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Christmas Greetings from the CLA

The holiday season is upon us and there is much to celebrate in the Limousin breed! We hope that this December edition of the monthly CLA newsletter finds your family well and looking forward to what 2018 holds for your operation. As this year draws to a close we would like to sincerely thank each of you, purebred breeders, commercial buyers, industry representatives, board members, and juniors alike for contributing to the continued success of the Limousin breed in Canada! Wishing you and your's a very Merry Christmas and all the best in the New Year!

CLA Office Closed for Christmas Holidays

Please remember that the CLA office will be closed **December 25-January 2** to allow CLA staff a break to celebrate the season with their families. The CLA office will re-open on **January 3rd** to serve our membership.

WHE Deadline January 15th

Information concerning your 2018 WHE has now been mailed to all members. If you are an online user we remind you that you will not have received any paper forms for your inventory. Please remember that Whole Herd Enrolment is due no later than January 15, 2018. Online users may find instructions on how to post their inventory on our website under DigitalBeef. Please remember, **NEW THIS YEAR** if you have not completed your disposals/assessment by January 15th all assessment age females will be enrolled for the current year. Refunds are only given on enrolled heifers calving for the first time providing disposal information has been filed by the member both on the heifer and her calf. There will no longer be a \$10/day late penalty, your penalty for being late will be that all assessment age females will be enrolled on January 16th and no refund will be given.

Transferring Animals - Reminder from the Registry

We cannot transfer animals on your behalf via an e-mail or telephone request, you must always fill out and sign the back of the animal's registration paper OR you can transfer the animal online yourself. CLA staff are happy to assist you in learning how to transfer animals online but as the transfer of animal ownership is a legal process it must be done following the proper procedures and staff cannot do it for you without first receiving the signed transfer paperwork. Thank you for your cooperation in this.

Upcoming Events



New Years Resolution Frozen
Genetics Sale Volume V
December 31
Saskatoon, SK

Limousin Voice
Winter Herd Bull Issue
Ad Booking Deadline January 15
Ad Copy Deadline January 25

Canadian Bull Congress
January 26-27
Camrose, AB

R & R Acres' 17th Annual
"Beefmaker" Bull Sale
February 3
Airdrie, AB

Nordal Limousin & Angus Bull
Sale
February 15
Saskatoon, SK

J. Yorga Farms Annual
Production Sale
February 26
Flintoft, SK

Hillview Farms Bull & Female
Sale
March 3
Morinville, AB

Excel Ranches Excellence Sale
March 8
Westlock, AB

Richmond Ranch Annual Bull
Sale
March 9
Rumsey, AB

Diamond C Ranch Bull Sale
March 12
Ponoka, AB

deJager Limousin Bull Sale
with guest consigner Andrew
Ranches
March 13
Brooks, AB

Updates from CLA Board of Directors Meeting

The Canadian Limousin Association Board of Directors met on
December 7 & 8, 2017 in Calgary, AB
for their winter in-person board meeting.

Your CLA directors invite you to contact them should you have any questions
or concerns regarding CLA board matters.

Your current CLA board of directors are:

President: Erin Kishkan, BC

Vice President: Eric Boon, SK

Treasurer: Bill Zwambag, ON

Past President: Terry Hepper, SK

Directors: Tim Andrew, AB; Joe Cooper, NS; Dan Darling, ON;
Mike Geddes, ON; Matthew Heleniak, ON; Cody Miller, AB

Contact information for all directors and staff is available on the CLA website.

BOLT Genetic Evaluation

CLA is one of 12 breed associations in Canada and the USA who have International Genetic Solutions (IGS) perform their National Cattle Evaluation (NCE) using a combined database representing almost 17 million animals. The current NCE is performed twice annually (spring and fall EPDs). However, in 2018 we can look forward to BOLT (Biometric Open Language Tools), a new software that will soon be used by IGS for our NCE. This new software will directly incorporate genomic data into the EPD calculation, resulting in a greater ability to calculate true accuracy. This also means that genotyping animals will be even more worthwhile as that genomic information will be incorporated and contribute not only to the animal you have genotyped, but also up and down the pedigree of that animal. Until now, we've had to incorporate DNA information through a post-evaluation blending process that combines the independent genomic data and traditional EPD into one published EPD value, and only the EPDs of the animal you have genotyped are affected by the resulting data.

