 23 July 1919.

He was the 4th living child of John Heaton Pickering Cooper and Eliza (Lila) nee Donkin.

His parents were both from Yorkshire England, and had immigrated to Canada separately. Met and married about 1907. They were original "Homesteaders" on the Prairie. The dry hot summers and the freezing cold winters were not good for his mother's health and the family were advised to find a milder climate.

They chose New Zealand. It is believed his mother had an aunt living here, which may have had some influence on the decision. His mother lived to be 98 years old. Arriving in New Zealand, Gilbert's father secured work at Fencourt, Cambridge, milking cows. They then worked at Horo Horo and Maungatautauri where Gilbert started school. In 1930 the family purchased their own property 67 acres at Grice's Rd, Roto-o-rangi, where Gilbert finished his school days.

This was bare land and a house and cowshed had to be built. A well was dug by hand to supply water for the shed and it was pumped by hand. He passed matriculation at aged 14 and left school. His first year at work was with the neighbour, and the second was at home with his father as his brothers and sister had obtained a sharemilking position elsewhere. He went on from there to work in Northland and the Coromandel on various farms both dairying and sheep and beef. It was during these years he worked for Allan Ariell at Huarau just north of Maungataroto on a sheep farm, Mr Ariell was a very good farmer, and Gilbert learnt a lot while there. Felling big trees



*Gilbert with Representative*



*Gilbert passing on his knowledge while sledding*



*Gilbert with Rockwood Roseanne and Rockwood Chieftain*

and splitting them for posts and battens, fencing and stock work also working the horse team. Mr Ariell was also a successful dog-trialist winning many events. Gilbert then worked at Omamari out of Dargaville, from there he moved to a position on Topuni Station just north of Wellsford. Topuni Station was at that time a property of 2000 acres freehold on the East side of the river and 4000 acres leasehold on the West or Kaiwaka side. It was here that Gilbert was introduced to working with bullocks, the station manager hired a teamster with a team of his own and with the station team made up 12 working bullocks. Working with the teamster Gilbert learnt the job. Later he was put in charge of the station team and did numerous jobs on the station with them. A DVD has been produced (by Tania Chisholm) of Gilbert speaking about the working of bullocks. In June

1939 Gilbert went to work at MacRae Station at Kaiwaka. This property was originally part of the Hargreave Station of 9000 acres of headland in the Kaipara Harbour fenced in by half a mile of boundary fence the other boundary being the coastline. From here he went home to Roto-o rangi and worked at casual work in the neighbourhood. He was called up for war service in April 1941 and was overseas in the 18th and 24th Battalion and served in England repatriating the Prisoners of War to England, being stationed at Margate. He returned home in time for Christmas 1945. On returning home he worked in the Roto-o-rangi area for a short time and then he and his older brother Wilfred took up farming at Te Koura, north of Taumarunui in 1947. Where he was to remain for the next 40 years His brother became ill and early in the 1950s left the farm, he died about 1953. Leaving Gilbert with a new wife and no labour unit on the farm, which was over 800 acres. . The brothers started out milking cows. But after Wilfred became ill Gilbert converted to sheep and beef. It was here that Gilbert started using horses for the farm work as much of the property was very hilly and horses were of more use than a tractor would have been. Gilbert had married Georgina Coutts in Ongarue in 1951. Georgina had grown up on the neighbouring farm. Their only child John Coutts Cooper was born in 1956. John says he could not have wished for more loving parents. Later Gilbert purchased the Coutts property next door bringing in another 900 plus acres to be farmed. Gilbert and Georgina were generous hosts and many of the extended Coutts family, cousins and 2nd cousins speak warmly of the many holidays they spent on the farm. He sold the original farm in 1989 and left John on the property that had been his grandfathers. Gilbert and Georgina (Jean) moved to Orakau, to 23 acres, bringing with them his beloved Clydesdales. Outside of his interests in Clydesdales, which spanned 60yrs. He was a foundation member of the Endurance Riding NZ, being involved in establishing the foundation rules for the National body, and was the only life member, an honour accorded him

in 1985. He owned and bred Arabian horses and cross-bred both Clydesdales/cross and Arabian/cross for Endurance and Polocrosse. He played Polocrosse, starting at about 50 year of age and played for a decade. He donated several trophies to this sport to encourage younger players, one being a beautiful shield made from a Totara burr. He had a fantastic memory, and in addition to remembering pedigrees of well-known Clydesdales could recite long poems similar to those of A.B (Banjo) Patterson the Australian poet. He enjoyed music and sing-a-longs, and in his earlier days dancing. Gilbert was a man of the highest integrity, a generous host, he leaves a large circle of friend to remember him. He died in his own home, where he had lived for 2 years, on July 5th.2008, 2 \_ weeks short of his 89th birthday. Compiled by Shirley M. Stirling, with references to Gilbert's Journal.

Gilbert was involved with the Clydesdale Society for over 60 years. He was a Judge for over 30 years. He was on the Council for approx 25 years. Gilbert Bred and Registered 26 "Rockwood" Clydesdales. He Purchased 3 Stallions. (others he bred himself) He Purchased 5 Mares (one he had bred and sold and one he imported from Australia) and leased (in later years, 2 mares)His Stallions of note were "Rockwood Duke" "Rockwood Baron" and "Rockwood Gallant Lad". He bred and sold "Rockwood Count" to Australia. "Rockwood Captain" and "Rockwood Chieftain" are two he bred who became foundation Stallions at other studs.



*Rockwood Baron presented expertly by Gilbert*



*Gilbert Cooper's final journey in his beautifully restored wagon*