



**SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 21<sup>ST</sup> 2009**

Xcell Breeding Services

**National Rising Stars Hard Antler & Velvet Competition**

**1,2 & 3 yr Hard Antler & 2 yr & Super Heavy weight 10kg + Velvet**

Setting new benchmarks for the future of New Zealand Deer

The Xcell Breeding Services National Rising Stars Hard Antler and Velvet Competition is being held at Tower Farms on **Saturday 21<sup>st</sup> February 2009 at 5.30pm.**

Competition viewing from 5.30pm followed by awards dinner at

**The Oaks – Tower Farms, 188A Discombe Rd, Cambridge, Hamilton.**

Competition Classes:

1. National **1 Year Old Red Hard Antler** – Rockvale Deer Stud Trophy  
Sponsored by **Rockvale Deer Stud**
2. National **2 Year Old Red Hard Antler** – Deer Reproduction Services Trophy  
Sponsored by **Deer Reproduction Services**
3. National **3 Year Old Red Hard Antler** – Tower Farms Trophy  
Sponsored by **Tower Farms**
4. National **2 Year Old Red Velvet** – 2 Year Velvet Trophy – National Deer Horn Trophy  
Sponsored by **Foveran Deer Park**
- 4a. National 2 year old Red Velvet – Non typical ( trial class )
5. National Red Deer **Super Heavy Weight 10 kgs + Velvet** Competition – Sarnia Trophy  
Sponsored by **Sarnia Deer**

Entry fees **\$35 per entry**. To ensure correct coordination of transport please register all entries by phone, fax or e-mail to Joe at Tower Farms 07 823 3309 fax 07 823 3380 or email [tradedeer@xtra.co.nz](mailto:tradedeer@xtra.co.nz) with Class, number of entries, contact name and phone number and location of antler and velvet heads. PGG Wrightson velvet depots and Velexco are collection points for your entries. All South Island entries will leave Velexco 15 Lismore St, Christchurch - 10 am Monday 16<sup>th</sup> Feb. All velvet to be at PPG Christchurch by 8am Monday 16<sup>th</sup>. PGG despatch days are - Invercargill Tuesday 10<sup>th</sup> Feb - Mosgiel and Blenheim Wednesday 11<sup>th</sup> Feb and Timaru Thursday 12<sup>th</sup>Feb.

**ALL ENTRIES NEED TO BE CLEARLY IDENTIFIED AS COMPETITION ENTRIES**

**All entry forms to be received by Friday 13<sup>th</sup> February 2009 - All heads to be received in Cambridge from 8.00am Wednesday 18<sup>th</sup> and no later than 11.00am Thursday 19<sup>th</sup> February 2009.**

Judging of Hard Antler will be carried out from Wednesday 18<sup>th</sup> February and Velvet on Friday 20<sup>th</sup> February.

On Saturday February 21<sup>st</sup> all heads entered will be on display from 5.30pm at The Oaks -Tower Farms. Cocktails and social drinks will follow from 6.30pm and the winners will be announced at the awards evening dinner starting at 7pm. Dinner Tickets \$55.00 per person and **must** be booked by Wednesday 18<sup>th</sup> February. Restricted space means **Tickets have to be strictly limited.**

Accommodation suggestions: please see attached sheet with locations and price options

For any enquiries please contact - Sharon Love, 691 Dansey Road R D 2 Rotorua  
Tel: (07) 332 5892 Fax (07) 332 5891 E-mail: [tradedeer@xtra.co.nz](mailto:tradedeer@xtra.co.nz)



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2. National **2 Year Old Red Hard Antler** – sponsored by **Deer Reproduction Services**
3. National **3 Year Old Red Hard Antler** – sponsored by **Tower Farms**
4. National **2 Year Old Red Velvet** – sponsored by **Foveran Deer Park**
- 4a. National **2 Year Old Red Velvet (Non Typical – trial class)**
5. National Red Deer **Super Heavy Weight 10 kgs + Velvet** – sponsored by **Sarnia Deer**

Competitor .....

Address.....

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e-mail.....Phone / Fax .....

Please reserve me \_\_\_\_\_ tickets for the Awards Dinner \$55 per ticket. Total \$ \_\_\_\_\_

I would like to enter \_\_\_\_\_ heads in the competition at \$35 each: Total: \$ \_\_\_\_\_

Grand Total: \$ \_\_\_\_\_

Enclosed is a cheque for \$ \_\_\_\_\_ payable to the National Hard Antler and Velvet Competition.

