

Maryland Jersey Breeders Select Queen, Honor Members

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WOODSBORO, Md. — A crowd of approximately 115 made this year's 77th annual meeting of the Maryland Jersey Cattle Club the largest meeting so far, according to Fern Hines, club secretary.

The Jersey breeders gathered at the new activities building in Woodsboro to elect officers, present awards, and crown a new Jersey queen.

The meeting this year was held in tribute to Mrs. Charlotte Stiles, a longtime Jersey breeder who passed away last November at the age of 83.

Mrs. Stiles was an active member of the Maryland club, and had not missed an annual meeting of the MJCC in over 50 years. She and her late husband operated Spring Valley Farm in Westminster, Carroll County. A member of the grange for 70 years, Mrs. Stiles was also very active in her church, St. Mary's United Church of Christ in Silver Run, and had been a 4-H leader.

Debbie Osborn, Keymar, was elected president of the association for the upcoming year. Esther Hoffman, Ridgely will serve as vice president, along with P. Thomas Mason representing the Eastern Shore as vice president, and Sharon Osborn representing the Western Shore. Cindy and Fern Hines, Union Bridge, will continue with secretary and treasurer duties.

Four new directors were ap-

pointed to the club, Carol DeGroft, Westminster; Christine Hevner, Keymar; Cynthia Keller, Middletown; and Tracey Stiles, Boonsboro. The four are to serve on the board of directors until 2000.

Sarah Bedgar was crowned as this year's Jersey queen. Sarah, a former state dairy princess, is the daughter of Paul and Patricia Bedgar of Freeland.

Marty and Geraldine Stiles, Hidden Valley Farm, were honored with the Dr. Herbert Hoopes Senior Award.

"The award is presented for the outstanding senior member in the Jersey breeders for their accomplishments with the organization. The Stiles have worked so much with the juniors, and they have really contributed a lot," explained Fern Hines. The Stiles farm in Damascus, Montgomery County.

The J. Hanson Hoffman trophy, awarded to the farm with the highest average for energy corrected milk of herds with 10 or more cows, was presented to Tol-Je-So Farm, operated by the Lawrence family of Port Deposit. Their herd averaged 20,268 pounds, energy corrected to 23,920 pounds, with 940 pounds 4.64 percent fat and 711 pounds, 3.51 percent protein.

Other high herd averages for ECM were: 40 or more cows, Queen-Acres Farm - 3X milking 19,412 pounds milk energy corrected to 23,823 with 938 pounds, 4.83 percent of fat and 740 pounds, 3.81 percent protein; 10 to 40



Officers of the Maryland Jersey Cattle Club are, from the left, front row, Sharon Osborn, P. Thomas Mason, Esther Hoffman, and Debbie Osborn. In the back, from the left, Cindy Hines and Fern Hines, Tracey Stiles, Cindy Keller and Carol DeGroft.



Maryland Jersey Cattle Club top production award winners are, from the left in the front row, Sharon and Jim Osborn for Queen-Acres Farm, and Janet and Tracey Stiles, who won the herd genetics award. In the back row are production winners Debbie Osborn from Queen-Acres Farm, Sadah Bentz and Katie Mason.



From the left, Sarah Bedgar is crowned the 1998 Maryland Jersey Cattle Club queen, and also received a scholarship. She is joined by other scholarship recipients Erin Feuillet and Emily Birch. Not shown is scholarship winner Mary Seraydian.

cows, Tol-Je-So Farm; and less than 10 cows, MD-Garden Spot Jerseys with 13,219 pounds milk energy corrected to 18,231 with 781 pounds, 5.91 percent fat and 527 pounds, 3.99 percent protein.

Tol-Je-So Farm received the high herd management ranking from the club for the year. The highest average Total Performance index for herd genetics award went to Janet and Tracey Stiles, Boonsboro.

The junior J. Hanson Hoffman trophy was presented to Sadah Bentz for her high individual senior 2-year-old Piney Lane Lester Dana. Dana's 2-11 record with 297 days in milk was 18,820 milk,

1,020 fat, and 739 protein. Her ECM was 24,684.

The John Stiles Memorial Award, presented each year to the outstanding junior club member, was awarded to Emily Birch, daughter of Michael and Leah Birch, White Hall. Emily is studying ag economics at Purdue University.

The Warren Fender memorial scholarship was presented to Erin

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Officers of the Maryland Junior Jersey Cattle Club are, from the left, front row, Emily Birch, Sadah Bentz, and Heather Long. In the back row, from the left, are Alicia Feuillet, Heather Hines, Ryan Downey, Ashley Burdette, and Katie Mason.



Marty and Geraldine Stiles receive the Dr. Herbert Hoopes memorial award, recognizing the couple's contributions to the Maryland Jersey Cattle Club and the dairy cattle breed.