

Shorthorn Supreme 2018

What a weekend! Kids, parents and cattle galore invaded the Stratford Agricultural Complex for the weekend of August 3-5, 2018 for the Junior National Shorthorn Show. Packs were made, cattle settled in and junior exhibitors reconnected with old friends and made new ones. There were 55 exhibitors with 90 head of cattle for the show.

Following registration on Friday afternoon, the kids were assigned groups to complete a fun scavenger hunt around the facilities. Each team was asked to “buy something for \$0.25” and the organizing committee anticipated that the teams would use their quarter to buy something from the candy machines outside the 2 arenas located in the Complex. Imagine our surprise when some of the teams returned with items they had “purchased” from the adults. A scrub brush and baseball hat were among the purchases. These kids sure had some impressive bartering skills to get these things! The last task for the scavenger hunt was to complete a “Candy Guess” in hopes of winning the candy jar for their age group. After their guesses were submitted, each exhibitor was given a delicious chocolate tractor sucker from a local chocolatier: Rheo Thompson Candies.

The winners of the Candy Guess were:

Peewee:	Jordan Phillips
Junior:	Carsyn Byrne
Intermediate:	Reegan Sawyer
Senior:	Jarod Scott

We had a delicious lasagna dinner provided by L & M Catering on Friday evening, complete with an ice cream sundae bar.

While members of the show committee was getting things organized for Saturday’s activities, we looked out over the barn and saw groups of people chatting and laughing and even a group of exhibitors line dancing in the aisle behind their animals! This is what the weekend was about: fun, camaraderie and making friends.

Saturday morning brought our opening ceremonies. The exhibitors were paraded into the show ring by a local piper and our Shorthorn Lassie, Emily Kyle. Martin Mason of Red Rose Farm sang our national anthem and Jamie Blenkiron, the President of Ontario Shorthorn Association welcomed the exhibitors.

The morning started with the Showmanship classes. Judge Jamie O’Shea sorted our exhibitors by age group and then a final drive was held to determine the Grand and Reserve Grand Champion Showmen. The winners were:

Champion Peewee Showperson:	Jordan Phillips
Reserve Champion Peewee Showperson:	Carly Watson
Champion Junior Showperson:	Carsyn Byrne
Reserve Champion Junior Showperson:	Madi Bott
Champion Intermediate Showperson:	Katie Elmhirst

Reserve Champion Intermediate Showperson: Jamey Eby
Champion Senior Showperson: Maurice Verstraete
Reserve Champion Senior Showperson: Morgan MacIntyre

Grand Champion Showperson: Katie Elmhirst
Reserve Grand Champion Showperson: Maurice Verstraete

Each of the Champion and Reserve Champions received a duffle bag and the Grand and Reserve Grand Champions received banners.

After all their hard work in the show ring, we put Katie and Maurice to work in the centre of the ring instead of on the halter. They were given the task of judging the "Over the Hill" Showmanship class. Anyone that was beyond the age to be an exhibitor for the weekend was given an opportunity to enter the class. There were 13 people competing for the red ribbon. It was a sight to be seen! We had an exhibitor with purple hair, sharing cookies in the ring, and another exhibitor that handed his heifer off to a bystander so he could take a seat on the bleachers. Katie and Maurice selected Kevin Dempsey as the top Over the Hill Showman. Kevin was even seen smiling in the ring, and anyone that knows him, knows this is a rarity indeed!

When the peewee exhibitors had finished their showmanship classes, they participated in some activities specifically for them. They did a hands on experiment to learn how human digestion differs from digestion in cattle and why people are unable to receive the same nutritional value from eating hay as cattle do. They also had the opportunity to make lemon volcanos. The peewees had lots of fun!

Following a lunch from Subway and Kawartha Dairy, the exhibitors moved into the afternoon activities.

