



IDW 2011 Judges

All Breeds National Youth Show: Judge – Mr Paul Trapp



Currently in his 18th year with ABS Global, Paul Trapp is a Regional Sire Analyst. He and his wife, Sarah and sons, Kole (3) and Beau (1) own an elite group of Registered Brown Swiss, Jerseys and Holsteins, receiving All-American nominations across all three breeds.

Trapp has served five years on World Dairy Expo's Dairy Cattle Show Committee, and was a member of the Young Dairy Leaders Institute's inaugural class. He has judged shows in 15 different states, including the Midwest Spring & Fall National Holstein Shows. He's also travelled to International Dairy Week in Australia (Brown Swiss 1997 & Junior Show 2001) and to shows in Brazil and Puerto Rico. Trapp has served on All-American panels for Brown Swiss, Red & White, Milking Shorthorn and Holstein. He's also a member of Pit-Crew Genetics, who have received 10 All-American Brown Swiss Nominations in the last three years.

In his spare time Paul works numerous sales as a ringman throughout the United States. Most recently Paul has served as the Associate Guernsey Judge at WDE 2010 and was the Conformation Judge at the 2010 Royal Winter Fair Canadian 4-H Classic with over 360 head.

Ayrshire Show: Judge - Mrs Mary Creek



Mary Creek is an owner of Palmyra Farm, Hagerstown, Maryland USA along with her husband, Mike and brother and sister-in-law, Ralph and Terrie Shank. The farm milks 125 registered Ayrshires and 50 Holstein females and raises an equal number of young stock. The herd is fed a TMR and is housed in a free-stall system. Palmyra Farm has bred over 98 All-American nominations with over 44 All-American winners. They have been Premiere Breeder at the Central National Ayrshire Show at World Dairy Expo for the last 7 consecutive years and Premiere Exhibitor five times. The Ayrshires have won four French Production Trophies and five Constructive Breeder Awards. The Holsteins have earned five Progressive Breeder recognitions. There have been 59 Ayrshire and 8 Holstein bulls AI sampled worldwide and embryos exported to 9 different countries.

Mary has judged over 100 shows from small local youth competitions to state regional and national shows. She began judging with the 4-H youth program and continued to train during college. In 1989 she was the first woman to judge a national level show of any breed in the US when she judged the US Eastern National Show. She has also officiated at the Southern National Ayrshire Show and the Eastern National Milking Shorthorn Show. She has judged the All-American contests for Ayrshires, Milking Shorthorns and Guerneys as well as the Australian Ayrshire Photo Contest and was the first woman to be an official for the Hoard's Dairyman Magazine judging contest. Mary has judged shows in South Africa and Finland also

Mary is a board member for the US Ayrshire Breeders Association and chair of the International Marketing Committee. She just began a term as president of the US National Dairy Shrine. She volunteers with the 4-H youth program and coached the judging teams for many years and works with the National Intercollegiate Judging Contest.

Mary and Mike have 4 children; Mark works fulltime on the farm, Michael is developing the farm's newly begun direct sale cheese making business, Evan who fits and hauls cattle throughout the US and daughter Jordan who resides on a large commercial dairy in Georgia.

Illawarra Show: Judge – Mr Roger Turner



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

Guernsey Show: Judge – Mr Pat Nicholson



At 37 years of age Pat Nicholson is the judge of the Guernsey Show. Pat has always had a passion for the dairy industry and the jersey breed and is also committed to encouraging and developing the next generation of dairy farmers through youth programs. Married to Carmen, Pat is a partner in Jugiong Jerseys which milks 550 registered jersey cows averaging 6500 litres. He is the fourth generation to be involved in this stud at Girgarre in Northern Victoria and the herd proudly contains some of the country's highest classified and highest production cows.

Pat has judged in all States of Australia, including: Melbourne, Adelaide & Toowoomba Royals, New South Wales State show and On Farm Challenges throughout Victoria. He is a Member of the Jersey Australia Judging Panel; a Member of the Holstein Australia Judging Panel; a Past National All Dairy Breeds Youth Camp Manager; a Past Classifier for Jersey Australia and the Sale Manager Northern Lights Jersey Sale.

Brown Swiss Show: Judge – Dr Kenny Joe Manion



Dr. Kenny Joe Manion is the owner of New View Swiss of USA. He and his daughter, Kelly Jo, owns approximately 300 herd of Browns Swiss Cattle and has partnerships in Guernsey and Jersey cattle in the United States. They reside in Scottsville, Kentucky, USA.

Kenny has been Premier Exhibitor at World Dairy Expo 4 times and Premier Breeder at the Eastern National Show and World Dairy Expo. He has owned and/or bred more than 100 All-American nominations in the United States.

Kenny has a BS degree in Animal Science from University of Kentucky and a Medical Doctorate degree from University of Louisville in 1985. He works full-time as the CEO/Medical director of the 3 medical clinics he owns in the Kentucky, USA with a patient volume that totals over 100,000 patients. Working with his cattle and farm is also a full time job that he thoroughly enjoys.

Kenny was the National FFA Dairy cattle judge champion in 1976. He has judged the National show at Peru 2006, 2008, and 2010, as well as in Brazil, Columbia, South America, and Mexico. He also judged the 2010 North West National Brown Swiss Show in Payallup, WA as well as many local and regional shows.