When IGS begins conducting its NCE with BOLT, seedstock producers will likely see some reranking of bulls. The EPD accuracies for some bulls will likely decline, too. Rather than an indication that the new method is less robust, declining accuracy with the initial BOLT NCE would mean that the previous accuracy, calculated via the current method, was too high.

The BOLT evaluation can also be run much faster than the current software, therefore CLA members can look forward to monthly EPD updates when BOLT is released - likely later in 2018. The CLA office and CLA members will need to work together to help both seedstock producers and commercial cattlemen to understand the more frequent, however less severe, changes in EPDs and help each other to become accustomed to referring to DigitalBeef, not the printed registration paper of an animal, for the most current EPDs.

CLA Financial Update

The CLA Board of Directors has approved a surplus budget for 2018.

Updates from CLA Board of Directors Meeting

Update to Limousin Show Shirt Rules

A motion was made by the CLA Board of Directors that any solid patterned grey shirt may be worn at Limousin shows in addition to the current grey and maroon Limousin show shirts, unless the Provincial Association hosting the show has a rule otherwise.

2018 CLA Director Nominations

A director nomination form, as well as information and timelines concerning the election of CLA directors and how to propose by-law amendments in 2018 will be sent to members in the New Year. The 2017 approved CLA by-laws are available on the CLA website under Association -> Member Information.

2018 CLA Annual General Meeting

The 2018 CLA Annual General Meeting will be held on August 3, 2018 in conjunction with the CJLA Impact Show in Great Village, Nova Scotia August 1-4, 2018. We are looking forward to our first CJLA Impact Show and CLA AGM on the East Coast where there is rapidly growing interest in the Limousin breed and as well as growing CLA and CJLA membership!

2017 CJLA Scholarship Recipients

Congratulations to Angus Smyth (MB), Samantha Kennedy (ON), Amanda Scott (MB) and Nolan McLarty (ON) who were selected, based on their applications, to receive scholarships from the CJLA in 2017!



Angus Smyth



Samantha Kennedy



Amanda Scott



Nolan McLarty

2018 Australian/Canadian Limousin Youth Exchange Recipient



The Canadian Junior Limousin Association (CJLA) will be sending one CJLA member to Australia on the Australian/Canadian Limousin Youth Exchange in 2018. Applications were received up to October 31st and Megan Wynn of Belmont, Nova Scotia was selected as the recipient! She will travel to Australia in August 2018 to participate in the EKKA Royal Queensland Show.



LIMOUSIN
impact
CANADIAN JUNIOR
LIMOUSIN

IMPACT SHOW 2018
GREAT VILLAGE, NOVA SCOTIA

AUGUST 1-4, 2018



2017 CLA Award of Distinction



Jim and Susan Butt and family of Maple Key Farms (Embros) Inc, Embro, Ontario presented with the 2017 CLA Award of Distinction by CLA General Manager Tessa Verbeek during the Limousin show at the Royal Agricultural Winter Fair in Toronto, Ontario.

2017 Masterfeeds Show Cattle of the Year



SHOW BULL OF THE YEAR

Greenwood Canadian Impact ET owned by Greenwood Limousin & Angus and Nordal Limousin & Angus



SHOW FEMALE OF THE YEAR

Boss Lake Day Dreamer owned by Boss Lake Genetics



SHOW SIRE OF THE YEAR

RCL Wind Chill 8B owned by Pinch Hill Limousin



SHOW DAM OF THE YEAR

Greenwood Wisteria Lane owned by Greenwood Limousin & