



IDW JUDGES 2012

Youth Show Judge - Mr Murray Sowter, AUSTRALIA



Murray Sowter owns and operates Murrbrook Holsteins at Moss Vale, NSW, milking some 200 cows. Murray has been exhibiting Holsteins across the country for more than three decades at major shows including International Dairy Week, Sydney Royal, Melbourne Royal and NSW State Show. His most recent achievements of note include IDW Intermediate Champion in 2008, Sydney Royal Champion Cow in 2008, Sydney Royal Supreme Champion Cow in 2009, Sydney Royal Junior Champion in 2011 plus Premier Breeder and Exhibitor there for the past five years and at IDW on many several occasions in the 1990's. Murrbrook bred animals were class winners at four of Australia's major shows in 2011.

Since Murray's first trip to Canada in 1975, he has been using and importing genetics from North America and was involved in the first live imports from Canada and in the late 1980's. Families of these are prominent today in the breeding program. One, Walkerbrae Triple T Toni, Ex 24*, became a prominent brood cow across

Australia and New Zealand. Her great-granddaughter was Supreme exhibit at Canterbury Show in Christchurch in November 2010.

Murray has been involved in a number of sales from the first Maple Leaf Invitation Sales in 1986, which further developed to video sales where buyers gathered at various points throughout the country, often the local put, to bid and buy in real time. Murrbrook's Bred for Success II Sale in March 2011 produced Intermediate Champion at Brisbane Royal and Junior Champion at Melbourne Royal for their new owners. Murray has judged at various Shows throughout Australia and New Zealand.

Ayrshire Judge - Mr Lynn Lee, United States of America



Lynn Lee of Smyrna, Tennessee, USA, is a lifelong registered dairy cattle breeder with wide-ranging experience as an auctioneer, as a type evaluator for the American Jersey Cattle Association and as a show judge.

Lynn's judging assignments over the past several years have been prestigious, including national shows for many breeds at the World Dairy Expo at Madison, Wisconsin; All-American Dairy Show at Harrisburg, Pennsylvania; Eastern States Exposition in West Springfield, Massachusetts; Western National in Puyallup, Washington; and the North American International Livestock Exposition in Louisville, Kentucky. He has also travelled to Colombia, Finland, Guatemala, Ireland and South Africa to judge national shows in those countries. Lynn and his family operate a 525 acre farm and have, over the years, bred numerous All-Americans and Reserve All-Americans bearing their Lee's Dixieland prefix. He has also been associated with a

family owned full service auction company that is engaged in all aspects of dairy cattle sale management. Lynn served as Director of the U.S. Ayrshire Breeders' Association for 10 years, and was most recently the organisation's National President.

Brown Swiss Judge - Mr Dennis Mashek, United States of America

Dennis Mashek, Calmer, IA, together with his wife, Barb and their sons, Joshua and Tanner, run Hilltop Acres, which includes 700 acres and 175 Registered Brown Swiss cows. Dennis studied at Iowa State University completing a Dairy science Short course. He is the 6th generation at Hilltop Acres Farm. The farm is known worldwide for their breeding and genetics. Dennis has proved out many top bulls in the breed along with many top cow families. Dennis has been the 4-H youth judging coach the past three



years. Dennis has spoken at the World Brown Swiss Conference in 2000, the European Conference in 2002 and the European Young Breeder Conference in 2003.

Dennis has built Hilltop Acres into a world known name in the Brown Swiss world. The future goes on At Hilltop Acres with the current #1 PPR cow residing at Hilltop Acres, but owned by son Tanner.

Guernsey Judge - Mr David Mayo, Australia

David Mayo will officiate the Guernsey judging in 2012. David is Semex's sales and marketing manager for Australia and New Zealand, and is also one of Australia's most experienced and well travelled judges and a successful breeder in his own right. David comes to the appointment with plenty of runs on the board, having judged at every Royal Show in Australia and New Zealand, in addition to the 2008 Ayrshire Show at the Royal Agricultural Winter Fair at Toronto (Canada) and the 2008 World Conference Ayrshire Show in Finland.



Two years ago David distributed AUD \$32,000 in prize money when he judged in Scotland at the United Kingdom's prestigious AgriScot Show, and he has also judged the South African Holstein National Show in Blomefontein, in the capity city of the Free State Province. David has also judged previously at IDW in the Ayrshire and Youth Challenge Shows.

