2020 BREEDER'S CUP

AYRSHIRE QUÉBEC

For the past few years, some Quebec Ayrshire Clubs have been organizing their own Breeder's Cup, an event that is gaining in popularity and is greatly enjoyed by farmers. The following is a summary of the two Breeder's Cup events held in 2020 so far.

The St-Francis Ayrshire Club held its Breeder's Cup on February 14, on Valentine's Day. A total of seven farms and 34 animals were entered in the competition. After a cold and busy day, the participants and their families gathered at the Melbourne Town Hall for the presentation of the results, where they were served an excellent meal in a friendly and laid-back atmosphere. Pine Legacy Landscape Kandy EX-90 earned the title of Grand Champion, and the Reserve Champion title went to Pine Legacy Volvo Dazzled-ET. These two superb cows are owned by Pine Legacy Farm SENC in Melbourne. Congratulations to the Morin and Enright family team on these impressive performances.

The Bedford–St-Hyacinthe Ayrshire Club held its event on Friday, March 13. Five breeders showed a total of 30 animals. To wrap up a windy and rainy – yet very pleasant – day, we gathered in a restaurant in Granby for the presentation of awards and a wonderful meal. Demers Oblique Kleenex was crowned Grand Champion, followed by its barn neighbour, Demers Volvo Pinterest. These two exceptional cows are owned by Ferme RJM Demers Inc. in Béthanie. Congratulations to the Demers family on these fantastic results.

It was a great pleasure for me to attend these two activities which allowed me to exchange and socialize with the breeders from both regions. I sincerely congratulate and thank the participants who showed high quality animals that perfectly represent the superior conformation of our Ayrshires. I wish to thank and congratulate Caroline Couture (St-Francis Club) and Catherine Meunier (Bedford–St-Hyacinthe Club) for driving us from farm to farm during the competitions. Caroline and Catherine did a wonderful job of making these events a resounding success. I also wish to thank and congratulate the judge of both competitions, Philippe Grandjean from Margot Farm in Sainte-Perpétue. Philippe carried out his task with great professionalism and ease.

I am confident that in the future, more clubs will organize their own Breeder's Cup. It is a simple and inexpensive way to host a positive and unifying activity for our breeders. In fact, the Bas-Saint-Laurent and Des Bois-Francs Ayrshire Clubs were planning to hold their competitions in March. Due to the exceptional situation, the events have been postponed.

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PARTICIPANTS & JUDGE BEDFORD-ST-HYACINTHE

WINNERS ST-FRANCIS CLUB STEPHEN SMITH & ALAN MORIN, PHILIPPE GRANDJEAN (JUDGE)