

NORTHERN DISTRICT

JERSEY BREEDERS CLUB



Next Meeting

The next meeting will be held at the Criterion Hotel, corner Mackay and Gillies Street, Rochester on 10th March 2009. Come along for a meal at 7.00 pm with the meeting to follow. Enquiries & apologies to Lisa Broad 035486 2624 or Bill Cochrane 03 5486 5474.

Engagements

Congratulations to club members Courtney Wagner & Jared Ireland on their engagement. Anita Cochrane & Tim Livsey recently announced their engagement as did Jeremy Campbell and Bree Hamilton. Anita is the daughter of Bill & Kaye Cochrane & Jeremy, the son of Trevor & Julie Campbell. Congratulations to all.

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February 2009 Newsletter

Coming Up.....

- 21st February 2009 – Tea & Bowling Night
- 23rd February 2009 – Kaddy Jersey's Herd Inspection & Lunch
- 28th February 2009 – Rochester Show
- 5-8th March 2009 – Tasmania Trip
- 10th March 2009 – Next meeting at the Criterion Hotel, Rochester. Tea at 7pm with meeting to follow
- 19th May 2009 - Northern Lights Sale
- 19-22nd May 2009 – Jersey Australia AGM, Vic Branch AGM, farm visits, social functions & international guest speakers

Fires

Our thoughts and prayers are with those affected by the recent horrific fires. This note has been circulated to jersey breeders by the President of the Central Gippsland Jersey Breeders Club. If you have a day or two to spare to assist with the clean up, fencing etc, please contact Bill Cochrane and a group will be organised to assist in any way we can.

This is a note to let you all know that the planned Judging School which was to be held next week has been postponed indefinitely. As part of that there were to be two informal get togethers on the Monday and Tuesday night. Both of these have been cancelled. It is hoped that we will be able to hold an informal get together in the near future.

The Bunyip Ridge fire and the recent Boolarra fire have had a huge impact on several of our club members. I have received many offers of assistance and queries as to how best to help. I have had contact with several of the affected members and the short term need is for time to process what has happened and assess what needs to be done and how to go about it. Fencing is then the next issue and as time goes by assessment as to feeding stock in the medium to longer term will no doubt appear on the radar.

At this point I would encourage people to continue to offer their time for clean up and fencing either direct to affected members or through myself. The intention is to be able to form a couple of teams that are available to help a day at a time wherever they are needed with fencing or clean-up over the coming months.

To date I have received a request for the agistment of 70 rising two year olds and 100 calves. No doubt their will be further needs like this. If you are able to offer agistment please let me know and I will put you in contact with those who need it. Any other specific offers of post drivers, seeders etc. can also be directed to me.

Merv York President Central Gippsland JBC

Semex & Jersey Australia Great Southern Challenge 2008

Congratulations to club representatives for their participation and achievement in the awards. The club received third place in the Baker-Farrell Trophy for the Most Successful Jersey Cattle Club. Well done also to Lisa Broad, on selection as the Great Southern Challenge judge. Our club results are as follows:-

Reserve Senior Champion

Jugiong Ranunculus 4629
Owned by the Nicholson Family
Girgarre



Reserve 4 year old Champion

Brookbora Love Lies 509
Owned by Robert & Sandra Bacon
Tennyson



7th Place 3 year old

Sybilgrove April Impetus
Owned by Frank, Margaret,
David & Nolene Collins
Rochester



3rd Place 2 year old

Jugiong Buttercup 5375
Owned by the Nicholson Family
Girgarre



Northern Lights Sale & Jersey Australia Inaugural Annual General Meeting

Preparations are well underway for this year's Jersey Australia's Inaugural Annual General Meeting and four day Jersey Extravaganza program. To be held in conjunction with the third annual Northern Lights Sale, the program will be hosted by the Northern District Jersey Breeders Club from Tuesday 19th – Friday 22nd May 2009 and promises to have something for everyone.

The program commences with the Northern Lights Sale on Tuesday 19th May, which will see elite pedigree Jerseys from Victoria, New South Wales, Queensland, Tasmania & South Australia go under the hammer. Already pedigrees have been received for top end animals and the club envisages putting together the best catalogue yet. Pedigrees will be accepted until 20th February, so the opportunity to showcase your herd at this high profile sale is nearing closure. Please contact Sale Manager, Pat Nicholson 03 5854 6393 BH, 03 5854 6513 AH, 0438 347737 Mob, Email jugiong@bigpond.com 03 5854 6393 Fax, Postal 771 Curr Road, Girgarre, 3624.

The club is excited to have the face of the Canadian jersey scene, Mr Russell Gammon attending as guest speaker at the dinner dance in the evening. Russell is the CEO of Jersey Canada and is highly respected within the international industry. A passionate jersey advocate, he is a gifted public speaker and is well known for his inspiring and motivational presentations. It is a magnificent opportunity for all to hear an international guest speaker of this calibre, share his knowledge and experience in the dairy and breeding industry.

Herd inspections, formal and informal social events, Jersey Australia & Vic Branch AGMs, national and international guest speakers will all be part of the exciting 2009 agenda, so mark it in your diary, book your relief milkers or annual leave now and we'll see you there!

Up the Milk Factories Bowling Night

The Club decided at a recent meeting to have a social night (obviously not long after the respective milk factory announcements). All are welcome to a bowling night at Echuca on Saturday, 21st February 2009. Meet at La Porchetta at 7.30pm for tea with bowling to follow. Neighbouring clubs of all breeds, your neighbour, your family... all are welcome. To assist with booking, numbers would be appreciated but not essential. Please call Lisa Broad 03 5486 2624 prior to Wednesday 18th February.

Visit to Kaddy Jerseys

Andrew Younger has kindly extended an invitation to join the GMJBC for a herd inspection and lunch at his place on Monday 23rd February 2009. The club meeting will commence at 11.00 am with lunch and inspection to follow. A BBQ lunch and drinks will be provided by Marcus O'Dwyer of Forte Dodge. BYO chairs. 50 Zeerust School Road, Zeerust. RSVP motor@hisplace.net Tuesday 17th February 2009

Visit to Tasmania

The trip to Tassie is leaving on the evening of Thursday 5th March visiting three jersey herds, Christmas Hills Raspberry Farm, Ashgrove Cheese & Anvers Chocolates and will have plenty of time for sight seeing and socialising. Returning back into Melbourne from Launceston on Sunday 8th March, there will no doubt many stories to tell. If you are attending and you have not paid for your flights as yet, please forward payment to Treasurer, Val Read, Pinegrove South Road, Tennyson, 3572, ASAP. Stay tuned for a report of the trip.

2008 OFC



Rain comes from the sky
(above?) we thought



Such a lady



At the meeting planning the 08 OFC
- this happens when members
water their lawn with cool plate
water before a meeting at their place
(And the lawn looked so good too)
Sorry ☹, just wasn't expecting wet
ground (had forgotten what it was)

the non-COW photos....



Lisa -on the other end of the other
camera this time!



Cool shirt Tim



Parky (aka Wellbred Genetics)
Good to see our sponsor hard at work



You've seen it before,
but it's such a good one!



Toni & Bill
- being stupid for the camera



Decision, decision - start of
the second day for judges
Tim & Jeff



Julie & Sandra - hard at work?



This is rain. We got very very
wet by the end of the second
day of the 08 OFC - Please come
back again Jeff and bring more
with you



Our happy President
- what more can we say.....