Robinson ewe completes remarkable double at Suffolk Championship

DOWNPATRICK breeder Norman Robinson is having a show season to remember. Fresh from his back-to-back interbreed success at Balmoral, the Benrafton flock owner again headed the pack at this year's Northern Ireland Suffolk Championships at Omagh Show on Saturday.

Robinson's Glenho Gurka-bred ewe that ruled supreme at the Royal Ulster Agricultural Show in May again scooped the overall award (The David Stewart Perpetual Challenge Cup) at the Northern Bank sponsored championships which attracted in excess of 100 entries.

Clinching the reserve championship was Lakeview flock owner Gary Beacom, who enjoyed a productive outing by winning both the ewe lamb and pair of lambs classes.

First honour of the day went to hometown favourites, Stephanie and William Tait, who pipped RC and JC Watson and William Moore in the shearling ram category.

The Tait camp, too, topped the pile in the shearling ewe class from L and M Liggett and J Murnion before completing a notable treble by clinching first prize in the Group of Three category.

Lester Aiken denied the Tait's a possible fourth victory by winning the ram lamb class.

Champion, N Robinson; reserve, G Beacom.

Ram, shearling and upwards: 1, S and W Tait; 2, RC and JC Watson; 3, W Moore.

Shearling ewe: 1, S and W Tait; 2, L and M Liggett; 3, J Murnion.

Ewe, having reared lambs in 2010: 1, N Robinson; 2, GC Beacom; 3, RC and JC Watson.

Ram lamb: 1, L Aiken; 2 and 3, S and W Tait.

Ewe lamb: 1, GC Beacom; 2, D Taylor; 3, S and W Tait.

Pair of lambs: 1, GC Beacom; 2, S and W Tait; 3, J Murnion.

Group of three: 1, S and W Tait; 2, RC and JC Watson; 3, J Murnion



Norman Robinson with his 1st prize aged ewe and Supreme Champion



Gary Beacom with his 1st prize Ewe Lamb and Reserve Supreme Champion



William Tait with his 1^{st} prize Shearling Ram



William Tait with his $1^{\rm st}$ prize Shearling Ewe



Gary Beacom with his 1^{st} prize pair of lambs



William Tait with his 1^{st} prize Group of Three