The afternoon started with a Judging competition. The peewee and junior exhibitors were judging the showmanship of the exhibitors in the ring and the intermediate and senior exhibitors judged the conformation of the breeding heifers being exhibited. Jamie O'Shea gave the official reasons and placings for the conformation portion and Shannon Giffen provided the official reasons and placings for the exhibitors judging showmanship. The following exhibitors finished in first and second for each of the age divisions:

Peewee: 1st: Taylor Makey
2nd: Jordan Phillips

Junior: 1st: Emily Makey
2nd: Brianna Lockhurst

Intermediate: 1st: Reegan Sawyer
2nd: Austyn Byrne

Senior: 1st: Morgan MacIntyre
2nd: Jarod Scott

Each of the top exhibitors were presented with a Director's chair.

Marketing was the next activity on the agenda. The exhibitors were asked to create a magazine advertisement. They were given direction on information to include and provided with magazines and

sale catalogues to do so. They were all very creative with their masterpieces! The top exhibitors in each age group received a padfolio.

Peewee: 1st: Mitchell Ormiston
2nd: Brandon Turpin

Junior: 1st: Madi Bott
2nd: Jack Van Milligen

Intermediate: 1st: Candace Colvin
2nd: Katie Elmhirst

Senior: 1st: Morgan MacIntyre
2nd: Ryan Colvin

Following the Marketing activity, the exhibitors were again divided into teams for the team fitting challenge. Each team was given time to select the animal they would use and to gather their supplies. They had half an hour to work together to fit and then present their animal to the judge, John Mason. Each member of the top 2 teams received gift cards for RK Animal Supplies.

1st: Jarod Scott, Morgan MacIntyre, William McNiven, Taylor Makey
2nd: Maurice Verstraete, Joline Quinn, Austyn Byrne, Brandon Turpin

Each of the exhibitors was given a quiz to test their knowledge. The senior members assisted the peewees by writing their answers provided by the little ones. Duffle bags were awarded to the following exhibitors for the proficiency with the quiz:

Peewee: 1st: Levi Watson
2nd: Mitchell Ormiston

Junior: 1st: Jack Van Milligen
2nd: Colin Ormiston

Intermediate: 1st: Zach Bott
2nd: Reegan Sawyer

Senior: 1st: Samuel Dempsey
2nd: Sydney Graul

There were also 2 different photography competitions held during the show. Each exhibitor was asked to submit a candid photograph. The other competition was specific to the various age groups: peewee and junior exhibitors were asked to submit a selfie with their animal, the intermediates submitted a sale picture and the seniors submitted a sale picture with a footnote. The candid photographs and selfies were judged by Barn Girls Photography. The sale pictures and write ups were judged by Kevin Dempsey and Wanda Bourque. Winners in these 2 categories received picture frames.

The candid photo winners were:

Peewee: 1st: Josie Crawford
2nd: Shelby Crawford

Junior: 1st: Colin Arnold
2nd: Emily Makey

Intermediate: 1st: Reegan Sawyer
2nd: Katie Elmhirst

Senior: 1st: Nicole Giles
2nd: Morgan MacIntyre

The winners of the selfies & sale pictures were:

Peewee: 1st: Jordan Phillips
2nd: Elise Stevens

Junior: 1st: Emily Makey
2nd: Colin Arnold

Intermediate: 1st: Katie Elmhirst
2nd: Candace Colvin

Senior: 1st: Joline Quinn
2nd: Maurice Verstraete

Saturday was a day full of activities for all of the exhibitors. We ended the day with a delicious roast beef banquet provided by L & M Catering. Live and silent auctions were held following our dinner and then prizes were awarded for team fitting, both photography classes and for the Candy Guess. Dale Asser, President of the Canadian Shorthorn Association provided the closing remarks for the evening.

