

Kids Korner

Undefeated Bicycle Champ Scores Again

TIMONIUM, Md. — Brian G. Roberts, 15, of Pleasantville (Washington/Frederick counties) won the senior championship by a landslide in 4-H bicycle competition held August 24 on opening day of the Maryland State Fair in Timonium. There were 57 contestants in the three age brackets.

Robert Currier, 18, of Florence (Howard County) placed second in the senior contest. Daniel Dell, 13, of Finksburg, a Baltimore County 4-H member, was the Intermediate-age champion, with Jason Blades, 13, of Trappe (Talbot County) a close second.

Brian Brubach, 11, of Gamber (Carroll County) won the junior contest, narrowly defeating 10-year-old Jacquelyn Roderick of Walkersville (Frederick County).

Brian Roberts is no stranger to the winner's circle in the state 4-H bicycle contest. He is undefeated in this event, capturing the intermediate-age championship in 1993 and the junior championship in 1991. This makes him the first Maryland 4-H member ever to win all three age group championships in the state contest.

As senior champion, Brian is eligible to represent Maryland in bicycle competition during the National 4-H Engineering, Sci-

ence and Leadership Event scheduled September 22-24 at Purdue University in West Lafayette, Ind., and the Tippecanoe County fairground across the Wabash River in Lafayette, Ind.

He also won the state 4-H aerospace contest held earlier this summer and could have represented Maryland in that category at the Purdue University event.

Brian is the third member of his family to win the Maryland senior 4-H bicycle championship. His brother, Shawn, now 17, won in 1994, and his sister, Erin, now 20, won in 1991. Both went on to win national championships in 4-H bicycle competition.

The Roberts family teen-agers live in southeast Washington County; but they were members of the Petersville 4-H club in Frederick County. In addition to bicycle competition, they are enthusiastic participants in the 4-H and FFA goat show each year at the Maryland State Fair.

Two younger family members show promise of continuing the Roberts family winning tradition in state 4-H bicycle competition. Tara Roberts, 12, won the junior contest in 1993 and the intermediate-age contest in 1995. Her brother, Kevin, 10, was the junior winner last year.



Brian Brubach, 11, of Gamber, Md. poses with trophy hardware after winning junior championship in 4-H bicycle contest at the Maryland State Fair in Timonium. Brian narrowly defeated 10-year-old Jacquelyn Roderick of Walkersville.

Kids At The Fair



Brittany Hurst, 3, cuddles a rabbit at the Ephrata Fair. Brittany is the daughter of Randy and Sandy Hurst of Ephrata.



Hammercreek Exotics set up a display at the Ephrata Fair where children could become acquainted with different kinds of animals and fowl. These Silkies delight children of all ages.



Like most of the visitors to the Ephrata Fair, 4-year-old Chase Martin walks around sipping on a drink. He is the son of William and Kim Martin of Litz.



For the first time, Marissa, 6, and Jacob, 2, attend the Kimberton Fair, but they plan to be back. The children of Lawrence and Cassandra Gribb of Pottstown love ice cream.