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CSA ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

Join Us for a Mountain of Fun in Sun Peaks BC for the 2009 CSA AGM

The plans for the CSA Annual General Meeting are well under way, so mark August 1 - 2, 2009 on your calendar and plan to join the CSA in Sun Peaks B.C., for a fun filled weekend.

By now everyone should have received your CSA AGM mailout from the office. If you have any questions, or wish to send a [proxy](#), please contact the CSA office.

Schedule of Events:

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

1:30pm Social Golf Game @ Chinook Cove Golf, Barriere BC

5:30pm BBQ @ Mitchell Cattle Co, Barriere BC

(If you wish to attend golf or BBQ please contact Ian or Anja Mitchell at 1-250-672-9309 or by email at ian@mitchellcattle.com. Please book early as preparations need to be finalized.)

Return to Sun Peaks in the Evening

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Sunday August 2nd

1:30pm CSA AGM at Delta Hotel in Sun Peaks, BC - [CSA AGM Notice](#),
[CSA Proxy Form](#)

6:00pm Buffet Style Dinner

7:30pm Guest Speaker Dr. Timothy Ball (a must see)

[YCSA Fund Raising Calendar Auction](#)

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 from Mitchell's to Sun Peaks.

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](#).

Book your room today !

Sun Peaks just set up a web link for CSA bookings:

<http://www.deltasunpeaksresort.com/gktcsa>

or contact the Sun Peaks Delta Hotel, using the following reservation procedures:

Reservations will be made directly with the Delta Sun Peaks Resort on an individual basis. In order to facilitate reservations, attendees should dial one of the following numbers:

- 1) FAX individual reservations referencing the group name to (250) 578-6001.
- 2) Phone our reservations department at 1-866-552-5516.

It is imperative that individuals indicate their group full name of conference they are attending to receive the group rate.

Group name: Canadian Simmental Association Annual Meeting

The Delta Sun Peaks Resort must receive these reservations by Thursday July 2, 2009 in order to receive the special group rate. Reservations made after this date are not guaranteed the group rate or room availability

For further information contact the CSA or one of the following BC Simmental Association Members.

President: Lorne Webster 1-604-823-6797

Vice President: Robb Starr 1-250-296-4711

Treasurer: Lorraine Sanford 1-250-249-5469

BC/ CSA Director: Reanne Sanford 1-250-991-9496.

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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CSA THANKS YOU FOR YOUR OPINION

The CSA board of directors held a conference call July 13th as a follow up to the mail in consensus ballot regarding the proposed Provincial promotion levy.

The response from the membership was very good with 23% of the total membership replying.

Provincial Levy Proposal Ballot results

300 Opinion Ballots were sent back to the office out of 1315 mailed to the membership

202 voted "no" (67%)

98 voted "yes" (33%)

After considering these numbers and after further discussion, the CSA board has decided it will not collect a mandatory provincial membership fee on behalf of the provincial associations.

Thank you to all the CSA members who replied and shared their opinions.

BREED IMPROVEMENT INFORMATION

Genetic Evaluation: The CSA genetic evaluation is nearly complete. The genetic evaluation includes growth, calving ease, scrotal and carcass evaluations. New EPD results will be posted in the near future. Watch www.simmental.com for details.

Progeny Test Sires: The CSA is continually on the lookout for progeny test sires. Cost to participate in the program is \$1500 and 50 straws of Canadian qualified semen. The progeny test program provides a detailed carcass proof on your sire, and data will be used in the Garth Sweet Foundation Research Project.

Test Herds: The CSA is continually seeking herds that would like to participate in the progeny testing program. Herds must be willing to AI and be able to follow calves through to harvest. For details or if you know of potential interested herds, please contact the CSA.

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REGISTRY INFORMATION

Online/THE Instructions – to Hold, Transfer or Print papers:

If you participate in the Total Herd Enrolment program, it is possible to register an animal Online and select the “Hold Paper” option. (see the Register Screen; prior to clicking on the Register button).

