



Hi Everyone!

There is a lot going on in the world of Manitoba Simmental these days so I thought I best send out a newsletter.

### **CSA AGM & YCSA National Classic**

Of course, plans for the CSA AGM & YCSA National Classic July 25-17<sup>th</sup> at Elkhorn Resort are keeping the board and many additional volunteers very busy. Registrations are filing in and last minute details are being confirmed. It is shaping up to be a great event. Deadline for registration is July 1<sup>st</sup>, so if you haven't registered yet please visit our website for the application forms (you should also be receiving them directly from the CSA in the mail very soon). A few of our activities are contingent on interest from registered delegates so the committee would encourage you to register early if you can – it just makes our job that much easier!

<http://www.mbsimmental.com>

Whether you need camping or a hotel room, you will find information about booking your accommodations in the registration package. However, I just received word from the resort that we've sold out of rooms for Saturday night. This is great news, as it means we're expecting an awesome turnout, but it might not be such great news for you if you haven't booked your accommodations yet. There are other options (chalets and other motels in the area) and we are going to do everything we can to try to accommodate our delegates from out of province as well as our MSA members. So if you're in need of a hotel room, please contact me as soon as possible so we can make the proper arrangements with the resort. There is still some availability in the hotel for Thursday/Friday and Sunday nights.

At the CSA meetings in July Fraser Redpath will retire from the board. The MSA would like to thank Fraser for his service on both the CSA and MSA levels for the last 12 years. Manitoba has been lucky to have a voice at the national board room tables, and we hope that will continue as Blair McRae has decided to let his name stand for

nomination to the CSA Board of Directors. If you are not able to attend the meetings in July but would like to send your vote by proxy, please fill out a proxy form and get it into the hands of someone who can carry your vote to the meetings.

<http://www.simmental.com/PDF%20files/CSA%20Proxy%2014.pdf>

### **Summer Show & MSA AGM**

The MSA's summer show will be held at the Turtle Mountain Ag Society's Agricultural Fair in Boissevain on Sunday June 22nd. For a full schedule and show info please visit <http://www.boissevain.ca/events/fair.htm>

Immediately following the show in Boissevain the MSA will be having an annual general meeting. Due to poor weather and other unforeseen circumstances, we did not get quorum at the AGM held in Brandon in January; therefore we've rescheduled for June 22nd in an attempt to pass some long overdue business. We need 20 members present to get quorum, so please plan to attend this meeting. It shouldn't be a long one, and you'll be treated to a great meal, organized by Ed & Lynne Anderson, and some good fellowship, once the business is out of the way.

### **Manitoba Youth Beef Roundup**

Something else you might want to mark on the calendar is the August Long Weekend, Youth Beef Round-up August 2-4 in Neepawa. The MSA is a proud sponsor of this event, and we encourage all YCSers to participate. Show info and registration forms can be found at <https://www.facebook.com/ManitobaYouthBeefRoundUp>

### **Manitoba Simmental Association/YCSA Heifer Raffle**

After a 2 year hiatus from the YCSA scholarship heifer raffle, we are pleased to be hosting one again in 2014. Tickets for the raffle will become available in July at the AGM/YCSA National Classic. We would like to thank Schweitzer Simmentals for their kind donation of a heifer for this year. Ticket sales will continue throughout the fall and the draw will be made in December.

### **Parade of Breeds, Red River Exhibition**

Most of you have probably seen the email I sent out about this, but I will mention it again here just in case! The Red River Ex is trying to organize a "Parade of the Breeds" at the fair this summer to showcase the different types of cattle in Manitoba and the attributes

of each. They are looking for 1 animal to be on display from each breed for the full 10 days of the exhibition, June 12 - 23rd. At no cost to the producer or the association. If you'd be interested in assisting with this effort by sending a show ready Simmental for the display for all or part of this event, the Red River Ex will supply all feed, bedding, water and care for the animal, as well as passes for your family to attend the exhibition and its event. Interested producers can contact me for further details.

### **Last Chance!**

I know I put a May 2nd deadline on the producer profile video I have been working on for the National, but you're lucky! I have been busy these last couple weeks and haven't had a chance to finish it up yet – so if you'd like your farm to be featured in a slideshow that will be on display at the CSA AGM and YCSA National Classic, please send me the following ASAP. This will be my last deadline extension! Don't miss out on this free advertising opportunity. Here's what I need:

- 3 pictures of your farm, family, cattle
- Farm name
- Family Names
- Location
- Website (if applicable)
- One sentence or tag line that represents who you are and what your focus is as a producer (Examples could include: "Red & Black Simmentals", "Over 25 years in the Simmental business in Manitoba", "Farming grain & raising purebred Simmental & Angus cattle", "Members of the Keystone Simmental Association, Consigning to...")

### **Thank You!**

Before I go, I would like to acknowledge all of the farms and businesses who have offered sponsorship for our upcoming events. Without these generous sponsors we wouldn't be able to offer such a fantastic agenda.

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I hope to see you all June 22<sup>nd</sup> in Boissevain!

Donalee Jones  
Secretary/Treasurer  
Manitoba Simmental Association