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The “Olympics” of 4-H Dairy Shows!

2010 CANADIAN 4-H CLASSIC JUNIOR DAIRY SHOW – 31 YEARS AND STILL GOING STRONG!

360 of Canada’s top dairy youth from 51 teams across 7 Canadian provinces took part in the 31st annual Canadian 4-H Classic Junior Dairy Show at the Royal Agricultural Winter Fair on November 6-8, 2010. 4-H members age 12-21 demonstrated the 4-H motto of “Learn to Do by Doing” as they worked together to produce top quality displays and exceptionally well-groomed animals, and interact with the public. Many new friendships were made and existing ones strengthened as the participants competed as individuals and as teams at the “Olympics” of 4-H Dairy Shows.

Showmanship Judge, Bloyce Thompson of Charlottetown, PEI, along with his Associate Judge, Carl Phoenix of Greenbank, ON certainly had their work cut out for them as they sorted through three tremendously strong groups of showmanship.

Champion Showperson was awarded to the 1st Place Senior Justin Crowley from Peterborough County with Reserve going to the 2nd Place Senior Kelsey Mode from Prescott County. Honourable Mention honours went to the 1st Place Intermediate Katelyn Crest of Alberta.

Conformation judge Paul Trapp of Taylor, WI, USA, had a big job to do as the quality ran deep through all conformation classes. Judge Trapp awarded Grand Champion calf to the 1st Place Holstein Junior Yearling Heifer, Rockymountain Goldwyn Trisha, shown by Ashley O’Hara from South Simcoe. Reserve Grand Champion honours were awarded to the 1st Place Senior Calf Augure Reine Laramie, shown by Patricia Auger of Quebec East. Honourable Mention went to Andrew Lockie of York Region on his 1st Prize Summer Yearling Lockmar Sidney Dorothy.

Meanwhile, back in the barn, the competition was full-steam ahead as the county and provincial teams competed for the best exhibit award. The team from Waterloo finished on top, followed very closely by Northumberland, Durham West, Lanark and Perth. A difference of a mere 1.6 points was all that separated 1st from 5th!

Northumberland was named the winners of the Best Group of Three with Quebec East coming in a close second. Northumberland County was also awarded the prestigious “Bill Edelstein Bowl” for the Premier County, for accumulating the most overall points of showmanship, conformation and best exhibit.

A new feature of this year’s show was the “Breeder of Distinction.” Marc Comtois of Comestar Holsteins in Victoriaville, Quebec was named this year’s Breeder of Distinction and was on hand to meet & greet the participants during the show. Marc also generously donated two female embryos from the famous *Laurie Sheik* family for a draw. Allison Melenhorst of Carleton County was the lucky winner of this great genetic prize!

The Classic is not just another 4-H show, but an elite opportunity for the nation’s dairy youth to showcase their talent and unite with other keen 4-H’ers at a world-class event. We thank sponsors TD Canada Trust, Kubota Canada, Semex Alliance and Holstein Canada who were on hand throughout the day. Without their commitment to the agricultural youth, shows such as the Classic simply would not happen. Various other guests were also on hand to bring greetings throughout the show.

Contact the Ontario Holstein Branch at (519) 653-6180 or branch@ontario.holstein.ca for more information.



Showmanship Champions

Pictured left to right – Judge Bloyce Thompson, Associate Judge Carl Phoenix, John Gilliland, Kubota Canada, Kelsey Mode, Justin Crowley, Craig Bremner, TD Canada Trust, Jackie Burgess & Olivia Groniger



Conformation Champions

Pictured left to right – Judge Paul Trapp, Olivia Groniger, John Gilliland, Kubota, Patricia Auger, Ashley O’Hara, Craig Bremner, TD, Jackie Burgess & Norm McNaughton, Semex



Classic Facts

- **360 Dairy 4-H members competed at the 2010 Show.**
- **Champion Showperson**
Justin Crowley,
Peterborough County
- **Champion Calf shown by:** Ashley O’Hara, South Simcoe
- **Best Group of Three:**
Northumberland County
- **Premier County:**
Northumberland County
- **Best Exhibit:**
Waterloo County
- **Conformation Judge:**
Paul Trapp, U.S.
- **Showmanship Judge:**
Bloyce Thompson, PEI
- **Associate Judge:**
Carl Phoenix, ON
- **First held in 1979 - hosted by Hays Farms Int’l and Dairy Contact Magazine.**
- **Moved to the Royal Winter Fair in 1985.**
- **Largest and most prestigious dairy youth show in Canada.**

Premier County Northumberland