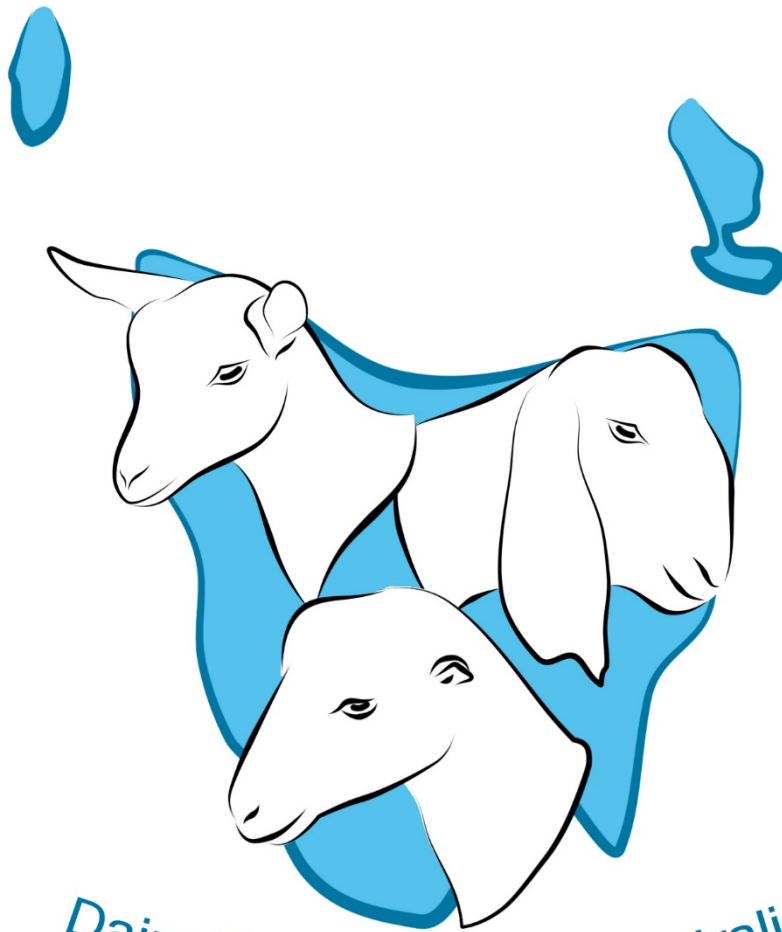


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From the President



AUTUMN 2020

We have entered the New Year in a bit better shape than we left 2020. With Covid restrictions easing a little it is great to see people out and about. Since my last report we have had GoatFest and the All Breeds Summer Show.

GoatFest was held on the 31st of January at the Longford Showgrounds. Although the pavilion was smaller than we have been used to the event was once again extremely popular and the weather turned the day into a very enjoyable one with quite a few exhibitors being outside.

The All Breeds Show which was held on the 21st of February was another popular event with the Boer Goats showing for the first time and they attracted a good crowd. Both these events showcased our Dairy Goats to a broad range of people with many questions asked particularly at GoatFest with all our exhibitors being kept very busy right throughout the day.

Our venture into Agfest this year being a combined effort with the other breed societies is the perfect opportunity to showcase the goat industry as a whole. It is a costly exercise that is funded by GoatFest, so the benefits are spread between the breeder groups.

The Society AGM and Federal Council meetings will be held in Adelaide this year on the 22nd and 23rd of May. Our Branch AGM and committee meetings will be held on Saturday the 10th of July. All members can attend as is the case with all our meetings throughout the year. You will find the details in the meeting notice further on in this newsletter.

I would like to thank all members who contributed to the highly successful events we have participated in during the last few months. It has been made more difficult with the Covid issues to contend with.

