

# Guernsey Breeders Host Convention In Bedford

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The Pennsylvania Guernsey Breeders recently held its annual convention at the Bedford Arena and county fairgrounds.

It's been many years since President Jim Trotter first held the annual banquet at the arena fol-

lowed by the sale at the fairgrounds.

"The arena and fairgrounds are ideal spots," said Trotter. "Besides, Bedford County has many fine Guernsey breeders."

Among those is Berneta Gable, who was recently named Dairy Woman of the World. Berneta

and her husband, Bradley, are the owners of Sniders Guernsey Farms in New Enterprise.

With the Gables never failing to capture several Guernsey awards, Berneta's son won the Sewickley Trophy for being named champion of the youth show at the 2000 Pennsylvania Farm Show. Snider Homestead Farms won the John Brachman Award, and Jan Snider, Berneta's nephew, took home the George W. Snyder Award for being champion at the Pennsylvania Junior Dairy Show.

Allen Smith, who with his wife, Irene, owns Turkey Valley Farm in Hollidaysburg, received the Pennsylvania Walk of Fame Award. Now age 78, Allen was born on the Turkey Valley Farm and farmed until four years ago when a "bum" leg forced him to retire.

The Smiths own a large herd of registered Guernseys, Belgian horses, and Black Angus cattle. They have two daughters, Shella, who lives at home, and Sharon Sollenberger, wife of Wayne. They also have grand children, including Wayne, Mark, Melissa, and Michelle.

The following were winners of the Open All Pennsylvania awards. Sniders Sensation Dhurma, junior calf; HiField Brighton Jaycie owned by Amy Guyer, intermediate calf; HiField Major Sport owned by James Oldham, senior yearling heifer; Rutter Brothers Enhancers Lily owned Terri Johnson, Junior 2 year old; Sniders Darnel Hillite owned by

Aaron Gable, Senior 2 year old cow; Sniders G. Henry Addie owned by Kendy Gable, Junior 3 year old cow; Leister Farm Nobles Laura owned by Andrew Ebersole, Senior 3 year old cow; Sniders Perfect Stitch owned by Kristi Snider, four year old cow; Sniders Opp Georgie owned by Jan Snider, five year old cow; Sniders Magic Krystal owned by Kendy Gable, dry cow, 4 years and under; Sniders Fayette's 1. Century owned by Aaron Gable, dry cow 5 year old and over; Misty

Meadows D. Camille owned by Beth Ann Clark, best bred and owned.

Production awards included high herd for 1999, which went to Rutters Brothers with 25 cows at 19,838 milk, 856 fat, and 686 protein; high cow for milk and fat, which went to Sniders Perfecto Kendra with 25,610 pounds milk, 1,107 fat, and 833 protein, and high cow for protein, which was Paradise Acres Forestar Tara with 24,322 milk, 1,063 fat, and 878 protein.



Bernetta Gable, recently named Dairywoman of the World, was honored at the convention, along with her husband Brad.



The Snider Homestead Farms took home the George W. Snyder Award, the Sewickley Trophy, and the John Brachman Award. From left are Jan Snider, who received the Snyder Award; Kendy Gable with the Bachman Award; and Aaron Gable with the Sewickley Trophy.



All Pennsylvania Awards went to (front) Kendy Gable, Guy Walason, Kristi Snider, (back) Terri Johnson, Nicole Boile, Andrew Ebersole, Dr. Beth Clark, Dennis Guyer (for Amy Guyer), Jan Snider, and Aaron Gable.



The Mercer-Northwest Guernsey breeders attending the annual Pennsylvania Guernsey Convention included Marilyn Hill, Paul Aiken, Lena Aiken, Angela Blake, John Kunz, Cindi Kunz, Kelle Kunz, Jessica Kunz, Joyce Smith, Carrie Smith, Emille Smith, Paul Aiken, Nora Aiken, Connie White, Ron White, Ryan White, Wesley Aiken, Betty Aiken, Matthew Aiken, David Aiken, Carol Aiken, and Lena Aiken.



Cindy Rutter Johnson, Mark Pifer, and Kendy Gable received this year's production awards for the Guernsey breed.

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