



The winners from Onslow-Belmont's Club Rally: Front (L-R): Thomas White, Jillian Hill-MacMillan, Sean Loomer, Charlie Hill-MacMillan and Marion Porter. Back row: Ciara Congdon, Thomas Barnhill, Mary-Emma Barnhill, Michael Congdon, Emma Hill-MacMillan. (Mary-Emma Barnhill Photo)

## OB 4-H Club Successful at Club and County Rally

By Mary-Emma Barnhill

Onslow-Belmont had two very successful days at both Club Rally and County Rally! The winners at our Club Rally were; Junior Speaker, Marion Porter; 3rd place, Philippa Greene; 2nd place and Thomas Barnhill, 1st place. Intermediate Speaker, Emma Hill-MacMillan and Senior Speaker, Michael Congdon. Junior Single Demonstration, Mary-Emma Barnhill; Junior Double Demonstration, Jillian and Charlie Hill-MacMillan and Senior Single Demonstration, Ciara Congdon.

The results for our club at County Rally were Douglas White - 3rd place, Ciara Congdon - 3rd place, Thomas Barnhill - 2nd place, Emma Hill-MacMillan - 2nd place, Jillian and Charlie Hill-MacMillan - 1st place, Mary-Emma Barnhill - 1st place, and Michael Congdon - 1st place for Senior Speaker and County Host Competition.

The first place winners

will represent our club at the Regional Rally on April 22nd. This year's Judging Day will be held on May 19th. At Judging Day, members judge articles or animals related to the projects they are in. They then present their placings to a judge. The top members go on to provincials.

The 4H County Council is holding an online auction. Proceeds will go towards the bursary fund for 4H members continuing their education. A link to it can be found on the county's Facebook page.

This month, I'm going to give you some information on the Goat project, a livestock



The winners from County Rally with their plaques: Pictured in the photo are, bottom row, (L-R): Charlie Hill-MacMillan, Jillian Hill-MacMillan, Georgia Mingo, Josey Forbes, and Cerys Fisher. In the top row, Aidan McLaughlan, Mary-Emma Barnhill, Michael Congdon, Marla McNutt, and Erin Richardson. (Mary-Emma Barnhill Photo)

project open to all 4H members if it is available in their club. Possible topics for the Goat project meetings could be nutrition, kidding, management, judging, fitting and showing.

At Exhibition and Provincial levels, livestock are judged in conformation classes. The classes for goat are; Doeling - All breeds of goats born from January 1st to April 30 in the ongoing 4H year, Chevron - Castrated males, pygmy and cull females born from January 1st to April 30 in the ongoing 4H year, Dry Yearling Doe - Female goats born the previous year that

have not yet kidded, and Milking Doe - Any breed of doe in milk production.

After members have completed two years in the Goat project, they have the option to do the Market Goat project if it is available in their club. There is also a Goat Clipping competition at the Exhibition and Provincial levels.

## NSWOOA AGM Debert - May 6

The Nova Scotia Woodlot Owners & Operators Association (NSWOOA) will hold its 2017 Annual General Meeting on Saturday, May 6, at the Debert Hospitality Centre, 130 Ventura Drive, Debert.

The non-profit association of forest landowners has a fascinating and timely program planned. Debert is the site of the oldest known human settlement in what is now Canada, but there is evidence of past habitation throughout the province. Mike Sanders will discuss these artifacts in a presentation titled, "Rooted in the Past: Archaeology in the Forests of Nova Scotia."

In addition, Christie Verstraten will talk about recent government initiatives to regulate carbon emissions, and what woodlot owners need to know about the development of provincial or regional carbon markets. Peter Burchill of the Cape Breton Privateland Partnership will offer

thoughts on the benefits, costs and challenges of the emerging system of regional service areas for forest landowners.

Tim Whynot of the Department of Natural Resources will talk about the vision and future for its outreach programs, while Will Martin will offer a wrap-up of The Forestry Lab, an NSWOOA-led effort to identify and address key challenges in the forest sector.

Registration starts at 8:30 a.m., and the meeting concludes in mid-afternoon. A complete agenda is posted at [www.nswoods.ca](http://www.nswoods.ca). The cost is \$15 for members and \$25 for non-members, payable by cash or cheque at the door. A hearty lunch is included.

To help us plan, please register online at [www.nswoods.ca](http://www.nswoods.ca), write to us at [nswooa@gmail.com](mailto:nswooa@gmail.com) or call us toll-free at 1-855-NS-WOODS (1-855-679-6637).

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