All of the conformation classes were held on Sunday. Brad Gilchrist had the challenging job of judging our cattle. Ribbons were presented to all of the exhibitors with banners going to the division champion and reserve champions. Leather halters were presented to each of the 6 exhibitors in the bred & owned division: Sarah Height, Blair McGlashan, Maurice Verstraete, Elizabeth Lockhurst, Jacob Bott and Jarod Scott. The conformation results were:

Champion Bred & Owned Heifer Calf: Little Rebel Foolish Pleasure 1F, exhibited by Blair McGlashan
Reserve Champion Bred & Owned Heifer Calf: Focus Perceive 5F, exhibited by Maurice Verstraete

Champion Bred & Owned Yearling Heifer: Diamond Future Esmerelda 1E, exhibited by Jarod Scott
Reserve Champion Bred & Owned Yearling Heifer: Little Rebel Sheeza Diamond 2E, exhibited by Blair McGlashan

Champion Bred & Owned Female: Diamond Future Esmerelda 1E, exhibited by Jarod Scott
Reserve Champion Bred & Owned Female: Little Rebel Foolish Pleasure, exhibited by Blair McGlashan

Champion Bred & Owned Bull Calf: Focus Top Edition 4F, exhibited by Maurice Verstraete
Reserve Champion Bred & Owned Bull Calf: Little Rebel Facecard 2F, exhibited by Blair McGlashan

Champion Female – Open Division: Hill Haven Stargazer 41E, exhibited by Samantha Lundy
Reserve Champion Female – Open Division: Hill Haven Princess Vera 36E, exhibited by Kaitlyn Broughton

Champion Market Animal: Frank, exhibited by Spencer Patchell
Reserve Champion Market Animal: Phillips Miss Roan 14F, exhibited by Jordan Phillips

Champion Shorthorn Plus Heifer Calf: Crawdown Black Susan 26F, exhibited by Morgan MacIntyre

Reserve Champion Shorthorn Plus Heifer Calf: HEI Country Sky Baby, exhibited by Sarah Height

Champion Shorthorn Plus Bull: Crawfdown Final Fortune 11F, exhibited by Morgan MacIntyre

Champion Owned Heifer Calf: Shadybrook Tina's Girl 9F ET, exhibited by Olivia Dempsey

Reserve Champion Owned Heifer Calf: Hill Haven Lily's Magic 8F, exhibited by Samantha Lundy

Champion Owned Yearling Heifer: Wernacres Lucy 704, exhibited by Katie Elmhirst

Reserve Champion Owned Yearling Heifer: WAT Bobby's Primo Girl 120E, exhibited by Carly Watson

Champion Owned Mature Female: TMD'S Readys Double Take 14D, exhibited by Colin Ormiston

Reserve Champion Owned Mature Female: Hill Haven Breathless Diva 11B, exhibited by Samantha Lundy

Champion Owned Female: Wernacres Lucy 704, exhibited by Katie Elmhirst

Reserve Champion Owned Female: WAT Bobby's Primo Girl 120E, exhibited by Carly Watson

Champion Owned Bull Calf: B.B.O. Flash Mirage 10F, exhibited by Carsyn Byrne

Reserve Champion Owned Bull Calf: Focus Top Edition 4F, exhibited by Maurice Verstraete

Champion Owned Yearling Bull: B.B.O. Hot Mirage, exhibited by Austyn Byrne

Reserve Champion Owned Yearling Bull: Horseshoe Valley Edgar 1E, exhibited by William McNiven

Champion Owned Bull: B.B.O. Flash Mirage 10F, exhibited by Carsyn Byrne

Reserve Champion Owned Bull: B.B.O. Hot Mirage, exhibited by Austyn Byrne

Following a pizza lunch, the closing ceremonies were held and the final awards were presented.

The scores the exhibitors received for Saturday's activities were used to calculate the overall aggregate winners. We would like to congratulate:

Champion Aggregate: Morgan MacIntyre

Reserve Champion Aggregate: Maurice Verstraete

Morgan and Maurice were presented with silver belt buckles.

A show like this would not be possible without the generous support of our sponsors. We would like to extend our gratitude to the following sponsors:

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