

Mars Tony Day Celebrated At Solanco Holstein Show

BY PAT PURCELL

QUARRYVILLE (Lancaster Co.) — "Mars Tony Day" at the Solanco Fair was Thursday. There were no cartoonish characters roaming the fairgrounds dressed in green tights with a huge "T" across their chests. Mars Tony is not an amusement ride added to the fair.

Mars Tony was the star of the Holstein Dairy Show. Tony sired four of the cows pulled into the ring for the selection of the grand champion.

"I've never had much luck with Mars Tony," said show judge James McCaffree, a Holstein breeder from York County, "but apparently there are a lot of breeders who have done well with this sire."

McCaffree pulled the top two aged cows into the ring along with the first-placed 4-year-old and 2-year-old.

McCaffree awarded the grand championship to the aged cow, a Welk-Shade Holstein, owned by Mark Welk. Donald Hostetter was the breeder on Maplebound Tony Darla.

The second-placed aged cow owned by Welk Acres edged the grand champion in the aged class by taking best udder. Impatiens Mars Starbright, topped the champion in udder balance, symmetry and capacity, but could not overcome the tremendous body of the winner. The aged cow class was deep in quality and the top placings were close.

In judging the class McCaffree said, "I am impressed with the good cows in this class all the way down the line. There's a lot of quality and dairyness throughout the class. I've selected this tall cow for her depth of heart and depth and spring of rib. But I must give best udder to the second-placed cow."

Reserve grand champion went to the first placed 4-year-old, owned by Paul Welk of Welk-Crest Holstein. Welk-Crest Tony Amber also bred by Paul Welk was described by McCaffree as the most well-balanced individual. This winner exhibited the most style and balance in a class with several very fine animals at the top.

"She has the levelness of udder I like to see with the most desirable teat placement, I like the dairyness and strength of this 4-year-old," said McCaffree.

James Welk, a junior showman, also took that walk into the center of the ring for the grand champion selection of the open show with the daughter of his first 4-H project. Welk Acres Starbright Tony was bred by Welk of Welk Acres Farm.

The openness of rib, the height

and width of rear udder, and the dairyness in this Mars Tony daughter brought her into the spotlight. She did not receive the open show grand title, but she topped the junior division and went home with an equally important win for this young 4-H'er.

Karen Kauffman took reserve grand championship in the junior division and also the junior championship title with her stylish junior yearling, Sukavin Starbuck Jessica, sired by Hanover Hill Starbuck.

"This is a real easy winner. She just floats to the top of the class. She is long, tall and streamlined with very, very correct hind legs. We all have to admire her style," said McCaffree.

Karen is owner-breeder on this fine young animal which has been winning in every show. Jessica's most recent win was at the Fall Champion Holstein Show held in State College two weeks ago. Jessica captured the junior championship there in what was described as one of the finest quality shows held there in the past several years.

Reserve junior champion went to Nathan Kreider's senior calf, Long-Valley Camaro Krystle owned and bred by S & A Kreider & Sons Inc.

"This white heifer may not be the tallest in the class," said McCaffree, "but she is the most balanced heifer in the class. I like her depth of rib, sharpness in the shoulders and her balance and style throughout."

Solanco Fair dairy barns are bulging. This year's show entries in both the Colored Breed show and the Holstein show were up and alarmingly close to capacity. The 1989 Holstein brought together 112 competitors from the southern end of the county.

HOLSTEIN (Open & Youth) Junior Calf

1 Matthew Kolb; 2 James Kreider, 3 Amanda Kolb
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Intermediate Calf

1 Kenneth Miller; 2 Douglas Hershberger, 3 Wea Land Farm
1 Mark Hess; 2 Lara Welk; 3 Melissa Enck

Senior Calf

1 S&A Kreider; 2 Welk-Shade Holsteins, 3 Matt Welk
1 Matt Welk, 2. Matthew Kolb, 3 Mark Grunow

Junior Yearling

1 Karen Kauffman, 2 P. Robert Wagner, 3 Bryan Byers (Dept 11)
1. Karen Kauffman; 2, Sheri Bollinger, 3 Kristine Miller.

Intermediate Yearling

1 Karen Kauffman; 2. Rodney Greist, 3 Jill Harnish
1 Karen Kauffman; 2. Jill Harnish, 3 James Welk

Senior Yearling

1 Welk Acres; 2. Kenneth Miller; 3 Susan Hess
1 Sandy Kauffman

Junior Champion

Karen Kauffman

Reserve Junior Champion

S&A Kreider & Sons
Dry Cow
1. Rodney Greist; 2. Welk-Shade Holsteins; 3. Paul Welk.

1. Krissey Miller.

Junior 2-Yr.-Old

1. Tom Wiker (1 BU); 2. Duane Hershey; 3. Becky Keene.

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Senior 2-Yr.-Old

1 James Welk (1 BU); 2. Paul & Don Welk; 3. Matt Welk.

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3-Yr.-Old

1. Welk-Shade Holsteins (1 BU); 2. Robert & Sharon Nolan; 3. Paul Welk.

1. Tina Bollinger.

4-Yr.-Old

1. Paul Welk (1 BU); 2. Richard Hostetter; 3. Kenneth Miller.

5 Yrs. & Over

1. Welk-Shade Holsteins; 2. Welk Acres (1 BU); 3. Matt Welk.

Grand Champion

Welk-Shade Holsteins

Reserve Grand Champion

Welk-Crest Holsteins

Premier Breeder/Exhibitor

Welk-Crest Holsteins

Junior Division Champion

James Welk

Reserve Junior Division Champion

Karen Kauffman

Get-of-Sire

1. Welk-Shade Holsteins; 2. Welk-Acres & Tina Bollinger.

Best 3 Females

1. Welk-Crest Holsteins; 2. Richard Hostetter; 3. Welk-Acres.

Dairy Herd

1. Welk-Shade; 2. Welk-Acres; 3. Richard Hostetter.

Produce of Dam

1. Richard Hostetter; 2. Welk Acres; 3. Miller Homestead.

Dam & Daughter

1. Matt Welk; 2. Duane Hershey; 3. Robert & Sharon Nolan.



James Welk of Welk Acres exhibited the grand champion of the Holstein Show junior division at the Solanco Fair.



Paul Welk (center) and son, Matt Welk (right) received the premier breeder and exhibitor awards at the Solanco Fair Holstein show from Douglas Hershberger, dairy show committee member.



Karen Kauffman (center) captured the junior division reserve grand champion title and the junior championship of the Holstein show. Nathan Kreider (left) took the reserve junior championship. Show judge James McCaffree made the selection.



Grand champion Holstein of the Solanco Fair went to the aged cow owned and exhibited by Mark Welk (center) of Welk-Shade Holsteins. Reserve grand went to Paul Welk's outstanding 4-year-old from Welk-Crest Holsteins. Show judge James McCaffree (right) made the selection.