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SAVE THE DATE

Mark August 1 - 2, 2009 on your calendar and plan to join the CSA for the 2009 CSA AGM in Sun Peaks B.C. Further information to follow. As you plan your trip, please take a look at the [attached](#), as it outlines some other activities you may want to take advantage of while you are in Sun Peaks (please note this is the 2008 calendar of events however it will be similar for 2009). More details regarding the AGM will be available soon.

BREED IMPROVEMENT INFORMATION

Please note the following breed improvement information:

Legacy Sires: The CSA is currently compiling a list of sires that have had significant influence in the breed. These influential sires may be used in the progeny test program and breeding programs designed to support the Garth Sweet Foundation research project. A list of sires will be published shortly. If you have any semen in your tanks that you may wish to donate to the Foundation please watch for the list in the next few weeks. A minimum number of straws may be required.

Cow Herd DNA Program: The program ends April 30th. Samples must be received by the lab no later than May 31st, 2009. Members are reminded that CSA will pay for the DNA extraction and storage on the cow, and the DNA genotype panel on the cow for 2009 born heifers. The member is responsible for the cost of DNA parentage on the heifer should they choose to parent verify the replacement heifers. This cost sharing program provides both a research data set for Simmental breeders, but more importantly it provides an opportunity for breeders to move towards a fully parentage

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verified cowherd. This in turn can provide marketing opportunities, enhance the quality of genetic evaluation for those member herds and enable the use of multiple sire pastures and/or reduced time intervals from AI to natural breeding. In many cases the increase in conception rate and improvements to pasture management will more than compensate for the cost of parentage verification moving forward.

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REGISTRY INFORMATION

Genetic Evaluation Deadline for Total Herd Enrollment (THE) herds:

In order for data to be included in CSA genetic EPD evaluations, it must be received by the CSA office no later than JUNE 1st for the Fall Evaluation and NOVEMBER 1st for the Spring Evaluation!!!.

Spring Calving Season - Calving Data Reminder:

With the end of Spring calving season, now's the time to complete your calving data. THE participants are encouraged to submit data on their entire calf crop. Herds with multiple ownership, or herds which are operated as a single unit, should submit calving information on all animals together under a single or master herd number. This does NOT affect ownership or registration requirements, however it does ensure that calves are handled correctly in the genetic evaluation and that proper credit is given to the animal's genetic merit..

Reminder on Transferring Bulls:

The Simmental breed has once again experienced another strong and successful spring bull sale season! The CSA would like to remind you of the importance of transferring your bulls. A registration paper is an excellent promotional tool for Simmental genetics, plus transfers on all animals sold for breeding purposes makes statistics more accurate.

CSA Fee Schedule Updates – Lab Charges (Effective May 1, 2009)

DNA(Electronic Transfer).....	\$27.00
DNA (non-electronic).....	\$45.00
DNA (from bone, tissue or meat sample).	\$105.00
DNA Holding Bank Sample.....	\$23.00
Rush Request (+ test fee).....	\$30.00
Coat Color.....	\$30.00
Freemartin.....	\$30.00
Polled (per linked sample)	\$70.00
Karyotype.....	\$135.00
Reconstructed genotype.....	\$55.00
“ (+ \$27 per additional genotype).	

CSA Embryo Procedures:

1) Ensure that you have entered the Embryo calf into our Herdbook (via your Online system). ** If you're not an Online User – skip to Step 2.

Important calf entry-note: The embryo “entry box” should be answered as Y-es. That way it allows you to enter the Tag (the - Complete Tattoo: if the recip is a registered Simmental dam), the Birth Year (BYR), and the Breed Make-up (e.g. if Simmental: SMSMSMSM, if Angus/cross: ANANXXXX)

2) Print-off a “THE Embryo Data & Registration Form” from the Downloads-section of our Simmental website www.simmental.com

3) Complete the form, separating the embryo calves by “flush”. Since our embryo Bylaw states that only 1 embryo from each flush must be Parentage

Verified (PV) – you must indicate “Y” in the DNA box for the embryo you wish to take a hair sample from. Then, we can order the parentage kit and provide you with the required Application Form and sample envelopes.

4) Lastly, when returning the “THE Embryo Data & Registration Form” you must send copies of the Embryo Transplant Forms. It helps if you write the tattoo of the resultant embryo beside the appropriate Recip Dam on the form (as it helps us manually track the embryo activity for that particular Flush).

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YCSA NEWS

2010 YCSA Calendar

The 2010 YCSA calendar will be featured at the Canadian Simmental Association Annual General Meeting in British Columbia this summer. All thirteen pages will be auctioned off at the event and all proceeds will go to the Young Canadian Simmental Association. Don't miss your opportunity for some great advertisement as the calendars will be mailed out along with the Simmental Country in November.

