

Tuesday 13 May 2008

12 - 2.00pm	NZDFA Branch Chairs Working Lunch & Meeting, (<i>Ascot Park, Takitimu Room</i>).
12 - 7.00pm	Registration desk open in the foyer of the Ascot Park Hotel.
	“Positive Action” Seminar Chairman: John Scurr
3.00 - 3.30pm	“Global red meat consumer trends and market aspects”, (<i>Hayley Moynihan, Rabobank</i>).
3.30 - 4.30pm	Mega meat company developments; “Where should the Venison industry sit?” Invited speakers (to confirm) - 15 minute sessions: - Owen Poole, Chairman Alliance Group - Eoin Garden, Chairman PPCS Ltd - Q&A session
4.30 - 5.00pm	Climate Change and Emission Permit Trading Scheme: The basics, & implications for the deer industry, (<i>Julie Collins. MAF Climate Change Group Leader</i>).
5.00 - 5.45pm	Velconz and the 2007/08 Velvet season, - perspectives and prospects (<i>Velconz & PGG Wrightson</i>).
6.00 - 7.00pm	Happy hour: in-house bar (- <i>own cost</i>).
7.00 - 11.30pm	Welcome Function: “Positive Product”. —Introduction and welcome. 33 rd Conference opening and reminisces, (<i>Trevor Walton, Wham Group</i>). Invited Chefs; themed Venison entrees and observations from the feature chefs. - <i>Alan Hawkins</i> - Ascot Park Hotel, - <i>Joanne Lowery</i> - Garvan Homestead, - <i>Glen Stridiron</i> and <i>students</i> from the Southern Institute of Technology, - <i>Mark Buissink</i> - Roving Chef. Venison sponsored by Alliance Group <i>Sponsor Presentation - Alliance Group</i> NZDFA - Matuschka award presented



Wednesday 14 May 2008: DINZ FGM and NZDFA AGM

7.30 - 8.15am	Conference Registration: Foyer, Ascot Park Hotel.
8.20 - 8.30am	Conference Welcome: Southland Branch NZDFA (<i>Brian Russell</i>), Deer Industry New Zealand Chairman (<i>John Scurr</i>).
8.30 - 12.45pm	DRAFT PROGRAMME: Deer Industry New Zealand FGM Chairman: John Scurr
	FGM DINZ Chairman's report: <i>John Scurr</i>
	CEO's report: <i>Mark O'Connor</i>
	Venison report: <i>Innes Moffat</i>
	Venison Processor/Marketer comments: Processor Exporters, PPCS Ltd, Alliance Group, Duncan and Company Ltd.
10.15 - 10.30am	Morning tea: Trade exhibition pre-function area.
10.30 - 10.35am	Sponsor Presentation - <i>Ravensdown</i>
10.35 - 12.30pm	DINZ FGM Continues
	Velvet report: <i>Mark O'Connor? Rhys Griffiths</i>
	Velconz - Next steps: <i>TBC</i>
	Research report: <i>Lindsay Fung</i>
	Welfare report: <i>John Tacon</i>
	Productivity & Focus Farms report: <i>Tony Pearse</i>
12.30 - 12.45pm	Lunch: Trade exhibition pre-function area.
1.30 - 2.00pm	Animal Health Board, - National Pest Management Strategy review (<i>AHB CEO William McCook</i>).
2.00 - 2.05pm	Sponsor Presentation - <i>Telford Rural Polytechnic</i>
2.05 - 5.30pm	NZDFA 33rd AGM Chairman: Bill Taylor
3.30 - 3.50pm	Afternoon tea: Trade exhibition pre-function area.
3.50 - 3.55pm	Sponsor Presentation - <i>Goldpine Industries</i>
3.55 - 4.00pm	Deer Industry New Zealand Board candidates address to AGM
4.00 - 5.30pm	NZDFA 33rd AGM Continues



7.00 for 7.30pm	<p>Annual Industry Awards Dinner – Ascot Park Conference Rooms</p> <p>Theme: “Positive Food under the Southern Lights”</p> <p>7pm pre-dinner drinks and gathering in foyer area</p> <p>Venison sponsored by Alliance Group</p> <p><i>Welcome from MC Peter Allan.</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - <i>Warnham and Woburn Society Photographic Awards</i> <li style="padding-left: 20px;"><i>Haggis ceremony and whiskey, compliments of Silberhorn</i> <li style="padding-left: 20px;"><i>Plated Entrée and table oysters</i> - <i>Deer Industry Award presented</i> <li style="padding-left: 20px;"><i>Mains “Alliance Venison Southern style, by Ascot Park”</i> - <i>2008 Deer Industry -Environmental Award presented</i> <li style="padding-left: 20px;"><i>Dessert and coffee served</i> <p>Entertainment - “Positively Southern”, featuring a top line-up of singers with class musical accompanist, truly southern flavour, combined with the Southern lights show and Southern ice décor, - the evening will be stunning and unique.</p>
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Thursday 15 May 2008: Southland Branch Hosted Field Day

8.30am	Depart from Ascot Park Hotel, - travel to Northern Southland through dairy development and intensive sheep and deer farming country with local commentary.
10.00am	Southland Focus Farms: John & Jacky McLean. Farm tour (with local 4WD assistance).
Lunch	<p>Deer Improvement's Balfour Research Farm</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - <i>Catered lunch.</i> - <i>McLean Focus Farm review.</i> - <i>DIL research farm overview.</i> - <i>Deer Industry Focus Farms pictorial update.</i>
2.00pm	Travel buses return for late afternoon airport connections.
Afternoon/evening	<p>Netherdale: David and Lynley Stevens.</p> <p>Conference wind down social function for those not leaving straight away.</p> <p>Catering by the Elk House, NZDFS Southland Branch wind down.</p>

