



## International Dairy Week 2014 JUDGES

### **ABS AUSTRALIA / RIDLEY DAIRY FEEDS NATIONAL ALL BREEDS YOUTH SHOW PAT NICHOLSON - AUSTRALIA**



Pat Nicholson is a partner in the family operation Jugiong Jerseys milking 550 registered Jersey Cows averaging 6500 litres. Pat is the fourth generation to be involved in the stud which is situated in Northern Victoria. Jugiong Jerseys contains some of Australia's highest classified and highest production cows. Pat and his wife Carmen have a 2 year old son, Riley. Pat has had the honour of judging in all states of Australia including: Melbourne, Sydney, Adelaide & Toowoomba Royals, New South Wales State Jersey show and On Farm Challenges throughout Victoria & South Australia. He was also a Judge at the 2011 World Jersey Conference show at the New Zealand Dairy Event.

In 2011 Pat took to the arena at IDW judging the National Guernsey Show. He is a member of the Jersey Australia Judging Panel and the Holstein Australia Judging Panel, a past National All Dairy Breeds Youth Camp Manager and a past Classifier for Jersey Australia. In his spare time Pat is the sale manager for the annual Northern Lights Jersey Sale.

Pat has always had a passion for the dairy industry and is committed to encouraging the next generation through various youth programs.

### **IDW SHERI MARTIN MEMORIAL SHOWMANSHIP CLASSES MATT TEMPLETON - AUSTRALIA**

Matt was raised on a registered Holstein farm in Victoria, Australia.

For 13 years Matt has worked as a professional cattle fitter. This work has taken him across Australia, New Zealand, USA, Canada, Brazil and Germany - where he has had the privilege of helping prepare some of the best cows in the world including 2012 World Dairy Expo Supreme Champion: RF Goldwyn Hailey, and also working with the Budjon Show String at Madison for the past 7 Years.



Matt has also showed and owned numerous All-Australian and Grand Champions across the country. Most recently owning the 2009 and 2011 IDW Supreme Champions: Avonlea Robthom Connie and Fairvale Morty Lady, and also managing under his care the back to back 2010,2011 Grand Champion Jersey.

Recently Matt has slowed down the fitting side of his life and is now more involved at home on the family farm with his parents Bruce and Jan Templeton where they operate View Fort Holsteins in Tarwin, Victoria.

Matt has judged the Victoria State showmanship final, the Queensland State Showmanship final, the Tasmania State Showmanship final and numerous other shows across Australia and New Zealand. He is regularly assisting with and promoting youth activities throughout Australia.

### **IDW NATIONAL AYRSHIRE SHOW KEVIN SMITH - AUSTRALIA**

Queensland Ayrshire breeder Kevin Smith comes to International Dairy Week with significant experience in breeding, showing and judging dairy cattle.

Kevin is one of five children and a third generation dairy farmer. His family recently celebrated 100 years of breeding and registering Ayrshire dairy cattle. His Grandfather was made a life member of the Queensland Ayrshire Cattle Society in 1959 and his Father was made a life member of Ayrshire Australia Limited in 2000.

Kevin has been a farmer for more than 40 years, having farmed on Brisbane River flats outside of Ipswich, Queensland since 15 years of age. Currently, he milks around 60 cows all year round on 135 acres with unlimited irrigation on 65 acres with his wife Sharron.



He has significant experience in showing cattle having won Champion Ayrshire cow at the Royal Brisbane Show 17 times in 20 years. In addition to showing experience, Kevin has also judged at the Adelaide Royal Show, Brisbane Royal Show, Sydney Royal Show, Toowoomba Royal Show and Shepparton National Dairy Show. He has bred and owned two cows classified EX94. One of these cows, Hillcrest Tri Camille carries the status of being the highest classified Ayrshire in Australia having been classified excellent five times. He has two sons, Ross and Steven both of whom have careers off the farm in medicine and chemical engineering, respectively. He breeds well-balanced dairy cows, which excel in legs, feet and mammary systems. Kevin is honored to be asked to judge the premier dairy show in Australia.

#### **IDW NATIONAL ILLAWARRA SHOW KEITH DORRIES - AUSTRALIA**



Keith has been a dairy farmer and Illawarra breeder (Panorama Illawarras) for 40 years farming at Oakey, Queensland.

Together with his wife Annette they milk 100 Illawarra cows on 500 hectares that also includes cereal cropping. Keith is a third generation dairy farmer with his Grandfather commencing with 160 acres on this property in 1918.

Keith feels very fortunate to have been involved in the Illawarra breed at a time when the controlled introduction of RED dairy genetics from throughout the world was introduced. The introduction of the new Red genetics allowed the Panorama herd to greatly improve type & production.

