

Demand outstripped supply at Roscrea

Judge: Melvin Stuart, Birness Flock

The South of Ireland Branch of the Suffolk Sheep Society had a bumper Sale at Roscrea Mart on Saturday last when demand outstripped supply for Shearling Rams.

Rams lambs had an 82% clearance with an average price of €1,214gns

It was a double celebration for Annakisha & Clyda flocks; Arthur & Susan O'Keeffe, Annakisha, Mallow, Co. Cork and their dedicated family when they took the Supreme Champion and Reserve Champion awards.

When tapping out the Champions Judge Melvin Stuart of the Birness flock awarded Supreme Champion of the Show to a January born twin lamb sired by Cairness High Achiever out of a ewe sired by Castlewellan Sportsman owned by Arthur O'Keeffe. This Champion sold in a three way split to Jimmy Douglas, Cairness, G L Stuart, Birness & P Machray, Middlemuir and realized €6,000gns. at the sale on Saturday. Reserve Champion was also a twin lamb sired by Rookery Classic out of a ewe sired by Cairness Almighty the Second; owned by Susan O'Keeffe and also sold for €6,000gns to Messrs. Podge & Jack Bolger from Enniscorthy Co. Wexford.

To a packed Sales Ring, Tom Cox Auctioneer, dropped his hammer when Thomas McCormack from Strokestown made the final bid of €1,250gns for The Female Champion & 1st Prize Shearling Ewe of James & Michael O'Connell's from the Knockhogan Flock: this was followed by Elizabeth Browne's Reserve Female Champion & 1st Prize winning Ewe Lamb, of the Everest Flock, securing €1,700gns from Aidan Loftus of Crossmolina. Denis Harrington's 1st prize winning Shearling Ram sold for €600gns to Patrick O'Sullivan from Dingle.

Eamonn Duffy's Novice 1st prize winner, of the Kells Flock, sold for €1,050gns to long established Breeder Edward Jeffery of the Kilbeg Flock. Andrew Wilson of the Castleisle Flock sold his Lamb Plus Recorded 1st Prize winner for €1,400gns to Michael & James O'Connell of the Knockhogan Flock. John Doherty from The Malinhead Flock sold a January born Solway Major's son to Maura Loftus for €4,800gns. John sold another January born lamb sired by Lakeview Scolari to Seamus Delaney from Roscommon for €3,600gns. Tom Bailey sold a son of Cairness Diamond Geezer to William Hennessy from Kilkenny for €3,000gns.

Show Results

Single Shearling Ewe

1st Michael & James O'Connell	Lot 4	DBJ:13:085	Sire: Knockogan Colorado
2nd Marie C Ennett	Lot 6	LZN:13:014	Sire: Solsboro Samson
3rd Michael & Aylmer Power	Lot 1	HCP:13:011	Sire: Rhaeadr Berlusconi

Ewe Lamb

1st Elizabeth Browne	Lot 16	SND:14:00934	Sire: Errigal Simply the Best
2nd Robert & Alan Stanley	Lot 19	X77:14:00594	Sire: Freighduff Grand Slam
3rd Marie C Ennett	Lot 21	LZN:14:00614	Sire: Barrowlands Hurricane

Shearling Ram

1st Denis Harrington	Lot 24	NZF:13:005	Sire: Cairness Achievement
2nd Michael & James O'Connell	Lot 25	DBJ:13:107	Sire: Bawnogue Humboldt

Novice Class

1st Eamonn Duffy	Lot 64	C4:14:02053	Sire: Ballynacanon Big Den
2nd Doherty Bros	Lot 83	PAS:14:02275	Sire: Lakeview Scolari
3rd Lexie & Alan Kilpatrick	Lot 66	PWW:14:02007	Sire: Cairness Diamond Geezer

Recorded Class

1st Andrew Wilson	Lot 46	DDX:14:00879	Sire: Cairness Diamond Jubilee
2nd Susan O'Keeffe	Lot 32	BYD:14:01782	Sire: Cairness High Achiever
3rd Arthur O'Keeffe	Lot 71	R15:14:04245	Sire: Rookery Classic

Open Class

1st Arthur O'Keeffe	Lot 69	R15:14:04277	Sire: Cairness High Achiever
2nd Susan O'Keeffe	Lot 91	BYD:14:01746	Sire: Rookery Classic
3rd Tom & Jeff Bailey	Lot 128	HJW:14:03776	Sire: Cairness Diamond Geezer

Group of Three

1st Susan O'Keeffe.	Lots 32, 91, 93
2nd Arthur O'Keeffe,	Lots 70, 71 & 123
3rd Messrs Wm R & J Wilson	Lots 48, 49 & 107

Supreme Champion & Male Champion: Arthur O'Keeffe

Lot 69 – R15:14:04277 Sire: Cairness High Achiever

Reserve Champion & Reserve Male Champion: Susan O'Keeffe

Lot 91 - BYD:14:01746 Sire: Rookery Classic

Female Champion: Michael & James O'Connell

Lot 4 – DBJ:13:085 Michael & James O'Connell Sire: Knockogan Colorado

Reserve Female: Champion: Elizabeth Browne

Lot 16 – SND:14:00934 Sire: Errigal Simply The Best

Highest prices

Arthur O’Keeffe €6,000gns;€1350gns; €1050gns
Susan O’Keeffe €6,000gns; €1,300gns x 2;;€1020gns €1,000gns
John Doherty €4,800gns & €3,600gns
Tom Bailey €3,000gns
Seamus Browne €1,800gns x 2: €1,700gns
Philip Lynch €1,750gns
William Wilson €1,700gns €1,200gns & €1150gns
Lexi Kilpatrick €1,550gns
S & S Gahan €1,500gns
Andrew Wilson €1,400gns.
Michael & James O’Connell €1,250gns
Eamonn Duffy €1,100gns & €1050gns & €1,000gns
Anne Quirke €1050gns
Gerry Killilea €1,000gns
Patrick O’Keeffe €1,000gns

Highest Averages:-

Arthur O’Keeffe €2,044gns
Susan O’Keeffe €1,732gns
John Doherty €1,853gns
Tom Bailey €1,617gns
Seamus Browne €1,433gns
William Wilson €1188gns
Eamonn Duffy €931gns
S & S Gahan €917gns