



ALBERTA ANGUS NEWS

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Alberta Junior Angus Association

Join us for a bunch of Junior Angus activities this summer!! The Junior Angus board is in full swing preparing for all of our events this summer.

Summer Synergy is back again this year in Olds, AB **July 12-15, 2011** with an Angus cattle show and the opportunity to win lots of money in scholarships!! Entry deadline is June 1, 2011.

Wednesday July 13th

Events in the Mega Dome

11:00 am – Junior Angus Meet n Greet

2:00 pm – Grooming Workshop – How It's Done With No Adhesive – No Paint

3:00 pm – Show Team Judging Workshop

Friday July 15th

9:00 am – Opening Ceremonies

9:30 am – Angus Show alternating with Hereford Show

Online entries at www.summersynergy.ca

The **37th Annual Alberta Junior Angus Show** is headed back to Bashaw. It will be held **August 7th – 9th**. We are planning new competitions and some good old fun. Come meet new friends and have a great time with old ones! Information will be on the Alberta Angus web-site – youth section in a couple of weeks. See attached for entry forms.

The **Canadian Junior All Breeds Show** will be **August 10th – August 13th** in Bashaw, it follows the AJAA Show so come for a full week of fun, entertainment and great competitions! Entry information will be available on www.juniorshows.ca

That is all for now. If you have questions or require further information feel free to give Courtney Congdon (AJAA President) a call at 780-374-3924. See you all down the Junior road this summer!

CAA Annual Meeting Highlights

Thursday, June 9 Highlights

While the Board of Directors had a full day of meetings and provincial representatives spent the afternoon in meetings, delegates who arrived early kept themselves busy exploring the resort and shopping in the nearby towns of Clear Lake and Onanole.

The President's Reception was held In the evening and attracted a good-size crowd.

Friday, June 10 Highlights

Friday was another full day of meetings for the Directors with a portion of the day spent meeting with the provincial association representatives. Delegates not involved in those meetings toured a Ukrainian Catholic church and a Ukrainian historical site while the candidates in the Robert C. McHaffie Junior Ambassador Competition took a quiz and were interviewed by a panel of judges.

In the evening, a group of very talented Ukrainian dancers provided entertainment following a supper featuring homemade Ukrainian perogies and cabbage rolls.

Saturday, June 11 Highlights

Three pre-meeting sessions were offered Saturday morning. Canadian Angus Association Breed Development staff member Kajal Devani and Red Angus Association of America Research Coordinator Larry Keenan presented *Multi-Breed EPD Analysis* detailing the initiative between our Associations and the American Simmental Association. Canadian Angus Association Registrar Sharmayne Byrgesen gave a talk titled *Everything you Wanted to Know about Registry but Were Afraid to Ask* which covered the importance of submitting proper paperwork, common errors, and details about electronic storage of certificates. Assistant General Manager Michael Latimer presented *Canadian Angus Rancher Endorsed: Pedal to the Metal* outlining the role of the producer in ensuring the program's continued success.

These presentations were followed by roundtable discussion sessions in which the Board of Directors asked for member input to help with their future planning.

After lunch, the Canadian Angus Association annual general meeting was held. CEO Doug Fee presented the Association's financial statements as well as the highlights of 2010. This information can be found in the 2010 annual report which was mailed to all members.

Honorary President pins were presented and Kirk Wildman was officially welcomed into the Past President's club at the end of the meeting. Retiring directors Laird Senft and John Donaldson were thanked for their service and presented with a gift from the Association. Lee Brown was unable to attend the meeting but was also recognized.

It was a full house at the evening banquet. Lois McRae, Director from Manitoba, served as emcee and did a fantastic job keeping everyone entertained with Canadian Angus and Manitoba trivia.

The Canadian Angus Association presented the first Feedlot of the Year award to High Ridge Feeders and Shannondale Farm, both of Manitoba.

Only two of our long-term recognition award recipients were in attendance at the meeting. All were recognized and awards were presented to Bill and Sylvia Jackson of Tullamore Angus of Ontario and Prairielane Farms—the Canning Family of Manitoba.

Cecilie Fleming presented outgoing CEO Doug Fee with a gift from the Board of Directors on behalf of the membership. The Manitoba Angus Association also presented Doug with a gift. A video presentation gave highlights of Doug's career and several retired Directors came forward to share stories about working with Doug in a touching retirement tribute.

Michael Latimer announced that Manitoba's own Austen Anderson won the Robert C. McHaffie Junior Ambassador competition.

Members gave generously to ensure that the fundraising auction was a success.

Outgoing CEO Doug Fee donated a clock that he made himself to the auction with the funds raised designated for the Canadian Angus Foundation. The clock sold for \$3,200 to Greenbush Angus of Neepawa, Manitoba.

In one of the most touching moments of the night, Sandy Margetts bought an autographed Ryan Miller jersey that had been donated as a fundraising item for the Baldy Fundraiser and then gave it to Thomas Wildman.

Baldy Fundraiser

Incoming CEO Rob Smith, President Kirk Wildman and Assistant General Manager Michael Latimer put their hair on the line in a fundraising initiative. Donations were accepted with the understanding that the individual who raised the most money would have his head shaved at the AGM Banquet.

During the auction, a group that calls themselves the Manitoba Mafia, a group from Alberta, "Table 16", and Bill and Sylvia Jackson of Tullamore Angus joined forces and pledged \$5,000 to the cause, provided both Smith and Latimer shaved their heads as well. All three sat down and surrendered themselves to the clippers.

