

New Directors Named At Bradford Holstein Meeting

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bia Cross Roads, Secretary Paul Sheeley of Troy, Treasurer Bonnie Miller of Towanda, and directors Ray Norconk, New Albany; Duane Wilcox, Canton; and Dick Packard, Troy.

Although the new year has barely begun, the Holstein Club has already planned a full slate of activities beginning with the Junior Pennsylvania Holstein Convention in West Middlesex, Feb. 10-12, and the Senior Convention, Feb. 23-25.

Ken Raney, director of member services, encouraged all members to take time to attend part or all of the conventions.

On March 4, the Bradford County Club has made plans to tour the Springfield area of the county. The three stops on the tour will include the farms of John and Jeff Jenkins, Charles and Bill Houseknecht, and Danny Hoppageh.

Two weeks later, club members will travel to Centre County where they'll have tours of four prominent farms; Dan and Penny Ulmer's, of Belefonte, Paul and Mary Hartle's, also of Belefonte; Jake and Sally Tannis' of Centre Hall; and Jay Hauser and Son's of Spring Mills.

In an effort to get people excited about taking the tour, President Jackson noted that it's sometimes hard to get away, but what you learn by visiting others can help your whole operation.

Other activities to mark on the calendar, according to Raney are the 1995 spring show which will be held on March 24, followed by the spring sale on April 1.

Moving from spring into summer, Holstein breeders from across the state will have the opportunity to host the 1995 National Holstein Convention. Raney outlined activities of the late June convention including the sale, the opportunity to place an ad in the souvenir booklet and to purchase tickets for the calf raffle that will benefit the junior convention.

Yet another opportunity for the Northeast will materialize as youth from across the state attend the junior judging school to be held in the Bradford County area in July.

As the focus of the meeting shifted from planned activities national business, National Holstein Director Ron Wood was on hand to field questions and explain new programs. Included in his presentation was the new ear tag identification option and the new selections in the classification program.

He also commented on the continued downsizing at the national level. Currently the large main-

frame computer which once held all the information for the association is being replaced with personal computers. The switch should be completed by the end of 1995.

Most important to Wood, however, were the comments from the group.

"I can stand up here and talk all day," he said, "but I want to hear from you."

The main comment from the group focused on the perceived inability to attract field staff to the area, to which Wood suggested they not only contact the field representative, but also call the national office.

Before giving up the floor, Wood encouraged all Holstein members to attend the upcoming winter forum meetings to be informed of all the changes in the industry and to have their voice heard.

Also on the agenda was recognition for awards garnered throughout the 1994 season. Receiving All Pennsylvania Awards were Lynn and Bonnie Miller, of Towanda, Danielle Sparling, of Troy and David Packard, of Troy.

Acknowledgment was also given to the ten junior members who entered 37 records in the milk, fat and protein production contest.

On the lighter side, Area Extension Forester Bob Hansen entertained the group with tales of his trip to Norway and Denmark.

"It's been a long time since I milked cows," remarked Hansen, "but when I got to Norway I thought I saw the smartest cows in the world."

As Hansen flashed a picture of a farmer being followed by a small group of cows, he reminisced about the days when he chased cows from behind to get them to the milking shed, often with little luck. Upon closer inspection, however, Hansen discovered the trick.



National Holstein Director Ron Wood explained changes in national policy and opened the floor for questions and comments.



Newly elected directors joined the group of retiring and continuing directors for a quick picture. Seated, from left, Bonnie Miller, 1994 treasurer and Newly elected director Jeff Jenkins. Second row: Ray Norconk, Dean Jackson, 1994 president; Duane Wilcox, Paul Sheeley, 1994 secretary. Back Row: Retiring director Dave Walrath; retiring director Bill Hennip; retiring director Keith Thomson; Dick Packard; newly elected director Al Calkins and newly elected director Tom Wright.

The farmer was carrying a salt block on his back and the cows, anxious to get a small taste of the treat, were obediently following.

In both Norway and Denmark

agriculture is a prime activity. In Norway, Hansen explained, it was not unusual for a farmer to make a living on 12 cows plus his forest land. Twenty-one percent of the

land in Norway is seeded in productive forest while 3 percent of the land is used for other agricultural purposes.

In Denmark, where trees are not as plentiful, animal agriculture takes a bigger share of the economy utilizing 62 percent of the land. The most important commodities in Denmark being cheese, milk, eggs and meat.

Agribusiness Forum Meeting Set

SCHUYLKILL HAVEN (Schuylkill Co.) — The Agribusiness Forum '95 on Tuesday, February 7, 1995 from 8:30 a.m. to 3 p.m. at Pine View Acres, Pottsville, is co-sponsored by Schuylkill County Cooperative Extension and the Schuylkill Chamber of Commerce. The forum will address financial issues that are of interest to individuals involved in agriculture.

