



RESERVE JUNIOR champion bull at the Royal Winter Fair comes from the herd of S. G. Bennett, south of Ballinafad. Left to right are Mr. Bennett, Mary Ann McLean and leadsman Emerson Clerk, with the winner Scotsdale Innsbruck.



TARPORT RICK placed third in the two-year-old class for colts, geldings and fillies at the Royal Winter Fair. Tarport Rick is owned by Bob Marshall Sr., R. R. 2, Acton and Bob Marshall Jr., R. R. 3, Acton, and is shown by Nelson White (above.)



JONATHON ASSELIN, Barcrest Farm, Milton received congratulations and his grey gelding, 'Ghost Story', a coveted Royal Horse Show ribbon when they took the reserve junior hunter championship, Saturday morning, at the Royal Winter Fair.

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RESERVE STEER in the Queen's Guineas competition at the Royal Winter Fair was owned by Keith McKinnon, right. He is pictured with Dominion Stores buyer R. H. Wilcox who paid \$1.75 a pound for the animal.



WATER FOWL champion at the Royal Winter Fair is this Rouen drake owned by Ron McLean, R. R. 3, Acton. The large beautifully-colored bird attracted much attention.



THE E. A. SUMMERS Memorial Trophy was presented recently to Keith Aitken (right), R. R. 3, Acton, by Bev Gray. The trophy is awarded annually to the contestant in the Inter-County Evaluation Competition having the highest total score in all classes. Mr. Aitken scored 691 out of a possible 748 points at the competition held at the 1975 Royal Agricultural Winter Fair.

Riders hold their own in Royal classes

Local riders who got off to a good start during the first days of the Royal Winter Fair continued to hold their own last week in the face of stiff competition from American exhibitors.

Both the reserve hunter pony championship, 13 hands and under, and the reserve junior hunter championship, over 16 hands were won by local riders. The former went to Ms. Patricia Burke of Sam-Son Farms on her pony Stuff n'Sueh and the latter to Jonathon Asselin, Barcrest Farm, Milton, on his grey gelding "Ghost Story".

Jonathon Asselin placed again in the junior jumper stake for the Toronto Star challenge trophy when his other horse "Cameel Bay" came third. In the junior stake he rode "Autumn Gold" owned by Elizabeth Wilson, R. R. 2, Acton for a fourth place ribbon.

Lisa Naylor of Sam-Son Farms won the "Crang" challenge trophy on her pony "Mike Way" while Susan Biggar, R. R. 2, Milton placed

first in a 22 entry class for hunter ponies under saddle over 13 hands. Her pony is named "Farnley Soya".

A third place in the medal class for equitation hunter seat was taken by Ms. Lisa Dennis who lives in Milton and rides out of Sam-Son Farms.

Mrs. Barbara Mitchell of Campbellville has a promising chestnut mare, "Copyright". This hunter was second in the Windfields Canadian hunter stake, second in the Alfred Rogers Memorial trophy class for regular conformation hunters and sixth in the "Eaton" conformation hunter stake.

Miss Tom Henderson another Campbellville rider was seventh in the Windfields stake with her horse "Quiet Company". "Easy Doc", a well known Sam-Son Farms horse was ridden to a third place in the "Phillips" working hunter stake by Jim Day of Hornby. In the same class, Hugh

Graham, Limehouse, placed second on "Take-a-Chance" owned by Benie Firestone of Oakville. "Easy Doc" was called again in the class for the Aemilius Jarvis challenge trophy when he was placed fourth.

Consistent wins. The entries of J. D. Pemberton, R. R. 4, Acton placed consistently in the Green Meadows classes throughout the "Royal". Then on Thursday evening, Mr. Pemberton won the driving competition for horses and ponies other than hackneys.

Mr. and Mrs. Mat McDougall of Erin were also in the ribbons frequently. Thursday, they had a third in the "Royal York" championship stake and second and fourth in roadster classes on different occasions.



WILLIAM A. HARRIS of Erin presents Moffat Dunlap of the Canadian Equestrian Team with an engraved silver salver following the William A. Harris International relay at the Royal Winter Fair Horse Show, Thursday afternoon. This is the first time an international relay of this type has been held at the 'Royal' and Mr. Dunlap with his two mounts, Scotch Valley and Cousin Albert, was the winner. He is pictured here on Scotch Valley.

Stories by Pat Wilson

Royal closes Sunday ribbons to this area

The crowing of a cockerel echoed through the west wing of the coliseum, a handsome thoroughbred stood alone in the horse palace awaiting his owner's return and outside the east wing, cattle were being loaded on long transports. It was Sunday, November 23, the day following the close of the Royal Winter Fair 1975.

Canada's show window of agriculture had been transformed from a noisy, almost empty showcase, hurriedly dismantled and waiting to be "dressed" once again, just 50 weeks hence.

In retrospect it was one of the best fairs ever in spite of strikes, inflation and all the other ills besetting the country in large measure this was due to the enthusiastic support of the exhibitors, many of whom are already planning for '76.

