



Inaugural Newsletter

Welcome everyone to Speckle Park International Inc which is your breed society's new name. The change came about because the society has gone international welcoming a number of New Zealanders as members. You will also see that we have a new logo to match.

Membership

There are currently 3 New Zealand members and 23 Australian members. It is likely that the United Kingdom will join the society as will the United States.

Banner

SPI has a large banner that members can use at events. Just call one of the directors to organise. Contact names are on the website and at the ends of this newsletter.

Website

SPI also has set up its website. The website is located at www.specklepark.org. Please visit sometime and give me your comments. There is provision for news and events to be updated so contributions (ideally ready to load) are welcome.

AGM

The AGM was held in Sydney to co-incide with the Royal Show. That time and location is likely to continue unless members have different ideas. Seventeen members attended including a NZ contingent and there were 7 apologies.

Shows

Many members have participated in local shows. In addition, the following major shows were attended in the last year – Bendigo, Melbourne, Canberra, Dubbo Spectacular (where Speckle Parks gained good publicity through Six Star being a gold sponsor of that event) Sydney and once again at Bendigo where Julie Knight was the sole exhibitor. At both Sydney and Canberra, Speckle Prk calves stood high in the interbreed and generally performed with distinction causing considerable favourable comment. Some photos below.



Steers

Steers have been performing well over the last 12 months. Trewilga had success at Canberra show – see the photo above. The second highest price for a steer at Sydney Show was for a Speckle Park steer. At Bega recently the champion steer amongst strong competition was a Speckle Park with a total of 96 which was a very high score. Black Opal has an impressive team for Brisbane. An early photo below shows the potential.



George Kusely, a director of Six Star and owner of Wallerawang Village Meats held an open day late April displaying a variety of Speckle Park meats. This has led to the meat now being promoted in a number of top restaurants such as the Rockpool and the Emirates resort. George is now looking for suppliers of speckle park cross calves for this trade.

Black Bulls

The directors currently are considering changing the regulations to allow registration of solid black bulls. The new restriction would be that SPI will not register calves with more than one solid black animal in its pedigree for 4 generations. This should achieve the objective of maintaining a speckle herd with less restriction. This emulates the position in Canada except that Canada allows 'breeding up' which makes the rules a little more complex. If you have any comments lets us know.

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