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### Presidents Brief:

I trust you have had a Merry Christmas and a good start to 2015.

Hope you all have had a good breeding season, your kids are growing well and your buck kids are weaned.

The 2014 South Island champs were held in Christchurch 12-14th November 2014.

Many thanks to Pierre Bouwer from Australia who judged very professionally and made himself available to exhibitors on Thursday and Friday for those dreaded questions. He also used this time to give some of his vast knowledge and expertise freely. Thanks also to Stephen Andrews and everyone who helped keep the ring moving.

Congratulations to Owen Booth whose buck "Viking" was named the Supreme Boer Goat. This is the second year in a row "Viking" has won the top award so I challenge all exhibitors to do better at the 2015 show. Show results and photos are on following pages.

This past year was the 25th anniversary of the forming of the NZBGBA. To celebrate this, medallions were made which were presented to the winners of the champion classes at the show. One was presented to Stephen Andrews at the dinner after the show and one will be given to Ron and Sue Cornelius – all are foundation members.

Lapel badges were also made which will be sent to all financial members, one per membership. Additional badges are available at a purchase price of \$20.00. Please contact myself if you wish to purchase additional badges.

The Executive decided to strike these medals / badges as a form of promotion for the Association members. Keep in mind they are a starting point and as each line runs out, the opportunity is there to improve them.

For the 2014 AGM a combined conference was held with Mohair, Meat Goat NZ and NZ Goat.

I would like all members to advise whether they would like this type of conference/ AGM going forward or suggestions for a different model. We are starting with a blank canvas and an open mind.

Could you please come back to me with your thoughts by the end of January 2015, so the executive can provide an AGM that meets the format of the majority of members?

Lastly for members, who enjoy showing please remember there are shows early in the New Year to support with the Wanaka Show in early March having International judges from Australia.

Regards

Brian Loughhead

# 2014 NZBGBA South Island Boer Goat Championship Results

Class	STANDARD BOER GOATS				
8500	Doe kid born after 1 August		8511	Buck kid born after 1 August	
1	Owen Booth	WSB 16/14	1	Owen Booth	WSB 26/14
2	Owen Booth	WSB 30/14	2	Owen Booth	WSB 35/14
3	Geoff Moore	CRU 422/14	3	B&P Loughhead	AMB 449
4	B&P Loughhead	AMB 440	4	B&P Loughhead	AMB 419
5	B&P Loughhead	AMB 413	5	Bassett family / Jaegar Boers	JAG 436
8501	Doe kid born before 31 July		8512	Buck kid born before 31 July	
1	C&G Lear	WAB 1401	1	B&P Loughhead	AMB 404
2	B&P Loughhead	AMB 405	2	B&P Loughhead	AMB 403
3	Geoff Moore	CRU 419	3	C&G Lear	WAB 1402
4	B&P Loughhead	AMB 410	4	B&P Loughhead	AMB 402
5	C&G Lear	WAB 1405	5	C&G Lear	WAB 1404
8502	Junior Champion Boer Doe	WAB 1401	8513	Junior Champion Boer Buck	WSB 26/14
8503	Reserve Junior Champion Boer Doe	WSB 16/14	8514	Reserve Junior Champion Boer Buck	WSB 35/14
8504	Doe 12-24 months		8516	Buck 12-24 months	
1	Bassett family / Jaegar Boers	JAG 3010	1	Owen Booth	WSB 1320
2	B&P Loughhead	AMB 1320	2	Boer Co NZ - Warwick Ferguson	BCN 1381
3	Geoff Moore	CRU 401	3	Owen Booth	WSB 22/13
4	Geoff Moore	CRU 409	4	B&P Loughhead	BCN 1260
5	B&P Loughhead	AMB 1321	5	Bassett family / Jaegar Boers	JAG 3037
8505	Doe 24-36 months		8517	Buck 24-36 months	
1	Owen Booth	WSB 14/12	1	Owen Booth	WSB 3/12
2	B&P Loughhead	AMB 244	2	Bassett family / Jaegar Boers	AVN N1207
3	Geoff Moore	MAC 2025	8518	Buck over 36 months	
4	Owen Booth	WSB 33/18	1	Owen Booth	MU 1009
5	Bassett family / Jaegar Boers	JAG 1239	8519	Senior Champion Boer Buck	MU 1009
8506	Doe over 36 months		8524	Reserve Senior Champion Boer Buck	WSB 1320
1	Geoff Moore	MAC 1025	8522	Grand Champion Boer Buck	MU 1009
2	Owen Booth	MU 856	8525	Supreme Champion Boer Goat	MU 1009
3	Geoff Moore	KRE 2960	8526	Sire's Progeny	
4	C&G Lear	WAB 18/10	1	B&P Loughhead	
5	Bassett family / Jaegar Boers	JAG 927	2	B&P Loughhead	
8507	Senior Champion Boer Doe	MAC 1025	8527	Dam & 1 progeny	
8508	Reserve Senior Champion Boer Doe	WSB 14/12	1	Owen Booth	
8509	Grand Champion Boer Doe	WAB 1401	2	Geoff Moore	
			3	Bassett family / Jaegar Boers	
			4	Bassett family / Jaegar Boers	
			8528	Breeders group	
			1	Owen Booth	
			2	B&P Loughhead	
			3	Bassett family / Jaegar Boers	

