

TUX NEW ZEALAND YARDING CHALLENGE**HEAT @ Kaitaia NORTHLAND****Date: 3-4 November 2023****Judge: Graeme Brier****JUDGE:**

OPEN	COMPETITOR	DOG	POINTS
1st	Barney Strong	Trixie	97
2nd	Lex Grattan	Brooke	96.5
3rd	John Foss	Bindi	93
4th	Leo Jecentho	Jake	90.5
5th	Barney Strong	Gyp	89
6th	John Foss	Nip	88.5
7th	Laura Geering	Ella	88
8th	Les Child	Buck	87.5
9th	Shaun Haynes	Sue	84
10th	Neville Child	Finn	77
11th	Steve Osborne	Spark	71.5
MAIDEN			
1st	Dan McCready	Biddy	85
2nd	Jack Casey	Elle	
3rd	Kyle Munford	Holly	

A wonderful trial held at the Kaitaia Showgrounds... although on Friday morning, a torrential downpour led to flooding all along the front of the grandstand and “gumboots required” just to get through the gate. The sheep were a credit to Colin Jay and his team who had spent days pre-working them. Everyone was given a chance and only a handful of runs did not make it to the pen, with almost 60% of runs penning. The sheep generally penned well however were prone to testing the dog at this obstacle, with a small number of sheep bouncing out and ending the competitors chances. In the runoff this happened straight after ‘right’ was called...many groans in the watching crowd as it was a top run.

The inaugural Merv Cameron Memorial Trophy was won by the Broadwood team of Dam McCready (with Biddy) and Eddie McCarthy (with Mate), closely followed by Mervs own club, Mangonui. In both cases the Maiden competitors scores were higher than their Open competitor teammates. This shapes up to be a trophy that is hotly contested. Many thanks to Colin Jay and the Mangonui team, the many others who came along just to help, to the judges, to all the sponsors – Tux and Mangonui Transport in particular – and to everyone who stayed to help clean up. See you all next year at the grandstand!