

Jr. Holstein Members Recognize Outstanding Achievements

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Three individuals received a \$750 Pennsylvania Junior Holstein Scholarship which are made based on work with Holsteins, community involvement, school activities and leadership abilities.

Recipients were Dan Geissinger, of Mifflintown, son of Ray and Linda Geissinger, who said he intends to use the money for improving the breeding and quality of the dairy herd; Chad Linamen, son of Jack and Ellen Linamen, of Valencia, who is to start college this fall; and Rachel Tanis, daughter of Jacob and Sallianne Tanis, of Centre Hall, who is a student at Bloomsburg University.

Also recognized during the convention were the association's Distinguished Junior Members.

Senior-age division winner were Kara Tussey, daughter of Raymond and Susan Tussey, of Huntingdon; and Thad Sturgeon, son of Tim and Kathy Sturgeon, of Fombell.

Finalists included Dan Geissinger, of Mifflintown and Belmer Hitchcock.

In the intermediate-age division, DJM winners were Angela Werley, daughter of Philip and Donna Werley, of Hamburg, and Justin Burdette, son of James and Nina Burdette, of Mercersburg.

Other finalists included Matthew Day, Shippensburg, Erica Davis, Kutztown, Adam Dean, of New Castle, and Dainne Glock, of Mifflin.

In the junior-age division, DJM winners were Amanda Martin, daughter of Eugene and Kathleen Martin, of Lebanon, and Kyle Burdette, also the son of James and Nina Burdette.

Other finalists recognized were Denise Bollinger, of Manheim, Gregory Davis, of Kutztown, and Shannon Holtzinger, of East Berlin.



From the left, Junior Progressive Breeder winners are Belmer Hitchcock, Stephanie Wagner, Craig Walton, and Amy Packard.



Producer winners with 5-year-old cows are, from the left front row, Angela Werley, Crystal Bozinski, and Andrew Bickler. In the back row, from the left, is Craig Walton, Rachel Tanis, Rebecca Kelly, Jeremy Troutman, and Christopher Wagner.

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board of directors was an announcement of a new classification program that is to go into effect August 1.

The association's classification program has been under consideration for change to better meet member needs. In this effort, a pilot program was introduced in April 1992 called the Flexible Participation Options which allow several classification options to meet special needs.

The pilot program resulted from changes within the industry, from the historic Holstein breeder operation to the high population centers which still use registered Holsteins and classify.

The program recognizes different classification needs and uses, while retaining the integrity of the program.

Specifically at issue was removing the requirement to have members pay for the classification of animals which have already been classified several times and aren't about to change. It is argued that the value of the information on these animals is nebulous and a burden on the breeders.

The goals of the new program are to get more animals evaluated, eliminate the requirement to score dry cows unless desired, and to make it feasible for large herd owners to classify a portion of the herd frequently rather than the whole herd infrequently.

There are to now be six classification programs available to

breeders.

The Classic Program is for those desiring all cows evaluated and included in genetic evaluations. Participation in this program entitles the herd owner to receive and official BAA for the herd and eligibility for herd awards.

The Standard Program is different in that most cows will be evaluated, except dry cows, those fresh more than 10 months, and cows with permanent scores are optional. An official BAA and awards eligibility is also included.

The Basic Program is designed for those interested only in evaluating first and second lactation animals. Those scored at least twice, or those scored at least once in a second or later lactation are optional.

The Limited Program would be for those interested in evaluating primarily first calf heifers. The only other animals required for evaluation would be those never scored that are less than 10 months fresh.

The Introductory Program is for those who have never classified their animals or who have not had an evaluation within the past five years. First and second lactation cows fresh less than 10 months are the only ones required to be presented for scoring.

The Breeder's Choice Program is geared for those who have special circumstances, but the user must agree to participate on a regular basis in either the Classic, Standard, or Basic program, in order to

qualify for the special evaluation. During a Breeder's Choice evaluation, only those animals the breeder selects for scoring will be scored.

According to officials, the projected use of the programs by Holstein breeders would expand total classification and provide more useful information.

The prices of classification have also changed.

Those who use the Classic Program on a seven-month interval are to be charged a \$50 herd fee and \$6 per animal scored and \$3 per animal checked. Those who use an evaluation interval longer than seven months are to be charged a \$50 herd fee, \$7 per animal scored and \$3.50 per animal checked.

The Standard Program rates are \$50/\$7 and \$6 per optional animal for a less than seven month interval, and a \$50/\$8 and \$7 per optional animal on an interval greater than seven months.

Basic Program fee structure is \$50/\$8/\$7 and a minimum total charge of \$200.

The Limited Program fee structure is \$50/\$8/\$7 and also a minimum of \$200.

The Introductory Program rates are \$50/\$8/\$7 and no minimum.

Breeder's Choice Program rates are \$300 for the herd fee and \$10 per optional animal with a minimum total of \$400. Additional charges in this program include the classifier's travel expenses and a \$100 fee for non-area scheduling.

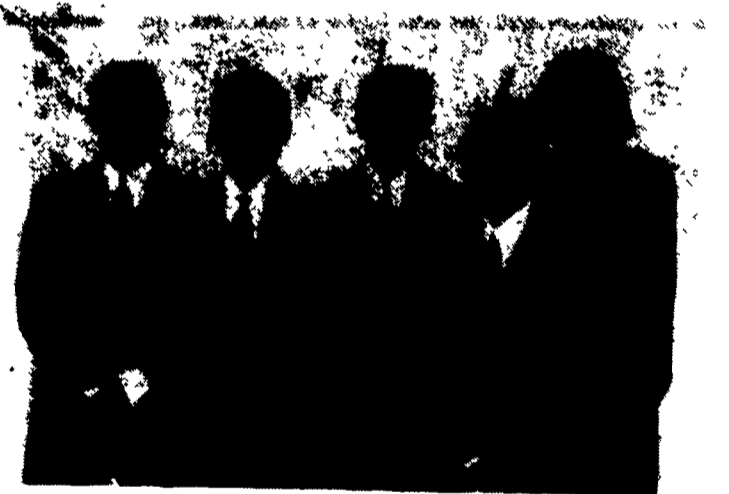
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From the left front row, the junior division dairy bowl winners from Berks County are, Charles Seidel, coach, Melissa Werley, and Donna Werley (coach). In the back row, from left, is Erica Davis, Jen Neiman, Mike Neiman, and Teresa Davis (coach).



From the left, front row, second place winners of the junior division dairy bowl are Justin Troutman and Kathy Habecker. From the left, back row is Todd Getz, Troy Miller and David Lentz (coach).



The second place senior division dairy bowl winners are, from the left, Heath Ocker, Matthew Day, John Leib Jr., David Day, and Ann Day (coach).



From the left, junior division Distinguished Junior Member competition finalists are Gregory Davis, winner Amanda Martin, Denise Bollinger, winner Kyle Burdette, and Christopher Vanco.