



June 3, 2013

Hi Everyone!

The MSA's summer show will be held at the Carberry Ag Society's Agricultural Fair on Sunday July 7, 2013. The Keystone Simmental Association will be hosting, and it's sure to be a great time. You can visit www.carberryagsociety.ca or email carberryagsociety@hotmail.com for more details.

Something else you might want to mark on the calendar is the August Long Weekend, Youth Beef Round-up August 2-4 in Neepawa. New this year, the MSA is offer free entry to Roundup to all the top placed Simmental Heifers at 4H Shows. Please spread the word to all of the 4Hers in your circle. This is an awesome opportunity. For more information about this program, please visit <http://www.4h.mb.ca/story.php?StoryID=512>

On a national level, there is a big event happening for our breed July 14 -18 in Calgary. The CSA AGM will be held in conjunction with the Beef Innovations Symposium where the results from the genomics project will be revealed. Keep your eyes on the CSA website over the summer for announcements relating to this major event.

And as many of you know, Manitoba will be playing host to the 2014 CSA AGM. We're very excited about hosting a national event once again, and plans are already underway, so please mark your calendars now for the weekend of July 26, 2014. The AGM and related activities will be held at Elkorn Resort on the doorsteps of Riding Mountain National Park. A committee is being formed to start finalizing plans for the event, and the MSA Board would appreciate the assistance of the membership, as this will be a large undertaking attracting breeders from across the country. Anyone interested in helping, please let us know! The first organizational meeting will be held the week of June 24th in Brandon, and the more input we have from you – the better!

After a year hiatus from the YCSA scholarship heifer raffle, we would like to be able to hold one again this fall. We have awarded two scholarships this year, and we anticipate applications will continue to come in as our YCSA membership is growing up fast. If you are interested in donating a heifer for the raffle please contact any of the MSA board members for details. The sooner we have a heifer to raffle, the more chances we will have to sell tickets, so please consider supporting this worthwhile project. Congratulations to Anthony Wilcox and Taylor Madsen on receiving the 2013 scholarships.

And before I go, I just want to welcome our new members for 2013, Greg Woychyshyn, James Reid, and Glasman Farms.

That's all for now. If you've got questions, concerns, or if you'd like to know more about what the MSA is up to, please contact myself or President, Everett Olson.

Have a great summer!

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads 'Donalee Jones'. The signature is stylized and cursive.

Donalee Jones
Secretary – Treasurer