David runs his successful Regal Park Stud with his wife, Sharon. Established 22 years ago, it has since snared 13 champions at the Sydney Royal Easter Show, 11 All Australian winners and an Australian milk, fat and protein production record for a junior two year old.

David was raised on his family's dairy farm where he was herd manager of the noted Parkvale Herd. David and Sharon have two children, Ashleigh, 17 and Joshua, 14.

Illawarra Judge - Mr Graham McPhee, Australia



Graham McPhee is a third generation dairy farmer growing up on the South Coast of NSW. He and his family relocated to Finley in southern NSW in 1990, bringing the Hillview Park Stud with them. The last 20 years have seen Graham successfully develop and promote the Hillview Park name, recently being awarded one of the few 2nd Master Breeder awards in Australia.

Having judged at various Australian Royal Shows, on-farm challenges and numerous regional shows, Graham brings passion and knowledge to the ring. He enjoys a great relationship with exhibitors and officials alike, being a successful exhibitor himself. The Hillview Park Stud has achieved not only Grand Champion at IDW, but also numerous Champions, Reserves and most Successful Breeder and Exhibitor awards at renowned shows, along with All Australian winners.

A great passion of Graham's, besides the animals themselves, is encouraging and guiding the younger generation, with both his sons heavily involved in the dairy industry.

Graham's most recent achievement in the show ring was judging the Royal Melbourne 2011 Show, which received an overwhelming positive response from exhibitors and officials alike. Having shown Holsteins at every IDW and associate Youth Show since inception, Graham is looking forward to IDW 2012 with great anticipation.

Jersey Judge - Mr Warren Ferguson, New Zealand



Warren Ferguson owns Ferdon Jersey Stud near Hamilton in New Zealand. Married to Michelle, they have three sons - Josh, Corey, Ash and grandson Toia, making four generations now at Ferdon Genetics. The Ferdon Jersey Stud was established in 1949 by Warren's father Don.

The Fergusons' milk 400 cows on 135 hectares, predominantly Jerseys and added to this over the years with Ayrshires and most recently the Holsteins have come along.

Warren has judged at several shows being an Ayrshire and Jersey Judge in New Zealand. He has been the Jersey Judge at the NSW State Fair and more recently The Brisbane Royal.

Warren has enjoyed coaching his sons at rugby union while they were at college and then onto representative coaching at local level and played senior rugby for a local club for a number of years.

Warren has won many championships over his time and still enjoys showing. Highlights of recent would have to be winning Premier Jersey Exhibitor at all three New Zealand dairy events and breeding, Ferdon Sambos Bright Eyes one of our stud matrons, and of course Ferdon Comerica Viyella.

Holstein Judge - Mr Roger Turner, Canada



Roger Turner has been employed by Alta Genetics Inc. since 1993. Serving a dual role at Alta, Roger is one of four North American regional sire analysts and is also an International Sales Manager for multiple countries including Italy, Japan, Taiwan, Korea, Vietnam and Thailand. Roger's young sire and genetic selection responsibilities include all of Canada, as well as Michigan, Indiana and Washington in the United States. Previous responsibilities at Alta have included live cattle and embryo exports, live cattle sales management and assisting with semen marketing.

Roger was raised at Railhaven Holsteins, a registered Holstein farm in Ontario, Canada. Turner was self-employed, professional dairy cattle fitter for 12 years before joining Alta Genetics Inc. This work took him across North America and too many foreign countries where he prepared, showed and owned numerous All-Canadians, All-Americans and grand champions.

Roger's judging career has included assignments in 10 foreign countries including Australia, Brazil, Italy, Japan, Korea, Mexico, New Zealand, Switzerland, Scotland, Slovakia, and over a dozen US states, numerous Canadian provinces. Additionally, he has served as a member of both the All-American & All-Canadian selection committees and has officiated at numerous US National Shows. Roger also sits on the Holstein Canada Type & Classification Advisory Board and is the President of the Canadian Livestock Genetics Association. A proud supporter of youth programs, Roger is also a voluntary 4-H leader and Canadian Classic volunteer.

Roger and his wife, Brenda, reside in Belwood, Ontario, Canada.