

PHOTO FEATURE



Large tents were erected on Balamore Farms to host the national juniors and the 300 people involved or watching. The event included four days of fun, competition, showmanship and Nova Scotia hospitality. (Sidney Patton Photo)



Balamore Farms, Great Village, hosted the 2018 Canadian Junior Limousin Impact Show August 1-4. The junior competitors from across Canada decided to use a series of round bales for a group photo. (Sidney Patton Photo)



Bill and Mary Ann Zwambag, Ontario owners of Bee Zee Acres, left, present Taylor Stewart with the sportsmanship award. The Zwambag's present the award annually at the Junior Limousin Impact show. John Calvin Siddall from Cumberland County, President of the Maritime Limousin Association looks on from the right. (Sidney Patton Photo)



There were plenty of livestock competitions for all junior classes at the Balamore Farms, when it hosted approximately 300 people for the 2018 Canadian Junior Limousin Impact Show on August 1-4. (Sidney Patton Photo)

Balamore Hosts National Junior Championship

By Sidney Patton

At the beginning of August, 79 junior members from almost every province in Canada participated in the Canadian Junior Limousin Impact Show at Balamore Farm located in Great Village, Nova Scotia. Balamore Farm provided wonderful hospitality for all juniors and the 97 Limousin cattle that accompanied them from all over Canada.

The juniors worked hard and had a busy four days, not only getting the chance to showcase the Limousin breed, but with various team building activities that made for an overall learning experience and tremendous amount of fun.

The juniors started out the weekend by partaking in some ice breaker activities that gave everyone the chance to get to know each other. Juniors had

the chance to participate in some friendly competitions throughout the weekend, which included clam digging, and strawberry picking.

On Thursday, August 2nd all juniors boarded buses and made tracks for Economy for clam digging. They were divided into teams, with the goal to be the team that dug up the largest clam. After that, everyone was given the opportunity to walk out to a fishing weir and watch the fisherman gather their catch for the day. It gave junior members from all over Canada a glimpse into a day in the life of fisherman on the east coast.

Another friendly competition junior members participated in was a strawberry picking contest, to see which team could pick the largest strawberries in record time. This also gave juniors an inside look at the strawberry business that goes on at Balamore Farm. Members enjoyed snacking on their strawberries afterward too!

Other aspects of the show that required the junior members to compete in, 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, and an oral marketing competition- juniors had the opportunity to market their animal or embryo's to a judge. On both Friday and Saturday, the juniors displayed all the hard work they put into their cattle in both the Showmanship and Conformation classes.

In celebration of a successful show and hardworking juniors, all junior members gathered at the Holiday inn in Truro for a Banquet with

awards and a prime rib supper and live auction. The live auction was run by the announcer- Dave Hovell and the auctioneer was Andy Carter. The show was finished off with a tour of Balamore farm, and fireworks and a bonfire on the beach, which gave all juniors the opportunity to roast marshmallows, and connect with their new friends made over the weekend.

There were numerous people who devoted their time to be a judge for the weekend. Those people are as follows, Dora and Brian MacKinley (showmanship), Scott Nesbitt (Conformation), Anne Burgess, Wayne Burgess, Mike Geddes (Oral Marketing), Andrew Greene, Andy Carter, Emily Ross (Individual judging), Colin Verbeek (Team fitting), Jill Renton (Photography). A huge thank you goes to out to the sponsors for the weekend, their generosity was greatly appreciated.

The juniors never had a chance to go hungry with the amount of delicious food that was supplied over the weekend. All caterers for the weekend include; Taco Stiles Food Truck, Balamore Farm staff, Sizzlers, Masstown Market, Diane's Restaurant, Ebbett's Canteen, and Holiday Inn.

All Canadian Junior Limousin Members would like to take this opportunity to thank Balamore Farm, Joe & Carolyn Cooper & family, and Balamore Farm staff, all volunteers who helped out throughout the weekend, the photographer for the weekend- Jill Renton, 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.



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