Speakers and topics to be addressed at the meeting are "Methods of Collecting Outstanding Debts," James Ferrier, district magistrate; "Handling Bankruptcy," Karen Connelly, attorney at law; "Financial Warning Signals to Individuals Selling Agriculture Products," Gary Klinger, accountant with Pennsylvania Farm Bureau; "Financial Management," Fred Davis, Penn State Multi-County Extension Agent; "Farm Management," Duane Stevenson, Penn State Multi-County Extension Agent.

Luncheon guest speaker will be United States Representative Tim Holden, who serves on the House of Representative Agricultural Committee.

A registration fee of \$12.50 is required by January 31. For additional information, contact George P. Perry, Jr., Extension Agent/Horticulture, Schuylkill County Extension office, 199 University Drive, Schuylkill Haven, PA 17972-2201, (717) 385-3431.

BRADFORD COUNTY JUNIOR HOLSTEIN

1995 MILK, FAT, AND PROTEIN PRODUCTION CONTEST
(Records completed by September 30, 1994)

Ten Juniors entered 37 records

Two-year-olds --- 8 entries

Milk, Fat, and Protein Awards won by the same three animals

1- Braund Valley Leadman Milly	2-11	305d	31659m	3.6	1140f	Greta Braund	2.4	802p
2- Snowcrest Cleitus Bliss	2-10	285d	23201m	3.7	859f	Scott Walrath	3.3	756p
3- Snowcrest Blackstar Liza	1-11	305d	22269m	3.5	790f	Melissa Walrath	3.2	711p

Three-year-olds --- 11 entries

Milk Awards -								
1) Allegen Dixiecrat Barbara	3-06	305d	31502m	3.2	1013f	Danielle Sparling	3.2	991p
2) Snowcrest Bova Bert Adrien	3-09	276d	29896m	2.3	698f	Melissa Walrath	2.9	881p
3) Braund Valley Elly-ET	3-04	305d	28041m	3.7	1036f	Aaron Sheeley	3.1	867p

Fat Awards -								
1) Braund Valley Jet Krissy	3-02	305d	27730m	4.4	1215f	Aaron Sheeley	3.1	863p
2) Braund Valley Princes	3-01	305d	27311m	3.8	1047f	Jill Sheeley	3.3	893p
3) Braund Valley Elly-ET	3-04	305d	28041m	3.7	1036f	Aaron Sheeley	3.1	867p

Protein Awards -								
1) Allegen Dixiecrat Barbara	3-06	305d	31502m	3.2	1013f	Danielle Sparling	3.2	991p
2) Braund Valley Princes	3-01	305d	27311m	3.8	1047f	Jill Sheeley	3.3	893p
3) Snowcrest Bova Bert Adrien	3-09	276d	29896m	2.3	698f	Melissa Walrath	2.9	881p

Four-year-olds - 7 entries

Three entries won all of the 4-yr-old awards

Snowcrest Gambler Pearl	4-00	305d	29571m	3.3	972f	Scott Walrath	3.0	886p
			1st		3rd		1st	
Pack-Herd Beautician Buka	4-06	305d	27161m	3.9	1068f	David Packard	3.2	874p
			3rd		1st		2nd	
Braund Valley Trifecta Kitty	4-06	299d	27748m	3.7	1026f	Greta Braund	3.0	819p
			2nd		2nd		3rd	

Five-year-olds - 4 entries

Milk, Fat, and Protein Awards won by the same three animals

1) Braund Valley Chief Mark Marcey	5-00	305d	31589m	3.5	1114f	Greta Braund	3.1	977p
2) Snowcrest Camaro Polly	5-00	305d	27316m	3.7	1005f	Scott Walrath	3.1	856p
3) Pack-Herd Brainy Secret	5-05	290d	26803m	3.5	948f	David Packard	3.1	834p

Six-year-and-over - 7 entries

Milk Awards -								
1) Snowcrest Trad. Ernie Loren	8-02	295d	27230m	2.4	640f	Scott Walrath	2.8	776p
2) Snowcrest Successor Melon	6-08	305d	26443m	2.9	763f	Melissa Walrath	3.0	805p
3) Pack-Herd Vagabond Bocee	6-01	304d	25762m	3.7	945f	David Packard	3.1	786p

Fat Awards -								
1) Pack-Herd Chairman Bongo	6-06	295d	22196m	4.3	951f	David Packard	3.2	720p
2) Pack-Herd Vagabond Bocee	6-01	304d	25762m	3.7	945f	David Packard	3.1	786p
3) Pack-Herd Blondie Elevation	8-11	305d	23119m	3.8	873f	Amy Packard	3.0	701p

Protein Awards -								
1) Snowcrest Successor Melon	6-08	305d	26443m	2.9	763f	Melissa Walrath	3.0	805p
2) Pack-Herd Vagabond Bocee	6-01	304d	25752m	3.7	945f	David Packard	3.1	786p
3) Snowcrest Trad. Ernie Loren	8-02	295d	27230m	2.4	640f	Scott Walrath	2.8	776p

* Ryan Calkins had three 4th place entries. Randy Calkins had two 4th place entries



Three new directors of the Bradford County Holstein Club are, from left, Jeff Jenkins, of Columbia Cross Roads, Al Calkins, of Troy and Tom Wright, of Canton.