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NATIONAL HOLSTEIN USA CONVENTION REPORT

by Doreen Morris

This year's 125th National Holstein Convention was held in Bloomington, Minnesota on June 26th through the 29th. New England delegates that attended were: Vermont- Martha Seifert, NH – Doreen Morris and Mark Patch, Maine – Pete Waterman and Jim Davis, MA – Jim Koebke and George Hunt, CT – Doug Carlson.

Pre-Convention tours this year included a tour of Duluth and the North shore of Lake Superior, a fishing trip on Lake Mille Lacs, where 44 people attended and Heather Hunt from Orange, MA won the largest fish in the youth division. The final pre-tour was a trip to Central Minnesota, where people visited Melarry Farms, Ralma Holsteins and Starlight Acres.

The host day tours were on Sunday, June 27th. Tour A was the Mississippi River tour which included a tour of Sapa Ska Farm, hosted by the Pierson Family. Next up was a ride down the Mississippi River on the "Pearl of the Lake" riverboat. Final stop was at the National Eagle Center. Tour B was the "tour west" trip. We visited Flower-Brook Holsteins, hosted by Andy and Jodene Stuewe. The Stuewe family farm 300 acres and milk 75 head. The second stop was at Glenmark Genetics and Bonnie Mohr Studio. The Mohrs have 80 head of Holsteins and Jerseys. We visited Bonnie's Studio and toured her new home. We enjoyed lunch there amongst her beautifully landscaped yard. Bonnie had prepared a special painting for the 2010 National Convention which was auctioned off at the banquet. A large canvas copy of the painting was hung on the side of their barn. The next stop was at Raylore Farm, hosted by the Olson Family. The farm has been in the Olson Family for 101 years. Last stop was at Floralawn Holsteins, hosted by the Rickeman family. This herd consists of 60 head, milked in a tie-stall barn.

Later that evening, we attended the "Experience Minnesota" family

night at the Minnesota Landscape Arboretum. We enjoyed a barbecue meal, visited and listened to a live band out on the veranda. Juniors participated in the "Amazing Race" hosted by Select Sire Power. Many plants, produce and flowers have been developed at the Arboretum, including the Honey Crisp Apple. They had a guided 3 mile tour around the Arboretum so that we could view the landscape and beautiful rose gardens.

Monday's early bird session speaker was Michael T. Collins DVM, PhD DACVM. His presentation was titled "Johne's Disease: The Ostrich Approach Just Isn't Working". The Non-Delegate tour was a tour on Lake Minnetonka. The Annual Meeting started at 9:00 am. There were many committee reports and the speaker was Dr. Tom Lawlor, Director, Research and Development for Holstein Association. His topic was on "Genetic Evaluations: What Happened in April and What we can expect in the Future". We met the Board Candidates and recessed into our Regional Member Caucuses to ask each candidate questions.

Monday night was the Pre-sale Fish Fry meal and National Convention Sale held at the Scott County Fairgrounds. The Sale Average was \$12,126 and high seller was a first choice female out of Long-Langs Oman Oman-ET and Clear Echo 822 Ramo 1200-ET which sold for \$91,000. Another high seller was Larcrest Case- ETS, an April Planet daughter that sold for \$85,000.

Tuesday, June 29th started with a Delegate Informational Breakfast followed by the Annual Meeting. Both Monday and Tuesday, the NHWSO held their annual silent auction to raise money for scholarships. Board Elections were held and elected to the Board this year were: Region 1 – Peter Waterman, Maine. Region 4 – Gayle Carson, Tennessee, Region 6- Leroy Eggink, Iowa and At-Large- Corey Geiger, Wisconsin. Those not attending the Annual Meeting were able to tour the famous Mall of America.

The convention concluded with the President's Reception and Banquet. Bonnie Mohr's "Beautiful Cow" original and prints were auctioned off to

benefit the Holstein's Foundation and National Convention.

Next year's National Convention will be held in Richmond, Virginia on June 22-25, 2011.

National Jr. Holstein Convention by Aryn Martin



The Page Family enjoying the convention

The New England Junior Holstein Association was well represented this year at the 2010 National Holstein Convention in Bloomington, MN. Juniors from Maine, New Hampshire, Vermont, and Massachusetts enjoyed four days of great convention activities. From a pre-convention fishing trip to farm tours, the Mall of America and even an Amazing Race game, Minnesota had a lot to offer! We sent two dairy bowl teams for this year's competition; one for each division. The Junior team consisted of Captain Aryn Martin (ME), Brittany Moon (ME), Lottie Page (NH), and Sarrah Simpson (ME). The Senior



Aryn Martin with Digital Scrapbook Award

Team included Captain Jared Birch (VT), Trevor Beaudry (NH), Alex Patch (NH), and Kirsten Beaudry (NH). Both teams advanced to fifth round of competition. Heather Hunt (MA) participated in the Folding Display competition. Maddie Beaudry

(NH), Heath Page (NH), and Jasper Page (NH), all competed in the Dairy Jeopardy Contest. Maddie Beaudry, Kirsten Beaudry, and Alex Patch competed in the Prepared Public Speaking Competition.



