

Maryland Holstein Breeders Present Awards, Name Directors

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CARROLL COUNTY, Md. —
 The 31st annual Maryland Holstein Convention and Sale were held last weekend in Carroll County, Maryland. On Friday, March 3 the annual business meeting was held at the Comfort Inn. During the meeting the election of officers showed little change. President Charles Iager kept his role, as did Vice President Jason Myers and Secretary Treasurer Anita Hill. New three-year directors elected were David Lease, Tom Crothers, Kevin Leaverton and Arthur Johnson.

The Maryland Outstanding Senior Holstein Breeder award went to the Iagers, of Maple Lawn Farm, and the Maryland Outstanding Junior Holstein award went to Dennis Savage of Keymar. The U.S. Naval Academy was also given the distinguished service award, the A. Doty Remsburg Memorial trophy, for "providing leadership and dedicated service to the dairy industry in Maryland."

The top three Progressive Breeders Registry award winners were C. Renn Remsburg of Middletown, Maple Lawn Farms, Inc. of Fulton for 27 years and Marlin Hoff of New Windsor for 14 years. 1994 Progressive Genetics Herd Award winners, given to herds with the highest TPI of all females in the herd, were given to Allen Brothers, D. Richard Flickinger, Marliin Hoff, Kevin Scott Hood, Jason and Donna Myers and Genfarm Partnership.

The business meeting was followed by lunch and guest speaker, Richard "Dick" Chichester, recipient of the Dairy Shrine's most coveted "Guest of Honor" award. Chichester came to Maryland in 1963 as sire analyst for the Maryland-West Virginia Bull Stud. He then served as Sire Programs Manager for Sire Power, Inc., before going to Select Sires in 1971. He has served as general manager at Select Sires for 22 years. At the convention's business meeting, Chichester spoke of the convention's theme, "Forged by our history, united in our future."

"I tried to bring in the theme, by talking about the history of the Holstein breed from 2,000 years ago," Chichester said. "Up until about 1950 we had made no genetic progress what-so-ever because we just didn't have the scientific means to do it. Then, in 1950, we made some gradual progress, but now we are making tremendous progress in the dairy industry."

"We can work together in the future to enhance the genetics that we already have, and build from that foundation that we have." Chichester highlighted some of the tools we have to work with in the dairy industry today as compared to our yester-years.

"Today we almost have what I call an information overkill!" he added. Many attendees commented on how Chichester's talk brought common sense issues into play.

While the business meeting was taking place at the Comfort Inn, many of the lady-folk were off enjoying a day in Carroll County. An 11 a.m. luncheon and tour at Antrim 1844 in Taneytown, Maryland was the highlight of the ladies' program. The historical mansion known as Antrim 1844 was built in 1844 as a farming estate once tended to by slaves and known simply as the Antrim House. Today, the totally restored Antrim 1844 operates as a bed and breakfast inn with elegant formal gardens and updated cottages and outbuildings, still retaining all of its antebellum charm. At Antrim 1844, the ladies' luncheon took place in what was once a slave quarters, but now operates as the Smokehouse Restaurant. Following the visit to Antrim 1844 the ladies' program took a turn toward shopping, with country crafts being the main object of the shop!

While the ladies were at Antrim 1844, and the men-folk were at the Comfort Inn, the youth program was taking place, too! After viewing some educational displays at the Carroll County Agricultural Center, the Maryland Junior Holstein Club held its annual business meeting.

There was a slide presentation



The record book winners pose, juniors in front; Intermediates in the center row, and seniors in the back row.

highlighting Carroll County juniors followed by a pizza lunch, then the young Holstein breeders were off to Piney Run Park and Nature Center for an environmental program and a scavenger hunt. But, by 3 p.m. they were back at the Ag Center for a Dairy Bowl competition.

On Friday evening, everyone came together for the convention's banquet. Held at Wilhelm's Ltd., and featuring a buffet dinner of fried chicken, fried shrimp, roast beef and more, the dinner was the site of the junior awards, including an introduction of the judging teams. A fun auction, held to benefit the Maryland Holstein Dairy Bowl teams at the National Convention, brought in a total of \$2,695. Items auctioned off had all been donated and included a gingerbread barnyard, several milk cans and bottles, a Santa doll

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The scholarship award winners are with Mr. and Mrs. Arthur Johnson, from left, Mark Iager, Marie Speak, Jenell Rinehart, and Greg Knutson.

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"Dad bought her two years ago as a calf in the (MD) state Sale in Garrett County," Gus Schwartzbeck recalled. "She calved in," he said, "and she is a fine young cow!"

Gus Schwartzbeck said that the sale went off so well because of the incredible amount of help re-

ceived. "Everyone pitched in," he said, "but I particularly want to thank Brian Derr, Greg Burdette, Eddie Russell, Scott Hay, Allan Chaney and Dan MacKenzie," he said. "Those six guys volunteered all of their time and they were there from 8 a.m. to 8 p.m. with a lot of razzing from me," he added with a laugh. "It's help like that that makes a sale come together!"

With auctioneer Denny Remsburg revving the crowd up, and Mike Heath reading pedigrees, the auction moved along at a fast paced clip. The third highest selling cow of the day was one of Carroll County's own. Peace & Plenty offered Jawood Aerostar Omanda-ET, a cow born in July of 1992

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Shannon Harrison from Howard County is the overall record book winner.



The third highest selling cow was Jawood Aerostar Omanda-ET (VG-86), sold by Peace and Plenty Farms was purchased by Leaseway Holsteins for \$6,100. Around the cow are from left, Nona and Joe Schwartzbeck; Dave Lease; Gus Schwartzbeck; and Danny McKenzie at the halter. Denny Remsburg and Mike Heath are in the box.