Panorama has shown successfully at the Brisbane Royal Show winning 11 Champion Cow awards including one Supreme Cow award. Many Intermediate Champions including 3 heifers gaining supreme awards. 14 most successful exhibitor awards have also been won. Panorama bred and owned the 2008 IDW ILLAWARRA Champion cow Panorama Angeline 8 who was exhibited in partnership with BLUECHIP GENETICS. Panorama Angeline 9 a maternal sister to Angeline 8 is currently one of the highest classified cows in the breed at EX94. Several Panorama bulls have entered AB centres including Panorama Royal Treble who is the highest rated sire in the American Milking Shorthorn Breed.

Keith has judged at many shows including twice at Sydney, Melbourne and Adelaide Royal Shows. It is with great pleasure that IDW welcome Keith as the 2014 Illawarra Judge.

#### **IDW NATIONAL GUERNSEY SHOW BLAINE CROSSER – UNITED STATES OF AMERICA**

Blaine Crosser who comes from Marysville, Ohio has served as the official judge for the Guernsey breed in the United States and internationally. Twice a judge at World Dairy Expo in 2000 and 2011, Blaine has placed Guernseys at national shows in Canada and on the Isle of Guernsey during the 2013 World Guernsey Conference. In addition, Crosser has judged at the Iowa, Illinois, Ohio and Oregon state fairs, Eastern States Exposition, Pennsylvania Farm Show and the Midwest Guernsey Classic.

A graduate of The Ohio State University, Blaine is employed as the Dairy Sire Product Manager and Guernsey Sire Analyst by Select Sires, Plain City, Ohio. He has purchased prominent bulls like Trotacre Loral Tiller-ET and Sniders Option Aaron-ET that have had a major impact in the Guernsey breed. Blaine frequently reads pedigrees at Guernsey sales and serves on the Genetic Improvement and Type committees of the American Guernsey Association. He is also a recipient of the association's Distinguished Service award.



Crosser owns a small number of Guernseys that are housed at Marodore Farm, Baltimore, Ohio. His family, (wife, Gail and children, Aaron and Mandy) exhibit at National Guernsey shows and the Ohio State Fair and have bred two All-American heifers.

**IDW NATIONAL BROWN SWISS SHOW**  
**DR. ALFRED WEIDELE – GERMANY**



Since 2000 Alfred Weidele has been the Managing Director of the "RBW, Rinderunion Baden-Württemberg e.V." in Germany as well as Breeding Director for Simmental/Fleckvieh and Brown Swiss. RBW, Rinderunion Baden-Württemberg e.V. disposes of some 204,000 herdbook cows, carries out approx. 315,000 first inseminations and markets some 70,000 cows and bulls per year. He has completed studies in Agriculture including a Diploma thesis about 'Dairy Farming on Major Operations', Final University Degree in 1992 and as Scientific Assistant University Hohenheim, Institute for Agricultural Business Operations, a Doctoral thesis: 'The impact of increased performances in primary and secondary traits of cattle on the efficiency and structure of dairy farming', in 1996. Dr Weidele is the Managing Director of the Organization of Black and Red Holstein Breeders in Baden-Württemberg e.V.

In his spare time Dr Weidele manages a mixed farm operation with his wife and two young children (50 cows, 75 hectares).

Dr Weidele has judged the National Show Bogota/Colombia (2\* Simmental, 1\* Brown Swiss) in 2003 and 2010; Federal Simmental Show Austria, 2011; Brumath/France, Holstein show 1998; Formel 50,000, Tyrol/Austria 2008; Fair Wels/ Austria, 2008; Fair Ried/ Austria 2007; Vorderwälder National Show 2007; Regional Show Lower Austria/Austria (all breeds) 2009; Regional Show Salzburg (all breeds), 2010; Regional Show Steiermark/ Austria (all breeds), 2012; Brown Swiss Day, Waldsee/Germany, 2006, 2012; Central Agricultural Show Munich/Germany, (Brown Swiss, Holstein), 2008 and many regional community cattle shows in Baden-Württemberg.

**IDW NATIONAL JERSEY SHOW**  
**MICHAEL HEATH – UNITED STATES OF AMERICA**

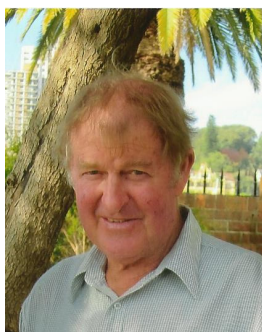


No stranger to the judging ring, IDW is pleased to welcome Michael Heath to Australia in 2014. Michael was brought up on Spring Valley Jersey Farm, Westminster, Maryland, USA. His father, a well known photographer, Billy Heath along with Grandfather John Stiles and Uncles, Wayne & Allen Stiles, had a big influence on Michael's growth in the industry and instilled the passion for both the Jersey and Holstein breeds.

