

2019 Young Canadian Simmental Association National Classic Held in Quebec!

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Calgary, Alberta Canada- The 2019 Young Canadian Simmental Association (YCSA) National Classic was held August 7-11, 2019 in Saint-Hyacinthe, Quebec. 70 YCSA members and 100 head of cattle attended from across Canada and the USA. These young cattle producers participated in events designed to educate and develop their skills, as well as cattle conformation classes that were held the final day.

The events began with the YCSA Annual General Meeting where retiring board members Lisa Reich, Connor Morse, Montana Stillman-Loyst and Allison Booth were recognized for their commitment to the YCSA. Elected to the board were Jessie Swinamer, Windsor, NS, Katie Elmhirst Indian River, ON, Jade Noiseux, D'Abbotsford, QC and Travis Edwards, Carbon, AB. Krista Whalen, Gould, QC was re-elected as YCSA President, Mackenzie Skeels, Rimbey, AB was elected 1st Vice President and Katie Elmhirst, Indian River, ON was elected 2nd Vice President; other board members are Dayne Whelan, Grandora, SK and Gracie Falconer Hartney, MB.

Highlights of the show was the awarding of Champion Purebred Female to Justin Carvey, Alexander, MB, Champion Purebred Bull to Katie Elmhirst, Indian River, ON, Champion Commercial Female to Carissa Geddes Scotch Settlement, NB, Champion Bred & Owned to Colby Boal, Merrickville, ON. Grand aggregate winners were Fathye Barkley, Ingleside, ON in the Novice division, Garren Skeels, Rimbey, AB for the Junior division, Morgan Macintyre, Russell, ON from the Intermediate division and Mackenzie Skeels, Rimbey, AB from the Senior division. Each year the YCSA awards two participants a trip to an American Junior Simmental Association event the following summer. The winners of the 2020 AJSA trip were Terry Ennis, Gloucester, ON and Lucas Williams, East Garafraxa, ON.

The YCSA is thankful for all the organizers, volunteers and sponsors who support this event. On the final day of the show, the YCSA was presented with a cheque from the Friends of Canadian Simmental Foundation in the amount of \$15,000.

The next event for the YCSA is the 3rd TEAM Conference held February 20-22, 2020 In Guelph, ON. This event consists of industry leading speakers, tours, leadership development and more. Everyone is invited to join us for next year's YCSA National Classic which will be held in Portage la Prairie, MB July 23-26, 2020.



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