

Canadian and Ontario Guernsey Association Annual Meetings

The Joint Annual Meetings of the Canadian and Ontario Guernsey Association took place on March 26, 2010 at the Gencor offices in Guelph. This was an opportunity for breeders from across the country to come together to celebrate the successes of the breed over the past year as well as project a path for the year ahead.

Brad Royce was the guest speaker. Over the past year, Brad has begun to market Golden Guernsey cheddar. This is a venture that is close to his heart since Brad grew up on a Guernsey farm in Listowel, Ontario and remembers the distinctive attractive golden colour of the milk from the Guernsey cow. The breeders and guests present had the chance to partake in the delicious samples that Brad brought to the meeting. It is no wonder that the product is one of the top sellers at the Countryside Poultry store where both turkey products and cheese are sold. It has a true golden colour with no additives and a smooth texture. Brad also brought several blocks of cheese for purchase which was well received by the attendees.

Guernsey cheese is also marketed by the Upper Canada Cheese Company. Their products include two handcrafted chesses (Comfort Cream and Guernsey Gold), a new grilling cheese (Guernsey Girl), as well as cheese curds and ricotta. Their artisan cheese has won awards across North America and has made marketing inroads at the ever popular St. Lawrence Market in Toronto, ON where patrons are always looking for natural products.

Canada is the host for this year's World Guernsey Conference. Marie McNabb, as the Conference Coordinator, has worked hard to ensure that the Conference will be an unforgettable adventure of our spacious country. She outlined that it combines a nice balance of farm tours and tourist destinations that will please all of the delegates. The tour begins in British Columbia on July 3 and continues into Alberta until July 10. The Ontario portion begins on July 11 and continues to July 16 with the Conference taking place in Guelph from July 13-16. The final leg of the tour starts July 17 in Quebec and ends in the Maritimes on July 24. More detailed information can be obtained from the Canadian Guernsey Association website at www.guernseycanada.ca.

Jim Eby addressed the breeders concerning breed improvement. He was pleased to report that 34% of the animals were classified VG or higher including 8% reaching EX status. On the production side, Jim was proud to report that the breed has eclipsed the 200 BCA mark for protein. He also noted that the National Herd average for milk increased by 150kgs without making any sacrifices to fat or protein percentages. It is important for the Guernsey breed to maintain efficiency and profitability by continuing to strive for a 5% butterfat and a 3.8% protein which can be used as a marketing feature of the breed. Jim also reported on the activities of the Promotions Committee. This new committee was formed to create a greater awareness of the Guernsey breed and effectively promote it. Several ideas have been discussed and we are looking forward to implementing them in the future.

Rob Forster presented the Fieldman Report. The Guernsey National Show held annually during the Ancaster Fair was a success once again. The number of exhibitors increased by two and the number of animals remained constant. The number of participants in the junior showmanship was also unchanged from the previous year at 14. There is been demand for Guernsey cattle in western Canada and we are currently attempting to fill that market. He thanked the breeders for their willingness to take time to show him their Golden Girls and thanked the Board of Directors and Administration for their assistance and direction.

The Semex Sire Report was discussed with the breeders. There is plenty of variety and the future young sires appear to fit the needs of Canadian breeders including sons of Indian Acres Pistachio Pie EX94 who was Supreme Champion at World Dairy Expo in 2007. Rob Forster – Canadian Guernsey Fieldman thanked Murray Reissner who has worked hard on behalf of the breeders to procure superior genetics.

Following the breed reports, production awards were distributed as well as the Gold Star Breeder Awards. The Gold Star Breeders for this year were Ken Forster (Maplehurst Farm) and Jim Eby (Eby Manor Farm Ltd). To achieve this honour, a breeder must have a minimum of 15 completed production records from homebred animals that have achieved an average classification score of 82.5% and BCA's that are 10 points higher than the National Herd Average. Congratulations to both breeders! The meeting would not be complete without the annual auction. The auction raised \$810 for the Guernsey Association. Many thanks go to the companies and individuals that contributed items to the auction.