I would like to give special thanks to everyone who helped set up GoatFest and the All Breeds Show including Tim Saltmarsh who donated and transported straw for both events. Eian Rayner for his many hours of organising pen transport and pavilion entry etc. Scott Payton for organising signage and bunting. Margaret Lomman for her work on the soap competition at GoatFest and last but not least, a huge thank you to Anna Shephard who spent many hours on the publicity effort and also running the GoatFest online competitions. These people and members of the other breeder groups worked together to make the organisation of these events a little easier. At GoatFest we are seeing some familiar faces showing up each year. It is a chance to have a face to face catch-up that people seem to enjoy, and it can be done in a friendly atmosphere which makes the effort worthwhile.

Steve Baldock



From the Editor

Hi All

Autumn is here with its beautiful colours. A sight I am still not used to, so I have gone with a seasonal theme! Enjoy and hope you all have a lovely break during the upcoming holidays with family and friends.

Cheers
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Upcoming events

Event	Date	Location
AgFest	5-8 th May 2021	Quercus Park, 415 Oaks Road, Carrick

Tasmanian Branch Annual General Meeting

Tasmanian Branch Meeting

Saturday 10th April 2021 at 11.30 am - Ross Hotel, Antler Room

Annual General Meeting

Saturday 10th July 2021 at 11.30am - Ross Hotel, Antler Room

All members are welcome!

All Breeds (Summer) Dairy Goat Show

DATE: Sunday 21st February 2021

JUDGE/S: M. Lomman and S.Davey

JUDGE FOR CHAMPION CLASSES: Mr E. Rayner

Class 1. Saanen Doe in milk 1st lactation

1 st	Highveld Peony-Rose	S Baldock
2 nd	Highveld Eliza-Jane	S Baldock

Class 2. Toggenburg Doe in milk 1st lactation

1 st	Heidrun Amber	M Payton
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Class 3. British Alpine Doe in Milk 1st Lactation

1 st	Marel Mhairi	M & E Lomman
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Class 5. Aust Melaan Doe in Milk 1st Lactation

1 st	Marel Molly	M & E Lomman
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Class 11. Anglo Nubian Doe in milk 2nd or Sub lactation

1 st	Killara Ram Barromia	S & J Green
2 nd	Jiel Kismet	A Shepherd & T Saltmarsh
3 rd	Jiel Kaia	A Shepherd & T Saltmarsh

Class 15 Veteran Doe in milk, over 6 yrs, any breed.

1 st	Killara-Ram Barromia	S & J Green
2 nd	Jiel Kismet	A Shepherd & T Saltmarsh

Class 16. Dry Doe, Any Breed. Must have kidded within the last 2yrs.

	Jiel Kira	A Shepherd & T Saltmarsh
	Huntinglea Tyenna	S Payton

Class 17. Best Udder any breed, 1st lactation

1 st	Marel Mhairi	M & E Lomman
2 nd	Highveld Peony-Rose	S Baldock
3 rd	Highveld Eliza- Jane	S Baldock

Class 18. Best Udder Any Breed. 2nd or Sub Lactation

1 st	Jiel Kismet	A Shepherd & T Saltmarsh
2 nd	Killara Ram Barromia	S & J Green
3 rd	Jiel Kaia	A Shepherd & T Saltmarsh

BEST UDDER OVERALL – MAREL MHAIRI

Class 19. One Day Type & Production any breed Any Lactation(7)

1 st	Marel Mhairi	M & E Lomman
2 nd	Highveld Peony-Rose	S Baldock
3 rd	Killara Ram Barromia	S & J Green

CHAMPION SENIOR DOE – MAREL MHAIRI
RESERVE CHAMPION SENIOR DOE – KILLARA RAM BARROMIA

Class 21. Saanen Goatling 12-24 months unkidded

1 st	Highveld Melania	S Baldock
2 nd	Highveld Melody	S Baldock

Class 23. British Alpine Goatling 12-24 months unkidded

1 st	Marel Marlee	M & E Lomman
2 nd	Marel Maude	M & E Lomman

Class 24. Anglo Nubian Goatling 12-24 months unkidded

1 st	Jiel Kiari	A Shepherd & T Saltmarsh
2 nd	Killara Ram Nadira	S & J Green
3 rd	Killara Ram Namia	S & J Green

