

CLYDESDALE TRIBUNE

March 2015 Newsletter of the
Clydesdale Horse Society of New Zealand Incorporated



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From the Editor

Welcome everyone to another edition of The Tribune. After doing an excellent job as president Jim Morris has stepped down making way for Vivien Simmons. Viv's daughter Hillary has put together an enlightening story about her mum and is featured later in the magazine. It is interesting to note that we have only had the two woman presidents with Sue Butterick-Kent fulfilling the role back in 1979. Viv has certainly done her time for the society after serving 16 years as secretary. I know from experience what an achievement that is as the secretary job involves a huge time commitment.

Over the last few meetings there has been a lot of discussion about the potential for a Breeding Animal Certification system for New Zealand and I applaud everyone who has put their time and effort into promoting such a concept. I believe all members should be doing all they can to promote our breed and to ensure that the type of Clydesdales we are breeding in our country are of the highest standard possible.

In addition to breeding the best Clydesdales we can it is extremely important to ensure the future of the breed in NZ by presenting our horses to the public in a manner that will inspire new comers to get involved and perhaps own a horse themselves one day. With this in mind, we should be aiming at providing the general public with spectacles that truly inspire and catch their imagination. Of course this must be tempered with what we need to offer in order to attract the competitors and exhibitors. I believe we need to be aiming at providing a more exciting spectacle for the public as we now compete with shows, one day events, showjumping etc and all those disciplines are continually upgrading and refining what they offer the public as a spectacle. Other sports have identified this need and have made the appropriate changes and refinements to their codes for example one day cricket, sevens rugby, America's Cup etc. I dont believe for example that 12 single horses being brought into the ring one at a time and connected to a sledge and then driven at a walk around a simple course and then unhitched will hold the publics attention for long. I personally enjoy these classes and find them challenging and rewarding but do they achieve promotion of our breed in a positive manner? To then repeat that with pairs and typically the crowds will drift away at most shows. In the States they use the hitch teams to draw the public in. Perhaps its time to uplift part of our show programs. I would be very interested to hear any suggestions on this topic.

*Front cover: Trekking around Fairlie
(photo courtesy of Bev Bell of Simply Inspired)*

*Inside cover: Your editor driving Bert and Keisha at the
Helensville Santa Parade*

Annual General Meeting 2014

The Annual General Meeting of the Clydesdale Horse Society of New Zealand (Inc.) was held at the Copthorne Resort Hotel in Masterton on June 6 2014. The president Mr Jim Morris opened the meeting at 1.18pm with a welcome to those present. Listed below are some of the details.

Annual Subscriptions

The annual subs and Life Membership remain the same and the annual newsletter (Tribune) to be retained as part of the subscription fee.

Election of Officers

All retiring councillors were re-elected as there were no new nominations.

President - J.Morris stood down.

V.Simmons was nominated as the new president by A.Stevens/P.Stroobant.

The nomination was accepted.

Vice presidents North Island – S.Muggeridge
South Island – A.Stevens retained.

Purchasing

The president requested that we announce to members that when horses are being purchased they should not be paid for until all the required paperwork has been completed eg registration and change of ownership.

Control of reins at shows

The following motion was approved - Motion 14/8
In the show ring the reins must be held at all times. Non adherence to this rule and the competitor will be asked to leave the ring. Implemented for safety reasons.

Breeding Animal Certification

C.Drummond and S.Muggeridge tabled a proposed questionnaire. They both spoke explaining the proposed questionnaire.

Presentation of Medals

Silver Medals

E.Cassie – Erewhon Kara

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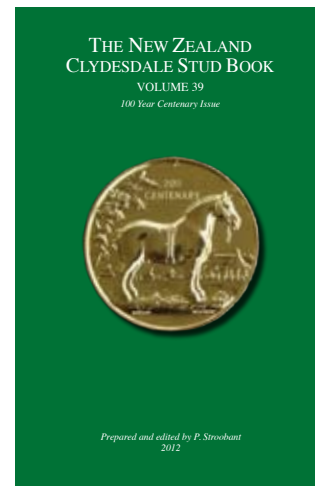
E.Cassie was applauded for winning the medals for both islands.