Haltom and Wellington counties provided many of the most successful of these, including the winner of the Queen's Guineas, Craig Massey, R. R. 1, Ariss, and the reserve champion, Keith McKinnon, R. R. 1, Milton. Keith showed an Aberdeen Angus which he had bought and raised himself. At the auction following, this animal was sold to Dominion Stores for \$175 a pound bringing Keith a profit of almost \$2,000.

Brother, sister. Interestingly, Keith's sister, Nancy raised the champion shorthorn in the same competition, thereby making a first ever at the Royal. Never before have two members from one family won in major categories at the Fair.

4-Hers from the Haltom 4-H Field Crop Club placed well with their entries, too. Doug McPhail was second in the hay class while Tom Wilson was fifth in two-row barley. In the senior field crop class, Walter Norrington of Milton placed second in winter barley, while Mrs.

Norrington was third and their daughter, Elizabeth was fourth. As well, Walter Norrington placed eighth in the shelled corn section and was reserve world champion for rye.

Premier exhibitors. Scotsdale Farm, R. R. 1, Georgetown and Aberfeldy Farms, R. R. 5, Milton were among the premier exhibitors of beef cattle. The premier exhibitor award went to Reford and Doug Gardhouse of Aberfeldy Farms who accumulated 19 points to win and likewise took the premier breeder award with 25 points. Their "Aberfeldy Buttercup" II was reserve grand champion female shorthorn and reserve junior champion female.

S. G. Bennett of Scotsdale Farm raised the reserve junior champion bull, "Scotsdale Innsbruck". John McKinnon and David and Keith McKinnon of Milton also showed successfully in a number of shorthorn sections.

Allan Patterson and son, R. R. 1, Milton, received the premier breeder and premier exhibitor awards for dual purpose shorthorns. Their "Ridgeood Promise Don" was reserve grand champion bull while their "Valley Crest Fanny 19th" was reserve grand champion female. Clarence A. Peacock, R. R. 4, Milton also had success in showing his female dual purpose shorthorns.

Dairy cattle brought still more awards to Georgetown. Valentina Farms Ltd. exhibited their "Prince View Pat Lu Ann" which became reserve junior champion female holstein. Fred Nurse, R. R. 2, took a third with "Nurseland Fury Rosette" in the female junior yearling and a fourth with "A Manco Chief Sherry" in the class for two-year-old females. Claude Pickett also of R. R. 2, took a third in the dry cow section and a fifth in the class for three-year-old females with "Pickett Royal Flossie" and Meadowlake P. C. R. Lucille, respectively.

M. D. Wingrove of Campbellville took sixth place in the dry cow section with "Allangrove Reflection Dorothy" and captured third and fourth ribbons showing a group of four animals and the set of one sire. Quite apart from the Canmas Royal Horse Show, the line classes for breeding horses are always a drawing card at the Winter Fair. This year in the Canadian hunter division the champion stallion was "Controlling" who was bred at Sam-Son Farms, R. R. 1, Hornby. The reserve champion thoroughbred stallion was "Greek Job" also from Sam-Son Farms. David Sehl of Campbellville, Barcrest Farms of Milton and Mari-Louise Wollever of R. R. 1, Hornby also showed horses placing in this division.

Victory. Mary Croft, R. R. 3, Rockwood, won the two standard bred specials, the R. A. Park challenge trophy and the Jockey Club perpetual trophy, with her horse "V for Victory". Aptly named, this standard bred was also grand champion stallion, junior champion stallion and best colt or gelding foaled in 1974. The junior champion mare, "Who's Grand Mary" was also raised by Mary Croft while the foal of 1975 came from Rockwood, too. He is "Fraco Bob" and is owned by Nelson J. White, of R. R. 2. Robert Marshall Sr., R. R. 3, Acton and Bob Marshall Jr., R. R. 1, Acton won third place with their "Tarpport Rick" in the class for colt, gelding or filly foaled in 1973. William A. Harris of Erin, member of the Royal Horse Show reception committee and one of the stake donors this year, is also a noted exhibitor and breeder of hackney ponies. His "Cambridge Wally's Pride" who placed well in the hackney stake and other hackney classes was second in the line class for mares foaled prior to 1972. "Cheer's Surprise", his filly foaled in 1973, placed third in her section.



ROYAL AGRICULTURAL Winter Fair presented medals to four contestants in the Inter-County Livestock Evaluation Competition. The award is made to the highest scoring individual in each class of livestock. Medal winners were (left to right) Ron Weber, R. R. 3, Waterloo, (Sheep); Kerry Carnegie, R. R. 2, Pembroke, (Dairy); Bob Hilborn, of the Royal Agricultural Winter Fair, who made the presentations; Keith Aitken, R. R. 3, Acton, (Beef); and Doug Oliver, R. R. 3, Bobcaygeon, (Swine).



OWNERS OF THE grand champion foal for 1975, Fraco Bob (Casey), are Dr. and Mrs. Cowley, Shawville, Quebec, and Nelson White of Rockwood. The colt is one of many winners from this district at the Royal Winter Fair.