

Eshelman Repeats As Reading Sheep Grand Champion

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READING (Berks Co.) — This is how champion names are made: On the morning of September 16 at the Reading Fairgrounds, Bruce Snyder, Kutztown, accidentally rips the ear tag off of his Dorset ram lamb, leaving a little hole in the ear cartilage. He nicknames the lamb "Hole."

And Hole becomes grand champion ram at the show.

In the spring of 1990, Amy Eshelman, 17, Sinking Spring, attends the Oxford National Sale in Springfield, Illinois. She purchases a lamb, which she later nicknames "Gretchen," and not only does the Oxford ewe win grand champion ewe as a lamb at the 1990 Reading Fair, it wins grand champion the next year as a yearling.

The champion show — despite record-breaking heat and humidity, sweating exhibitors and restless sheep — was one of the largest in the fair's history, with 25 exhibitors and more than twice as many sheep.

But for the champion breed show, the decision was "even closer with the ewes than with the rams," said Rodney Gilbert, judge for the show.

The "outstanding females" in the ring will all become productive females, according to Gilbert.

Choosing the champion ram is an "unfun job," he said. It becomes difficult to decide, because it depends on what the animal will be used for, as a sire source, wool source, or as dual-purpose. Most of the rams in the grand champion show were lambs, but all "are pow-

erful rams and they'll work well" in any operation, according to the judge.

Kelly Glaser swept the top placings in the Corriedale class, winning champion and reserve ewe. Amy Oxford won every first place in the Oxford class. The Anspach family won every placing in the Hampshire class, and Megan Perry won nearly every placing in the Shropshire class.

Maintaining control of the sheep is essential to keeping the animals "from darting off like a rocket," said Rodney in the fitting and showmanship contest. Many of the sheep at Reading have been accustomed to fair shows, but Rodney cautioned the showmen to hold the sheep under the chin and on top.

Fitting champion Amy Eshelman kept the "face really tightened, and the sheep exhibits a really tight body with high quality fleece," said Rodney. Eshelman also won grand champion market lamb.

Show experience often leads to a championship, as it did for champion showman Joyce Heffner, who won the senior champion for age 15 and over.

Following is a list of show placings.

FITTING AND SHOWMANSHIP

Fitting: Age 15 and Over: 1. Amy Eshelman. 2. Joyce Heffner. 3. Bruce Snyder. Ages 12-14: 1. Stephanie Bowman. 2. Nicole Knepp. 3. Leon Hunter. Ages 8-11: 1. Kate Ramsay. 2. Kelly Glaser. 3. William Willits.

CHAMPION

Amy Eshelman
RESERVE
Joyce Heffner

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Amy Eshelman, right, became grand champion fitter at the Reading Fair Sheep Show on Monday. Reserve champion went to Joyce Heffner.



Joyce Heffner, right, was awarded grand champion showmanship honors Monday at the Reading Fair. Stephanie Bowman was reserve champion.

Glaser. 2. Katie Ramsay. 3. Justin Levan.
CHAMPION
Joyce Heffner
RESERVE
Stephanie Bowman

BREEDS

CORRIEDALE

Ram Under 1 Year: 1. Kelly Glaser. 2. Michael Bowman. Ewe 2 Years and Older: 1. Kelly Glaser. Ewe 1 Year and Under: 1. Kelly Glaser. 2. Kelly Glaser. 3. Nicole Knepp. Ewe Lamb: 1. Kelly Glaser. 2. Kelly Glaser. 3. Mike Bowman. Pair of Lambs: 1. Kelly Glaser. 2. Kelly Glaser. 3. Mike Bowman. Champion Ewe: Kelly Glaser. Reserve Champion Ewe: Kelly Glaser.

DORSET

Ram Under 1 Year: 1. Bruce Snyder. 2. Bruce Snyder. 3. Katie Ramsay. Ewe 2 Years and Older: 1. Katie Ramsay. Ewe 1 Year and Under: 1. Stephanie Bowman. 2. Stephanie Bowman. Ewe Lamb: 1. Bruce Snyder. 2. Bruce Snyder. 3. William Willits. Pair of Lambs: 1. Bruce Snyder. 2. Bruce Snyder. 3. William Willits. Champion Ewe: Bruce Snyder. Reserve Champion Ewe: Bruce Snyder.

HAMPSHIRE

Ram Under 1 Year: 1. Theresa Anspach. Ewe 2 Years and Older: 1. Theresa Anspach. Ewe 1 Year and Under: 1. Theresa Anspach. 2. Theresa Anspach. 3. Krystal Anspach. Ewe Lamb: 1. Theresa Anspach. 2. Theresa Anspach. 3. Krystal Anspach. Pair of Lambs: 1. Theresa Anspach. 2. Krystal Anspach. Champion Ewe: Theresa Anspach. Reserve Champion Ewe: Theresa Anspach.

