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Hot Topics of 2017...

2017 Annual Picnic



August 5th, 2016 @ 1 p.m.
2254 Jerseyville Rd. W, Jerseyville ON

Co-Hosted by:
Dovecote Blondes
John & Debbie Plas
905-648-5437

JAE Acres
Harry & Elizabeth Bouwmeester
519-647-2354

We would like to remind everyone to bring an item or two for our Mini-Auction. It is also asked that everyone attending bring either a dessert or salad. Please RSVP by July 22, 2017 if you plan to attend.

Directions:

From East: take Hwy 403 West to Hamilton, take exit (#55), Hwy 52 to Copetown, turn right onto Hwy 52, at roundabout make a left onto Jerseyville Rd. W., continue 3.5 km to arrival on left.

From West: take Hwy 403 to Brantford take exit Garden Ave (#41), turn left at lights, 3rd set of lights make a right onto Lynden Rd. East, drive 8 km to stop sign and turn right onto Lynden, at stop sign make a left onto Jerseyville Rd. W., drive about 3.5 km to 2254 Jerseyville on right

Upcoming Blonde Show Dates to Mark Your Calendars:

- Campbellford Fair - August 13, 2017
- Coe Hill Fair - August 26, 2017
- Kinmount Fair - September 2, 2017
- Orono Fair - September 9, 2017
- Warkworth Fair - September 24, 2017
- Lindsay Exhibition - September 24, 2017
- Markham Fair - September 30, 2017
- Expo Bouef (Victoriaville, Que) - October 5-8, 2017

The Ontario Blonde d' Aquitaine Association has hats, jack knives, travel mugs, belt buckles and shirts available FOR SALE.

Contact Dave Payne for more information.



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Please check out our Website or Facebook Page for more frequent updates regarding our Events

www.ontarioblondcattle.com

2017 Annual General Meeting Highlights

By: Eric Doran

The 2017 Annual General Meeting was held on March 25th at Bobby C's Dockside Restaurant in Bowmanville. We were once again greeted by their first class service and hospitality, a fantastic location to hold our yearly event! Twenty-one voting memberships were present with over thirty people in attendance.

A full agenda was presented for discussion; keeping with an earlier start time to the meeting allowed for more discussion time and lots of good-natured ribbing!

Each board member presented their respective reports and committee updates. The membership expressed many positive comments to the direction in which our board has been leading. Increases in advertisement and promotion, new ideas and an overall positive energy has allowed the Board of Directors to bring the breed back to the public eye. In order for the breed to continue on the right path; the directors encouraged everyone to participate in the events and programs that our Association has to offer. Some examples of these are co-operative advertisement, performance testing, show incentive and to volunteer at trade show booths. These things all allow for positive public views!

Our raffle committee was very happy to report, for the first time in a long time, that the raffle had made a profit! The first prize winner was Barb Pearce of Warkworth, ON and the second prize winner was our very own Don Dunham (Donaleen Blondes) of Campbellford, ON. Don cashed in his \$1000 sale credit at our Cream of the Crop Sale on WSS Petula 29W, one of the high selling bred cows. The first prize has yet to be claimed. We are looking forward to some exciting changes to the raffle for 2017, including a prize increase! If anyone is interested in selling tickets, please contact a board member.

At election time, there were four positions available for the taking. Once again, nearly everyone in the room was nominated for a position on the board. Special thanks to Dave Payne for nominating and 'peer pressuring' Steve Acres to be re-acclaimed 'Mr. President'. When the dust settled on other nominations, Eric Doran and Kirk McGee were swiftly re-acclaimed onto the board to fill the positions that they would have left vacant. After a short hiatus from the board, Paul Ferguson was acclaimed to fill the Performance role once again. The new board positions are listed on the cover of this newsletter. Thank you to Jeremy DeWeerd for his term on the board.

Following our positively spirited meeting, it was time for the infamous not-so-mini-auction. This year, Nicholas Boyd stepped up to the plate and offered his auctioning skills and Ashley McNeven was able to be Vanna, elegantly showing the items to prospective bidders. Special thanks to all who attended and brought items for our auction, this year it totaled almost \$1300! Top sellers included "An evening of FUN basket" donated by Bar K Farms and purchased by Paul Ferguson and a mystery picture donated by Ridge View Blondes and purchased hastily by Paul Fee to preserve reputation. By the time all of the items were sold, Nicholas had perfected his auctioning lines to bring in the most bids, some of these lines such as "Think of the Fun!", "Take a look at those bunny ears" and "What a beautiful pink boa".