Ploughing

It was reported that the Ploughing Association would like to thank the Clydesdale Ploughing teams for participating at the Silver Plough and other events. The Association president Ian Robb would like to see a closer association with our society.

2014 AGM

As per the council report the 2015 AGM was confirmed as taking place in Nelson on June 5, 2015



Copies available from the secretary

Welcome to our new members

Kellie Lehman

Drury

Lois Newick

Amberley

Sally McLennan

Lower Hutt

Maria Cooper

Auckland

Maggie Winter

South Canterbury

Carly Gray

Waipukurau

Tania Teinakore

Greymouth

Sharon Chambers

Oamaru

Bruce Polley

Katikati

Susan Lucy Dolamore

Wairarapa

Pauline Susan Dolamore

Wairarapa

Tony Daikee

Gore

2014 Masterton Field Day



The 2014 field day in Masterton was a superb day and a big thanks goes out to Hilary and Dave for all their excellent work and hospitality.

We started with a visit to Helen McKenzie and Warwick Potts' farm where we viewed a number of mares, a gelding and the resident stallion - Rosemarkie Little Chief.

Warwick and Rosemarkie Little Chief

Later in the day we visited The Wheelwright Shop in Gladstone where we saw a steel rim being put on a wooden wheel. Our hosts Greg and Ali Lang plus their team of helpers put on an excellent working display. After lunch we were treated to a huge line up of horses at the Wairarapa A&P Society Showgrounds at Clareville, Carterton. This gave all members present a unique opportunity to see so many well turned out Clydesdales in a non show environment. People could take their time viewing each horse up close and personal. There were also three teams harnessed to wagons which set the day off. Once again the organisers and Stephen Muggeridge (two teams and wagons) plus all the owners who displayed horses should be congratulated. The following day there was a judges course with almost twenty horses to help all our prospective and senior judges. Truly an excellent opportunity for the judges to evaluate and compare Clydesdales in an open forum environment.



Morning tea at Rosemarkie Stud



Terry Smith driving one of Stephen Muggeridge's teams



Jim Lowe driving Claude and Cole



Stephen Muggeridge and his very impressive five horse team



Wairarapa A&P Society Showgrounds at Clareville, Carterton

Meet your president Viv Simmons

Written by Hillary Simmons – January 2015

Viv (Mum) has had horses since she was 12 years old. She began with a big TB ex racehorse which she had begged her father for (the mount was less than an ideal mount for a young girl starting out!). However it was on-wards and upwards from there. Her favourite pony club mount was Genevieve who she competed in the usual pony club events, jumping, eventing, a 100km endurance ride; she also rode side saddle. In 1978, Mum met Dad (George Simmons) when the Waikato horse drawn vehicle society was formed. Mum was the secretary of the society at the time. She had a couple harness horses that she drove – Smoke a little black pony and Ace a big SB horse that went well in the big green gig.

It wasn't long before she joined George at the Ashburn Stud Farm – operating as a pedigree Jersey Cow and Purebred Clydesdales and crossbred sport horse stud. Dad brought Mum a Hackney harness horse as a present; she went on to compete and win numerous titles with Torch – her pride and joy.

In the early years, the farm was broken in with the horses, ploughing paddocks, harvesting crops, and feeding out hay to the dairy herd. Feeding out always meant a young horse was worked all winter in the sledge ready for the show season or as a sale prospect. Every spring, Ashburn Stud became busy with stud work, and numerous foals were born.

