

# Virginia Holstein Members Meet

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with a BAA of 105.6 percent, has been recognized with both the 1999 Progressive Breeder and Progressive Genetics Awards. All those who went on the tour had very positive comments about seeing both operations and the management and marketing techniques used to promote and sell their animals.

Rose Marie Watkins, senior director of governmental relations for the American Farm Bureau Federation was the guest speaker for Friday evening's banquet. She told of the latest legislation being introduced in Congress affecting dairy farmers and the impact on the dairy economy. She emphasized the importance of farmers writing to their Congressmen and voicing their concern about legislation affecting the dairy and agriculture industries. Mrs. Watkins reported that many Congressmen relate that they do not hear from the farmer about legislation that affects their industry and instead rely on information given to them by lobbyists. She accentuated that the farmer cannot rely solely on farm organizations to relay the message to our elected representatives about legislation that directly affects their personal and farm profitability and future.

Receiving the Progressive Breeders Registry awards given by Holstein Association USA Inc. were Wall Brothers Dairy, Blacksburg (21 years), Dogwood Farm, Purcellville (9 years), Eastview Farm, Beaverdam (8 years), George W and John D. Grove, Waynesboro (4 years), and Melvin Ronk, Roanoke (1 year).

Progressive Genetics herd Awards were presented to James M. Cook, Penhook (7 years); Harvey and Sharon Gasser, McGayesville (6 years); George and John D. Grove, Waynesboro (6 years); Eastview Farm, Beaverdam (5 years), and Melvin Ronk, Roanoke (2 years).

The Round Oak/Select Virginia Holstein Meritorious

Service Award was presented to Bob and Carol McComb, Grassmoor Farm, Purcellville. Jimmie N. Eustace made the presentation and cited the number of years that the McCombs have given to the adult and junior Holstein associations. Bob McComb has served for over 20 years on the Board of Directors and Carol has been a state junior advisor and is currently a member of the national Holstein Junior Advisory Committee.

While the adults had their banquet the junior members were enjoying themselves at their fun event of bowling and a pizza party.

At the annual meeting of the Virginia Holstein Association Robert Pemberton of a Doswell was elected president and Margie Ann Dick of Warrenton was elected secretary treasurer. Elected to the board of directors were Jimmie N. Eustace, Leon Rhodes, Tim Liskey, Ray Smith and Donna Kerr.

At the luncheon on Saturday, Show Chairman Ron Roudabush presented the following All Virginia Holstein Awards:

Junior Calf — Ron-Rou Counselor Liza, Ron-Rou Holstein, Reserve Junior Calf — Wallmac Counselor Nikee Rachel, Wall Bros. Dairy, Honorable Mention — Twin Knolls Char Romantic — Jamie Yerger

Intermediate Calf — Smithden Mirage Madillan, Wall Bros. Dairy; Reserve Intermediate Calf — Pottsdale Encore Bianca, Dogwood Farm; Honorable Mention — Harvue Fred Marylo, Leslie Hardesty.

Senior Calf — Harvue Fred

Ella, Matt Hardesty, Reserve Senior Calf — Wallmac Myda Petula, Wall Bros. Dairy, Honorable Mention Senior Calf — Grassmoor Delaware Kameo, Kristy McComb.

Summer Calf — Pottsdale Warner Susette, Dogwood Farm; Reserve Summer Calf — Wallmac Chas Natalie Prima, Wall Bros. Dairy; Honorable Mention — Harvue Fred Daisy, Danny Hardesty.

Junior Yearling — Heiz Acre Counselor Vanity, S. Lee Heizer Jr.; Reserve Junior Yearling — Harvue Mark Star Rosie, Leslie Ann Hardesty; Honorable Mention — Harvue Storm Rickie-ET, Matt Hardesty.

Intermediate Yearling — Jenkinsview Charles Crystal, Kristy McComb; Reserve Intermediate Yearling — Ron-Rou Stardust Lula, Ron Roun Holsteins.

Senior Yearling — Harvue Juror Emily, Matt Hardesty; Reserve Intermediate Yearling — Ikan Encore Mattie, Katy Leonard.

