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2018 Blonde Picnic!  
Aug 5, 2018 @ 1 p.m.  
21 Crystal Rd., Jasper ON

Hosted by:  
Crystal Farms  
Paul & MaryEllen Ferguson  
613-275-2422

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 a salad. Please RSVP by July 15, 2018 if you plan to attend.

Directions:
From Hwy 7: Turn south onto Drummond St W in Perth, turn left on Craig St, continue on Cty Rd 43 to William St in Smiths Falls, turn right. Continue onto Abbott St N, turn left onto Lombard St., continue straight onto Jasper Ave., continue onto County Rd. 17, turn right onto County Rd 16, turn left onto County Rd 7 and left onto Crystal Rd.

From Hwy 401: Use the exit for County Rd 29 North, Follow to County Rd 7, turn right. Follow to Crystal Rd. turn right onto Crystal Rd.

The OBdAA Raffle Draw is back!  
Purchase vouchers and cash prizes are up for grabs...

1st Prize  
$2500 Voucher or $2000 Cash

2nd Prize  
$1000 Voucher or $600 Cash

Tickets $10 each OR 3/$25

Please check out our Website or Facebook Page for more frequent updates regarding our Events  
www.onarioblondeecattle.com
The 2018 Annual General Meeting of the Ontario Blonde d’ Aquitaine Association was held on April 7 at Bobby C’s Dockside Restaurant in Bowmanville. It was a smaller group in attendance than usual but, what was lacked in size was made up for in dedication and love for the Blonde breed!

Unfortunately, our President Steve Acres was unable to make it for the meeting – so, our tenacious Vice President Nicholas Boyd stepped up to the plate and gave us a quick but, entertaining meeting.

Reports were read on our financial health, Cattle Shows & 4H, Advertising, Communications, Trade Shows, the Cream of the Crop Sale and Performance. Which lead to an in depth discussion related to how our breed can be improved through EPD’s and performance recording. Paul Ferguson mentioned how it would be nice to have EPD’s available for all sale entries in our Cream of the Crop Sale, especially for the bulls. This would give buyers a level playing field to determine which bloodlines carry the most desirable traits. It was commented that knowledge on how to read EPD’s and how their formulated would be required by our membership in order for the most to come out of a push for this information. Moving forward, look for information coming soon to send your birth weights, weaning weights and calf information directly to BIO or to Paul Ferguson, instead of the current program that is in place by the Canadian Association.

There was another discussion regarding our sale rules and how we can best improve our sale moving forward. The board of directors decided prior to the meeting that we will try having a dual deadline for the sale; one deadline (August 5, 2018) will require basic information and hopefully a picture, this information will then be posted to a sale website where info can be updated often. Upon the second deadline (Sept 10, 2018), we will require that all paperwork, a picture, breeding information and write-up be complete for the catalogue to be printed following this date. Look for more sale information other places in this newsletter!

At election time, it was very active in terms of nominations and when the dust settled, Paul Fee allowed his name to stand for the role of President, and was acclaimed. Nicholas Boyd, Rick Drinkill and Paul Ferguson all allowed their name to stand for Directors, and were all acclaimed. This new board now includes all members of the TDF crew.

As always, there were many good laughs derived from our Mini-Auction - auctioned by Dave McNevan the bidding became fierce at times, including during the sale of a gently used item that Don Dunham donated, that had been re-gifted from the 2017 National. The pitch fork attended the meeting as usual and this time finds its temporary home at Crystal Farms.

The new board of directors would like to thank all of the attendees of our meeting, and would like to welcome anyone who did not attend this year, to come and join us in 2019!
Is this animal eligible and adequate to consign to the 2018 Cream of the Crop Sale?

☐ My membership for the 2018 calendar year has been paid to Canadian Livestock Records Corp., and is listed as paid in my online herd book.

☐ My animal is docile and would be a good representation of the Blonde d’Aquitaine breed when being viewed by the public.

☐ My animal is designated as a Purebred, a Fullblood or a Commercial (at least 50% Blonde).

☐ My animal is no older than 8 years, by calendar year (animals born in 2010 are the oldest eligible for this year’s sale).

☐ My animal is in good body condition to be viewed by the public and will positively promote the Blonde d’Aquitaine breed.

☐ If my animal is a Fullblood female or any bull, it has been parentage verified through SNP at Delta Genomics.

☐ If my animal is a bull, I also have a female to consign. I also understand each consignor is only able to consign one bull (not including calves younger than 200 days that sell at the side of cow).

☐ I understand that my animal must be present at Hoards Station Sale Barn no later than 9:30am on Saturday October 27, 2018.

