

## Beacom completes unique double at NI Championships

AN EXCEPTIONAL shearling ewe belonging to Lakeview breeder, Gary Beacom completed a unique double at the Northern Bank sponsored Northern Ireland Suffolk Championships held at Omagh Show last weekend.

The outstanding shearling, bred by the highly-acclaimed 10, 500 euro Garryhinch Empire, was crowned supreme champion, barely seven weeks after scooping the top honour at Royal Ulster Agricultural Show in Balmoral.

The Lakeview breeder's success just didn't end there at Omagh as Gary went on to fly the Suffolk flag with distinction in claiming the LW Surphlis Champion Interbreed Sheep of Show accolade, the prestigious Marshall Hawkes Perpetual Challenge Cup and Lexie McLaren Perpetual Cup.

The Fivemiletown flock owner's prestigious victory wasn't the only Suffolk success story in the interbreed arena as Omagh breeders, Stephanie and William Tait, claimed the group of three honours.

That triumph crowned a hugely successful day for the Burnview camp with the hometown breeders winning the ewe lamb, pair of lambs and group of three classes in the Suffolk fold, that final victory annexing the coveted David Stewart Perpetual Challenge Cup in the process.

Other notable successes saw Co Down breeder Mark Priestley presenting the pick of the ram lambs, with William Tait and Denis Taylor, second and third respectively and winning the ewe class from runner-up Gary Beacom and William Montgomery.

Also featuring on the podium were Anthony Patton, third in the ewe lamb class, Norman Robinson, runner-up to Beacom in the shearling ewe class and Rodney Blair, who recorded two seconds (ram and ewe lamb) and a third in the best pair category.

Ultimately though it was Gary Beacom who was left wearing the broadest smile in the beaming bright sunshine with Limestone breeder Mark Priestley picking up the reserve award.

### Prizewinners

Desks International Trophy: Gary Beacom

David Stewart Perpetual Challenge Cup: S & W Tait.

Champion: G Beacom; reserve, M Priestley.

Ewe, having reared lambs in 2011: 1, M Priestley; 2, G Beacom; 3, W Montgomery.

Shearling ewe: 1, G Beacom; 2, N Robinson; 3, S & W Tait.

Ram, shearling and upwards: 1, S & W Tait; 2, WR Blair.

Ewe lamb: 1, S & W Tait; 2, WR Blair; 3, A Patton.

Ram lamb: 1, M Priestley; 2, S & W Tait; 3, D Taylor.

Pair of lambs: 1, S & W Tait; 2, G Beacom; 3, WR Blair.

Group of three: 1, S & W Tait; 2, G Beacom.



John Henning Northern Bank congratulates Lee & Gary Beacom



Mark Priestley with his ram lamb





W Tait with his Shearling Ram



M Priestley with his Aged Ewe





W Tait with his Ewe Lamb



W Tait with his pair of lambs congratulated by members of Northern Bank



W Tait with his group which also won the Interbreed