

QUEENSLAND NEWS

with contributions from Jo van Elten (Vesco Stud), Peter Horne (Chipililo Stud), Dawn Voight (Warrill Creek Stud) and David Bell (Bella Vista Stud).

Ipswich Show

In May, three Square Meaters studs competed at the Ipswich Show with ten animals representing the breed. Due to the continuing drought in our area, numbers were down on previous years but the Squares still managed to put on a good show. The Horne family's **Chipililo Stud** had two representatives, Jo van Elten's **Vesco Stud** also had two and Bevan and Dawn Voight's **Warrill Creek Stud** showed six animals.

Junior Champion Heifer - **Vesco Buttons and Bows**
Senior and Grand Champion Female - **Vesco Angel Eyes**

Junior Champion Bull - **Warrill Creek Buddy**
Senior and Grand Champion Bull - **Warrill Creek Angus**

Lowood Show

Six studs (**Chipililo, Earles, Robene, Damview, Warrill Creek & Vesco**) turned out a very impressive line-up of quality Square Meaters. Sponsorship for the Square Meaters' trophies was very kindly provided by **Ag Solutions** with all Champions receiving bags of Natramin Soil Conditioner and Grand Champions receiving bags of Superior Mineral Mix.

Reserve Junior Heifer - **Warrill Creek Bessie**
Junior Champion Heifer - **Warrill Creek Beauty Queen**
Reserve Senior Female - **Hain Rural Sweetie (Chipililo Stud)**
Senior and Grand Champion Female - **Vesco Angel Eyes**

Reserve Junior Bull - **Robene Bardon Du**
Junior Champion Bull - **Warrill Creek Buddy**
Reserve Senior Bull - **Rainbow Ace of Hearts (Vesco Stud)**
Senior and Grand Champion Bull - **Warrill Creek Angus**

'Farming in the Valley' Field Day

The 'Farming in the Valley' field day at Walloon each May is aimed mainly at smaller acreage 'hobby farmers' and **Vesco** Square Meaters have been invited to participate since the inception of the expo. This year saw **Warrill Creek** Stud join in and between them they exhibited a bull, a heifer and a young steer to a steady stream of interested people. There were 'real' farmers, hobby farmers, 'tree changers' and people who just enjoy the acreage lifestyle at the expo. All who inspected the Square Meaters cattle were greatly impressed with their early growth and the 'weight for age' of the animals on show.

Farmfest

Queensland's premier field day was held in June at Kingsthorpe on the Darling Downs. Spectator numbers were down due to the inclement weather. The rain was very welcome but did manage to make things somewhat unpleasant, however it did not dampen the enthusiasm of the six studs that represented the Square Meaters breed. **Damview, Chipililo, Warrill Creek, Earles, Vesco and Wyralla Lodge** all presented quality cattle to the public. Maria Cooper and Harry Howarth from Wyralla Lodge were newcomers to exhibiting cattle and absorbed information from us all. As well as promoting Square Meaters, the group all camped in close proximity and 'wined and dined' together for the duration of Farmfest, making it a very enjoyable social occasion. This year saw the inaugural presentation of the Neville & Heather Guppy Perpetual Trophy for "The best presented site in the livestock area" and we are proud to say that the Square Meaters site was the unanimous winner. The site, painted up in the society's colours of blue, silver and white, was definitely eye catching and did look a picture. It was a credit to all who worked together to keep it neat and tidy at all times.

Led Steer Results

Vesco Beau, prepared and shown by Ashleigh Horne, has gained a placing in the majority of shows attended. Beau's consistent quality proves the Square Meaters ability to compete in the open market.

Beau's recent results were Inglewood - 3rd; Goondiwindi - 4th; Lowood - unplaced; Esk - 2nd; Toogoolawah - 5th and Farmfest - unplaced.

Kalbar Prime Cattle Show and Sale

In June, **Warrill Creek Stud** entered a six month old steer and a seven month old heifer in the "Single calf under 250kg" class at the 2007 Kalbar Prime Cattle Show and Sale. The class saw 19 youngsters of mixed breeds competing for the judges' eye. Bevan & Dawn's Voight's prime examples of the Square Meater breed were the only British breed entrants in the class.

Exhibits were subject to a 6.00 pm wet curfew and the Warrill Creek duo weighed in at 239kg for the steer and 249kg for the heifer. Judging took place early on the Saturday morning. The judge's favourable comments included "This steer is a true vealer and great example of its breed". Warrill Creek's steer and heifer generated a lot of interest from the other exhibitors and spectators.

The steer was placed first and the heifer was placed third with a Droughtmaster/Limousin cross in second place. Following judging, the heifer and steer were put up for auction as a single lot. Bevan and Dawn were justifiably proud when they achieved the top price in the sale ring, again beating the other breeds.

The show and sale results were particularly pleasing for Bevan and Dawn considering the high standard of the other exhibits in their class. The excellent price they received at auction was a just reward for their efforts. **Warrill Creek Stud** has again proved Square Meaters can more than compete with the European and tropical breeds in both the show ring and prime cattle competitions.



A winning pair of butts



The winning heifer and steer

Broadband Access

'Activ8me' provides satellite broadband access to most areas of Australia and is well worth considering when looking for a broadband provider according to Peter Horne of **Chipililo Stud**. If any members wish to take up broadband internet access through Activ8me www.activ8me.net.au , please nominate fellow member 'Peter Horne' as your referee when applying for membership. Peter will donate the first month's fees (\$29.95) to the Queensland Square Meaters Breeders Group, the Square Meaters Cattle Assn or another SM breeders group of your choice. By nominating Peter as your referee, he receives a \$29.95 reduction in his monthly broadband account which he has kindly agreed to pass back to the breeder's group of your choice.

Any member taking advantage of this Activ8me offer, should email Peter at chipililo@bigpond.com to let him know you have nominated him as your referee. Peter will forward all rebates to Cheryl.

"Beef Boss" Raffle

Tickets in the 6 foot 'Beef Boss' hay feeder, donated by **Hans Welding Works** of Ipswich, are selling fast. Tickets are available from most members and the raffle will be drawn at the Brisbane EKKA during the group's afternoon tea on Friday 10 August.

The support of Hans Welding Works and Ag Solutions is the direct result of the efforts of Rob Walker of **Robene Stud**. Good work Rob!! Your efforts will provide funds to advertise etc. and will benefit all Square Meaters breeders.

RNA Beef Expo - Volunteers Needed

As previously advised, Square Meaters will be one of the feature breeds in the RNA Beef Expo at this year's EKKA. The Beef Expo, over the full ten days of the EKKA, will be a great opportunity to showcase our breed to thousands of show patrons. We look forward to introducing this great breed to many more prospective members.

Volunteers are needed to look after the cattle and answer questions from the public. If you can volunteer some time, even an hour or two, please contact Bill Delaforce who is preparing a volunteer roster.

Queensland Breeders Group - Next Meeting

The next meeting of the Queensland Breeders Group will be held at Bruce McCaul's and Juanita Reid's **Bamre Stud**, Upper Caboolture, on Sunday 15 July 2007 at 10:00 am. All Square Meaters enthusiasts are welcome.