## 2014 NZBGBA South Island Show Photos



2014 NZBGBA Junior Champion Doe (RH) & Res



2014 NZBGBA Junior Champion Buck (RH) & Res



2014 NZBGBA Senior Champion Doe (RH) & Reserve



2014 NZBGBA Senior Champion Buck (RH) & Reserve





2014 NZBGBA Grand Champion Doe



2014 NZBGBA Grand Champion Buck



2014 NZBGBA South Island Supreme Exhibit – MU FF1009, owned by Owen Booth.

## 2014 New Zealand Red Boer Goat Result

	RED BOER GOATS	
8530	Doe kid born after 1 August	
1	B&P Loughhead	AMB 421
2	B&P Loughhead	AMB 417
8531	Doe kid born before 31 July	0
8535	Junior Champion Red Boer Doe	AMB 421
8536	Reserve Champion Junior Red Boer Doe	AMB 417
8537	Doe 12-24 mths	
1	B&P Loughhead	AMB 1309
8538	Doe over 24months	
1	B&P Loughhead	TDN 8
8540	Senior Champion Red Boer Doe	TDN 8
8541	Reserve Champion Senior Red Boer Doe	AMB 1309
8545	Grand Champion Red Boer Doe	AMB 421
8548	Buck kid born after 1 August	
1	B&P Loughhead	AMB 418
2	B&P Loughhead	AMB 450
8549	Buck kid born before 31 July	0
8550	Junior Champion Red Boer Buck	AMB 418
8551	Reserve Champion Junior Red Boer Buck	AMB 450
8552	Buck 12-24 months	
1	Patricia Aldridge	MTS 1301R
8553	Buck 24-36 months	0
8554	Senior Champion Red Boer Buck	MTS 1301R
8555	Reserve Champion Senior Red Boer Buck	0
8556	Grand Champion Red Boer Buck	AMB 418
8560	<b>Supreme Champ Red Boer Goat</b>	AMB 421



2014 NZ Red Boer Junior Champion Doe & Res



2014 NZ Red Boer Junior Champion Buck & Res



2014 NZ Red Boer Grand Champion Doe



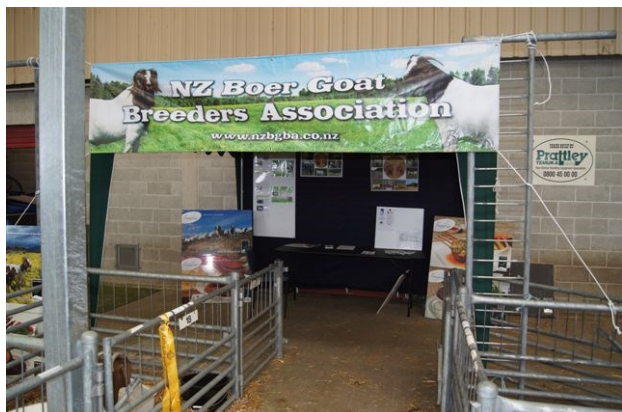
2014 NZ Grand Champion Buck



2014 NZ Red Boer Supreme Exhibit



## General Show Photos



NZBGBA contact point



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Public hands on time



Plenty of interest



Executive working together



Two Aussie's showing us how - yeah right!



Trans-Tasman relationships thriving

## Main Sponsor profile.

The New Zealand Boer Goat Association has over a number of years enjoyed the support of Agrisea as the major sponsor at the NZBGBA South Island Boer Goat Championship, several other regional shows, trade stands and field days. Due to Paul's unfailing support of the Boer goat in the South Island, Agrisea also supply product and knowledge for the Wanaka Show.



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The banner features a background image of a man (Paul O'Donnell) standing in a field with goats. The Agrisea logo is in the bottom right corner.

People like Paul and Agrisea make organising a show just a little easier by way of product for prizes. As we all know goats are big users of minerals and seaweed has them all so if you haven't had the good fortune of winning one of his prize packages then trust those that have – it is a very good product and can be given to your goats by mouth or trough.

