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CSA ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

The CSA Annual General Meeting will be held in Sun Peaks, BC on August 1 - 2, 2009. Mark your calendar and plan to join the CSA for two days of socializing with fellow breeders and celebrating Simmental. Plans for these two days are underway, some suggestions to consider are:

Friday July 31st

For those wanting to arrive early and take in a little more, there are Kids Adventure camps happening Friday the 31st. We will also be at Sun Peaks during the Alpine Blossom Season. Please check out the [Events Calendar](#) for Sun Peaks, and have a look at the photo gallery for the amazing sites.

Saturday August 1st

Golf and BBQ at Mitchell Cattle Co. Golf registrations will be at 1:30 with golfing starting at 2:00pm. To reserve a space for golf and/or BBQ please phone or email Ian and Anja, tel: (250) 672-9309, email: ian@mitchellcattle.com

Directions:

To Sun Peaks from Kamloops:

Travel 20km north of Kamloops on HWY #5 and take Sun Peaks Resort Exit at Heffley Creek. Continue for 35km to Sun Peaks Resort.

To Mitchell Cattle Co. and Chinook Cove Golf from Kamloops:

Travel 66km north of Kamloops on HWY #5, stay on HWY #5 through Barriere, cross two Bridges and 1km after the 2nd bridge (North Thompson Bridge) on the right side you will see our sign by the driveway. Chinook Cove Golf is 1km further on the left.

It takes approx. 50 min to get from Kamloops to Mitchell's and the same

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from Mitchell's to Sun Peaks.

Sunday August 2nd

CSA AGM
BC Family Day Celebrations Continue
Blossom Season
Sun Peak Farmers Market happens today

There are more activities for those interested in hiking, golfing, mountain biking and touring through the alpine by chair lift on the website under [Events and Activities](#).

Please contact the Delta Sun Peaks Resort to book your rooms.
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More details regarding the AGM will be available soon.

CSA BOARD OF DIRECTOR NOMINATIONS

At this years CSA AGM the terms for three of our Board of Directors are coming to an end. The CSA is looking for nominations to fill these positions. By becoming a CSA Board of Director, you will be working with other directors towards the common goal of advancing the Simmental breed in Canada for the benefit of us all. If you are interested, or know of someone who would be interested, please forward your nomination to the Chairman of the Nomination Committee, Dr. Murray Jacobson. Any nominations should be sent to Box 5, Shaughnessy, AB T0K 2A0, Phone: 403-330-9666 (C) • 403-381-4609 (W) E-mail: janchor@la.shockware.com

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BREED IMPROVEMENT INFORMATION

The last several months have been extremely busy for CSA genetic improvement programs. The following covers many of the topics of discussion at the recent Breed Improvement Committee meetings held in April.

BIC Committee Members: Rick McIntyre (Chair), Stewart Ainsworth, Fraser Redpath, David Erixon, Ian Mitchell, Reanne Sanford, Ron Nolan, Dan Skeels, Everett Hall.

Genetic Evaluation: The genetic evaluation was conducted by AGI in November/ December. Their service was fast, accurate and professional. As part of the change to the evaluation extensive work was done on support materials and also several changes to the computer system were made to enable EPD loads. Percentile tables and basic statistics were all updated.

Currently work is being conducted to include the scrotal EPD in the suite of traits regularly evaluated by AGI.

Sire Summary: The Sire Summary was updated and introductory materials developed to support the new genetic evaluation. The new Sire Summary was made available in early January.

Extension and Education: Regular articles have been published in the Country, as well as the e-news. Topics have covered deadlines, ultrasound, data collection and the new genetic evaluation. Regular administrative type updates have also been provided for the regular support materials such as those that accompany THE forms.

Support materials for the evaluation have also been posted on the website, circulated via e-news and been featured in the Country.

Member Support: Direct member support has been a key component of breed improvement over the last few months. Member support has ranged from a presentation at the Annual Meeting to answering member queries regarding performance programs, ultrasound and/or carcass data. A lot of the support has centred on investigating and answering questions regarding the use and interpretation of the new genetic evaluation. In all cases investigated the data submitted by CSA members has strongly supported the resulting EPD.