A good meal was shared among friends and there was tons of positive energy about the cattle industry and specifically our breed. Look forward to seeing everyone at the picnic to experience another 'tail-twistingly' great time!

2016-2017 Performance Program

By: Paul Ferguson

Special thanks goes out to all of our breeders that put bulls onto BIO Test; as well as home-grown bulls. Here at Crystal Farms there were 7 bulls being tested. Three from Bar K Farms, one from Donaleen Farms and three from Crystal Farms. All bulls did really well. President's Cup Award goes to Paul Ferguson with his bull Crystal Duke 13D with an A.D.G. of 3.67. He is a Heartwoods Eye Catcher son. Second place bull was consigned by Dave Payne with A.D.G. of 3.42. A West Winds Breaker 36B son. Top bull for W.P.D.A. (from birth to end of test weight) was consigned by Don Dunham with a 3.45lbs per day. He is a Northern Justin son. Performance testing animals will improve our breed!

Special THANK YOU goes out to our 2017 Banner Sponsors . . .

Champion Bull Calf sponsored by **Fee Haven Farms**
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Champion Junior Bull sponsored by **Jamieson Auctions**
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Reserve Champion Bull sponsored by **Willow Springs Stock Farm**

Champion Female Calf sponsored by **Kendi Blondes**
Reserve Champion Female Calf sponsored by **Forest View Farms**
Champion Junior Female sponsored by **Halcyon Farms**
Reserve Champion Junior Female sponsored by **Dusty Acre Blondes**
Champion Senior Female sponsored by **JAE Acres**
Reserve Champion Senior Female sponsored by **Dovecote Blondes**
Grand Champion Female sponsored by **Over the Top Cattle Company**
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Champion Youth Showmanship sponsored by **High Rock Farms**

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High Points Show Female sponsored by **Dusty Acre Blondes**
Premier Breeder sponsored by **One OAK Blondes**

Buyer of the People's Choice sponsored by **Acres Farms**
Seller of the People's Choice sponsored by **Little Creek Farms**



After a successful run in 2016...

The new OBdAA Raffle Draw is back!

Purchases vouchers and increased cash prizes are up for grabs, once again!

1st Prize

\$2500

OR

\$2000

Voucher

Cash



2nd Prize \$1000 Voucher OR \$600 Cash



Vouchers can be put toward the purchase of a registered Blonde d'Aquitaine **Bull** or **Female** from any OBdAA member, or any consignment at the 2017 Cream of the Crop Sale.

Tickets \$10 each OR 3/\$25

All proceeds go to our OBdAA youth & 4-H member programs

ONLY 1000 TICKETS PRINTED ~ DRAW DATE: OCTOBER 28, 2017 - 4 pm



Contact any board member if you are interested in purchasing or selling tickets!

ORDER FORM FOR SWEATERS

NAME: _____

ADDRESS: _____

PHONE: _____ EMAIL: _____

SIZES AVAILABLE:

Small Medium Large X-Large XX-Large XXX-Large XXXX-Large

SWEATER COLOURS AVAILABLE:

Black Grey Dark Green

LOGO WILL BE PRESSED ON THE BACK OF EACH SWEATER



QUANTITY	SIZE	COLOUR	UNIT PRICE	TOTAL COST
			\$60.00	
			\$60.00	
			\$60.00	
			\$60.00	
			\$60.00	
			\$60.00	
HST = \$7.80 PER SWEATER			HST @ 13%:	
Sweaters will be zip-up style.			TOTAL COST:	

Order forms are to be returned to:
Dave Payne bark.farms@hotmail.com or
to Eric Doran bogartcattlecompany@gmail.com

NO LATER THAN September 30, 2017

If we do not receive 24 or more sweater orders by the deadline, the order will not be processed.

Greetings Fellow Blonde Breeder;

On behalf of the Ontario Blonde d' Aquitaine Board of Directors and Sale Committee I am writing this to inform you that our 17th Annual Cream of the Crop Sale will be held on October 28, 2017 at 4 p.m. in Campbellford at Hoards Station Sale Barn. We are very excited to return once again to Hoards Station for our sale, they offer a first class facility to view and sell the cattle. Thank you to Dave, Kim & Brad for allowing us the opportunity to once again showcase our breed in the heart of Northumberland County.

