

## Tullamore Show Milking Shorthorn Results 2014

The wet weather did not deter exhibitors who turned out in force with a very strong entry of Milking Shorthorns once again and a huge number in the under 14 Young Handlers class with a number of handlers making their debut in the show ring at the National event. Congratulations to all the Prize winners and a huge thanks to all Exhibitors without whom this event would not be such a success. The Judge on the day was Donal McKeon owner of the renowned Carrowhubbock Milking Shorthorn herd which was dispersed in 2008. .

Classes commenced on the day with the Milking Shorthorn heifer calf class which was keenly contested with a number of stylish young calves on display. 1<sup>st</sup> place went to Michael & Ann-Maree Manley, Edenderry, Co.Offaly with their roan Lady Walton x Oceanbrae Logic's Plato calf. 2<sup>nd</sup> place went to John & Ciara Fox, Oranmore, Co. Galway with Ballinacregg Belle 26<sup>th</sup> by Pride's Prophet. 3<sup>rd</sup> place went to Denis & Patrick Roche, Foulksmills, Co. Wexford with Slevoy Missey. 4<sup>th</sup> place went to the Carter Family, Roscrea, Co. Tipperary with Ransboro Daphne 15<sup>th</sup> a Churchroyd Gordon daughter. 5<sup>th</sup> place also went to the Carter Family with Ransboro Eva 8<sup>th</sup> sired by Rodway Max. And 6<sup>th</sup> place went to Michael Purcell, Thurles, Co Tipperary with Venus Lottie 146 a Ransboro Barrington Dandy daughter.

Next up was the Irish Shorthorn Milking Club sponsored Young Handler of the year class under 14. The crowds gathered as the young stockmen and women demonstrated their ability to lead their calves. All exhibitors took great pride in their job and all competed very well. The class was won by Patrick Roche, Foulksmills, Co. Wexford who did a terrific job leading his calf. Ben Carter from

Roscrea, the second youngest competitor looked very professional as he led his calf and was called into second place. With last years' winner Ciara Fox, Oranmore, Co. Galway taking third place and Sam Carter the youngest competitor taking 4<sup>th</sup> place. All competitors must be commended for their efforts as everyone did a great job on the day. Congrats to Ciara Fox, Ella O'Donoghue Concannon, Niall Hogan, Evony Hession, Patrick Roche, Niamh Purcell, Enda Shanahan, Joseph McGrath, Emma Harris, Ben & Sam Carter, we look forward to similar representation next year.

The next class was the Milking Shorthorn Heifer born in 2013

1<sup>st</sup> Michael & Ann-Maree Manley, Edenderry, Co. Offaly –  
Monasteroris Songstress 5th

2<sup>nd</sup> John Fox, Oranmore, Co. Galway – Ballinacregg Grayling 11th

3<sup>rd</sup> Kenneth Smyth, St. Margarets, Co. Dublin – Kilrisk Fanny 3<sup>rd</sup>

4<sup>th</sup> Carter Family, Roscrea, Co. Tipperary – Ransboro Queen Meave  
26th

5<sup>th</sup> Carter Family, Roscrea, Co. Tipperary – Ransboro Primrose 82nd

A class of seven heifers all showing great potential for the future of the breed with the top three showing extra size and growth over the other heifers in the class.

Class 12 was the Young Handler of the year aged 14 to 18 yrs. Again the young exhibitors showed great control of their calves and demonstrated the benefits of the hard work at home prior to the show. Louise Carter was placed first with Caoimhe Hogan placed second and her sister Sinead placed third.

Class 13 was the Milking Shorthorn Heifer in-calf another tremendous class of dairy heifers. Kenneth Smyth, St. Margarets, Co.

Dublin took the honours with his homebred Kilrisk Fanny 2<sup>nd</sup>. John Fox, Oranmore, Co. Galway took second place with Ballinacregg Grayling 11<sup>th</sup> another Pride's Prophet daughter. Third place went to the Carter Family with Ransboro Xena a Whitefalls King Henry daughter. Fourth place also went to the Carter Family with a Goldenoaks Mr Perky red daughter Ransboro Primrose 84<sup>th</sup> Kenny's heifer was a superb example of the breed and shows great potential for the future.

Class 14 was the Milking Shorthorn Heifer in milk which demonstrated the ever growing popularity of the breed as there were entries from 5 different exhibitors. First & second places went to the Carter Family with Ransboro Primrose 70<sup>th</sup> and Ransboro Cressida 37<sup>th</sup>. Third place went to Denis Roche, Foulksmills, Co. Wexford with Slevoy Norma and fourth place went to new exhibitors on the day Mona & Shay Concannon, Claregalway, Co. Galway with their Pennygate Fynbarr cow Ransboro Daphne 8<sup>th</sup>

The Junior Cow class saw a great turn out. The rain was approaching but the judge wasn't rushed into making his decision. The top two cows stood out on the day. Both cows were tremendous deep bodied animals, demonstrating great shorthorn character. The Judge placed Ransboro Waterloo Rose 28<sup>th</sup> 1<sup>st</sup> for having superior teat placement over the second placed cow. Both cows would be a welcome addition in any herd as would the rest of the class who were a credit to the exhibitors. Second place went to Michael & Ann-Maree Manley with their Kingsdale Libby's Rebel cow Monasteroris Fanny 7<sup>th</sup>. Third place went to Kenneth Smyth, St. Margarets, Co. Dublin with Kilrisk Fanny 1<sup>st</sup> a Hardcore Othello Moonshine daughter. Fourth place went to the Carter Family with Ransboro Cressida 33<sup>rd</sup> another Pennygate Fynbarr daughter. And fifth place on the day

went to Rodway Jenna 11<sup>th</sup> a Winbrook Marmaduke daughter owned by the Carter Family.

Next was the Senior Cow in Milk class, this class demonstrated some of the best characteristics of the breed. 1<sup>st</sup> and 2<sup>nd</sup> places were given to a sixth and seventh calver respectively. Both of these cows showed longevity and demonstrated the Shorthorn's tremendous ability to age without issue. First place went to the Carter Family with Ransboro Sabina an Orchardhome Lord Walton 3<sup>rd</sup> daughter. And second place was taken by her herdmate Ransboro Cressida 28<sup>th</sup> a Carrowhubcock Henry Cooper daughter. Third place was awarded Ransboro Cressida 30<sup>th</sup> another Henry Cooper daughter.

The Championship saw all 1<sup>st</sup> prize winners return to the ring. The Junior Cow Ransboro Waterloo Rose 28<sup>th</sup> was crowned Overall Champion to add to her Reserve Champion from last year. She is a tremendous cow and a credit to any breed. Reserve Champion was given to Kenny Smyth who definitely has one for the future with his in calf heifer Kilrisk Fanny 2<sup>nd</sup>. Her dam was a previous champion of the show.

All exhibitors did a terrific job despite the conditions. The Milking Shorthorn breed continues to impress and shows like this are vital to ensuring the breed continues to receive the exposure it needs. Interest on the day was at an all time high with many show goers impressed with the calibre of stock on display. Interest continues to grow with breeders looking for the desired traits of the Milking Shorthorn like consistency, reliability and longevity.