YDJM Aryn Martin

Aryn Martin was named a 2010 National YDJM Finalist and the New England Digital Scrapbook she prepared placed 4th in the National Competition. Michaela Davis (ME) and Ashley Martin (ME) were both recognized at the National Junior Forum

with Junior breeder of an Excellent Awards. Ashley also received the Junior Progressive Breeder Award with nine stars and Aryn Martin received the same award with two stars. Although not in attendance to convention, Chelsea Abbot received the Junior Star Breeder award and Junior Breeder of an excellent cow. Additionally, Christina Groves, Rebecca Groves, and Chelsea Abbott qualified to receive the 30,000 lb. cow award.

CT Holstein Show

July 17, Durham, 64 heifers, 18 cows
Judge Justin Burdette, PA



L-R Judge Justin Burdette, Erika Wolf with Grand, Morey Miller with Reserve (John Collins on halter), Stephanie Curtiss with Honorable Mention (Ricky Allyn on halter)

Open Show Champions: Grand: Jr. 3, Briar-Berry Kite Willow (KHW Kite Advent Red), Erika Wolf; Reserve: Sr. 3, Millborne-MG Dundee Twilite (Regancrest Dundee), Morey Miller; HM: 2nd Sr. 3, Warrenvalley Bond Callie-RC (Regancrest Juror Bond), Stephanie Curtis **Junior Show Champions:** Grand: Jr. 3, Briar-Berry Kite Willow (KHW Kite Advent Red), Erika Wolf; Reserve: Aged Cow, Valley-Dell Liquor Domino (Elmvue Integrity Liquor), Erika Wolf

Region 1 Director Report By Peter Waterman



New Holstein USA Directors
 L-R: Gayle Carson, Corey Geiger, Pete Waterman

As the new Region 1 Director, I feel honored to represent New York and New England. I faced stiff competition but somehow squeaked out a victory. The process was both exhilarating and emotional, a true test for all participants.

After the election was over, the new Board had a reorganizational meeting where I learned that I will be on the Legislative Affairs Committee. Hank Van Excel (CA) is chair of the committee. As many of you know, the Dairy Price Stabilization Plan (DSPL) has been a main focus of the committee. Two bills containing many of the components of the plan have been introduced in Congress. H.R. 5288 and S. 3531 have been endorsed by the Board and the sentiment is that we need to act before the 2012 Farm Bill.

I write this report the day after returning from a whirlwind two day orientation in Brattleboro Vt., where the three new Directors (myself, Gayle Carson and Corey Geiger) received intense schooling on all facets of the Holstein Association's business including, customer service, accounting, genetics, international marketing and membership. We learned the whole gamete of the Association. It was a very educational experience. With 128 employees, seventy-seven in Brattleboro, I believe Holstein is about as lean as it can be at this point.

Please take a close look at the last Holstein Pulse for a complete run down of this year's convention in conjunction with Doreen Morris's report in this newsletter.

I would like to thank everyone who supported me and look forward to serving the membership.

CALENDAR OF EVENTS

Aug. 6 MA

All Breeds Championship Show
 Franklin Cty Fairgrounds Greenfield,
 Judge Brad Cates, NY
 Contact Andy Samuelson for more information
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Aug. 10 & 11 NH

New Hampshire Holstein Show with Super Raffle on August 11th, Lancaster Fairgrounds

Aug. 30 ME

Pine Tree State Holstein Show, Windsor Fairgrounds, Judge Richard Landry, Quebec

Sept. 5 VT

Vermont State Holstein Show & Northeast Ag Green Mtn Futurity, Champlain Valley Expo, Essex Jct., Judge Bill Taylor, Oldwick, NJ

Sept. 16 MA

Northeast Fall Invitational Sale at the Big E, Sales Manager CanAm Associates

Sept. 17 MA

Northeast Fall National Holstein Show at the Big E, Judge Callum McKinven, Quebec

Oct. 1 WI

World Dairy Expo – Holstein Heifer Classes

Oct. 2 WI

World Dairy Expo – Holstein Cow Classes

New England States Holstein Association Annual Meeting & Convention Holiday Inn, Holyoke

Friday, Oct. 22

6:30 pm Junior Activities:
 Written Tests
 Junior Club Annual Meeting
 Pool Party
 Adults: Committee Meetings
 8:00 pm Family Fun Night & Ice Cream Social

Saturday, Oct. 23

7:30 am Breakfast Buffet
 8:00 am Annual Meeting
 9:30 am Break
 10:00 am Guest Speaker
 Dr. David Kohl
 Professor Emeritus in the
 AAEC Department at
 Virginia Tech
 12:00 Lunch and
 Junior Contest Finals