At The Savoy, Dunedin last week, and at the culmination of an interesting and positive evening Robert & Jean Forrester from Amberley the Composite Breed winners, were named this year’s winners of the NZ Ewe Hogget Competition. They received prizes to the value of $10000, and will host a Field Day sometime later in the year.

The evening commenced with the National Convenor, Mr Stephen Rabbidge, thanking everyone involved in the competition. He especially welcomed Allflex the latest sponsor to join the family of sponsors. He spoke of the finalists visited, and the extremes of country and the challenges they all face. He made special mention of the optimism he has for the competition to continue to grow and the quality farmers he and the judges met on their journey throughout New Zealand.

This year’s MC was Jamie Mackay, from the Farming Show, who interviewed all the finalists asking them questions relating to their farm and their overall objectives.

The person, who initiated this event 17 years ago, Mr George Fletcher, presented the Special Awards. This year’s Special Awards were the Merial Ancare Flock Performance Award, Ravensdown Large Flock Award, Tru-Test Flock Evenness Award, Allflex Technology & Innovation Award, Best Woolled Flock Award, and the Country-Wide Free Subscriptions Award.

The three National Judges, Andrew Craw, Nic Clarke, and Andy Train then spoke about their experiences during the National Judging and the qualities of the competition and competitors.

Last year’s winners, Preston and Tori Hope, then announced the winners – Robert & Jean Forrester who were in their own words ‘stunned’. Robert, on accepting the award, said ‘he felt humbled, and paid special mention to the fellow finalists and to the sponsors’.

As well as receiving the prize money, Robert & Jean also received the NZ Ewe Hogget Competition Cup presented by Alliance, and a RAS medal presented by a RAS representative.

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Photographs from the evening

Robert & Jean receiving the NZ Ewe Hogget Competition Trophy donated by Alliance

Robert & Jean being presented with their RAS Medal
Robert & Jean holding their oversized cheque for $10000 as winners of the 2013 competition

Robert & Jean holding their trophy and RAS Medal