

**TUX NEW ZEALAND YARDING CHALLENGE**  
**SOUTH CANTERBURY HEAT @ SPRINGBANK FARM**

**Date: 9<sup>th</sup> and 10<sup>th</sup> October 2020**

*(Pics and Report – Sally)*

**JUDGE: Andrew Herriott**

<b>OPEN</b>	<b>COMPETITOR</b>	<b>DOG</b>	<b>POINTS</b>
1 <sup>st</sup>	Des Lysaght	Ace	98.5
2 <sup>nd</sup>	Lloyd Smith	Ruby	97.5
3 <sup>rd</sup>	Steve Bellew	Jack	96.5
4 <sup>th</sup>	Jan Tairua	Jock	96.25
5 <sup>th</sup>	Robin McKenzie	Ken	93.25
6 <sup>th</sup>	Kevin Ashworth	Tom	93
7 <sup>th</sup>	Robin McKenzie	Dice	90
8 <sup>th</sup>	Barry Hobbs	Queen	78
<b>MAIDEN</b>			
1 <sup>st</sup>	Jack Torrie	Coal	88.5
2 <sup>nd</sup>	Wayne Millar	Steel	85
3 <sup>rd</sup>	Vanessa Bragan	Mint	83

**Comments:** Springbank Farm - Pleasant Point hosted its third successful South Canterbury TUX Yarding Challenge, run in conjunction with the Winchester TUX Handy Dog Challenge, as part of the national series for both events. Huge thanks to our wonderful hosts Chris and Ali Calder who accommodated the two events admirably. Thanks to Ali and her team of ladies who kept the troops very well fed over the two days.

Two days of great weather, a little cool at times but nothing another layer didn't fix. The entries were great for both events, well up on last year with folk travelling from Malborough right through to Southland to attend. What was particularly pleasing was the number of Maiden Competitor entries in both events, up again on last year's increase. There was very good work from both Open and Maiden competitors over the two days which kept the two judges pencils sharp.

These two Challenges were held in conjunction with the Southern Canterbury A&P Show trial which has been held at Springbank Farm for some years now. The event was run by a combined team from the Hilton-Gapes, Levels and Mt Nessing Collie Clubs. All profit, clearing this year's expenses from the combined Challenges will go to The Westpac Rescue Helicopter Fund.

Huge thanks to TUX for their much appreciated and continued support of these events and to Aaron Apii, their South Island on farm Business Manager for spending the two days there "mingling" with the troops. Thank you also to the local sponsors – South Canterbury Hyundai and Isuzu, Silver Fern Farms and Temuka Transport who gave generously to support the chosen charity.

Many thanks to Kevin Ashworth for supplying the Corriedale hoggets. They worked very well in both events but took no prisoners. Thank you to Andrew Herriot for judging the Yarding and to his efficient timekeeper, Johnny McLean and also to Barry Thompson for judging the Handy Event with Greg Anderson as his efficient Timekeeper.

Just a final thanks to everyone that helped and supported in any way. As we all know, these events don't just "happen" and everyone's time and effort is valued. Too many to mention, but I blanket thank you all. It was a great atmosphere for the trial with much positive feedback from both the younger and older competitors.

Well done to all the winners and placegetters. Special mention and congratulations to Levels stalwart Des Lysaght with Ace who placed first in the TUX Yarding! Well done Des.

The Competitors qualifying for the South Island Final at West Otago Show at Tapanui on the 20<sup>th</sup> and 21<sup>st</sup> November are Open Yarding Competitors Des Lysaght with Ace and Lloyd Smith with Ruby and

Maiden Competitor Jack Torrie with Coal. (Jack's first time in competing in this event.) Open Handy Dog Competitors to qualify are John Walls with Nate and Wendy Dalziel with Hills along with Maiden Competitor Vanessa Bragan with Mint, another first time competitor. Mint, a true Handy dog also took money home from the Yarding as well.

Both of this year's Timaru Show trophies went out of town (in name). Robin McKenzie and Ken from Clinton took out the Maiden and Open trophies.