



NZ MINIATURE HEREFORD
BREEDERS GROUP NEWSLETTER
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Some of our members at the
AGM in Feilding . May 2019

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Chairs Report

Hi Everyone,

Welcome to another newsletter put together by our very energetic Vicky.



We had a great AGM which we shared with founding members Helen & Chris Russel. We also took time to remember those that have gone before us and welcomed more recent members.

I would like to thank our committee who make things happen for the breeding group.

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As you would have read in the AGM minutes, keeping a membership connected can be time consuming and I welcome you all to contribute in whatever way you can.

Please remember to pay your membership fees which we have kept to \$50 pa. If you need account information please contact Stephen for details.

My contribution to this newsletter is a short story:

We have a five-year-old bull, his name is Carlos.

When Carlos was a wee thing, he had Ruzak Park Digger (nee Janet Poole) as a role model and male companion.

One day Digger was in the corner of a paddock, letting all the world know that he was the toughest guy on the block. Carlos stood a few meters to the side observing Digger's behavior and antics. Eventually, Digger grew tired of not attracting any attention from the neighbours' cows and left his spot to tend to his own girls.

After a while Digger returned, sauntering towards the corner. We watched and waited feeling a bit anxious, as we wondered how Digger was going to react, because in Digger's absence, little Carlos had taken up position in Digger's yelling corner.

Carlos, with the most pitiful of tweets was trying to imitate his hero.

Digger was a real gentleman and just let Carlos continue his training.

Some pics from the AGM



Top left—Stephen , Sian and Jack Collier

Middle –John Long

Top right—Sarah and Paul Dombroski

To the left—Vicky and Cameron Ashton

Bottom left—Natalie and Steve Fletcher

Bottom middle—Beve Haliburton, Sarah O'Brien and Jim Haliburton

Bottom right—Kim Wright and Doug Baird.



Hellen and Chris Russell

Richard Hardaker and partner I am missing your photo sorry. But you were there!



Presentation to Life member

Helen Russell .

At the AGM Helen was presented with a plaque in honour for her dedication to the Miniature Hereford Breeders Group .

Thankyou Helen and Chris for your dedication from day one to the current day.

With out you there would have been no Miniature Hereford Breeders Group.



HIGHLIGHTS OF THE AGM

Organised by the Hereford Association our speaker Posy Moody, General Manager of the Hereford Association. Patsy spoke about DNA , how new technology and systems are in place, the use of the website the Hereford Association and much much more.

A big thank you for welcoming our group , the use of the facilities and all your help that you gave to me setting up the AGM .

We were also privileged to be taken to where the PGG Wrightson's Bull fair was to be held and we got to see some stunning Hereford Bulls that would be up for Auction.

Below is Sarah taking photos. Note the bulls are very quiet. Not minis but very awesome all the same.



Remember like us on Facebook!

Any news or info you want to put on FB send to me and I will load it on.

How about some photos of your cows, any thing that is amusing or you have seen a post from some where else. The more posts we have the better.



The Face book page

The committee has decided no animals that are not registered or owned by the members of the Miniature

Hereford Breeders Group will be put on FB to sell.

News letter

I need more articles, do you have any suggestions what you might like? Do you have any interesting items to be published?

Please let me know.



Betty Boop

Well we thought she was a heifer then someone said no she is a boy!!! OMG we thought how did we make that mistake!!!

So we got her in to have a good look. She is a Betty Boop

I think her mum was confused too.



From the MPI Website

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“This time of year can be challenging for farmers, with wet and muddy conditions increasing risks to the welfare of their livestock,” says Kate Littin, manager animal welfare.

“Many farmers, particularly in Southland and Otago, choose to break feed stock on crops over the winter months. It’s a great way to provide food for animals and protect pastures but does require careful planning and good stockmanship to avoid welfare risks that wet weather can bring.

“New Zealand’s codes of animal welfare require livestock to have access to areas free of surface water and mud, and appropriate shelter from adverse weather.

“Animals will refuse to lie down on wet ground and can then become stressed, stop eating, and are more susceptible to lameness.”

