

MPHA caps season with '84 Breed Show

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GAITHERSBURG, Md. — This first event of its kind for the Maryland Polled Hereford Association was of a different style than other cattle shows. Held last Saturday, Oct. 27, the event took place at the end of the regular show season. Most of those in attendance were friends and fellow area Polled Hereford breeders, and a relaxed atmosphere was apparent.

According to the show's announcer, Frank Darcy of Spring Bottom Farm, the purpose of the

show was, "to sit back and relax with friends, and see some good cattle."

Twenty exhibitors paraded 58 head before judge Greg McKean, an Angus breeder from Mercer. As a crowd of 75 spectators looked on, Spring Bottom Farm of Fairfield, dominated the heifer competition, showing both the grand and reserve champion females.

Grand champion heifer was SBF Royal Gypsy, with the show's calf champion, SBF Royal Red Rose, taking home reserve champion honors.

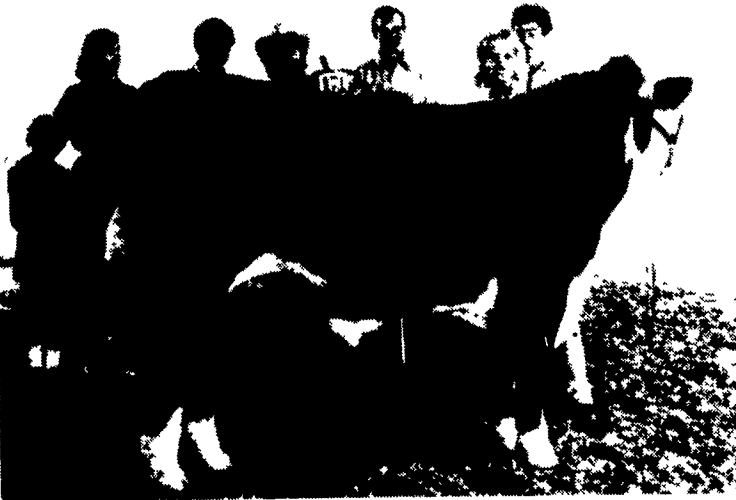
Other entrants providing strong



Grand champion heifer, SBF Royal Gypsy, was exhibited by Spring Bottom Farm. From left are MPHA queen Sherry Wolfe, Mr. and Mrs. Frank Darcy, judge Greg McKean, and Nancy Yorlets.



Spring Bottom also took home reserve champion heifer honors with SBF Royal Red Rose. At halter is Randy Becker of Spring Bottom Farms.



JDH Polled Herefords of Dover, and Scotland Farms of Gettysburg, had the Breed Show's grand champion bull. At left are Dr. and Mrs. Phil Scott of Scotland Farms with son Marc, Sherry Wolfe, John Hausner of JDH, judge Greg McKean, and Joanne Hausner at halter.

heifer competition included Gary Albright, William Ferrell, Greenbriar Farm, John P. Hausner, Sean Hough, Maureen and Kelly Ireland, Justin Jones, Sherry Wolfe and George P. Sauer.

Many prominent Maryland and Pennsylvania breeders as well as youth exhibitors were represented in the bull competition. Grand champion bull was the show's late junior yearling, SFG Top Domino 306, a 445M son exhibited by JDH Polled Herefords of Dover, Pa., and Scotland Farms of Gettysburg, Pa. The show's senior champion bull was a BT PRL Driver 536L, son exhibited by Huckleberry Hall Farm of Smithsburg, Md.

Additional exhibitors included J.C. Farm, Jolly Tam Farm, Pleasant Knoll Farms, R&T Acres, Calvin Saylor, Suzanne Schmidt and Serenity Acres.

Spectators enjoyed fine food provided by the Maryland Pollettes, while viewing the show in the comfort of lawn chairs.

"It's a great way to spend a sunny Saturday afternoon," was one breeder's concluding comment.



H. Gordon Sheetenhelm received a MPHA special award for outstanding promotion of the Polled Hereford industry.

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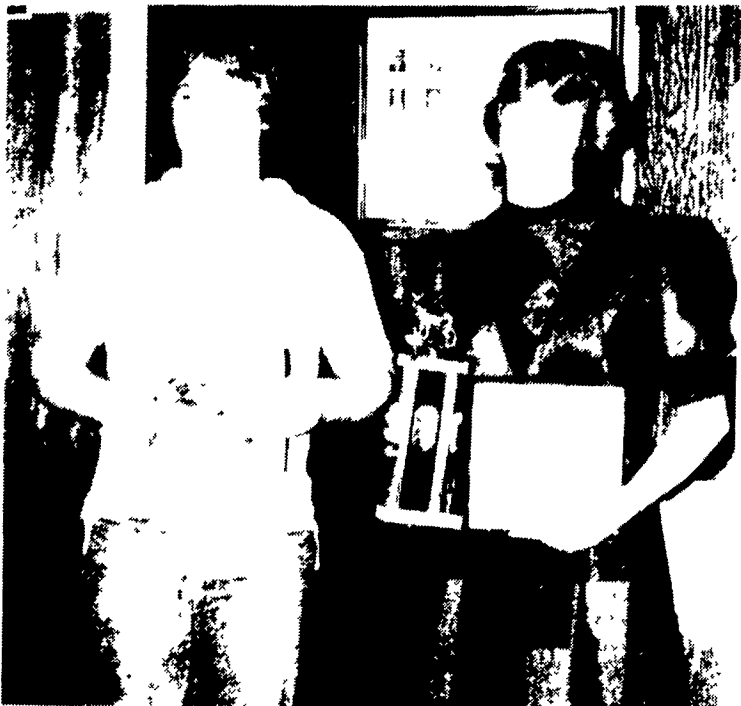
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pair of market lambs, and also for being named champion fitter and showman. Travis Werley was named top junior showman, and Bill Koch received the champion fleece award.

All Goat Club members received year pins from club leader Debbie Price, who also presented a special president's pin to Jim Heffner for his club service. The champion fitter award went to Kent Fisher, with Debbie Price receiving awards for showmanship and Best Doe in the 4-H Roundup.

Although avian influenza prevented the Poultry Club from showing its stock this past year, club leader Jere Price reported that some progress was made. He noted that the poultry judging team won statewide honors and will be traveling to Louisville, Kentucky during November for the national competition.

Special gifts were presented to Mr. and Mrs. Larry Eshelman for their service to the sheep and lamb club, and the buyers at the annual lamb sale were recognized.



Kirk Fisher was on hand to accept the Goat Club's champion fitter award for his brother, Kent, with Debbie Price accepting champion showman honors.



Amy Eshelman was named top junior fitter, while Travis Werley received junior showman honors during Berks County's awards banquet.

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