SHROPSHIRE

Ram Under 1 Year: 1. Megan Perry. 2. Megan

Perry. Ewe 2 Years and Older: 1. Megan Perry. 2. Megan Perry. Ewe 1 Year and Under: 1. Todd Rabenold. 2. Todd Rabenold. 3. Megan Perry. Ewe Lamb: 1. Todd Rabenold. 2. Megan Perry. 3. Megan Perry. Pair of Lambs: 1. Megan Perry. Champion Ewe: Megan Perry. Reserve Champion Ewe: Todd Rabenold.

SOUTHDOWN

Ram Under 1 Year: Bruce Snyder. 2. Bruce Snyder. 3. Leon Hunter. Ewe 1 Year and Under: 1. Bruce Snyder. 2. Leon Hunter. 3. Bruce Snyder. Ewe Lamb: 1. Bruce Snyder. 2. Bruce Snyder. 3. Leon Hunter. Pair of Lambs: 1. Bruce Snyder. 2. Bruce Snyder. 3. Paula Hunter. Champion Ewe: Bruce Snyder. Reserve Champion Ewe: Bruce Snyder.

SUFFOLK

Ram Under 1 Year: 1. Matt Henderson. Ewe 2 Years and Older: 1. Matt Henderson. Ewe Lamb: 1. Joyce Heffner. 2. Joyce Heffner. 3. Matt Henderson. Pair of Lambs: 1. Joyce Heffner. 2. Matt Henderson. Champion Ewe: Matt Henderson. Reserve Champion Ewe: Joyce Heffner.

OXFORD

Ram Under 1 Year: 1. Amy Eshelman. 2. Amy Eshelman. 3. Paula Hunter. Ewe 2 Years and Older: 1. Amy Eshelman. 2. Amy Eshelman. Ewe 1 Year and Under: 1. Amy Eshelman. 2. Joyce Heffner. 3. Amy Eshelman. Ewe Lamb: 1. Amy Eshelman. 2. Amy Eshelman. 3. Paula Hunter. Pair of Lambs: 1. Amy Eshelman. 2. Amy Eshelman. 3. Chns Hunter. Champion Ewe: Amy Eshelman. Reserve Champion Ewe: Joyce Heffner.

GRAND CHAMPION RAM

Bruce Snyder

GRAND CHAMPION EWES

Amy Eshelman

MARKET LAMB CHAMPIONSHIP

Light Lightweight: 1. Paula Hunter. 2. Leon Hunter. 3. Jason Marwiller. Medium Lightweight: 1. David Anspach. 2. Justin Levan. 3. Mike Bowman. Heavy Lightweight: 1. William Willits. 2. Stephanie Bowman. 3. Leon Hunter. Champion: William Willits. Reserve: David Anspach.

Light Middle Weight: Valerie Hunter. 2. Alice Strause. 3. Jason Marwiller. Medium Middle Weight: 1. Amy Eshelman. 2. Jason Marwiller. 3. Jenny Rabenold. Heavy Middle Weight: 1. Christine Hunter. 2. Amy Eshelman. 3. Nicole Knepp. Champion: Amy Eshelman. Reserve: Valerie Hunter.

Light Heavyweight: 1. Travis Werley. 2. Todd Rabenold. 3. Kelly Glaser. Medium Heavyweight: 1. Christine Hunter. 2. Joyce Heffner. 3. David Kidd. Heavy Heavyweight: 1. Travis Werley. 2. Joyce Heffner. 3. William Willits. Champion: Christine Hunter. Reserve: Travis Werley.

