



# National Showmanship Contest

by Linda Wells

## About the Winner . . .



First place in the National Junior Angus Showmanship Contest was taken by Sheryl Knop, Ida Grove, Iowa, 20-year-old daughter of Mr. & Mrs. Eugene Knop.

Sheryl has had plenty of experience showing. She's been a frequent exhibitor in local, state and national junior shows. She's also taken an active role in Iowa Junior Angus Assn. activities and this year went a step farther when she was elected to the National Junior Angus Assn. Board of Directors. Her leadership ability is apparent in her college activities. A junior at Iowa State University, Ames, she is president of the Iowa State Beacons (an honorary sophomore residence hall service organization), a member of Block & Bridle Club and Phi Eta Sigma freshman honor society. She's also active in intramural sports and works part-time for the Iowa Beef Improvement Assn. in Ames.

For the past three years, the top Angus showmen in the country have been girls: Mary Ferguson, East Liverpool, Ohio (1980); Kerry Bedell Roeser, Mammoth Lakes, Calif. (1979); and Karen Laffin, Olsburg, Kan. (1978). The girls had the odds in their favor again this year when Sheryl Knop of Ida Grove, Iowa, reigned No. 1 among 76 junior Angus exhibitors from across the nation, making it four consecutive years that a girl has won the coveted honor and \$150 in prize money.

It was the 15th year for the National Junior Angus Showmanship Contest and competition, as always, was keen. The site was Nashville July 9-10, and weather conditions that were extremely hot and humid put competitors to the true test.

After the first day of elimination classes, judges Dick Burns, Peoria, Ill.; Sam Wagner, Harlan, Kan.; and Brad Greiman of Algona, Iowa, selected 16 finalists. From these 16, the top five showmen were selected. Second place winner of \$125 was Ty Williams of Lockney, Texas. Julie Swanson, Durant, Iowa, took third place and \$100. Billings, Okla., native Kent Stehno won \$75 for fourth place. And Jeff Johnson, Summitville, Ohio, was fifth place winner of \$50.

The remaining 11 finalists in alphabetical order were Rick Blanchard, Mendota, Calif.; Tracy Brown, Groom, Texas; Bob Bruns, Baltic, S.D.; Jim Clark, Plymouth, Calif.; Brian Garner, Newhebron, Miss.; Tom Huckfeldt, Gering, Neb.; Debbie Hunt, Milton, Ind.; Frederick Johnson III, Summitville, Ohio; Bruce Kiesewetter, Farmington, Ill.; Alvin Mick, Horner, W.Va., and Matt Wyble, Opelousas, La.

Given honorable mention after the first go-round were Bart Adams, Penrose, Colo.; Katy Dunn, Somerville; Nancy Gray, Slayton, Minn.; Jeff Haarer, Williamston, Mich.; Janine Hunt, Bonner Springs, Kan.; Timothy Kinsley, York, Pa.; Casmiria Marek, Red Hook, N.Y.; Troy Morris, Balko, Okla.; Liz Nash, Spanish Fork, Utah; Mike Nunan,



Ty Williams, Lockney, Texas, won second place in the 15th National Junior Angus Showmanship Contest. Presenting the silver bowl awarded by the American Angus Auxiliary is Second Vice President Anne Patton Gorham, St. Louis.



Julie Swanson, Durant, Iowa, is presented a silver bowl for third place in the National Junior Angus Showmanship Contest by American Angus Auxiliary Third Vice President June Hagenbuch, Lawrence, Kan.



Kent Stehno, Billings, Okla., was fourth place showman in the National Junior Angus Showmanship Contest. Presenting his silver bowl is secretary-treasurer of the American Angus Auxiliary Betty Volaw, Wellfleet, Neb.




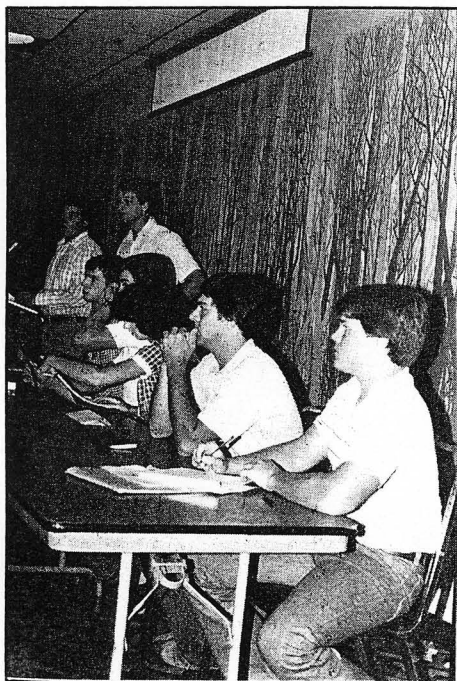
Fifth place winner in the National Junior Angus Showmanship contest was Jeff Johnson, Summitville, Ohio. Presenting his silver bowl is past president of the American Angus Auxiliary Nan Adams, Tahoka, Texas.

Troy, Idaho; Andrew Starr III, Sunbright; Juliana Unruh, Warden, Wash.; Mike Vaughn, Henderson, Colo.; and Jack Ward, Oxford, Ind.

Before the winners were announced, Brad Greiman spoke on behalf of the three judges. His first comment to the exhibitors was that each one of them was a winner, having earned the right to represent his or her state in the national contest. He emphasized that those who expect no less of themselves than to achieve in life do so. Greiman commended parents of the exhibitors because, as he put it, their encouragement and influence play large roles in making their children care about being good exhibitors. He went on to outline judging criteria such as skill in handling assigned animals, ability to follow instructions, proper use of equipment, courtesy, sportsmanship, general appearance and those who just plain enjoy themselves.

The showmanship contest is sponsored each year by the American Angus Assn., which awards prize money, while the American Angus Auxiliary donates silver bowls to the top five showmen. The annual breakfast for showmanship contestants was sponsored by Steadman Farms, Blountville, and George A. Williams Angus Farm, Jonesboro.

Animals used in the contest were made available by exhibitors at the national heifer show. Contestants drew for animals and were not allowed to use ones they had groomed or shown previously. 



National director John Kieseewetter (standing at podium) of Farmington, Ill., conducts his last meeting as chairman of the board as Dr. Jerry Lipsey, American Angus Assn. youth director (standing), and Glenn Smith, American Angus Assn. summer apprentice (seated), look on. Kieseewetter's term expired along with those of five other directors (from left): George McDonald, Riddleton, Tenn.; Tracey Chapman, Manchester, Ga.; Mark Wylie, Opelousas, La.; Brad Staley, Hampton, Iowa; and Dale Rains (not shown), Mercer, Pa.