Class No	Stag Identification (Name & Tag ID)	NVSB Tag No.	Age	Sire	Dam
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I declare these details to be true and will abide by the competition rules.

\_\_\_\_\_ signature.



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1. **Please Register your entry to ensure your entry is expected at our collection points**
2. Individual entry fees are \$35 per head:
3. All judging will be to the "Recommended Deer Industry New Zealand Velvet Grading Guidelines and Standards and the judge's decision is final. (Note all velvet heads need to have a trez tyne with C1 & C2 measurement.
4. All Classes are open to all deer farmers, not just NZDFA subscription paying members.
5. All entries are at owner's risk.
6. All entries, including Hard Antler must have NVSB identification tags on both sticks of velvet and Hard Antler and match the information on the entry forms that have been submitted.
7. Velvet and Hard Antler can only be submitted from the 2009 growing season. grown Spring 08-Feb 09
8. Only Hard Antler animals of that age at date of competition can be entered i.e.:
  - i. 1 year – Born 07
  - ii. 2 year – Born 06 - More than one hard antler head can be entered for the same animal only if the head for last year was cut after 16th February 2008 last year's competition and registered with organisers.
  - iii. 3 year – Born 05Any head eligible for entry for this year's competition that are not ready by entry date must be registered to be entered in next year's competition.
9. Hard Antler will be judged on the current DFA competition inches scoring system by Hub Hall no spread and burr measurements included. All heads hard antler must be **clean** and stripped. (Note: Those heads not presented correctly may be rejected)
10. The Stags nominated in the entry form must be available for inspection at the discretion of the judges and the Competition Committee. A photo of the stag can be submitted with your entry form.
11. Velvet heads will be graded on the current DINZ guidelines also paying attention to hygiene and handling criteria.
12. The Judges decisions are final and no correspondence will be entered into.
13. Clear instructions **must be supplied** as to return of antler or disposal of velvet/ hard antler after the competition.
14. PGG Wrightson velvet depots and Veleco Christchurch are collection points for your entries. Please ensure **ALL ENTRIES ARE CLEARLY IDENTIFIED AS COMPETITION ENTRIES**. And please take note of delivery deadlines for collections to make sure your entry reaches us in time.
15. Results and trophy presentation will take place at the dinner on the day of the competition. All entries will be displayed prior to the dinner at "The Oaks – Tower Farms at 5.30pm Saturday 21<sup>st</sup> February 2009.

**All entry forms must be received** or registered they are coming, no later than **Friday 13th February, 2009.**

All velvet and hard antler to be received **in Hamilton** from 8am Wednesday 18<sup>th</sup> February and no later than **11am Thursday 19<sup>th</sup> February 2009.**

**Please record full instructions for the return of the velvet and or hard antler on the attached sheet.** Please return entry form and payment to:

Tower Farms 188 Discombe Road R D 3 Hamilton ; E-mail:Sharon at [tradedeer@xtra.co.nz](mailto:tradedeer@xtra.co.nz)



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## Instructions for the Return of Velvet and Hard Antler:

Velvet	To be collected by _____
Sent to	_____ _____ _____
Hard Antler	To be collected by: _____
Sent to	_____ _____ _____
Other details	_____ _____
Your phone	_____
Contact:	_____ _____



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Accommodation is currently available at the following location:

*Between Cambridge and Hamilton*

**Hamilton Airport Motor Inn - Mystery Creek Hamilton (0800) 106 679**

**Rooms from \$109 per night [www.airportinn.co.nz](http://www.airportinn.co.nz)**

*North of Cambridge – Hamilton*

**A Famacard Associated Hotel**

**Mainstay Hotel- Ambassador Motor Inn**

**Downtown Hamilton (0800) 800 533**

**Rooms from \$90 [www.ambassador@silveroaks.co.nz](mailto:www.ambassador@silveroaks.co.nz)**

**Ventura Hamilton - 23 Clarence St (07) 838 0110**

**Rooms from \$109 [www.venturainns.co.nz](http://www.venturainns.co.nz)**

*Links to more options [www.jasons.com](http://www.jasons.com) or [www.Wotif.com](http://www.Wotif.com)*

*Some Luxury Options just South of Cambridge*

**Emanuel's**

**SH1 Karapiro**

**Luxury 5 star B & B from \$400 [www.emanuels.co.nz](http://www.emanuels.co.nz)**

**Maungatautari Lodge**

**844 Maungatautari Road Karapiro**

**Luxury Country Lodge B & B from \$500 [Maungatautari Lodge](#)**



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