



Yass Show Society Newsletter

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Welcome to the mid year edition of the Yass Show Society's newsletter! This edition is packed with information and results from our Annual Show in March 2014. As you could all imagine, the few months leading up to the Show and after, have been extremely busy for the committee. As usual, our army of Yass Show Volunteers successfully pulled together a fantastic 151st Yass Show. Preparation has already started for next year! Our 2014 Show was a huge success all round, reaching higher gate entries and membership. Fortunately, the bad weather just held off for the PBR following the Show on Saturday night and again for the scheduled events on Sunday. We would like to take the opportunity to thank all who have supported the Show this year and who continue to every year. Without the support from the community our Show would not exist year to year.

This year, one of the shows biggest attractions was the **2014 Yass Valley Sports Shear**, run by keen organisers Tom Johnson and Steve Hogan. The boys say this was their biggest year yet with over 40 shearers competing and over \$5000 worth of prize money up for grabs. Tom and Steve were happy with this year's results and are hoping for bigger and better things in the future, including a dream of holding the national selections here In Yass!

In the **Open Division**, Josh Mills took out first place, followed by Steve Hogan, Kidman Dunn and Rocky Wagner in fourth place. Local boy, Adam Alchin, took out the **Senior Division**, followed by Nathan Haynes, Chris Bowman in third place and Josh Davis In fourth. The **Intermediate Division** won by Ben Gorham, while organiser, Tom Johnson, took out second place, followed by Roy Elliot and Josh Southwell. Nikki Godber won the **'Robbie Hedges Memorial Trophy'** for first place in the **Novice Section** followed by Luke Williams and Jessie Halls. Lastly, organiser Steve Hogan won the **'George Johnson Memorial Trophy'** for first place in the **Best Local Section**, followed by local, Josh Davis, taking out second place.

This years **Cattle Section**, consisted of 16 keen exhibitors with just 60 head of cattle including calves to compete against each other under the careful eye of judge Andrew Jones from Harden. Phillip Armour, the Chief Steward, says this was an exceptional roll-up considering this years harsh conditions. 32 young cattle handlers also contested the Junior Parading competition

coming from as far afield as Cowra and Bombala as well as the usual strong contingents from local schools and studs such as Murrumburrah HS and Yass HS. Ultimately, Phil Snow from *Tickalara Angus* was judged the **Champion Handler**.

After the judging of individual breed classes, Andrew Jones began the task of choosing the best of the breed champions against each other in the Interbreed Parade of Champions. The honours were spread quite evenly amongst the breeds with the Supreme Beef Exhibit being the Limousin entry from Daniel and James McDonald's *Sarana Limousin Stud* with their exhibit **Summit Meadow Grass 42** who won the 15-20 month heifer class and beat a number of cows with claws at foot to reach the top honour.

Other Interbreed winners included - *Tickalara Hotshot*, Angus Bull owned by Annie Hurst of Gunning was **Junior Interbreed Bull Champion**. *Bangalla Harry*, Miniature Galloway Bull owned by Di and mark Burgess of Sutton was **the Senior Interbreed Bull Champion**. *Riggadoon Red Chilli Pepper*, Red Angus Female owned by the Prass Family of Cowra was the **Senior Interbreed Female Champion**. **Most successful Exhibitor** was Annie Hurst of Gunning with her *Tickalara Angus Stud* from Gunning for the second year in a row.

Next Year, the **Merino Sheep Section** are looking at adding exciting new sections, such as an un-housed section in the Stud Merino entries,

which will hopefully attract many more exhibitors next year!

2014 Winners of the Perpetual Trophies

- **Merryville 100 Guineas Trophy** won by Otterbourne Merino Stud
- **Keith Day Memorial Trophy for Supreme Merino** won by Royalla Merino Stud
- **Andrew Barber Memorial Trophy for Junior Champion Ewe** won by Royalla Merino Stud
- **Ron Scanes Memorial Trophy for Best Superfine Ram of Show** won by Royalla Merino Stud

2014 Flock Merino Sheep

- **92/93 Sheep Committee Perpetual Trophy for Grand Champion Ewe** won by T. Armour
- **Junior Farmers Challenge Cup for Group of 3 Lambs** won by A. M. & H. Wilson

This years **Coloured Sheep Section** was considered a success with Jeff Sutton from Wattle Farm Border Leicester Stud, Temora judging. Results for the section were:

- **Champion Long Wool Ram** won by Drap'hyd Merino Stud
- **Champion Long Wool Ewe** won by Werowna Park
- **Champion Short Wool Ram** won by Picton High School
- **Champion Short Wool Ewe** won by Picton High School
- **Champion Open Lamb** won by Quebon Fudge
- **Grand Champion Ram** won by Drap'hyd Merino Stud
- **Grand Champion Ewe** won by Jasmine Gardner-Picton High School

In the **Fleece Section** there were 15 entries and 6 Exhibitors in the Coloured Fleece Section, spread across 8 classes covering the spectrum from super fine fleeces to strong wool fleeces. The standard was high with good quality fleeces and the judge, Joe Byrnes from Gunning, was kept busy deciding on the Broad Ribbon

winners. The Trophy for **Supreme Champion Fleece** was won by a superfine Ewe or Wether Fleece exhibited by Anne Barnes, **Reserve Champion Fleece** was won by a Strong Wool Ewe or Wether Fleece exhibited by Anne Hazell, and **the Best Fleece for Handicraft Use** was won by a Medium Ewe or Wether Fleece exhibited by Chris Bird.



The main **Pavilion Sections** were all considered an overall success this year with **Senior Art** entries up over last year and over 50 + **Junior Entries**. Entries were slightly down in the **Fruit and Vegetable Section**, but considered acceptable due to the hot and dry conditions experienced. These conditions also affected the **Flower Section**, but we were still able to showcase some beautiful growing talent. The **Needlecraft Section** received outstanding entries from many busy hands. The standard was high and the judge was overwhelmed by the quality of work. The **Cooking Section** had many delicious entries, making it hard for judge, Judy Offley, to choose some winners.

As per usual, The **Horse Events and Dressage** kept many entertained both days, with talented riders and beautiful horses. The **Show Dog Events** were a massive success with numbers being up by over 50 this year! While The **Yard Dog Trials** always continue to be very successful and draw a considerable crowd. The **Wood Chop Event** also caught many spectators attention on Sunday with some strong talent. **Goats and Poultry** were also a crowd pleaser for little eyes.

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