Class 25. Aust Melaan Goatling 12-24 months unkidded

1 st	Marel Mia	M & E Lomman
2 nd	Marel Morwenna	M & E Lomman

CHAMPION JUNIOR DOE – JIEL KIARI
RESERVE CHAMPION JUNIOR DOE – KILLARA RAM NADIRA

Class 28. Saanen Doe Kid under 12 months

1 st	Highveld Penny-Rose	S Baldock
2 nd	Highveld Ellaura-Jane	S Baldock
3 rd	Highveld Springflower	S Baldock

Class 29. Toggenburg Doe Kid under 12 months

1 st	Lavender Park Amara	M Payton
2 nd	Lavender Park Aria	M Payton

Class 30. British Alpine Doe Kid under 12 months

1 st	Cedervale Park Serenity	M Payton
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Class 31. Anglo Nubian Doe Kid under 12 months

1 st	Killara Ram Mihndi	S & J Green
2 nd	Jiel Kalina	A Shepherd & T Saltmarsh
3 rd	Killara Ram Mareema	S & J Green

Class 32. Aust Melaan Doe Kid under 12 months

1 st	Marel Nyree	M & E Lomman
2 nd	Marel Neave	M & E Lomman

Class 34. AOB Doe Kid under 12 months – Nigerian Dwarf

1 st	Petit Paradis Amira	C & S Fagg
2 nd	Petit Paradis Allura	C & S Fagg

CHAMPION DOE KID – HIGHVELD PENNY-ROSE
RESERVE CHAMPION DOE KID – PETIT PARADIS AMIRA

BEST EXHIBIT – MAREL MHAIRI

**CHAMPION SAANEN
CHAMPION TOGGENBURG
CHAMPION BRITISH ALPINE
CHAMPION ANGLO NUBIAN
CHAMPION AUST MELAAN
CHAMPION NIGERIAN DWARF**

**HIGHVELD PEONY-ROSE
HEIDRUN AMBER
MAREL MHAIRI
KILLARA RAM BARROMIA
MAREL MIA
PETIT PARADIS AMIRA**



Marel Mhairi – Best Exhibit, Champion Senior Doe, Champion British Alpine, Best Udder Overall and Type and Production winner.



Champion Junior Doe and Reserve



Champion Doe Kid and Reserve



Champion Anglo Nubian and Reserve Senior Champion



Champion Nigerian Dwarf and Reserve Champion Doe Kid



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Largest class of the day.



2021 All Breed Champion Line up.



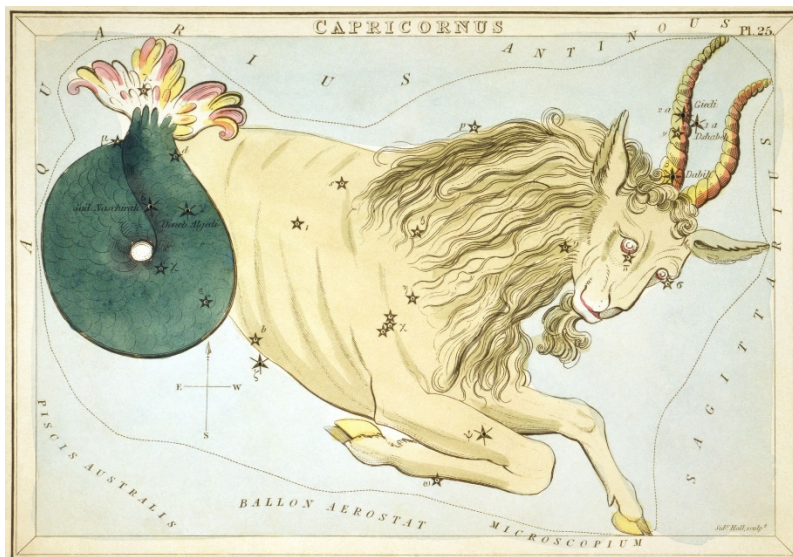
The Sea Goat

Trivia - The **sea goat** is a legendary aquatic animal described as a creature that is half goat and half fish.

