

Merry Christmas



Dear all

The year is coming to a close so hopefully you all have/had a wonderful Christmas and are looking forward to the New Year, a little difficult given the milk prices that the majority of us are getting.

Enclosed is our 2012 calendar. I hope you like it and will support the advertisers if possible. If you would like to distribute some in your dairy farming community just let me know and I'll send you out the required number. The calendar is distributed through the Northern Dairyfarmer magazine to all dairyfarmers in Queensland and northern New South Wales. Some of our Queensland Branch committee are attending Dairy Week so will take some down there and I will again send a heap overseas to World Expo where they were very well received this year.

The Branch has just put double page advertisements in the Red & White Bloodlines magazine (USA based) and the American Milking Shorthorn magazine to further spread the word of our great Queensland cattle some of which you see here. Also watch out for our double page spread in CrazyCow.

TOOWOOMBA SHOW 2013:

It is anticipated that this show will be a Feature Show and will include an Illawarra sale. Breeders are encouraged to start considering possible high quality animals for sale, ensuring the correct mating time etc. It is imperative that for the sale to continue and be successful, top quality animals need to be presented.

NANANGO SALE:

Anticipated sale date is March 14, 2012. Please contact Steve Ledger 0438 782170 if you have cattle for sale.

OAKEY JUDGING SCHOOL:

Keith Dorries is running a school during Oakey Show on March 17, 2012 which will cover all aspects of preparing and showing animals and judging. Open to all ages. Please let Keith know of your interest and to obtain further details. Keith can be contacted via email panoramak@hotmail.com or on 46916164.

FEDERAL MEETINGS:

The Annual General Meetings of the Federal Committee and Federal Council have been held and there have been a number of rule changes. If you would like a full copy of the Minutes just let me know. Breeders should note the following:

- From 1st January 2012, all male calves registered will need to be **DNA tested** at the breeder's expense (approx \$40). Kiama office will be letting people know of the procedure to follow asap.
- All animals registered in the supplementary register will now be given their **true Illawarra blood** percentage on their registration certificate.

• Showing Policy:

Only animals registered in the Society's Herd Book can be shown subject to the Society's colour rules.

From January 1, 2014, only animals listed in the registered section and current herd book and X and Y sections whose Sire and Dam are also registered by the Illawarra Cattle Society of Australia (and animals sired by a Sire of a breed that has full Herd Book status



with the ICSA) shall be eligible to be shown.

From January 1, 2015, the required Illawarra blood percentage for showing purposes will be 37.5%.

I am seeking confirmation on whether the abovementioned date January 1, 2014 should in fact be January 1, 2015. When I know I'll update the website.

- Federal Council will be creating a **discussion forum** to set 5, 10 and 20 year goals and directions so that the Illawarra breed becomes a long term alternative breed in the diary industry.
- A **sub-committee** has been appointed to look at the **Memorandum and Articles of Association** and includes myself (Betty Ledger), Bob Lester, Warren Doecke and David Henry, with the overhaul to be completed within twelve months. Wish us luck.
- The **Classification and IDP Committees** will now be elected for two year terms with half retiring annually.
- A **Code of Ethics** has been accepted and covers photos with Federal Council delegates stating that they are against touching up photos for photo competitions. A copy of the Code of Ethics is available on the website.
- Lloyd Peters would like to see breeders **discontinue** using direct **Holstein identification in an animal's name**.
- The cost for members to **register their animals and not receive a certificate** is \$9.90 per animal.
- There will be **no sale at the 2012 IDW**.

PRODUCTION COW OF THE YEAR:

Congratulations to the Priebbenow family on taking out the Queensland Production Cow of the Year with Silverleigh Pixie 17. The complete figures and list of the top ten age group leaders are enclosed with what looks like a few broken records. I'll be chasing up those owners to obtain lactation certificates. Well done to everyone.

LISMORE DAIRY SPECTACULAR:

The Lismore Dairy Spectacular was held recently with approximately 40 head being exhibited with Ian Mueller (Glenbrook, SA) officiating.

Congratulations to the Lester Family of Warwick now exhibiting as Eight Mile Agri Trust, on winning Senior Champion Cow and Supreme Illawarra exhibit with St Andrews Topsy 131. St Andrews hasn't been a regular in the show ring for some time. Let's hope we see more of them.

Reserve Senior Champion went to Warren Gallagher with Moyola Madam 8 with JP Bourke & Co taking out honourable mention with Myrtleholme Ava 2.

In other results, the Henry Family won Juvenile Champion and Honourable Mention Juvenile with Tara Panda 6 and Tara Diamond 9 respectively. Splitting these two for Reserve Juvenile was Allen & Denise Whatman's Allen Vale Blossom 16.

In the Junior Championship, J P Bourke & Co took the major ribbon with Myrtleholme Rose 212, followed by the Whatmans in reserve position with Allen Vale Marlene 17 and Honourable Mention Moyola Robin exhibited by Warren Gallagher.

HAROLD THOMPSON RIP:

Late of "Alfa Vale" Manumbar Road, Nanango, passed away peacefully on 26th November 2011. Aged 70 Years. Beloved Husband of Nancy. Loving Father and Father-in-law of Allan & Shelley, Jenni (Gaye) & Geoff, Bruce & Kelly, Steve & Paula, Helen & Dirk. Adored Grandpa of 8 cherished Grandchildren.

Harold was a Life Member of the Queensland Branch awarded as a result of his lifetime involvement in the Illawarra breed both in breeding and administration. He will be sadly missed and our thoughts and prayers are with Nancy and the family.

Our thoughts and prayers are also with Denise Whatman.