Along with all the farm work, Viv raised four children, often putting her own interests on the back burner to see us enjoy our ponies and other activities. We were all taught the art of showing Clydesdales and learnt to drive the team from a young age. Before we purchased a bale feeder, my younger brother Andrew and I took the daily job of rolling a square silage bale on the sledge, driving Hank and Kathleen to feed out to the cows each day. Field days were held around the region with all the Waikato Heavy Horse families taking part. During our childhood, we spent many a day following Mum up the plough furrows, helping tip the hay sweep at haymaking days or holding horses at the local shows. Many hours were spent with Mum and Dad rummaging around old sheds and auctions to find so-called “treasures” to add to the collection at home. This resulted in two big five bay sheds being chocker full of gear. Many hours were spent re-hanging gear, repairing items for use and piling up bits that might be used one day. Over her time with the Clydesdale Society, Mum became the secretary, a job she

held for 16 years. She is the only women to have been on the council, worked as secretary and now president of the Clydesdale Horse Society.

Some of the most memorable moments include Mum and Dad winning the Johnny Rogers Memorial Trophy with Beereega Craigluscar, the first Clydesdale to ever win the



coveted trophy, also kindly referred to as the “ugly trophy” by Dad. Mum was also the only women to ever win the Silver Ploughing Competition and she won all three sections – the turnout, grass and

stubble ploughing. As kids we would travel to Morrinsville and back for the Christmas parade with Mum driving three horses in the 3 tonne wagon. We would make fortresses in the hay on the back while the horses plodded happily along. As a little child I remember sitting on top of a load of ragwort on a big double sized sledge and helping Mum tidy up the paddocks. Catching Murray (stallion) with a piece baling twine while the veterinary students looked on in horror as they had just been to visit the reputable Sir Tristram who required several handlers clad in body armour. Show days were always well prepared for with Dad making shoes in the forge (which would sometimes go on and off several times until they were perfect) and horses being washed several times before the show. Once we had a truck, it was always ensured the truck would be full of horses – on a typical show morning we washed 24 white legs and 6 white faces as well as milking the cows and feeding animals before leaving for the show. As a family we always checked to see we had enough prize money for fish n chips on the way home from the show!

After the sudden death of George in 2004, Viv continued to ride and drive horses and operate the dairy farm (single handed) up until a couple years ago when a bad fall broke her back. Since then she has taken a different path in



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Notes from the President

Hello fellow members. It is not long until our next AGM to be held in Nelson early June. It will be good to see a grand turnout. If you have suggestions to remit for discussion contact our Secretary Paul so he can add them to the agenda.

There is a lot of stuff up for discussion, some will be passionate and heated, some just ho hum but at the end of it all I hope you all still remain good friends, all heading in the same direction of breeding and preserving that World Famous breed "The CLYDESDALE HORSE".

The show season is just about over and I hope you have all had your successes.

Mares to foal in the new season will be showing up by now, and the foals that hit the ground in spring 2014 should be growing well.

Please, please, please help our Secretary /Editor out and send in your articles, pictures, and results for the Tribune. It is your voice and your newsletter. I have said this many times over the years but I am not saying sorry for being like a scratched old record, just get the message.

It has been good to see Junior Judges out with Senior Judges at shows. I would like to see the younger ones encouraged more. Two judges courses were held in 2014, one straight after the AGM in June at Masterton and one in the South Island at Christchurch in September. There is a written course that anyone can do if they wish to further their knowledge. The aim of marking the papers is to encourage and be constructive. Contact the Secretary for more details.

History books may be reprinted so let the Secretary know if you require copies.

Several people including myself are heading over to Canada for the World Clydesdale Show so it will be exciting to see the stock in Canada, the hitches and meet old and new friends.

