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From the President

It is with pleasure that I write this report, my first as president of our association. My involvement with Texels started in 1989, when I read the advertisement featuring a Texel lamb carcass that appeared in The Land newspaper inviting people to view the Texels and other new breeds in quarantine in New Zealand. I immediately knew this was what the Australian lamb industry needed and joined the first group on that exciting trip to view and then commit ourselves to ridiculous prices for sheep that were not even born.

We have had some interesting and challenging times since then but my belief in what the Texel can contribute to our lamb industry has not faltered. When the lamb industry introduces a grading system based on carcass features other than weight and fat score, the carcass attributes of our breed will be rewarded. In this newsletter there is an interesting article by Maria Wood on lamb grading (which has been published in the rural press in Western Australia).

I have recently returned from WA where I attended the Perth Royal, a Texel feature show, and what a wonderful display it was. Six exhibitors presented some seventy five exhibits to the judge, Elizabeth White. Congratulations to John and Margaret Raymond on champion ewe which went on to be the supreme Texel exhibit and also to Jim and Jan Glover for champion ram and champion carcass in the lamb competition. The display organized by Maria Wood of commercial Texel cross ewes and lambs and the static displays featuring display posters sponsored by Farm Works looked great and gained much favourable comment from the show organizers, other breed exhibitors and the general public.

It was a great opportunity to meet with WA breeders and I thank them for their hospitality.

A members get-together is being organised for the weekend of February 4-5, 2006, at Moama, NSW, with guest speakers, social activities and a dinner on the Saturday night. It is hoped to have Colin Munro as the dinner speaker.

Mr. Munro is the very well respected ex-ABC radio commentator who fills in for Marcia on Australia All

Over in the Christmas period.

In most States the season is looking better than it has for a number of years and hopefully this will help maintain good averages for ram sales and help fill haysheds and silos.

- **PETER MATUS**

Coprice Ram of the Year

Competition is hotting up for the title of Coprice Victorian Texel Ram of the Year, with the final of the five shows to be held at Geelong on October 14 where the Judge will be Marylyn Stevens, Hallylulya, Willaura, Vic.

After the ASBA Bendigo, Hamilton Sheepvention, Royal Melbourne and Horsham A & P Shows, adjudicated by different judges, the progressive points score for contenders has settled down to five rams:

<i>Baroa 2/04</i>	= 14
<i>Tullamore Park 80/04</i>	= 12
<i>Tullamore Park 106/04</i>	= 9
<i>Tullamore Park 1/04</i>	= 9
<i>Tourello 120/02</i>	= 7

Competition Organiser, Steve Parker, commented that the competition has achieved its objective of increasing show entries and exhibitors, and hence lifting the Texel's profile.

Members Get- Together at Moama

A booking has been made at the Rich River Golf Club Resort, 24 Lane Street, Moama, NSW 2731, for a members get-together and forum on Saturday/Sunday 4th – 5th February 2006.

The Resort is only 2 ½ hours from Melbourne.

Most members will arrive on the Friday afternoon and hence require two nights accommodation.

Room costs vary from a standard room at \$139 per night to \$154 per night for a fairway room.

Conference meals per person are:

- *Cooked breakfast \$7.75 extra*
- *Morning tea \$8.00*
- *Lunch \$18.00*
- *Afternoon tea \$8.00*
- *Three course dinner \$35.00*
- *Gourmet BBQ \$25.00*

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A three hour forum will be held on the Saturday morning with guest speakers, leaving the afternoon free for social activities. Guests then return for dinner at night.

The Secretary's "Over the Pens"

Martin Gilmore from the Tattykeel stud, is again a de-facto grandfather. His adopted daughter, Tattykeel "Martinque" 39/00, gave birth to twin lambs for owners, Doug and Jacquie Botcher.

Tattykeel 39/00 (tw) by Plainview "Little John" 56/96, was purchased privately by Doug and Jacquie for \$5000 at the 2003 Texel National Show Bendigo. Martinque had gained major awards at the 2002 Texel National Show Bendigo as champion ewe, supreme Texel and supreme Australian prime lamb breeds exhibit (ram or ewe).

Baroa 2/04, the 2005 Texel National champion ram and supreme Texel, is a son of Martinque.

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Keith and Georgie Embry, Kay Gee, Wellstead, WA, are the first members to apply under Regulation 33 DNA Protocol, for their flock to be listed as "MC" which stands for Microphthalmia clear.

Their flock has been tested and Keith has advised that all animals listed as carriers or at risk, have been removed from the flock.

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Liz White, Deniliquin, NSW, was the Texel judge at the Perth Royal.

