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Riebe Named Klussendorf Winner at World Dairy Expo

Roger Riebe of Cumberland, Wis., was named the 75th winner of the Klussendorf Award, the highest recognition given to a dairy cattle showman in the United States.

The award is given in memory of Arthur



Riebe

B. Klussendorf, considered an outstanding showman of his time and a model for all those who have followed him. This year's selection was made by members of the Klussendorf Memorial Association, formed in 1937, at its annual meeting in Madison, Wis. Riebe received the silver trophy designed by Tiffany Jewelers of New York City.

Riebe has had tremendous success at World Dairy Expo, winning the Premier Breeder banner four times at the International Jersey Show. In both 2014 and in 2016, Riebe won both Premier Breeder and Exhibitor banners in the heifer show. At this year's 50th World Dairy Expo, the 75th Klussendorf winner also had a homebred heifer named Junior Champion. His success has been evident at the Minnesota State Fair as well, where Meadow Ridge has earned the Premier Breeder title 12 of the last 13 years.

At last year's All American Jersey Show in Louisville, Ky., Riebe doubled the amount of blue ribbons of the next closest exhibitor and his senior two-year-old, Meadowridge Mac Spring, was the talk of the barn, winning her class and being named Reserve Intermediate Champion and Champion Bred and Owned Cow. The farm went on to win both Junior and Senior Best Three Females and was named Reserve Premier Breeder of the Show.

Keeping with Klussendorf selection criteria of character, sportsmanship, ability, and endeavor, no outside help is used in preparing the Meadow Ridge farm's cattle. All hoof trimming, clipping, fitting, and showing is done by the family. Roger Riebe would certainly give credit to his entire family for today's honor. The list includes his wife, Darice; Roger's brother, Doug; sons, Mike and Mark and their spouses; and daughter, Tamala.

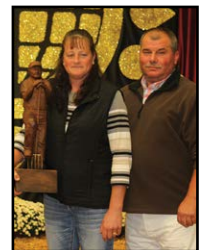
Past Jersey recipients of the Klussendorf Trophy include: Lorne Ella (2015); Mike Stiles (2010); Mark Rueth (2008); Barry Quickfall (2007); Paul Stiles (2006); Brian Sayles (2003); Steve White (2002); Bill Taylor (2000); Alta Mae Core (1999); Norman Nabholz (1989); Lowell Willis (1980); Max Gordon (1978); George Barlass (1972); Lewis Porter (1969); Paul Sparrow (1968); Carl Bourne (1967); and Paul Jackson (1938).

Bendigs Recognized with the Duncan MacKenzie Award

Dale and Deanna Bendig of Gettysburg, Pa., were presented the 26th Klussendorf-MacKenzie Award during the 50th World Dairy Expo, in memory of Duncan MacKenzie, the 1961 Klussendorf winner.

For the first time since 2001, the Klussendorf and MacKenzie Association honored a pair of winners because this cow-loving team is simply inseparable.

Dale grew up working with Guernseys on his family's farm, while Deanna grew up working with Holsteins on her family's dairy. In 1992, the couple married and established their 79-acre Spungold Dairy



Bendigs

Farm with 65 milk cows and 65 replacement heifers near Gettysburg, Pa.

Since founding their farm, the couple has specialized in providing quality cattle care for some of the leading promoters of all breeds, including Ernie Kueffner, Boonsboro, Md., Peter Vail, Kinderhook, N.Y., and Mike Hellenbrand, Cross Plains, Wis.

This couple is known in the barns for giving back to others. Dale actively serves on the World Dairy Expo Dairy Cattle Exhibitor Committee and has also won the World Dairy Expo's A.C. "Whitie" Thomson Memorial Award in 2014. Both Dale and Deanna greet fellow exhibitors and showmen with a smile and a helping hand, especially junior exhibitors.