The selected animal will be assigned a registration number and the breeder will be billed – but the paper will not print.

Breeders can then access the list of “held papers” from their Online main web page under:

My Herd
My Held Papers Transfer or Print

From this list you can do one of 2 things:

1) Request a paper be printed when it is required - This will trigger a paper to print at a zero charge in the CSA print Run and the animal will disappear from the list.

Or

2) Transfer the animal to a Buyer - If they do not know the Buyer's CSA number for transfer, they can fill in an Online Form on the transfer screen and have the CSA office staff provide them with the correct information. These email requests come in via the office email account and are processed usually within the same day. Then, the Online user simply enters the CSA # and Sale Date for the animal and submits the request for processing.

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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 just before the New Year. 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 from July 28th to the 30th. This event is open to all YCSA members and will feature activities such as conformation and showmanship classes, oral judging, herdsman and sire summary quizzes and a whole lot of getting know great friends from across the country.

For hotel rooms for National Classic:

Super 8 (located right in Prince Albert)

Block of rooms booked from July 28-Aug 1 (Thursday - Saturday)

Need to be booked by July 1 !!!

Rate of \$94.30

Please book under Sask. Young Canadian Simmental

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 has been scheduled for last

weekend in August. Feel free to contact [Jennie Palmer](#) (902-370-2137) for further information.

- The Ontario Trillium has been planned for the 22nd and 23rd 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. For more information please contact Andrea Bertholet (204-858-2086).

- Alberta will be hosting their Provincial show in Olds this year along with Olds Fair. Mark your calendar for the weekend of August 5th and 6th 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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SIMMENTAL COUNTRY PHOTOGRAPHY CONTEST

Congratulation to Scott Matthews of Ontario, who won the Simmental Country Photo Contest. His winning picture will be featured on the front cover of the Queens of the Pasture issue that will be mailed at the beginning of August. Scott will also receive one free page of advertising in this issue.

Thank you to everyone who submitted pictures for this contest. We received so many great photos, and it shows that our CSA members take pride in the Queens of their pastures.

Stay tuned for our next contest.

CSA MARKETING AND PROMOTION QUESTIONNAIRE

Thank you to everyone who has taken the time to complete and return the [CSA Marketing and Promotion Questionnaire](#). Your feedback is very important to us and we appreciate your participation. Should you wish to share your opinion and ideas, you still have time to send in your completed questionnaire and have a chance to win one year FREE subscription to the Simmental Country Magazine.

Questionnaires can be returned by mail, fax or email
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Calgary, Alberta, T2E 7C4
Email: cansim@simmental.com
Fax: (403) 250-5121

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TBAR INVITATIONAL GOLF TOURNAMENT

Congratulations to TBar on another fantastic and successful event. The [second annual tournament raised over \\$41,000.00 for youth in the beef industry](#). The funds generated will go to seven National junior breed associations, representing 2,078 members, to be applied towards program advancement. Additionally 10% of the proceeds will be donated to the Canadian 4-H Council for the development and awareness of youth in the beef sector.

The CSA and the YCSA would like to say Thank You to TBar for organizing such a great event, and Thank You to all of the sponsors. This event benefits the YCSA program, and in turn supports the future of the Simmental breed.

CCA CONVENTION 2009

Join the Canadian Cattlemen's Association and the Saskatchewan cattle industry for the 2009 National Convention and Semi-annual Meeting "Conquering Market Challenges", August 10 - 14 at the Travelodge Regina, 4177 Albert Street S. Regina, Saskatchewan

See [attached](#) for the schedule of events and registration information
Contact the CCA office, at 403.275.8558 x 410 or visit www.cattle.ca with any questions or for further details.

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CSA MEMBERSHIP ANNOUNCEMENTS

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

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

"Of all the things you wear, your expression is the most important."

... www.inspirational-quotations.com

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