

## **Clonagh Darling Eyes ET makes it two in a row at National Simmental Finals.**

At the recent National Simmental Championship which took place at the National Livestock Show Tullamore, Laois breeder Garret Behan from Ballyfin, Portlaoise saw his Senior Cow 'Clonagh Darling Eyes ET' tapped forward as the Overall Simmental Champion for the second year in a row. Notably this is Garrets third year in a row to win the Overall Champion with Clonagh Dora the Explorer winning in 2016.

Judging this 25<sup>th</sup> National Simmental Show was Vikki Wood from the famous Popes Herd in Preston, England and the Irish Simmental Cattle Society would like to thank Vikki for Judging and hope she enjoyed her trip to Tullamore.

Clonagh Darling Eyes ET is a Banwy T-Rex daughter and is out of a Rosten Barney cow Milton Senhorita was Senior Cow Champion and Overall Female before going on to be Overall Breed Champion and was shown with heifer calf at foot.

Reserve Overall Champion went to the National Junior Heifer Champion & Reserve Female Champion 'Tisaran Her Majesty' exhibited by Martin Mooney, Shannonharbour, Birr, Co. Offaly. Her Majesty is sired by Curaheen Wakeman and out of an Antrim Bodybuilder dam Fearna Faith. This young heifer also made it two National Titles in a row having captured the National Senior Calf Championship in Strokestown in 2017.

Taking the Overall Male award was again Garrett Behan with the National Senior Bull Champion 'Bruchag Glenfiddich'. This 2015 born bull is sired by Teviot Challenger and is out of Bruchag Alana a Drumsleed Royale sired cow.

Standing at Reserve Male and National Yearling Bull Champion was 'Mount Jericho' for Joe & James Kelly, Ballynacally, Ennis, Co. Clare. This September 2017 born bull is sired by Clonagh Direct Debit and is out of a Milton Lord Tiffany dam Curaheen Geraldine.

Other National Champions and Class Winners on the day included:

National Weanling Heifer Champion 'Lissadell Just The One' exhibited by Kieran & Paul Mullarkey, Co. Sligo and sired by Dermotstown Delboy.

National Yearling Heifer Champion 'Seaview Jolene' exhibited by Tony O`Leary, Co. Cork and sired by Kilbride Farm Delboy.

National Intermediate Heifer Champion 'Clonagh Hazel Eyes' exhibited by Garrett Behan, Co. Laois and sired by Kilbride Farm Dragoon.

National Senior Heifer Champion 'Clonagh Gucci Eyes' exhibited by Garrett Behan, Co. Laois and sired by Banwy T-Rex.

National Junior Cow Champion 'Fearna Gracious ET' exhibited by Mark Neenan, Co. Galway and sired by Curaheen Vio.

National Weanling Bull Champion 'Clonagh Joker Rex' exhibited by Garrett Behan, Co. Laois and sired by Clonagh Direct Debit.

National Junior Bull Champion 'Tulla Jaguar P' exhibited by Denis O'Halloran, Co. Clare and sired by Curaheen Evolution.

February Bull Calf Class Winner 'Clonagh Kongo' exhibited by Garrett Behan, Co. Laois and sired by Kilbride Farm Dragoon.

December Bull Calf Class Winner 'Tawley Jaguar' exhibited by Declan Oates, Co. Leitrim and sired by Monaduff Snorter.

February Heifer Calf Class Winner 'Rathnashan Kiwi Empress' exhibited by Nigel Hogan, Co. Carlow and sired by Curaheen Gunshot.

December Heifer Calf Class Winner 'Clonagh Jubilant Fabulous' exhibited by Garrett Behan, Co. Laois and sired by Kilbride Farm Dragoon.