Dr. Manion's current herd averages around 23,200 lbs. of milk with a classification average of 89 points on around 150 herd. He currently owns Sunnyisle Colby Twilight 2E93, the 3 timed All-American and National Champion at the World Dairy Expo in 2006.

Jersey Show: Judge - Mr Jeff Ziegler



Jeff Ziegler currently serves Select Sires, Inc. of Plain City, Ohio as the Genomics Program Manager. His primary responsibilities today include leading all genetic testing and genetic development utilizing Genomic tools for the Select Sires program. This newly appointed position follows 20 years of sire acquisition for all dairy breeds, and specifically managing the development of all non-Holstein breeds as well as Holstein Sire Acquisition. He also has coordinated and monitored all preliminary production data collected from the regional Dairy Record Processing Centers for bulls of all dairy breeds and has led the SMS computerized mating program and worked with the PGA young sire sampling program.

Jeff was raised on a registered and grade mixed Holstein and Guernsey Farm in Northern Ohio. He attended The Ohio State University and was a member and coach of their successful Dairy Judging Teams. Individually, he placed first or second in each National judging contest in which he participated. After graduating with a Bachelor of Dairy Science degree in 1985, Jeff began his A.I. career as the Director of Public Relations at Select Sires. He was promoted to Dairy Sire Analyst in 1987 before accepting a position with COBA/Select Sires as their Director of Marketing in 1993. In 1995, he returned to Select Sires headquarters to again lead various programs in the sire development programs. He has been fortunate to acquire some of the leading bulls of all the major USA dairy breeds.

Jeff's extensive experience in the A.I. industry makes him an exceptional sire analyst, cow man, marketer and salesman. His eye for great cattle is unquestioned and many cattlemen around the world have witnessed this strength. He has judged National shows in Austria, Brazil, Colombia, Costa Rica, Japan, Belgium, New Zealand, South Africa, France, Canada, and Switzerland. In the United States, Jeff has built a strong reputation as a consistent judge with experiences at the local, state (26 in total), regional, and national levels, most notably the North American Jersey show, Pennsylvania All American, World Dairy Expo, Big E, Western National and the Royal Winter Fair. Jeff has also served as the official judge in the annual Hoard's Dairyman Judging Contest and many National All-American competitions of several breeds. He has judged, promoted, viewed cattle and spoken his way through North and South America, Africa, Asia, Europe, and Oceania.

Holstein Show: Judge – Mr Brian Leslie



Brian Leslie has a multi-faceted career in Australia. Although known internationally for his auctioneering ability, he also farms in partnership with his two brothers, Keith and Dean and his parents, Don and Norma, in Leslie Farms.

Leslie Farms is a large-scale fully registered Holstein herd, located two hours from Melbourne. They milk between 300 and 400 cows and have been premier breeder and/or premier exhibitor at International Dairy Week (IDW) - Australia's largest dairy show in 2000, 2001, 2002, 2003, 2005, 2006, 2008 & 2009

In fact, Leslie Farms have exhibited at all 19 IDW shows, winning no less than 31 Champion and Reserve Championships, including Grand Champion in 2005, 2007 & 2008 They have also won many champions at the Royal Melbourne and Royal

Sydney Shows.

Brian also bred the two time IDW Grand Champion Brown Swiss Pooley Bridge Tradition Sarajevo.

The property covers approximately 5000 acres on four separate holdings. As well as dairying, they do a significant amount of cropping and many beef cattle are run both for breeding and for steers, which are back-grounded for feed lots.

Registered Holstein cattle sold from Leslie Farms have on many occasions topped national sales, including the former record price of \$40,000 for an unjoined heifer. They have sold cattle to many other countries, including Japan, where they have gone on to win major shows & break National production records

Brian spends most of his time as an auctioneer, selling mainly dairy sales throughout Australia and on occasions in New Zealand. He has sold the record priced animals in all dairy breeds.

Brian has judged at every state Royal Show in most breeds several times and several breed Royals many times in New Zealand. He has also served on the All-Australian selection committee for various breeds many times and he has also judged in Germany.

He first judged in Canada in 1995 at five county shows throughout Ontario. He has since judged in Canada Hayes, Scotia Bank Classic (conformation), Royal Winter Fair (1998), the Ontario summer show in 2000 and again in 2003, Victoria Island BC. He also judged the 2007 Canadian Holstein Convention Show on Prince Edward Island.

Brian has travelled to Canada most years since 1985 and also visited the US, the UK and many parts of Europe and Japan, studying their respective genetics and operations.

Leslie Farms have imported many embryos from both Canada and the US. In recent years they have had great success with daughters and grand daughters of such famed cows as Blackrose, Prelude Spottie, Broker Elegance, Star Lily, Ashlyn, SD Tobi , Alicia & Pala's.

Brian was also an equal partner of the AI company, 21st Century Genetics, which markets semen for Alta Genetics, Foundation Sires, Browndale, Cogent UK, OHG Germany and Genes Diffusion. This has recently been sold to Alta Genetics.

They also prove their own sires. Leslie owned both the No. 1 Holstein and No. 1 Jersey in Australia in 2005.