

# Balmore Farm Hosts 2nd Limousin Show

By Sidney Patton

It was a beautiful and busy weekend at Balmore Farm in Great Village, Nova Scotia for the second annual Maritime Junior Limousin Show. The Maritime Junior Limousin show took place September 9th and 10th, with 36 junior members- who traveled from all over the Maritimes including Nova Scotia, New Brunswick and Prince Edward Island and 45 limousin cattle participating.

The juniors worked hard, had a lot of fun and learned a lot while preparing their Limousin cattle for the show. These juniors also participated in friendly competitions throughout the weekend. The competitions included a photography competition, a team fitting competition- juniors were put on teams and had to put their knowledge and experience to the test by fitting a heifer in 20 minutes. There was also a judging competition, icebreaker games and team building competitions- including teams of 2 juniors had to find the ten biggest strawberries in their assigned rows at the farm. Members enjoyed snacking on their strawberries afterward too! This fun-filled Saturday ended with delicious roast beef dinner and endless variety of desserts, provided by Shelly O'Connells Catering Service.

On Sunday the juniors displayed all the hard work they put into their cattle in both the Showmanship and Confirmation classes. The Top Junior Showman was Gabrielle

Cleveland, Top Intermediate Showman was William Cooper, and Top Senior Showman was Ben Bacon. In the confirmation classes the Champion Female was shown by Ben Bacon and Percy King, with Reserve Champion Female shown by William Cooper. The Champion Bull was shown by Ashley Higgins and the Reserve Champion Bull was shown by MacKenzie Thorne.

The Top Senior Judge was Mitch Best and the Top Junior Judge was Gillian Lorraine. In the Photography competition the Top Photograph went to Bryanna Richardson, with Runner-Up going to Sidney Patton. The Top Fitting Team consisted of William Cooper, Amber Lloyd and Alex Smith. William Cooper finished off the weekend by winning Grand Aggregate, with Ben Bacon following close behind with Reserve Grand Aggregate. Grand Aggregate is a title that all juniors strive for! Junior members left the Maritime Junior Limousin Show with smiles, new friendships, various awards and excitement for next year's National Limousin show also to be held at Balmore Farm in early August 2018.

The Maritime Junior Limousin Members would like to take this opportunity to thank Balmore Farm, Joe & Carolyn Cooper & family, Mr. Taylor Richards who traveled from Saskatchewan to be the judge for the show, the General Manager, Tessa Verbeek and Coordinator, Laura Ecklund from the Canadian Junior Limousin

Association and all others who made this weekend such a positive experience for all.

Sidney Patton, North River participated as a junior in the

show; shows for Balmore at Open Shows and also shows in 4-H. She is a Public Relations student at Mount St. Vincent.



Judge Taylor Richards and Ben Bacon with his cow, Blossom. (Jill Renton Photo)



Ben Bacon with his cow, Blossom and Percy King with his calf, Evangeline. Blossom was chosen Champion Female. (Jill Renton Photo)



Ben Bacon (Reserve Champion Showman) with Blossom and William Cooper (Champion Showman) with Debutante. (Jill Renton Photo)



Megan Wynn gets some advice from Judge, Taylor Richards. (Jill Renton Photo)



Sidney Patton with her heifer, Diamond. Sidney also authored the accompanying story on the 2nd Annual Maritime Junior Limousin show. (Jill Renton Photo)



Jenna Matthews with her heifer, Early Morning. Jenna captured First place in Heifer Class. (Jill Renton Photo)



Ian Kittilsen with his heifer, Ellie. (Jill Renton Photo)



All the Juniors who participated in the 2nd Annual Maritime Junior Limousin show held at Balmore Farm stopped long enough for a group photo. (Jill Renton Photo)



Gillian Lorraine with her heifer, Ella. Gillian also won the Top Junior Judge Award. (Jill Renton Photo)



Which team can pick the 10 heaviest Strawberries was a contest for the participants at the 2nd annual Maritime Junior Limousin Show. Pictured above are (L-R): Bryanna Richardson, Ashley Higgins, Megan Wynn and Sidney Patton. (Tessa Verbeek Photo)

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