

TUX NEW ZEALAND YARDING CHALLENGE SERIES

Northland

Kaitaia 2021

Held on: 11th December 2021

JUDGE : Steve Osbourne

OPEN

1	Shaun Haynes	Cam	93
2	Colin Jay	Grate	90.5
3	Neville Child	Harry	89.5
4	Terry North	Patch	82.5
5	Colin Jay	Flick	80.5
6	Les Child	Buck	76.5
7	Eddie McCarthy	Poppy	75

MAIDEN

1	Kaye Mason-Riseborough	Jazz	
2	T Clutterbuck	Bet	
3	Angela Elliott	Strike	

From Merv Cameron

A huge thanks must go to the whole crew who pulled together to make the events happen. When the chips are down determination takes their place and so it proved. Thanks to Shaun Haynes and Anna Blair who stood up proudly and coped with the pathetic social media crap that preceded the trials. Great to see the Northland executive backing them strongly.

With entrants from only north of Te Hana eligible one feels for the other Northlanders and other southern trialists which Covid rules barred from coming.

The heading dog section started at 6.30am and went till 5.30pm and the ewes from Pamu Rangiputa were not easy going and all dogs had to work hard to complete - especially at the pen - and this trend continued in the runoff. Great to see our Northland president Shaun Haynes with Cam win the final. Cam was very impressive at the pen and showed real class in penning. Colin Jay with his white dog Grate was runner-up and so these two now go automatically into the North Island final at Taupo.

A hard luck story was Jim Miller and his dog Bro, who went around the course brilliantly but unfortunately Jim didn't understand the rules for the Maltese cross. When told by the judge, Jim went and apologized to his dog for letting him down. Merv

A big thanks to Colin and his team, to Grant Smith for helping work the sheep despite being unable to attend the event, to Eddie and Bob for liberating all day – and to all of those who stayed on and helped 'unpack the course'. Also a 'thank you' to our judge Steve for taking on the job after the recent passing of Rob Hastie (who was set to judge the event) and to Simon his time keeper. As always, a lot of credit for the success of this trial needs to go to Merv, Colin and the whole Mangonui Club.

We all look forward to next year and to welcoming all our southern competitors back to the grandstand at Kaitaia.