



November 30, 2013

Well it's not quite December yet, but this year with a baby due right around the holidays, I seem to be getting things done a little earlier for some reason!

So at this time I'd like to send out Seasons Greetings from the MSA Board of Directors. I'd also like to remind everyone about the All Breeds Annual Meeting event, which the MSA is a part of. Our AGM is taking place at 1pm on **January 4, 2014** at the Victoria Inn Brandon. If you need to book a room please call the Victoria Inn at (204) 725-1532 with your reservations. A block of rooms are being held under confirmation #216277. There are limited rooms available at a discounted rate, so call early if you can.

A banquet will once again follow the AGM. Banquet tickets are \$25/adults, and \$12.50 for children 7 – 12 (6 and under are free). If you'd like to order banquet tickets please contact me before December 27th. The banquet will follow the same format as in previous years, with a meal followed by awards presentations and a live auction. We will be honoring our Simmental Ambassadors for 2013, Everett More & Irene Vanin.

We've also recently selected the winners of our 4H Vouchers for 2014. They went to Virginia Olson of Russell, and Viktor Popp of Erickson.

Of course, the big subject of discussion at our MSA meetings recently has been the 2014 CSA AGM & YCSA National Classic; which we will be hosting in at Elkhorn Resort from July 25-27, 2014. It's shaping up to be a great weekend of socializing and networking with other breeders from across the country, and an opportunity to showcase some of our legendary Manitoba hospitality. Please mark your calendar and watch our website for further details. Speaking of our website, have you visited the new site yet? We've made lots of updates and have a new, easy to remember domain name, www.mbsimmental.com. Please check back often. We're still looking for volunteers willing to help pull off this national event, so please contact Everett or myself if you can help in any way.

Just a couple more reminders, scholarship deadline is **December 31**, so please visit the website for applications and criteria, and to book your banquet tickets for the AGM, don't forget to call 529-2444 or email Donalee@midcan.com before December 27th.

Thanks!

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