The constellation *Capricornus* was commonly imagined as a type of sea goat since the Bronze Age within Mesopotamia. The Babylonians then used *MUL SUḪUR.MAŠ*, 'the goat fish', to symbolize their god, Enki.

The Greek interpretation of the sea goat comes from the introduction of the Babylonian zodiac. In an attempt to codify the constellation Capricorn within the Greek pantheon, two myths were used as an explanation. One being that the constellation is Amalthea, the goat that raised Zeus. As thanks for caring for him as a child, Zeus places her amongst the stars. The other being that the sea goat is the wilderness god Pan. The myth goes that Zeus jumped into the river to escape the monster Typhon. He tries to turn himself into a fish while jumping into the river, but he moves too quickly and only his lower half becomes that of a fish. Zeus then engages in combat with the monster. Zeus defeats him, but not without Typhon pulling the muscles out of Zeus' legs. With the help of Hermes, Pan replaces the damaged muscles. As a reward for healing him, Zeus placed Pan in the sky as Capricorn.

In Jewish oral history, mentions of sea goats also crop up. Stated in the stories, once their time comes, all the creatures of the sea must offer themselves to the monster Leviathan. It is purported that a sailor once encountered a sea goat while far out on the ocean. On its horns the words *"I am a little sea-animal, yet I traversed three hundred parasangs to offer myself as food to the Leviathan"* were found carved.



Capricornus as a sea-goat from [Urania's Mirror](#) (1825)

References:

- https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Sea_goat
- <https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Capricornus>

Goatfest



GoatFest 2021 was held on Sunday the 31st of January. After much planning throughout the year Dairy, Boer, Angora, and Miniature goats came together to showcase the goat industry. It was pleasing to be able to hold the event despite all the Covid issues that everyone is dealing with. Patrons had to sign in and hand sanitize to be compliant with the Government rules.

Given that the Launceston Showground horse pavilion was no longer available to us we needed to find somewhere else to run this event. It was decided that the Longford Showground would be a good choice due to its location. The pavilion that we used was a bit smaller than what we have had in the past which was not ideal given the Covid issues and the popularity of the event. The weather was kind to us which certainly helped with some of the exhibitors being housed outside in gazebos. We are starting to get a following as we see some members of the public come to GoatFest each year which proves it is extremely popular. We also have a great following on our Facebook page.



Our members manning the Branch information and sale table, plus selling raffle tickets were kept busy all day and we took over \$800 for Branch fundraising. Many questions were answered during the goat husbandry talk and the specific talk on Dairy Goats.

The Artisan Soap competition was once again a popular feature of the event and the Art and Craft competition drew some good entries also. The popularity of the online competitions was evident again and they give a good kick start to GoatFest overall. The many winners came and personally collected their prizes on the day.

A big thankyou to all our members who worked to make GoatFest 2021 a successful event. Planning is underway for GoatFest 2022. Keep a look out for some exciting changes.

Steve Baldock



Advertising and Submission Guidelines

Guidelines for Articles, Images etc.

Articles: Please submit all articles in .doc or .docx format. Images to be included with the article may be part of the document or as separate attachments in the same email. In the body of your email, include a list of everything you've attached.

Images: Reasonable quality (at least big enough to print at 100% quality on the full width of a newsletter page). Watch your backgrounds! A lovely picture of your goat is even better against a clean, distraction-free background, so check for people, clutter and other animals before sending the picture. Remember you can always take a picture of your show winner with his or her ribbons at home after the show.

Other content: Anecdotes, poetry, jokes etc. are welcome and will be published as time and space permits. Submission guidelines are the same as for articles.

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Quarter page	5	15