Data Collection: Follow up to the 2007-09 progeny test has been ongoing and we are still waiting for weaning results from some herds so that we can provide a bull owner update. Further carcass and rib samples were collected on 160 head in mid-December. This dataset will be used in the genetic evaluation and is also being used in the detection and development of SNP markers. The data contains information on growth and carcass traits and also on tenderness, cooking loss, protein and fat content and drip loss on the samples.

Garth Sweet Research Project: A research grant application has been reviewed and submitted to NSERC for funding. Dr. Steve Miller at the University of Guelph is taking the lead on this project and it represents an exciting opportunity to investigate Simmental genetics and develop tools for application of new technologies in the Simmental breed and across the commercial industry. Simmental calves from 2008 are currently on feed in Ontario in a feed efficiency facility, and DNA and rib samples have been collected and analysed on another large group of Simmental test cattle. These data sets will help to jump start the research project.

Cow Herd DNA Program: A reminder that while the program is closed the samples must be received by GenServe no later than May 31st.

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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!!!.

Non-THE/Online - Registry Option Temporarily Disabled:

Please be advised that the "Registry" option for the Non-THE participants is not operational as of yet. Our IT department is diligently working on repairing this problem. In the interim, if there are any animals you need registered, please email cansim@simmental.com so we can email you the Template to submit the registration details. We can then manually register them for you. Thank you for your patience and co-operation.

THE/Online - Request for Buyer Information:

If there are any Online participants that have animals being held under – My Herd, My Held Papers Transfer or Print; please be advised that the option to submit a buyers name, address, city & postal code is temporarily being worked on by our IT department. In the interim, we would ask that you email this information directly to Perry or Beth. Or, use the cansim@simmental.com email address. We will then lookup the CSA # and reply to your email so you can continue with transferring the held animal using your Online system.

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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 full size pages will be auctioned off at the event and all proceeds will go to the Young Canadian Simmental Association. The YCSA will also be selling business card ads and individual dates in the calendar. Don't miss your opportunity for some great advertisement as the calendars will be mailed out along with the Simmental Country in November. Contact one of the [YCSA board members](#) to save your spot in the calendar.

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 Provincial 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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BEEF IMPROVEMENT FEDERATION

BIF just finished its annual meeting in Sacramento California. The topic of the day was the development in the field of DNA testing and there was a lot of discussion surrounding the use of DNA technologies in cattle breeding. It was repeatedly stated that in order to take advantage of the technology that data and DNA samples must be available from the population.

Papers and presentations from the conference are available online at:

Powerpoint presentations: <http://www.bifconference.com/bif2009/newsroom.html>

Papers: http://www.bifconference.com/bif2009/symposium_papers.html

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T BAR INVITATIONAL GOLF TOURNAMENT

Plans are well underway for the second annual T Bar Invitational Golf Tournament. The tournament will be held on June 23 & 24, 2009 at Dakota Dunes Golf Links. Last year the tournament raised in excess of \$27,000 with \$5,913.60 being donated to the National Young Canadian Simmental Association. If you are interested in being a part of the T Bar Invitational please contact, T Bar C Cattle Co. Ltd. at 306-933-4200. www.tbarinvitational.com.

CSA MEMBERSHIP ANNOUNCEMENTS

Logan Matthews

Proud grandparents, Gaylene and Jack Groeneveld, G5 Cattle Co., announce the birth of their grandson, Logan Charles Matthews on February 12, 2009. Logan is the son of Kim and Tim Matthews, Olds, AB.

Our Sympathy

Our deepest sympathies go to the family and friends of Larry Doble. Larry passed away at his residence in Port Hope on April 17, 2009 at the age of 82. Larry held a special place in the hearts of his children, and will be remembered fondly by his grandchildren. Larry enjoyed a varied career in dairy farming (Uxbridge), real estate and development (Port Perry & Bayshore Village) and, in retirement, breeding homozygous Simmental cattle (Breezy Brae Simmental, Seagrave). Larry 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 real joy of life is in its play. Play is anything we do for the joy and love of doing it, apart from any profit, compulsion, or sense of duty. It is the real joy of living."

... *Walter Rauschbusch*

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