Cheers for now, see you all in June

Viv Simmons
President



life. Viv is getting great joy out of helping less experienced members bring their Clydesdales on and teaching younger members of our family to ride. Plus there are a few other things you should know about Mum! Mum is a beautiful pianist – although very shy about playing in public unless she has had a few vodka's! She loves to



travel – particularly through Europe and has attended the World Equestrian Games in Normandy, France in 2014. A highlight for her was watching the heavy horse section where they had horses in different carts and implements and the Ridden Percheron's lead each team in during the opening ceremony carrying the team flags. She has also



attended the Royal Highland Show in Edinburgh where the Clydesdales, particularly the Wagon classes were centre stage. You could feel the stands vibrate as the 6 horse teams came full trot into the main area through a tunnel under the stands – very impressive to watch. Her and Dad travelled Australia in search of a Stallion finding Beereega Craigluscar, who quickly became a favourite around home. At the end of the day Mum enjoys a good laugh. When I asked her for information to write this article, she said her life has had many highlights – there was never a dull moment at Ashburn Stud!

Clydesdale Race Thrills Boxing Day Crowds.

To celebrate the 150yr Waipa Celebrations, Pirongia's annual Boxing Day race meeting welcomed their inaugural Clydesdale horse race for 2014. Organised by Pirongia Clydesdales, the race saw six purebred Clydesdale horses take part in what was widely regarded as the most anticipated race of the popular event.

Pirongia Racing Club officials have indicated that the race may become an annual event. Congratulations to the winning horse, 'Grady' ridden by Barney Tuka. Second place went to Pirongia Clydesdales' 'Classic' ridden by Shelley Thompson.



Stallion Returns for the 2013 Breeding Season

Please note that the 2013 breeding season results in foals being born from August 1 2014 onwards. All of the mares (numbers listed below) will now have had their foal.

I sincerely hope all mares and foals are fit and well. Ed

Aarunga Ozzie Design*	5
Ashburn Samsons Kenneth	1
Ashstencroft Sunbeam	1
Ashstencroft Tyrone	1
Beereega Lord Carrick*	4
Box Valley Scania*	8
Coldstream Maclaren	1
Coldstream MacRae	2
Donnybrook Kalahari	2
Donnybrook Mark	2
Donnybrook Seamus	1
Donnybrook Silverdale	4
DT Oliver	6
Erewhon Kenneth	1
Erewhon Murphy	6
Fellbeck Sir David	1
Fenton-Hills Max	1
Fenton-Hills Royal	3
Grey Valley Xavier	2
Kia Kaha King	3
Lyndhurst Donald	1
Mossdale Statesman	1
Narioka Vagabond*	4
Rockwood Superb	2
Rosemarkie Little Chief	1
Sarjon Park David*	1
Te One Captains Heath	3
Te One Captains Larry	2
Wolf Mound's King of Hearts*	6
TOTAL MARES SERVED	77
TOTAL STALLIONS USED	30
* Imported	

TOTAL STALLIONS USED 2012 season	21
TOTAL MARES SERVED 2012 season	62
TOTAL MARES SERVED 2011 season	74
TOTAL STALLIONS USED 2011 season	27
TOTAL MARES SERVED 2010 season	83
TOTAL STALLIONS USED 2010 season	27
TOTAL MARES SERVED 2009 season	105
TOTAL STALLIONS USED 2009 season	33
TOTAL MARES SERVED 2008 season	75
TOTAL STALLIONS USED 2008 season	21

Congratulations to all the successful breeders



MOBILE PHONE TICKET FOR CLYDESDALE DRIVER



Ross Gundry, with his wagon horse, after being pulled over by police (in Australia) for driving his wagon and talking on his mobile phone.

Source: Perth Now.

2015 AGM June 5 2015

Venue: Trailways Hotel, Nelson

66 Trafalgar Street

Freephone 0800 872 459 or 03 548 7049

Email enquiries@trailwayshotel.co.nz

Please book your own accommodation and if you require anything extra, state this at time of confirmation. Please note that all meals, beverages, accommodation and miscellaneous costs are at your own expense.

When booking your rooms please quote Clydesdale Conference.

Our room rate is \$129incl gst.

AGM commences 1pm.

Field Day Saturday June 6

Full program will be advised.

