

A close-up photograph of a horse's head, focusing on its eye and the surrounding mane. The horse has a light brown coat and a white blaze on its face. The eye is dark and reflective. The mane is light brown and slightly tousled. The background is a soft, out-of-focus green, suggesting an outdoor setting.

AP story competition 2017: The Ideal AP member

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**Once upon a time in CHB it
was very, very dry...**



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An Ideal AP at work...

- everyone came to that meeting with their own plan of action: what they had done to date and what their farm looked like
- but what were the next steps?
- an AP is a great support structure
- an AP is quick and nimble in these events
- in the AP environment you can't play ostrich and put your head in sand in these situations!
- even though we had had good rain at the same time, we still had to plan ahead carefully



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A close-up, artistic photograph of a horse's eye, showing the iris and surrounding fur in warm, golden tones. The eye is looking slightly to the right.

So what does your Ideal AP member look like?



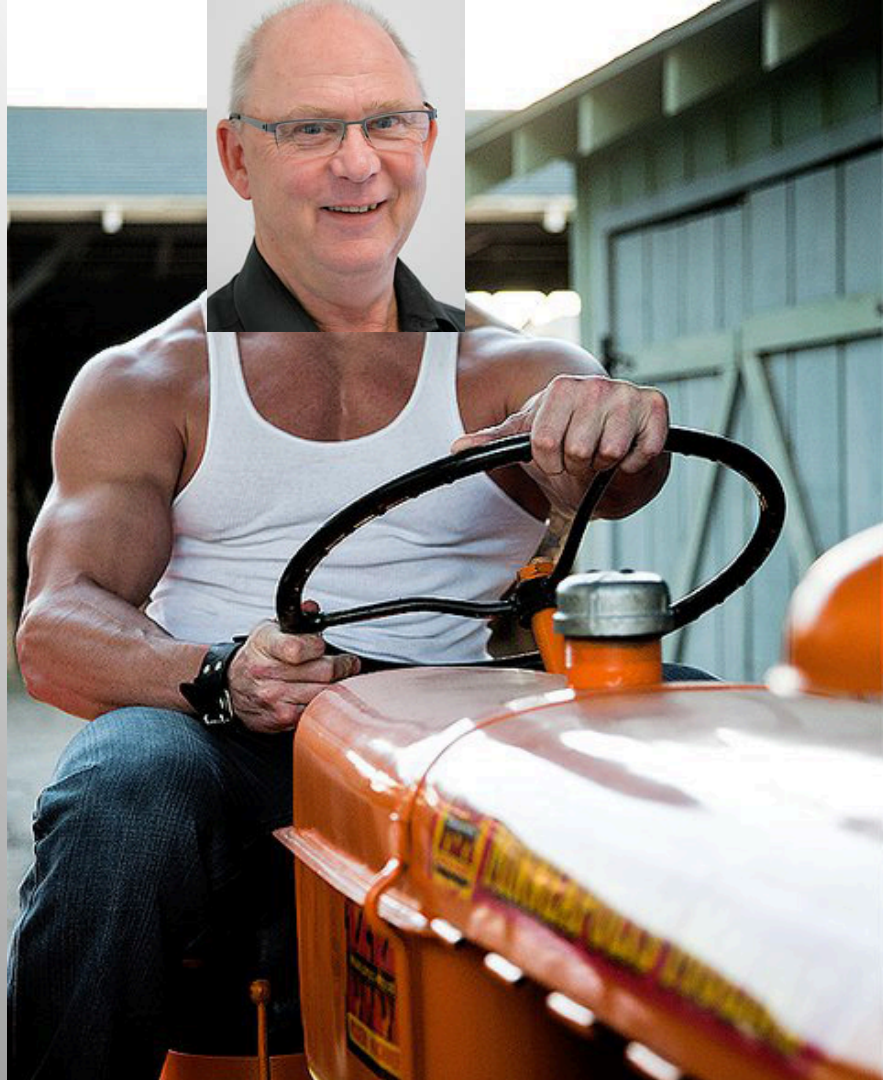
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We reckon we know what he looks like...

- a good listener as well as a good contributor
- open minded but with a huge depth of deer knowledge
- always willing to learn from others
- respectful of others opinions yet respected for his considered opinion
- a sense of humour
- keen to effect change on the farm and to facilitate family succession in the family business
- at every meeting, enthusiastic and pleasant...

a valued team member

A close-up, high-resolution photograph of a horse's eye. The eye is a deep, warm brown color with a prominent, dark, vertical pupil. The surrounding fur is light brown and has a fine, textured appearance. The background is a soft, out-of-focus light brown, creating a sense of depth and focus on the eye itself.

And this is him...



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John William Spiers

1954-2017

One of the first deer farmers in NZ in an AP, John Spiers never questioned the value nor the intent of APs. He knew that he could contribute- he added huge value and real integrity.

John showcased and championed the Advance Party concept.

“I’m not sure what I will get out of it but it’ll be good for Daniel and me to be part of this”

“Even if we don’t tell any stories or if this information never makes it into the public arena, this is going to be well worth it”