Michael has made a living as a cattle Merchandiser and breeder. He started as a Cattle Fitter which enabled him to have the contacts to start into the buying & selling business. For 25 years Micheal has judged some prominent Cattle Shows around the World including the 2012 International Holstein Show, 2013 International Red & White Show, 2009 International Jersey Show all at World Dairy Expo as well as the 2005 Jersey Show at the Royal Winter Fair. He is slated to judge the Holsteins in January 2014 at the Swiss Expo before coming to IDW. Michael has owned, sold and or developed many prominent cows in the Jersey Breed. It started with Pensmith TJ Mindy EX94, 1993 National Grand Champion at the All American. Since then the most well-known cow he has owned was Vandenberg Amedeo Gorgeous EX97. He also found & marketed Waymar Patrick Nadine EX97 and Extreme Electra EX95 for their new owners at the time. Another Cow Family he has purchased & developed over the years is Glenyle SJ Hetty VG85 which produced prominent dau Heaths J Imperial Helen EX95 the Great Gr Dau, Pleasant Valley Prime Heather EX95 which is the Dam of Well Known Sire "Hired Gun" at St Jacob's ABS.

Current families that Mike is working with are Family Hill Connection Chilli EX91 Dau of "Circus EX97" Chilli has a unique combination of show ring type & genomics. She has 2 Action sons in AI, Colton at Select and Chavez at Semex. Hollylane Jewels Jasmine EX94 is another cow family that is still in play. Her Dau Jewels Prime Sapphire EX9, was Hon Men Sr Champ 2008 WDE, is a 4TH Gen All-American or All Canadian Nomination in milk form. She has a EX latola gr Dau that is a 6TH Gen All American or All Canadian Nomination that brings genomics into the Family. Apart from the Jerseys a few of the Prominent Holsteins Michael has owned and sold are Friendly Acres Linjet Murphy EX96 & Kingstead Cheif Adeen EX94. As time went on the most influential cow he has owned part of and developed is Durham Atlee the dam of Atwood, Aftershock & Golden Dreams to name a few.

**IDW JERSEY AUSTRALIA FUTURITY CLASS**  
**KEITH KUHNE - AUSTRALIA**



The judge of the 2014 Futurity Class is Keith Kuhne. Keith took over the running of Bushlea in 1962 following the death of his father, Norman Kuhne who founded the stud in 1945.

Bushlea Farms is now a family partnership of Keith, Pat, Wayne and Lisa and are milking 350 cows at their Koonwarra property. Bushlea has shown successfully over many years at local shows, Fairs, Royal Shows and IDW. Keith is a life member of the South Gippsland Jersey Breeders Club and Jersey Australia. Keith was a Classifier for 15 years and has been an accredited Judge for 45 years. He has officiated at Jersey Fairs, local and Royal Shows.

**IDW NATIONAL HOLSTEIN SHOW**  
**JUAN JOSÉ FELISSIA - ARGENTINA**

Juan José Felissia is a very well known Argentine breeder and co-owner of “La Magdalena” in Rafaela, Santa Fe Province, which was started by his uncle until 1985, when Juan José and his sisters Ana and María purchased the firm and the herd. They continued breeding with the same prefix “Ninin” for females and “Ricarm” for males and they are proud to have bred, since then, 88 Ex cows.



Juan José is an Official Judge for the Argentine Holstein Association since he was 17 years old and has the international category for almost 30 years. He judged most of the important shows in Argentina including the Palermo Show in 1991 and 2013, the National Show twice and the first edition of Mercoláctea in 2001.

Internationally he judged in two opportunities the National Show in Uruguay, as well as many of their Regional Shows, six shows in Brazil, and also Colombia, Ecuador and Perú.

In the Holstein Association in Argentina he is a member of the Judges Committee, was an official Classifier between 1971 and 1977, and member of the Council of Regional Directors many times.

Juan José has also worked in other countries as Zoo technical Consulter: Fazenda Nogueira Montanhes, which is a very well-known farm breeding Holstein and Jerseys in Brazil, from 1989 to 2008, and “Cabaña Las Rosas S.C. since 2000 until 2008, also a very recognized breeder of Holstein and Jerseys in Uruguay.

Breeding Holstein cows is not his only passion, he is determined to be a good golfer too.