Agenda

If you have items you wish to be included on the agenda please forward to the secretary.

Council and President Nominations

If you wish to nominate any member for council or president now is the time to do so. Nominations should be in the hands of the secretary before May 1 2015.

Councillors retiring by rotation and up for re-election in 2015 are as follows -

*C Drummond *KJ Gillman *SJ Muggeridge
*BG Signal *V Simmons

New & Upgraded Rules

Control of Reins at Shows

Motion 14/8 Passed. In the show ring the reins must be held at all times. Non adherence to this rule and the competitor will be asked to leave the ring. Implemented for safety reasons.

Because of some anomalies in the rules, council decided that rule 16 will be subject to rule 11. ie President and Vice Presidents for the time being be selected from council. There will be discussion on this at the AGM.

Rule 14 – ‘Or an appropriate vet brand’ be added.



POTENTIAL SIRE SHOWS HE CAN WORK

Over the past couple of years it has been great to see a lot of new members competing in the show ring. Melissa Koia from Gisborne joined The Clydesdale Horse Society of NZ (Inc) and the Waikato Heavy Horse Association in 2012 and competes frequently at shows in the Hawkes Bay and Waikato. She has written the following article.

Handling and working a stallion can be a very rewarding experience. Creating a partnership with respect can be challenging and it may not be for everyone, but in my experience having started training my stallion from a



Melissa and her stallion MJ's Te Ruamoko

young age it has been well worth it. It has had its ups and downs, but training any horse has its issues.

Being a woman working a stallion is also a great challenge and just goes to prove that it is skill and training that is the key rather than just muscling your horse around the ring.

My stallion is the first Clydesdale I have owned and I had never had any experience with harness or working horses before getting him. Various people have helped me along the way to which I am very grateful, for and it has been a very interesting and fun process. Basically...if I can do it - I think just about anyone can!!! I have always loved Clydesdales and now that I finally own one I intend to do as much as I can with him!!!

I would like to see more stallions in the working classes as I am sure that people wanting to breed good working horses would like to see how well the potential sire can work or what it is suitable for.

I would also like to see more women in the ring working Clydesdales just because I think we can do it just as well if not better than the men!!!!



PLOUGHING DAY AT PIRONGIA RAISES



Ross Wilson and son

The organisers were thrilled to have five horse drawn plough teams working and around 150 spectators. The weather stayed pretty clear for most of the day so public were able to enjoy watching the Clydesdale horses working in the field as well as admire the harness room and carriage house at the Pirongia Clydesdales stables. Current NZ horse ploughing champion, Fred Pilling, took part in the day's ploughing activities, and two newcomer teams from the greater Waikato also joined the ranks. The day also raised funds for the Westpac Air Ambulance. Nick and Jill van der Sande of Pirongia Clydesdales say the day was a real success and they hope to make it an annual event. Photos courtesy of Lou Kibby and Samantha van der Sande.



Nick van der Sande with visiting USA heavy horse enthusiast, Rexx Mann, on the plough.



Current NZ Plough Champion - Fred Pilling



Derrick Thornton on the sulky plough

FUNDS FOR WESTPAC AIR AMBULANCE



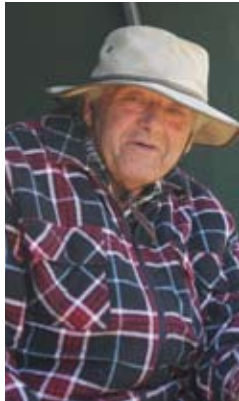
Bruce Polley with Mack and Hamish



Fred Pilling with Janet and Bonnie

Fairlie Trek January 2014

Once again Colin and Erin from Erewhon Station put on an amazing trek that will last in the memories of all who came along. Derrick Thornton and Fred Pilling from the Waikato made the long journey south with a 2 horse team and wagon each. There was also Ian Tooley who



has probably done more Clydesdale wagon trekking than most of us put together. We started at Blue Mountain and ended up in Fairlie. Erin Cassie was raised along with her six siblings in the town and it was fantastic to hear all the stories about their childhood shenanigans. Five of the six Cassie children were in

Clydesdale trekking stalwart - Ian Tooley Fairlie for the occasion and three of them clambered on Monty the biggest Clydesdale in the team. As usual the hospitality and comraderie was out of this world.