Members who have known Liz for many years simply did not know her at the ASBA Bendigo, thinking she was a new breeder.

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John and Margaret Raymond, from the Mondray stud, Moulamein, NSW, set a precedent by exhibiting at the Perth Royal, the first exhibitor from the eastern states to do so.

Their long trip in support of the WA Region and Texels as the feature breed of the Show, was made worthwhile when their excellent ewe (with lamb at foot) gained the awards for champion ewe and supreme Texel.

My sources tell me that John handled himself with quiet composure at the Texel dinner where the restaurant staff continually delayed his meal until he was the last to eat. Despite the service, Texel breeders had a very amicable evening out until the restaurant kicked off their own reggae band. At least that got everyone home at a decent hour.

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Jim and Jan Glover, Jimjan stud, had four of the six winning carcasses in the display cooler at the Perth Royal Show, all Texels naturally, and were asked "did you guys bring your own cooler?"

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Betty Taylor passed away on September 3. As the former Berwick (Vic.) Show Society Secretary, she looked after Texel exhibitors particularly the Baroa, Mondray and Tourello studs who supported the Show Society by exhibiting over many years.

Deepest sympathy to her husband Lindsay.

Royal Adelaide Show

Champion ram
I.R. & B.E. Nitschke

Reserve champion ram
I.R. & B.E. Nitschke

Champion ewe
I.R. & B.E. Nitschke

Reserve champion ewe
I.R. & B.E. Nitschke

Most Successful Exhibitor
I.R. & B.E. Nitschke

Detailed awards were:

Ram over 1 ½ years old
I.R. & B.E. Nitschke

Ram under 1 ½ years old, shorn before 31 March
I.R. & B.E. Nitschke, 1 & 3, Newbold Studs, 2.

Ram under 1 ½ years old, born after 1 August shorn, untrimmed
I.R. & B.E. Nitschke, 1 & 2.

Ram under 1 ½ years old, shorn untrimmed
I.R. & B.E. Nitschke

Ram lamb
Newbold Studs

Ewe over 1 ½ years old, shorn, untrimmed
I.R. & B.E. Nitschke

Ewe under 1 ½ years old, shorn, untrimmed
I.R. & B.E. Nitschke, 1 & 2; Newbold Studs, 3.

Ewe under 1 ½ years old, born before 31 March
I.R. & B.E. Nitschke, 1 & 2; Newbold Studs, 3.

Ewe lamb
Newbold Studs

Objective Measurement Class
I.R. & B.E. Nitschke, 1 & 2.

Sire's Progeny Pair
I.R. & B.E. Nitschke, 1; Newbold Studs, 2.

Breeders' Group
I.R. & B.E. Nitschke, 1; Newbold Studs, 2.

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166/02

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Dam: Bartex 3037/99

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54/04

Sire: Mondray 30/02

Dam: Longford 3208/02



Pwwt 9.7 Pfat -0.9 Pemd 1.0 Carcase + 184

92/04

Sire: Tourello 45/03

Dam: Longford 14/01

Pwwt 8.3 Pfat -1.0 Pemd 1.5 Carcase + 182

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ASBA Show Bendigo

*Mr. Ian Bucknall,
Maryborough, Vic. was the
Judge of the Texel National
Show, held in conjunction
with the Australian Sheep
and Wool Bendigo, Vic. on
July 16.*

Champion ram

D.C.J. & J.M. Bottcher

Reserve champion ram

W. & K. Wolfe

Champion ewe

Tattykeel Pty. Ltd.

Reserve champion ewe

Tattykeel Pty. Ltd.

Most Successful Exhibitor

Grand Aggregate Award

Tattykeel Pty. Ltd.

The Acacia Houseboats

Award for Supreme

Texel exhibit went to

Doug Bottcher, Baroa,

Euroa, Vic., with his

champion ram, described
by the Judge as a
magnificent young animal
that stood over a lot of
ground with muscle in all
the right places.

Just 11 months old the ram
weighed 109 kgs.

The Tattykeel stud,
Oberon, NSW, exhibited
the champion ewe which
was outstanding in its class
and would be a great
breeder, according to the
Judge. Tattykeel also had
the reserve champion ewe.



*Baroa 2/04 - Champion Texel Ram and Supreme Texel
2005 ASBA Show Bendigo -Exhibited by D.C.J. Bottcher, Euroa, Vic.*



*Tattykeel 17/04 – Champion Texel Ewe
2005 ASBA Show Bendigo
Exhibited by Tattykeel Pty. Ltd., Oberon, NSW.*