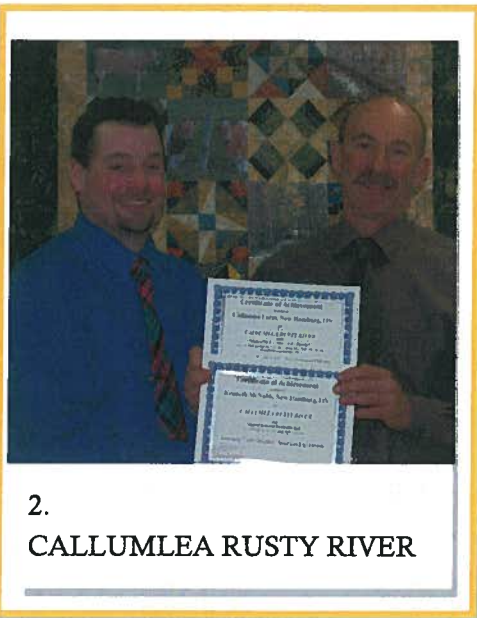
The Board of Directors elected Scott Gordon (Don Haven Guernseys) as the Ontario President. Leith West (Beaverwood Farm) of Dundas, NB continues his term as the Canadian President.

The Guernsey breed can be proud of the achievements of the past year and look forward to building upon the foundation for many years to come.

GUERNSEY CATTLE BREEDERS' ASSOCIATION OF ONTARIO ANNUAL MEETING AWARDS 2010



1.
MAPLEHURST RUSS MUSIC



2.
CALLUMLEA RUSTY RIVER

1. Ontario Guernsey Association Perpetual Trophy Awarded to the Breed & Owner of the Grand Champion Cow at 2009 Ontario Shows Based on lifetime records.

MAPLEHURST RUSS MUSIC
Grand Champion National Guernsey Show 2009
Grand Champion Beamsville Show 2009
Grand Champion Binbrook Show 2009

B/O Ken D. Forster, Lynden, ON

2. Award for Highest Butterfat Production & Highest BCA .

CALLUMLEA RUSTY RIVER

2YR 9890 m 484f 5% 346p 3.5%
BCA 305M 303F 298P + 60 + 76 + 60

3. Award for the Highest Butterfat Production & Highest Protein Production:

GLEN HAVEN DOUBLE BUBBLE

4Yr 10057N 494F 4.9% 355P 3.5% BCA 275M 270F 273P

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1.. CALLUMLEA RUSTY RIVER
Ken McNabb, New Hamburg, ON



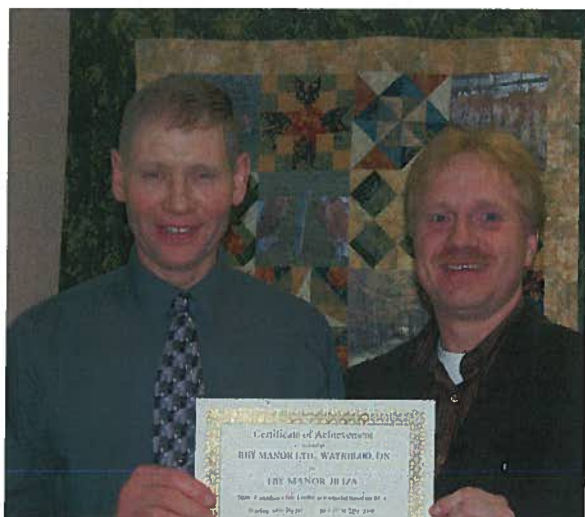
2. BEAVERWOOD KODY
Leith West, Dundas, NB



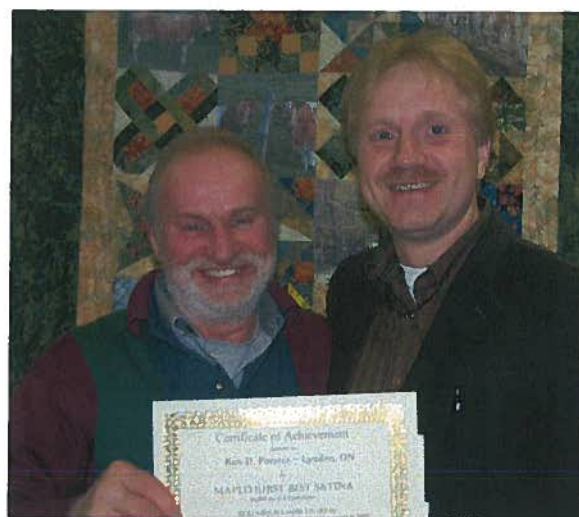
3. BIG SPRING LANE JULIE
Bill Henhoeffter, Kitchener, ON