Ian Tooley at Blue Mountain



Derrick, Fred and Ian after an easy river crossing



Billie Stroobant on a very big pony



A tame deer checking out Derrick's horses



Lunch and a swim at Blue Lake



Looking out over the Fairlie Basin



Five Cassie siblings (Ceri, Simon, Nick, Erin and Kara) at the Fairlie gas station

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September 29 to October 3 2015



Once every four years the Clydesdale world congregates for several days of fierce competition to determine the best of the best, and the Western Fair district in London, Ontario, Canada is the site for the 2015 World Clydesdale Show. This district was hand selected as the location for its many perks including - a large coliseum, indoor barn space, heated wash racks and many other modern facili-

ties. The city is located just two and a half hours from either Detroit or Buffalo. The quadrennial event will be back in Canada for the first time in 16 years, and the 2015 World Clydesdale Show Committee is ready to celebrate with a memorable world class event.

For five days, hundreds of the very best Clydesdales from



around the world will compete before thousands of spectators, in scores of line, hitch and riding classes.

Some of you will remember Leah Everson who resided in New Zealand for many years and was an active

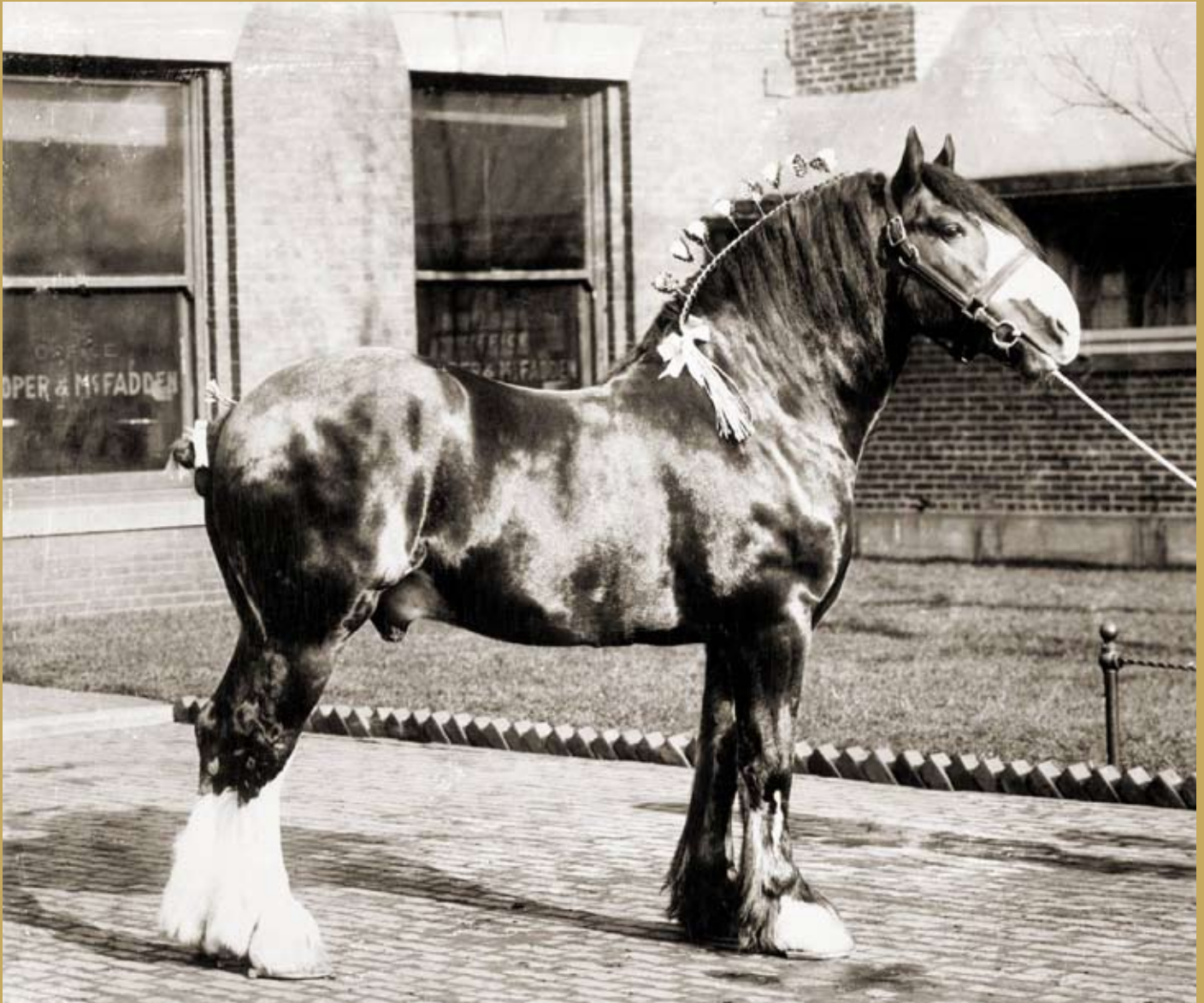
member of our Clydesdale fraternity. Leah now lives in Ontario and will ensure that all kiwis visiting the show are well looked after.



