

**REF; JERSEY CATTLE SOCIETY OF KENYA (JCSK) NEWS LETTER.**

**Dear JCSK Member,**

It is time again for me to update you on the past activities of the JCSK. During the past year your council met on several occasions in order to prepare for the 2016 Brookside Livestock Breeders Show and Sale which was held at Jamhuri Park in July 2016. I met many of you at the Show and hope you enjoyed this Show which was well attended and supported by our Members who exhibited and competed with their animals. The Members who participated were. Rawhide Ltd. Mrs. C. Rees, Dr. I. Luvai. Dr. (Mrs.) R. Grammaticas, Egerton University – TAP and ADC Suam Orchards. Because not every Member was able to attend I have attached the Judging Catalogue which has been arranged in the judging order (ranking) for each class. Thanks to Mrs. C. Rees who was able to do this, now in each class the first exhibitor/animal is the winner of that class, the second one mentioned is the runner-up etc.

I will only mention the following CHAMPIONS: Heifer CHAMPION – J 13 from Mrs. Rees, sired by Ololua Maunga's Caruso (CAIS 691), Junior CHAMPION – J 40 From Dr. (Mrs.) R. Grammaticas who also became the SUPREME JERSEY CHAMPION and won the BEST UDDER class (Sire: Lencrest on Time). J 44, also from Dr. (Mrs.) R. Grammaticas, became the SENIOR CHAMPION. (Sire: Kingscliff Nero's Kennedy). The Matrons class was won by J 22 – Ololua Ernest's Charity sired by Homestead Ernest.

The Judge was Mr. Wikus van der Merwe from South Africa, who really enjoyed the judging and did a superb job. Attached are the reports Mr. Wikus wrote and are for your information. The JCSK is thanking Mr. Wikus for judging the Jersey classes very well and we also want to thank Embryo plus who sponsored Wikus and made it possible for him to come to Kenya and judge at the Show and also to visit and advise the Jersey Breeders.

The judging attracted large crowds who also visited the Jersey hospitality tent located at the corner of the main Arena, next to the judging ring in order to get more information on the Jersey breed.

The Jersey breed is becoming very popular with the show goers going by the questions asked and many were advised to use the excellent CAIS semen in order to upgrade their stock. A good number of the Jersey entries were sired by CAIS semen, from bulls recommended and produced by our Jersey breeders.

The Jersey Cattle Society celebrated its 80<sup>th</sup> anniversary at this show with an excellent curry lunch sponsored by Vital Animal Health, (Our Council Member Dr. Jeremy Ashworth). The Society wishes to express their gratitude to Vital Animal health for this sponsorship and really appreciates their continued support.

The Nairobi International Trade Fair (NITF), better known as the Nairobi International show, was held during the first week of October 2016. Initially we were quite content with the 21 Jersey entries but when the Livestock arrived we only received 6 Jersey entries. Some years ago we judged Jersey and Guernsey together and livestock exhibitors did not appreciate this at all. The Livestock Sub-Committee decided that this should not happen again. Therefore the Jerseys were judged as a breed, very ably by our Vice Chairman Mr. Julius Mutea who had Mrs Carol Davey as a Learner Judge. The Champion came from the University of Nairobi – Vet Farm. The Society did not have a hospitality stand but teamed up with the other dairy breed societies who all used the Holstein Friesian stand for their refreshments and discussions. The hospitality stand was run very efficiently by Mrs C. Davey who also provided

refreshments and bites and the four dairy breed societies shared the costs. A big thank you to Carol but also to our Judge, Learner Judge and Stewards.

With this I have come to the end of this News Letter but the Society is planning to call for their Annual General Meeting early 2017. Once we have decided on the date and venue we will communicate this to you in good time.

I am ending this newsletter by wishing you all a happy, healthy and prosperous new year 2017 and hope that you had a very good festive season.

Yours Sincerely,

Teurie van Helden,  
Chairman