If you have any questions or concerns about these rules please contact the Sale Committee Chair: Eric Doran – 613-438-2599 or bogartcattlecompany@gmail.com
What information should I have ready for Deadline #1 of sale entries?

DEADLINE #1: SUNDAY AUGUST 5TH 2018

- Pedigree information (Date of birth, tattoo, Sire and Dam information and registration number).
- Breeding information, if my animal is selling as bred.
- Description of my entry, to be posted on website and in catalogue
- Good quality picture, please contact Eric for direction on how to take the picture if you need assistance.

HOW TO MAKE AN ENTRY IN THE SALE

Contact: Sale Committee Chair - Eric Doran
Phone or Text: 613-438-2599
Email: bogartcattlecompany@gmail.com

DEADLINE #1 FOR ENTRIES IS: SUNDAY AUGUST 5, 2018

Info to have ready when you contact: Use checklist above.

What information should I have ready for Deadline #2 of sale entries?

DEADLINE #1: MONDAY SEPTEMBER 10TH 2018

- EVERYTHING on the checklist for Deadline #1.
- Updated picture (if necessary)
- Updated breeding information (preg-checks, etc.)
- I need to have any SNP and parentage verification completed for this deadline, or my entry will be removed from the sale lineup.
- I need to have a registration number issued for my animal at CLRC, or my entry will be removed from the sale lineup.
- I need to have my $50 per animal fee submitted to Eric, or my entry will be removed from the sale lineup.
- I understand that if I fail to have my registration number and/or SNP/parent verification completed on any sale entries they WILL not be catalogued and cannot be sold in the sale.
Thank-you to our current Banner Sponsors!!

Fee Haven Farms – Paul, Susie & Emily Fee
Schiestel Blondes – John & Jane Schiestel
JAE Acres – Harry & Elizabeth Bouwmeester
Halcyon Farms – John & Ilse Vink
Forest View Farms – Rick & Jan Drinkill
Dovecote Blondes – John & Debbie Plas
Crystal Farms – Paul & Mary-Ellen Ferguson
One OAK Blondes – Nicholas Boyd
Acres Farms – Steven Acres
Little Creek Blondes – Dave & Janet Kamelchuk
Kendi Blondes – Ken & Diana Butyn
Miller Insurance Brokers
Hilltop Orchard Farm – Dave & Sheia McNevan
Ridge View Blondes – Kirk McGee
Bar K Farms – Dave Payne & Lisa Leduc
Quebec Blonde d’ Aquitaine Association

There are many more banner and sponsorship opportunities available for our 2018 National Show to be held at Markham Fair!
Contact Paul Fee or Eric Doran

4H MEMBERS!!!
The OBdAA will once again, be awarding $150 to each member who completes their year with a Blonde or Blonde influenced project calf!
2018
Canadian Blonde d’ Aquitaine Association

National Events

Hosted by the
Ontario Blonde d’ Aquitaine Association
In conjunction with
Markham Fair & the 18th Annual ‘Cream of the Crop’ Sale

Schedule of Events:

Saturday September 29, 2018 - Markham Fairgrounds, Markham, Ontario
  Cattle able to move into fairgrounds evening before the show
  10am - 4H and Blonde d’ Aquitaine Youth Show
  Noon - National Blonde d’ Aquitaine Show

Saturday October 27, 2018 - Campbellford & Trenton
  1pm - 18th Annual ‘Cream of the Crop’ Sale to be held at Hoards Station Sale Barn
  6pm - Banquet Dinner – ‘Harvest East’ Room, Ramada Trenton

Sunday October 28, 2018 – at Ramada in Trenton, ON
  8:30-9am - Brunch provide by Ontario Blonde d’ Aquitaine Association
  9am - Registration - Canadian Blonde d’ Aquitaine Association Annual Meeting
    in the ‘Harvest East Room’

Please RSVP for the Banquet Dinner with Eric Doran by August 15, 2018.
  bogartcattlecompany@gmail.com or 613-438-2599

There is a block of rooms at the Ramada Hotel in Trenton for Friday Oct 26th and Sat Oct 27th.
The cost is $108/night + HST for queen or double rooms. Alterations may be made at specific
request for addition cost. The block will close on Sept 15th, 2018. The Ramada is right off the
401 at the Glen Miller Rd. exit. Please call 613-394-4855 to confirm your reservations.

There are rooms available at the Comfort Inn in Markham (Woodbine Ave.) for the National
Show. Please book in plenty of time, there is no block reserved. This is the recommended hotel
by the fair, mention you are attending the Markham Fair and they will apply a discount. Please
call 905-477-6077 to book your rooms.

For more information, questions or concerns please contact one of our Board Members:

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