Once again, the Board of Directors has allowed me the opportunity to complete the catalogue for our sale. This is something I enjoy volunteering for each year as a way to support the breed. We all need to contribute to the group in order for us, as a breed, to be successful in the beef industry. I encourage everyone to find a way to participate this summer; whether it be attending our Annual Picnic, taking a couple of heifers out to one of our Blonde Shows or simply consigning animals to our sale. However you decide to take part, know that your efforts are always appreciated.

On the reverse of this page, you will notice that the Entry Form for our 17th Annual Cream of the Crop Sale has been printed. Please take the time as soon as possible to sort through your herd and choose one, two or up to a half dozen entries for our Cream of the Crop Sale.

About 12 years ago, the Board of Directors implemented a task force to go to each farm and choose the entries that each breeder was going to consign. In the past this has been overlooked, this year the sale committee would love to come out and help you select animals (and take pictures, if needed). This is not mandatory but, we would be pleased to help in any way possible.

- If you are located in the western portion of Ontario please contact Nicholas Boyd (519-835-9099) West of the Highway 400 or Eric Doran (613-438-2599)

- If you are located in the central portion of Ontario please contact Eric Doran (613-438-2599) East of Highway 400 but, West of Kingston.

- If you are located in the eastern portion of Ontario please contact Dave Payne (613-859-9870) East of Kingston.

- For our out of province consignors, unfortunately we are unable to offer the picture taking and sale selection services. If you have any questions regarding which animals you should be consigning to our sale please do not hesitate to contact the Sale Committee (Eric, Nicholas & Dave) and we would be pleased to assist.

The entries for this year's sale are due at the latest, on **Tuesday August 15, 2017**. The entries are to be forwarded to myself by mail or email. The addresses for this are located at the bottom of the entry form. If you have any questions regarding the submission of entries please feel free to give me a call or email and I would be happy to help.

This year the Board of Directors is offering a promotional program to encourage members to submit their entries by the deadline and to submit as many as possible. If there are 40 entries received by the deadline of **Tuesday August 15, 2017** - the commission for the sale will be dropped to 12%. If there are not 40 entries by the deadline, the commission will remain at 13%.

Once again this year the Board of Directors has also included a new rule for sale entries: all sale entries (no matter of birth date) require hard copies of their registration papers available on sale day or else they will not sell and their entry fee will not be refunded. The Sale Committee is going to be very strict on this, to avoid issues be sure to register and SNP test your calves as they head to pasture.

We are looking forward to a top quality sale again this year. Once again, if you have any questions or concerns regarding entering your animals in our Cream of the Crop Sale we encourage you to contact myself or any other Board member for direction.

Best Regards,

Eric Doran
Secretary/Treasurer
Ontario Blonde d' Aquitaine Association

2017 CREAM OF THE CROP SALE ENTRY FORM

BREEDER INFORMATION: *(if you are filling out multiple forms only fill out address on one)*

NAME: _____

ADDRESS: _____

PHONE: _____ EMAIL: _____

ANIMAL INFORMATION:

BRED COW BRED HEIFER OPEN HEIFER COW/CALF PAIR BULL

POLLED PUREBRED FULLBLOOD COMMERCIAL

AI SIRE EMBRYO

REGISTRATION INFORMATION:

NAME: _____ DATE OF BIRTH: _____

REGISTRATION NUMBER: _____ DNA STATUS: _____ TATTOO: _____

PEDIGREE:

SIRE: _____ REG.: _____

DAM: _____ REG.: _____

STATISTICS:

ACT. BW: _____ LBS. ACT. WW: _____ LBS

BREEDING INFORMATION:

BULL: _____ REG.: _____

EXPOSED FROM: _____ TO _____ OR BRED ON: _____

COMMENTS:

'A' LOT INFO:

All **COMPLETE** entries are to be forwarded to Eric Doran by **TUESDAY AUGUST 15, 2017 AT THE LATEST!** Please forward all entry fees (payable to Ontario Blonde d' Aquitaine Association) to Eric Doran as well, along with **QUALITY** pictures of your entries. Entry fee is \$50/entry. Entry fees are refundable once the animal is sold through the sale, if the animal is pulled from the sale then the entry fee is non-refundable. For more information on this please contact Eric Doran or the OBdAA website. Sale commission will be 12% if there are 40 lots entered **BY THE DEADLINE**, if there are not 40 lots, the commission will be 13%.

Send Entries to:

132 Otter Creek Rd., Tweed ON K0K 3J0

Email: bogartcattlecompany@gmail.com

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