Canadian Angus Association members who donated to the cause took turns wielding the clippers.

Donations to the fundraiser totaled over \$25,000. The funds raised are being split between the Canadian Angus Foundation and the Kids with Cancer Society.

The fundraiser has special meaning for Kirk whose mother and son both battled cancer during his term as President. Addressing the crowd gathered to witness the head shaving, Wildman said "Thank you so much for getting behind this cause and for all the support you've provided to my family over this difficult year."

Sunday, June 20 Highlights

The Canadian Angus Association Board of Directors met one final time on Sunday morning. David Bolduc was affirmed as President. David is the brother of Dyce Bolduc, who served as President in 2005. David and Dyce are the only brothers to both serve as President.

Gary Latimer of Olds, Alberta, was selected as President Elect.

New Directors Dawn Wilson (AB), Corinne Gibson (SK) and Jerome Richard (QC) began serving their terms on the Board. Jim Colodey (MT) began serving his second term after being re-elected in the Maritimes and Lois McRae (MB) was acclaimed for a second term in Manitoba.

Special thanks to our hosts, the Manitoba Angus Association.

New CAA CEO Takes Office

Rob Smith is officially in the office and is settling into his role as CEO. Rob can be reached at (403) 571-3580 extension 223/1-888-571-3580 or rsmith@cdnangus.ca

Electronic Registration Incentive

The Board of Directors is once again offering an incentive for members who register their animals online or use HerdMaster. Submit your registrations online or via HerdMaster for Spring 2011-born calves on or before July 15, 2011, and the price will be \$15 per calf regardless of age. This incentive can offer a bit more time to get the animal records submitted.

To be set up as an authorized user, please complete form [CAAFORM21-Electronic Registration Agreement](http://www.cdnangus.ca/registry/forms/CAAFORM21-Electronic%20Registration%20Agreement.pdf) [http://www.cdnangus.ca/registry/forms/CAAFORM21-Electronic Registration Agreement.pdf](http://www.cdnangus.ca/registry/forms/CAAFORM21-Electronic%20Registration%20Agreement.pdf) and fax it to (403) 571-3599. To learn more about HerdMaster, the on-farm software program that is compatible with our registry, please [contact HerdMaster Canada](mailto:wendy@herdmaster.ca) (wendy@herdmaster.ca).

Free Age Verification Services for Tag Customers

Avoid the rush and have your calves age verified now. Age Verification submitted over the summer months can be completed quickly and returned to you with plenty of time before your calves are sold. Volumes are lower now and birth certificates can be produced quicker.

As members of our Association you have the option of cross-referencing Angus tag numbers with registered or recorded animals. This will age verify the animals with CCIA and the entire tag number will be printed on certificates of registration each time they are issued. To do this, we need an individual tag number listed with a tattoo and the sex of the calf. This is an option and if you do not wish to take advantage of this service you are welcome to continue age verifying your animals with a calving season and they will be done directly with CCIA. If you have any questions contact Cheryl.

Reminder about Registering Animals for Shows

The 2011 Gold Show dates are available on the Canadian Angus Association website. Remember to register your show animals early to avoid paying rush fees. If it is necessary for you to submit registrations on a rush basis, remember to include a rush instruction request on your fax cover sheet if you are faxing the instruction, or the outside of the envelope if you are mailing it.

Showdown 2011

11th Annual Canadian Junior Angus Show – July 21-23, 2011 at Weyburn, SK.

For more information contact:

Erika Easton, CJAA President - 306-739-2805

Miranda Frey, Saskatchewan Director - 306-483-2720

Belinda Wagner, CJAA Coordinator - 306-757-6133

email office ce@saskatchewanangus.com

You can find entry forms at www.albertaangus.com.

Age Verification Incentive Program Application Forms

There are a number of tag customers who have yet to return their completed AVIP forms to the Canadian Angus Association office. The discount is not applied until the signed form is received. Please fax the form to (403) 571-3599 or email it to chazenbergs@cdnangus.ca as soon as possible. If this form has not been received, you have paid full price for the tags with the credit card provided or there is an amount owing on your account. The incentive amount will be refunded to your card or on your account once received.

2011 Northern Club Field Day

Attention: Angus Breeders:

Unfortunately, due to unforeseen circumstances, the 2011 Northern Club Field Day has been cancelled until further notice. Please stay tuned to the Alberta Angus Association E-News for future updates and re-scheduling.

Sincerely,

Carolyn Congdon
Alberta Northern Club Secretary

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Coming Events

July 9-17	Summer Synergy Youth Livestock Showcase	Olds, AB
July 21-23	Showdown 2011	Weyburn, SK
August 7-9	36th Annual AJAA Show	Bashaw, AB
August 12	September Angus Angle Deadline	
September 15	Dorothy Banks Memorial Scholarship Deadline Lybrook Miller Scholarship Deadline	
September 30	Black Magic Sale	Olds, AB
September 30 - October 2	Olds Fall Classic Beef Show	Olds, AB
October 21-22	Red Round-up	Red Deer, AB
October 31	Remington Land & Cattle Cream of the Crop Production Sale	Del Bonita, AB
November 4-12	Farmfair International	Edmonton, AB
November 21-26	Canadian Western Agribition	Regina, SK