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Top plowmen named following four days of competition

Local plowmen Daryl Hostrawser named as the very first recipient of the Brian Fried Memorial Trophy

DUFFERIN COUNTY, Ontario (September 23, 2023) - After four days of focused-concentration and attention to detail in the fiercely-competitive plowing competition, the judges' scores were tallied and the winners announced at last evening's Celebration of Excellence, held at the Orangeville Fairgrounds.

Scott Thomas of Elmwood with 493 (also the winner of the Lloyd Vandusen Award) and Terry Linton of Roseneath with 468 points were named the Champion and Reserve Champion International Plowing Match and Rural Expo (IPM) Champion Horse Plow Person.

There was a lot at stake during the match competition as this is where the Ontario Plowing Champion is named, earning the right to compete next year in the Canadian Plowing Championships in Wolfe Island, Kingston, Ontario next August. Representing Ontario next year will be:

Junior Champions

- Austin Brodhaecker of Ayr with 572 points; and
- Alex Cameron of Owen Sound with 506.5 points (also the winner of the Barb McAllistir Memorial Scholarship)

Ontario Championship Tractor Plowing with a Conventional Plow

- Brian Davenport of Owen Sound with 604.5 points; and
- Patrick Sanders of Alvinston with 585 points

Ontario Championship Tractor Plowing with a Reversible Plow

- Daryl Hostrawser of East Garafraxa with 613 points; and
- Bob Campsall of Cannington with 596 points

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The six Ontario representatives will be kitted out with a special hat and coat for the competition, presented to them by Helen and Michael Craig in memory of Graeme Craig, a long-time director with the Ontario Plowmen's Association.

Other award winners included:

- Fred and Helen Davenport Memorial Award - Austin McLeod of Cottam;
- John S. Moffat Memorial Trophy - Richard Elliott of Strathroy, Champion and Reserve to Colin Dougherty of Scotland;
- IPM Champion Antique Award - Richard Elliott; and the
- IPM Champion Tractor Award - Gene Gruber of Richmond, Champion and Reserve to Daryl Hostrawser.

A new award presented for the very first time is the Brian Fried Memorial Trophy, donated by the many friends in the close-knit plowing community of the late plowing champion. Fried represented Canada at the World Plowing Championships an impressive ten times. This new award was presented by Fried's son, Nathan, and the winner is none other than Dufferin County's own hometown 2023 Ontario Championship Tractor Plowing winner in the reversible class, Daryl Hostrawser.



Daryl Hostrawser with newly-crowned Ontario Queen of the Furrow, Mel Karpenko of the Peel Dufferin Plowmen's Association. Photo available upon request.

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The International Plowing Match and Rural Expo (IPM)

The International Plowing Match will take place from September 19 to September 23 in Bowling Green (between Grand Valley and Laurel) in Dufferin County, Ontario. The IPM is a five-day celebration of agriculture and rural living. There will be plowing competitions, a range of activities for people of all ages, numerous opportunities to learn about agriculture, daily live entertainment in multiple match venues, hundreds of vendors and exhibits, a wide variety of food, an RV park and more. The event has an expected attendance of approximately 70,000 people. For more information: www.plowingmatch.org/ipm2023.

The Ontario Plowmen's Association (OPA)

The Ontario Plowmen's Association is the parent host of the International Plowing Match. Each year the OPA partners with a community to organize and host the International Plowing Match and Rural Expo. For more information please visit www.plowingmatch.org.

Dufferin County

Planning a trip to the IPM and looking to explore Dufferin County? Whether a resident or a visitor, Dufferin has something for everyone, and you can find all the area's best local offerings in the Explore Dufferin Guide! The Guide features Dufferin's "Don't miss list", day trip itineraries for visiting and local tourists, an events listing and information on local amenities and services like parks, recreation centres, libraries and more. View the Guide here: <https://tinyurl.com/8pbmtp29>.

The Township of Amaranth

The Township of Amaranth is proud to have partnered with the 2023 International Plowing Match in hosting this iconic event, celebrating agriculture, rural traditions, and community spirit. During your visit to Amaranth, we extend our warmest welcome and invite you to explore and discover the deep-rooted ties to our rural heritage and robust agricultural sector. To learn more about our township, please visit our website at www.amaranth.ca or stop by our booth, we are eager to share details about our wonderful home.

The Town of Grand Valley

The Town of Grand Valley is thrilled to be a co-host community of the 2023 International Plowing Match in Bowling Green, Ontario. As a community with strong connections to our rural heritage and agricultural sector, Grand Valley invites you to explore what we have to offer when you visit the Plowing Match. For more information about our Town, please visit www.townofgrandvalley.ca.

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