1. Superior Production Records 2009—BUTTERFAT +460 CALLUMLEA RUSTY RIVER -2yr 9890 494 5% 346 3.5%
Honor Roll Additions—Butterfat & Protein Canadian Class Leader Butterfat—2yr—Based on BCA Jan —Nov 2009
BCA 305M 303F 298P
2. Superior Production Records 2009—BUTTERFAT + 460 BEAVERWOOD KODY -7yr 12231 487 4% 406 3.3%
Honor Roll Additions—Protein Canadian Class Leader Protein —Mature—Based on BCA Jan– Nov 2009-BCA 314M 256F 292P
3. Canadian Class Leader Protein– Yearling- BIG SPRING LANE JULIE—BCA 273M 224F 250P
4. Superior Production Records 2009– BUTTERFAT +460—LINDRIAN PATSY LAMAR 27—3 yr –10245 465 4.5% 326 3.2%
John & Linda Tamis, Surrey, BC
5. Superior Production Records 2009—BUTTERFAT +460—GLEN HAVEN GOLDEN'S BONNIE –5 yr– 9008 466 5.2% 330 3.7%
Canadian Class Leader Butterfat—Mature- Based on BCA –Jan—Nov 2009 Records—BCA 253M 257F 260P
Glen Haven Farms, Crysler, ON

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6. **EBY MANOR JB IZA**
Eby Manor Ltd., Jim Eby, Waterloo, ON



7. **MAPLEHURST BEST SATINA**
Maplehurst Farm, Ken D. Forster, Lynden, ON

6. Canadian Class Leader Butterfat—Based on BCA Jan—Nov 2009—Yearling— EBY MANOR JB IZA
BCA 227M 239F 239P

7. Queenholm Farms Award—the Highest Lifetime Milk producer completing a record in 2009
MAPLEHURST BEST SATINA—86583 Kg in 8 Lactations

Marshdene Farms Award—the Highest Lifetime Butterfat producer completing a record in 2009
MAPLEHURST BEST SATINA - 3367 Kg in 8 Lactations

Callumlea Farm Award—The Highest Lifetime Protein producer completing a record in 2009
MAPLEHURST BEST SATINA—2622 Kg in 8 Lactations

8. Gartmore Farms Award—the highest increase in BCA over the previous year (2007-2008)
SUN SET GUERNSEYS, Sunderland, ON

9. Ran Don Farms Ltd Award– the highest milk herd average (kg) 2008
CALLUMLEA FARM , New Hamburg, ON

10. Lindley Farm Award—the highest composite Breed Class Average 2008
CALLUMLEA FARM, New Hamburg, ON

11. Lindrian Farms Award—the highest butterfat herd average (kg) 2008
EBY MANOR LTD., Waterloo, ON

12. Chinook Crest Dairy Award—the highest protein herd average (kg) 2008
EBY MANOR LTD., Waterloo, ON

13. Superior Production records 2009—PROTEIN + 360—COANWOOD SUZANNE
3 yr 11472 457 4% 378 3.3% John & Larry Wigham, Chilliwack, BC
Honor Roll Additions—Proteen
Canadian Class Leader Butterfat & Protein —3 yr– Based on BCA Jan—Nov 2009 –BCA 357M 280F 332P

14. Canadian Class Leader Butterfat & Protein—4 yr—Based on BCA Jan– Nov 2009
CALLUMLEA QUEBEC PAIGE—BCA 280M 244F 275P Ken McNabb, New Hamburg, ON

- 15 Superior Production Records 2009—BUTTERFAT +460—REDNGOLD TRADITION'S PARFAIT
4yr- 9901 466 4.9% 351 3.5% Alan Spence, Vankleek Hill, ON



GOLD STAR BREEDER AWARD



CONGRATULATIONS

EBY MANOR LTD., WATERLOO, ON

MAPLEHURST FARM, LYNDEN, ON

Pictured left to right: Jim Eby, Eby Manor Ltd., Rob Forster, Canadian Guernsey Fieldman, Ken Forster, Maplehurst Farm