Junior Best Three Females — Wall Bros. Dairy.

Junior 2-Year-Old — Pottsdale Jed Gerianne, Dogwood Farm; Reserve Junior 2-Year-Old — Heiz Acres Astre Liz, Derek Lee Heizer.

Senior 2-Year-Old — Wallmac J-Bob Lanette Nikee, Wall Bros. Dairy; Reserve Senior 2-Year-Old — Harvue Juror Emma, Matt Hardesty.

Senior 3-Year-Old — Roc Hill Val BC Lil Patch, Bernie Frye; Reserve Senior 3-Year-Old — Royal Haven Factor Desi-Red, Brandon Waldron, Honorable Mention — Pineriver Charles

Peori, Jamie Yerger.

Four-Year-Old - Ferrum FLF Chesapeake Skyler, Mark and Becky Newbill

Five-Year-Old — Harvue Chesapeake Raven, Harvue Farms

Aged Cow — Pottsdale Logic Roxann-TW, Dogwood Farm

Dry 3- & 4-Year-old Cow — Ron-Rou Stardust Pretty, Ron-Rou Holsteins

Produce of Dam — Produce of Harvue Raider Eddy, Matt Hardesty

Dam and Daughter — Pottsdale Logic Roxann TW and Pottsdale Legal Roxie, Dogwood Farm; Reserve Dam and Daughter — Wallmac K-Bob Lanette Nikee and Wallmac Counselor Nikee Rachel, Wall Bros. Dairy.

Best Three Females — Dogwood Farm.

Breeders Herd — Dogwood Farm.

Sponsors of the All Virginia Awards were: Heiz Acres Holsteins, Middlebrook; Ameva Farm Inc., Amelia; Wall Bros. Dairy, Blacksburg; Early Dawn Farm, Charlottesville; John Barns Family, Saltsville; Cool Lawn Holsteins, Remington; Augusta Coop Farm Bureau, Staunton; Gloryland Holsteins, Grottoes; Walkup Holsteins, Harrisonburg; Kenwood LTD Partnership, Orange; Kinvale Farm, Rocky Mount; Pemberton and Redding, Doswell; Ashby Embroy's Harrisonburg, Whippernock Farm, Sutherland; Christian Creek Holsteins Inc., Staunton; James Janney, Mt. Jackson; Rilara Holsteins, Bridgewater; Forest Lake Farm, Ferrum; and Ron Rou Holsteins, Mt. Solon.

Patty Leonard of Midland provided a special visual presentation that was coordinated with the presentation of the All

Virginia and Junior All Virginia. A picture of each animal receiving the award was shown on a large screen. This was an excellent presentation and the audience enjoyed seeing the animal that won each award.

Virginia Holstein President Robert Pemberton presented the Distinguished Young Holstein Breeders Award to Lee and Dale Heizer of Heiz Acres Holstein, Middlebrook. The Heizers will be eligible to compete in the national Distinguished Young Breeders Contest at the national Holstein convention.

At the annual meeting of the Virginia Junior Holstein Association Aaron Shiflett of Fort Defiance was elected president; Azh Waldron, Churchville, vice president; Sarah Leonard of Midland, secretary; Meghan Mackintosh of Berryville treasurer and Danny Hardesty of Berryville as elected reporter.

Elected to the Board of Directors were: Justin Carpenter, Brian House, Katy Leonard, Kristy McComb and Diane Mayhugh representing Area 1; Elizabeth Fuller; Michelle Skeen, Ashley Shiflett, Vincent Rhodes and Nathan Wall representing Area 2; and Taylor Lee representing Area 3.

The Junior Participation Award was presented to Katy Leonard of Midland. The junior level of the Distinguished Junior Member Award program was won by Ashley Shiflette. Kristy McComb won the senior level of the Distinguished Junior Member Award program and her application will be forwarded for competition in the national Junior Holstein Distinguished Junior Member Contest.

In the inaugural Virginia Holstein Public Speaking Contest the results were as fol-

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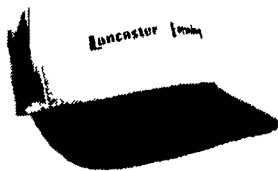
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