The Executive on behalf of the Association members would like to acknowledge Paul and Agrisea for their contribution not only to the Boer goat but goats in general.



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The graphic includes the Agrisea logo and three circular images of farm animals: a cow, a sheep, and a goat.





### Down South ...Owen Booth

Conditions down here are very dry and the goats are loving it. It is not looking so good for other stock such as cattle and sheep on our North Otago dry land. The lucerne is certainly a valuable crop during the dry. We have made the first cut into baleage and the crop continues to grow on.

The Christchurch A&P Show has been and gone, and by the way it was a very enjoyable show.

Congratulations and thanks to the organisers for a well organised show.

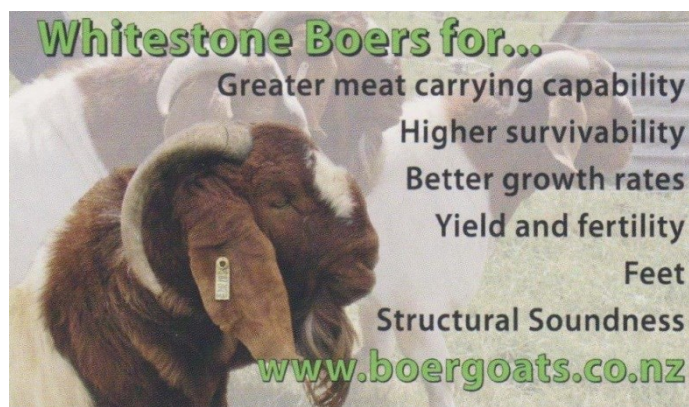
It is time to think about weaning some of our buck kids before they do the job that I don't need done at the moment.

I have been looking into holding Boer Goat classes at the Otago A&P Show which is held in Mosgiel late January. It is a very good time of the year and would be good to have another show on our calendar. It looks as though this year I will have to give it a miss but with a few more exhibitors who would commit to show at that

time I could make it happen, so hopefully next year. I will have a trade site there as I have had during the past two years.

Lean Meats are having a kill of goats next week with 600 booked in, so I am hoping they all turn up. There is no sign of goat meat prices improving at Lean Meats. We need more people farming Boer goats so as we can give continuity of supply of quality farmed goats that will enable us to establish a market at a fair price to the producer.

Note: Congratulations Owen, "Viking" will once again be the centre profile for the NZBGBA cover page of the "e" newsletter.



## Kyabram Show, Australia - October 2014

Kyabram Show is a small rural Victorian show that appears to be fairly typical of most small shows, with food, drinks, sideshows and rides.

Down the back of the show, behind the horse ring, is a shed with GOATS on it. Where else do you see a shed just for the goats at a show?

The Boer goat section was set up 10 years ago by Nerida and Raymond Tull in association with Siebriem De Boer. Through all their hard work and planning it is still a strong event today.

Warwick, Brian and I were privileged to have been asked to be a part of this event, to celebrate the 10<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of Boer Goats being shown at Kyabram. Warwick was asked to judge, and I was asked to Steward. Brian was given the official title of “photographer”.

After purchasing a much needed wide brimmed hat, the show began at 10am.



The junior doe classes were first, with 3 age groups, under 3 months, 3 – 6 months, and 6 – 12 months. This was followed by the Intermediate classes, 12-18 months, and 18-24 months. The senior doe classes were 2-3 years, and 3 years and over. The doe classes were strong, with femininity, top lines and wedge the starting point for a chance of a top three placing. One Intermediate class was over 15 does.



At lunchtime, a barbeque of goat meat patties, and sausages was served, with fresh salads, and shared with the exhibitors and supporters under a pergola and trees.



After lunch the bucks had their chance, also in the same age groups as above.

The buck kids were followed by the intermediate bucks. Then the big boys arrived, plodding in, demanding attention with handlers behind. Again, it was an amazing sight with masculinity and muscle to the fore.



I am sure it was not fun for Warwick having to check teats and testicles on them all.

All classes were of a high standard, with top lines, femininity, masculinity, and meat all part of a quality line up.

After a long day in the ring, we finally had the Championships decided with Champion Buck going to Rubix from Mitchell SA Genetics.

The Champion Doe was Artemis owned by Fleur Harvey.

The opportunity to steward with Warwick was an awesome experience. The opportunity to look at the exhibits from the inside of the ring gave the chance to have a judge's viewpoint, which you don't get from outside the ring.

To have been a part of the Kyabram 10<sup>th</sup> Anniversary show was a true privilege, to meet the friendly exhibitors, make new friends and see old again.



Thank you again to the Victorian and Australian Boer Goat Association for the opportunity to join your weekend.

Brian and Philippa Loughhead.