2015 World Clydesdale Show Schedule & Start Times

START TIMES	TUESDAY September 29, 2015	WEDNESDAY September 30, 2015	THURSDAY October 1, 2015	FRIDAY October 2, 2015	SATURDAY October 3, 2015
8:00		Mare Halter		Youth Judging	
9:00	EXHIBITOR BREAKFAST	Gelding Halter	Youth Decorating	Stallion Cart	Youth Cart – Jr. Div
		Stallion Halter	Pee Wee Stick	Youth Team – Sr.	Two/Under Cart
		Groups	Jr. Showmanship Sr. Showmanship	Ladies Cart	Mare Unicorn Costume Class Ladies Team
10:30	Clydesdale Horse Association of Canada Annual Meeting				
12:00			Mare Six		
1:00	Educational Clinics Youth Clinics		English Riding Gelding Team Mare Cart Gelding Unicorn Attraction	Youth Team – Jr. Mare Team Gelding Cart Jr. Team (3 & Under)	Champion Foal Supreme Champion Champion Team Youth Champions Charity Cart Class Agri. Team Class
6:00	Opening Ceremonies Attraction Youth Cart -- Senior Gelding Four Western Riding	BEEF ON A BUN	BANQUET	Mare Four Gelding Six Attraction 65+ Team Amateur Four	Attraction Draw Leon/Wagon Trailer Auction Champion Six Open Eight Closing Ceremonies

DRAFT SCHEDULE – Subject to Change



Fyvie Baron was bred in Scotland and imported to the U.S by the Conyngham Bros. He Was Champion Clydesdale Stallion at the Chicago International Exposition in 1913, and was a champion at all the leading shows in Scotland prior to his importation to the US.



*The editor is at a loss to write a caption for this picture.
Suggestions?*



"BOX VALLEY MASTER" (4601). — Sire: Roughlands Telstar (24874 C.H.S.) (4519 C.C.H.S.). Dam: Box Valley Jean (12996). Photo taken at 6 years. Height 16.3 hands. Owned by A. T. Marriott & Sons. Champion Royal Melbourne 1973, 74, 75, 76, 77. Adelaide Expo 1974.



A unicorn team at downtown Auckland



Field Day demonstration at the Wheelwright Shop
Photo courtesy of Margo Vliet Vlieland