GRAND CHAMPION

Amy Eshelman

RESERVE

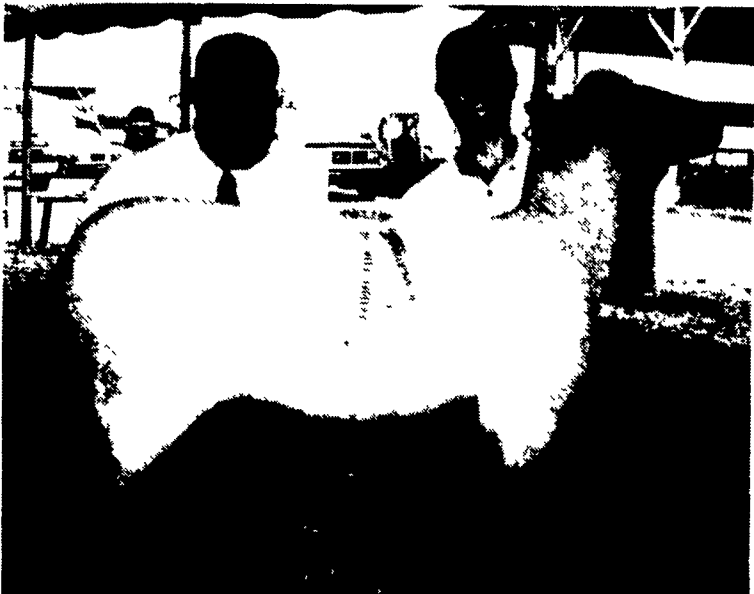
Christine Hunter

MARKET LAMB PAIRS

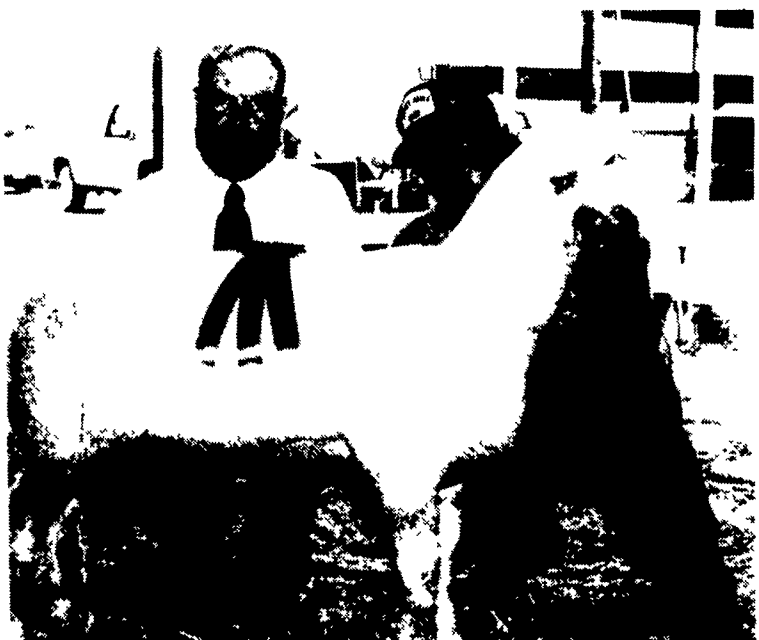
Lightweight: 1. Paula Hunter. 2. Leon Hunter. 3. Mike Bowman. Middle Weight: 1. Jason Marwiller. 2. Alice Strause. 3. Todd Rabenold. Light Heavyweight: 1. Jenny Rabenold. 2. Valerie Hunter. 3. William Willits. Heavy Heavyweight: 1. Joyce Heffner. 2. Christine Hunter. 3. Theresa Anspach.

GRAND CHAMPION

Jason Marwiller



Repeat champion at the Reading Fair on Monday was Amy Eshelman, right, who won grand champion ewe with her Oxford yearling ewe, "Gretchen." The ewe won grand champion last year at the fair as a lamb. Eshelman also won grand champion market lamb. At left is Rodney Gilbert, show judge. Photo by Andy Andrews.



Champion ram at the Reading Fair was won by Bruce Snyder, right, with his Dorset ram lamb, nicknamed "Hole," at the fair. At left is show judge Rodney Gilbert.

Proposed Water Fee Meeting Set

HARRISBURG (Dauphin Co.) — The Susquehanna River Basin Commission will hold a public hearing on a repropoed project review filing and monitoring fee schedule.

This hearing will be held on Wednesday, October 2, at the Pennsylvania Game Commission Headquarters Auditorium, 2001 Elmerton Avenue, Harrisburg, Pa., beginning at 10:00 a.m.

The fee schedule was first proposed in two alternative forms on April 10, 1991 in the Federal Register, p. 14556, and later in the signatory state registers and bulletins. A public hearing was also held on May 23, 1991.

As a result of comments reviewed at that hearing and numerous other comments both written and oral from concerned citizens, legislators, and government officials, the commission chose alternative 1 and made sev-

eral significant amendments to alternative 1.

A repropoed version of the fee schedule was then published in the "Federal Register" on July 26, 1991 at p. 34235 with a request for written comments by August 31, 1991. The repropoal was also published in the "Pennsylvania Bulletin," the "Maryland Register," and the "New York Register."

Since republication, it has become apparent to the commission from comments, phone inquiries, and meetings with interested parties that further discussion of the fee schedule proposal is needed so that all points of view can be aired and all questions answered. For this reason, the commission has scheduled another public hearing as stated above.

The hearing will be informal in nature. Interested parties are

invited to attend the hearing and to participate by making oral or written statements presenting their data, views, and comments on the repropoed fee schedule. Those wishing to personally appear to present their views are urged to notify the commission in advance that they desire to do so, though this will not be a prerequisite.

More information, along with a copy of the repropoed fee schedule as printed in the "Federal Register" may be obtained by contacting Richard A. Cairo, Susquehanna River Basin Commission, 1721 N. Front St., Harrisburg, Pa. 17102-2391, (717) 238-0423.