There are a number of ways farmers can mitigate risks to animal welfare over winter.

“If there is a spell of extreme weather or prolonged wet conditions, you may need to move your stock off the crop to drier land, and you should plan for this possibility – having a ‘plan B’ is the key.

“Clean drinking water must be available for animals at all times. Owners are still responsible for the welfare of their stock while they are off-farm for winter grazing and should check on the conditions, including their access to shelter and water.

“When transitioning from pasture to crop and back again, stock can be negatively affected. Ensuring you follow a gradual transition plan when moving your animals will prevent issues.”

MPI recommends talking to your vet for help with planning and any animal health concerns. Resources to help farmers with their winter grazing management are available online from DairyNZ and Beef+Lamb New Zealand.





Kim Wright and Doug Baird's cuties enjoying some silage.

Winter Warmer

Try this Yummy Cottage Pie

3 tbsp [olive oil](#)

- 1¼kg beef mince

2 [onions](#), finely chopped

3 [carrots](#), chopped

3 [celery](#) sticks, chopped

- 2 garlic cloves, finely chopped
- 3 tbsp plain flour
- 1 tbsp tomato purée
- large glass red wine (optional)
- 850ml beef stock
- 4 tbsp Worcestershire sauce

few [thyme](#) sprigs

2 bay leaves

For the mash

1.8kg [potatoes](#), chopped

225ml [milk](#)

25g [butter](#)

200g strong [cheddar](#), grated

freshly grated [nutmeg](#)

PREP: 35 MINS

COOK:

1 HR, 50 MINS

Next page for your instructions.



Method

1. Heat 1 tbsp olive oil in a [large saucepan](#) and fry 1¼ kg beef mince until browned – you may need to do this in batches. Set aside as it browns.

1. Put the other 2 tbsp olive oil into the pan, add 2 finely chopped onions, 3 chopped carrots and 3 chopped celery sticks and cook on a gentle heat until soft, about 20 mins.

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3. Add 2 finely chopped garlic cloves, 3 tbsp plain flour and 1 tbsp tomato purée, increase the heat and cook for a few mins, then return the beef to the pan.

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5. Pour over a large glass of red wine, if using, and boil to reduce it slightly before adding the 850ml beef stock, 4 tbsp Worcestershire sauce, a few thyme sprigs and 2 bay leaves.

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7. Bring to a simmer and cook, uncovered, for 45 mins. By this time the gravy should be thick and coating the meat. Check after about 30 mins – if a lot of liquid remains, increase the heat slightly to reduce the gravy a little. Season well, then discard the bay leaves and thyme stalks.

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9. Meanwhile, make the mash. In a large saucepan, cover the 1.8kg potatoes which you've peeled and chopped, in salted cold water, bring to the boil and simmer until tender.

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[Drain](#) well, then allow to [steam-dry](#) for a few mins. Mash well with the 225ml milk, 25g butter, and three-quarters of the 200g strong cheddar cheese, then season with freshly grated nutmeg and some salt and pepper.

1. Spoon the meat into 2 [ovenproof dishes](#). Pipe or spoon on the mash to cover. Sprinkle on the remaining cheese.

1. If eating straight away, heat oven to 220C/200C fan/gas 7 and cook for 25-30 mins, or until the topping is golden.

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3. If you want to use a slow cooker, brown your mince in batches then tip into your slow cooker and stir in the vegetables, flour, purée, wine, stock, Worcestershire sauce and herbs with some seasoning. Cover and cook on High for 4-5 hours. Make the mash following the previous steps, and then oven cook in the same way to finish.

Registered Miniature Herefords for Sale

I haven't had any cows or info on cows for sale. Remember I need photos ,their pedigree, price and your details.

I will load them on Face Book and in the News letter.

This is Rocklyn Bruce Almighty. He maybe be for sale once weaned.

Sire is Riverlets Abernethy 130027

Dam Raukawa Isabella2nd..

I will have one more Bull for sale later and he is Rocklyn Barney Rubble

Dam Raukawa Autumn Leaves

Rocklyn Bruce Almighty

