

BEEF SHORTHORN RESULTS 2014

The very first classes of the day were the Young Handlers, starting with the Senior Handler class which was for handlers over 14 to 18 years. There were six young handlers in the ring, the cool unruffled handling skills of Louise Carter won her first place followed by Shane Hynes with his constant attention to the Judge, Rachel Hehir came in third place with a very professional performance, next was the ever cool Adrian Flatley and calm & collected Diarmuid McNamara taking fifth place and Thomas Power with his patience and calmness with a calf that was not for moving on the day came in six place.

The second Young Handler class was for the under 14's. With 12 young handlers in the ring it was a fine spectacle even on the wettest of days. The Judge took his time talking to each young handler in turn, asking them questions about their calves. The Flatley Family from Kilkelly had donated a beautiful perpetual Trophy for this class and who would the judge select out of the bunch to be the first name to be inscribed on this beautiful new piece.

Jonathan Keane from Co. Clare took first place with a cool polished display of his well honed handling skills. Next was a very competent Emma Hynes and third place went to another Galwegian Ciara Fox from Oranmore, with Adrian Dockery taking fourth place with a very professional display. Congrats to all the young handlers who took the time to prepare and train their calves for this event, the Carter brothers Ben & Sam, the Darker brothers James & Sean, Saoirse Connolly, Niamh Purcell, Emma Harris and Joseph McGrath. All the handlers on the day did themselves and their families proud.

Then we were ready to start the first Beef Shorthorn class of the day which was the Pedigree Shorthorn Cow. The rain just cleared in time as the exhibitors entered the ring. Taking 1st place was Pat & Rachel Hehir with "Ballylaffin Dana". In second place was Tom Fox with "Bethlehem Beauty" and third place went to Patrick Hayes with "Kilfrush Patsy 9th" and fourth place was taken by Paddy. O'Callaghan with "Kilfrush Patsy 7th".

The next class was class 46 the Shorthorn Heifer born in 2012 with the Limerick Steamship Trophy up for grabs. First place went to Noel Dowd with his Creaga Flash daughter "Creaga Heidi" second place went to Tom Fox with "Bethlehem Moonlight" and third place went to Patrick Hayes with "Bushypark Beauty 6th" a Bennekerry Rocky daughter. In fourth place we had Geraldine McGrath with a Creaga Dice daughter "Kilfrush Patsy 14th". Fifth prize went to Micheal Flatley and sixth place went to Michael Sheehy for his Cooga Improver daughter "Cooga Mayflower".

The next class was one of the highlights of the day, a huge number of exhibitors turned out a fantastic line up of Yearling heifers for the All Ireland Yearling Beef Shorthorn Heifer.

The Paul Barry Trophy was at the ready for presentation to one lucky exhibitor. The Judge Owen O'Neill took time to talk with each exhibitor and study each animal in turn as they were paraded around the ring. First Prize after much deliberation went to Sligo breeder Jim Foley for his Creaga Flash daughter "Clarence Hill Rosemae 26th". In second place was Noel Dowd's heifer "Creaga Jolee" being superbly handled by the prize winning Young Handler Shane Hynes from Co. Galway. In third place was Micheal Flatley with "Bethlehem Patch". Fourth place went to Peter Gormley with "Gortnadrass Ruby" another Creaga Dice daughter. Fifth place went to Anthony Dockery with his Mohill Jack sired heifer "Rockville Rose Red 13th". Sixth place went to a new exhibitor at Limerick Show Tom Staunton from Co. Galway

with "Graigue Hilltop 10th". Next in line for seventh place was another Young Handler Jonathan Keane with "Bushypark Cherry 1st" an Upperhill Champ daughter. Eighth place went to Anthony Dockery with a Deerpark Furty daughter "Rockville Yabby 13th". Ninth place went to another Upperhill Champ daughter exhibited by John Keane "Bushypark Rosoleen 8th".

Class 48 was a Pair of Beef Shorthorn Yearling Heifers

1st place went to Anthony Dockery, Co. Roscommon,
2nd place went to the local Clare breeder John Keane and third place went to Peter Gormley, Co. Sligo with 4th place going to another local breeder Michael Sheehy, Co. Limerick.

The first of the 2014 born calf classes was the Senior Shorthorn Heifer Calf.

First place went to Tom Staunton with his homebred Chalkie daughter "Caramba Rothes Hottie". In second place was Patrick Hehir with a Dovea Sir James daughter "Ardnaskea Groovey Chick 2nd". Pat also took third place with a Cairnsmore Thrasher daughter "Ardnaskea Valentine". Fourth place went to Anthony & Marie McNamara "Tintrim Amber" a Patent Ace daughter. Also 5th place went to Anthony & Marie McNamara with their Barroe Boy daughter "Tintrim Ariel". Next in the line up was Anthony Dockery with "Rockville Clohessy 315" sired by Igaras Blaise. Seventh place went to Noel Dowd with a Sprys Patent daughter "Creaga Kiki". Next was Tom Fox with his Perfect Storm calf "Bethlehem Special. Ninth place went to Anthony Dockery with another daughter of Igaras Blaise "Rockville Ladybird 319".

The second calf class of the day was the Junior Shorthorn Heifer Calf

First place went to Jim Dockery with his Creaga Dice daughter "Towra Rachel". In second place was Noel Dowd with a Perfect Storm calf "Creaga Karma". Third up was Terry & Amelda Middleton with a Sliabhbui Prince 2nd calf "Ballinlig Quella".

Then it was time for the bull calves to be judged. First was the Senior Beef Shorthorn Bull Calf

The Sprys Patent calf bred by Tom Staunton "Caramba Hush" took first place followed by Tom's other entry a Paintearth Rama calf "Caramba Hero".

In the Junior Shorthorn Bull Calf class first place went to Paddy O'Callaghan with a Creaga Dice calf "Kilfrush Diamond" and second place went to a Sliabhbui Prince 2nd calf bred by Patrick Hehir "Ardnaskea Elmo". Third place went to Terry & Amelda Middleton with a Kilkelly Major calf "Ballinlig Rocco".

The rain had returned by this stage but just the older 2013 born bull class to go before the Championship, the crowd held on.

First place in this Shorthorn Bull class went to Tom Staunton with an Upperhill Champ son "Bushypark Ultra. Second place went to the Kilkenny man James Muldowney with a roan Creaga Dice son "Ballylehaun Kid".

The excitement was building among the crowd as the parade of prize winners circled the ring. The Judge for the day Owen O'Neill tapped forward the All Ireland Yearling heifer as the Supreme Champion of the show and gave the Reserve Champion to Pat & Rachel Hehir with their beautiful roan cow & calf.

Shorthorn Beef Champion - Jim Foley with "Clarence Hill Rosemae 26th".

Shorthorn Beef Reserve Champion went to Clare to Patrick Hehir "Ballylaffin Dana".

But the day didn't end there. Refreshments were provided by the O'Callaghan Family in the Greenmount suite for all the Shorthorn breeders present. We would like to acknowledge and thank the O'Callaghan family for the huge effort they put in every year to make this Show a really fantastic Shorthorn spectacle. Also the exhibitors and their teams deserve a huge thank you too.