



Chimes Newsletter

UK Brown Swiss

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UK Dairy Day hosts Brown Swiss National Show

In September of 2019 at UK Dairy Day we held the National Brown Swiss Show. Judge for the day came a very long way, in fact Robbie Radel had come all the way from Australia to cast his eye over the entries. Unfortunately for Robbie his luggage got stuck in Hong Kong so a quick shopping trip was required to see him suitably suited and booted. For his heifer in milk Champion Robbie chose Kedar Aurora, owned and exhibited by Brent Crothers, Toi Toi Genetics. In the overall Championship he went for the Senior Cow Kedar Rhapsody owned and bred by Jonny Lochhead & Jesica Miller, in fact it was a clean sweep for Kedar cows with Reserve going to Kedar Rosa for Jonny Lochhead & Jessica Miller and Honourable Mention going to Kedar Norwin Snuggles who had recently been purchased by Craig Cochrane, Atomic Swiss.



Kedar Rhapsody, Kedar Rosa & Kedar Norwin Snuggles, & Robbie Radel (right)



All Britain All Breeds Calf Show



The All Britain All Breeds Calf Show took place again in Peterborough and the Brown Swiss breed was well represented. Judging the Swiss calves was Brian Miller who owns the Sedgemoor herd of Brown Swiss and judging the young handlers was Claire Swale who has judged handlers at international level. Pictured left are the Champion calves with Society President Carolyn Davies and judge Brian Miller. Champion was Blackrack Dynamite Mandy and Reserve was Blackrack Dynamite Reia, both were from the Williamsons, Penrith, Honourable Mention went to young Hattie Hassell with Holdontoyourhats Bo Peep.

Pictured right are the winning handlers. Champion handler went to Mark Guthrie representing Atomic Swiss, Reserve Champion Handler was Hattie Hassall for Holdontoyourhats Swiss and Honourable Mention went to Heather Bland for Blackrack Swiss.

It was a momentous day for council member Andrew & Matthew Williamson & family. As well as the Champion & reserve Brown Swiss calves, Matthew's partner Heather won Honourable Mention in the Brown Swiss handlers, Andrew's daughter Rachel came out and won Champion handler in the Holsteins and then their Holstein calf Ingleden Fitz Pappoose won Champion Holstein calf.



AGM & Infinity Herd Visit

In October the Society held its Annual General Meeting at the home of Society President Carolyn Davies who also presided over the meeting. The new council was elected and various topics were discussed. This meeting was followed by the first meeting for the new council, chaired by Mark Williams.



The youngstock pens are going Brown at Infinity



Earlier that day there was a herd visit to Huw Gibbon's Infinity herd of Brown Swiss. Huw has been a supporter of Swiss for some time having worked with some high end genetics while working for Larry Gerome in America. He is working with some big name families such as the Snowstorms and the Tammy family and more recently Vix from Kruses again in America. Thank you to the family for the hospitality, you will be able to read and see more about this and other stories and events on the new website soon, and the electronic newsletters will be able to keep you up to date with recent and upcoming events so please make sure you send an email to the office so that we have your email address.

In order to improve communication between the Society and the members there will be a regular electronic newsletter sent out with reports and notices of events.

It is very important that we have your email address which will be kept private. Please send an email to the office so that you can be kept updated. office@brownswiss.org

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