YCSA Events

- The 2009 Young Canadian Simmental Association National Classic will be held this year in Prince Albert, Saskatchewan. This event is open to all YCSA members and will feature events such as conformation and showmanship classes, oral judging classes, herdsman and sire summary quizzes and a whole lot of getting know great friends from across the country. Feel free to contact [Jenna Holmquist](#) (306-864-2276) or [Emily Grey](#) (819-875-3205) for further information.
- The Salt Water Classic in Truro, Nova Scotia is tentatively planned for the last Saturday in July. Feel free to contact [Jennie Palmer](#) (902-370-2137) for further information.
- The Ontario Trillium is tentatively planned for the month of August in Owen Sound, Ontario. Please contact [Katie Wood](#) (519-821-6654) for more information regarding this event.
- In Manitoba, the “Youth Beef Round Up” has been planned for July 31st to August 2nd in Neepawa, Manitoba. Get ready for this all breeds youth show featuring many Young Canadian Simmental participants.
- Alberta will be hosting their National Show in Olds this year. Mark your calendar for the weekend of July 11th and 12th and be prepared to have a great time. Please contact [Jamie Buba](#) (780-962-5050) for more information regarding this event..

New Members

If you are at all interested in becoming a YCSA member, please contact [Emily Grey](#) at 819-875-3205 or refer to the registration form online.

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2009 NATIONAL SIMMENTALSHOW

At last week's CSA meetings the board of directors considered the applications from a number of provinces to host the 2009 National Simmental Show. The Royal Agriculture Winter Fair was chosen as the site for this year's event and the CSA is looking forward to the OSA once again doing their excellent work in helping showcase the Simmental Breed.

WSFF WORLD SIMMENTAL CONGRESS 2010, AUSTRALIA

Invitation from the Chairman

Dear Colleague,

Australia will host the World Simmental Congress in Melbourne in September 2010. I would like to take this opportunity to invite you, your partner, friends and industry colleagues to attend the 2010 Simmental World Congress to experience the best Australia has to offer through agriculture, attractions, culture and unique landscapes.

Up to 600 international and Australian delegates are expected to attend this important event to increase their knowledge of Simmental cattle and the Australian beef cattle industry.

The Congress Program will include a range of contemporary subjects including the latest developments in Simmental cattle breeding, enhancing stud development and commercial sales, marketing and networking services, technical services, advances in new technologies and the future direction of the Simmental breed.

Special tour packages will be available as part of the Congress and delegates will have the opportunity to participate in pre and post Congress agricultural tours as well as experiencing some of Australia's unique leisure activities and scenic landscapes.

We invite you to start planning early and we encourage you to submit an expression of interest to attend the Congress. This will allow us to keep you informed about the Congress progress and new developments.

We look forward to welcoming you to Australia.

Kind regards,

Bill Almond

Chairman - 2010 World Simmental Congress

Vice Chairman - World Simmental Fleckvieh Federation

For more information on the Congress, please visit their website:

<http://www.worldsimmentalcongress2010.com>

WSFF COUNCIL MEETINGS IN NAMIBIA

The Namibian Association has arranged a most interesting program from October 11 to 19, 2009 for the World Simmental-Fleckvieh Federation council meeting. This event is not only for representatives, all breeders and friends are invited to attend. Please see their website (www.simnamibia.com) for all of the details. Should you have any questions regarding this event, please contact Claus PETER Massmann, or one of the organizing committee.

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CSA MEMBERSHIP ANNOUNCEMENTS

The Simmental community keeps growing. Congratulations to all of these families, we look forward to meeting these little ones at the upcoming Simmental events.

Tyson Gerald Porter

Congratulations to Mike & Carrie Porter of Kinistino, SK, on the arrival of their little boy, [Tyson Gerald](#), on March 18th. Porter Simmentals has another little set of hands around, for training their calves.

Cash Gist

Congratulations to Shawn and Jeannine Gist, on the arrival of their son, Cash, born on March 26th, weighing 6 lbs 8 ounces.

Our Sympathy

Our deepest sympathies go to the family and friends of Jeff McRae who passed away in February. Jeff was a familiar face at the Manitoba Simmental events. He will be sadly missed by all who knew him.

Please [send us](#) your Membership Announcements to have them included in the next Enewsletter.

SIMMENTAL COUNTRY PHOTOGRAPHY CONTEST

The Simmental Country Magazine is looking for a Cover Shot for our Queens of the Pasture (Summer) Issue. Photos must be emailed to [Margo Cartwright](#) by June 15th, 2009. The winner of the Photo Contest will receive one free page in the Summer 2009 issue of the Simmental Country, and your winning photo will be featured on the cover. So get out your cameras and send us your photos.

Photos must be 8.5 x 11 at 300 dpi. All photos submitted will become the property of the CSA.

SIMMENTAL COUNTRY 2009 DEADLINES

Please make sure to note the following deadlines!

ISSUE	DEADLINE
February Herdsire Issue	January 1st
March/April/May Spring Issue	March 1st
June/July/August Queens of the Pasture Issue	July 15th
October	September 1st
November/December	October 1st

Issues for Commercial Country are January and September. Deadlines are December 1st for the January Issue and August 1st for the September Issue.

CALENDAR OF EVENTS

[Click here](#) for complete calendar of events

QUOTE OF THE MONTH

"The only place success comes before work is in the dictionary ."

... Author Unknown

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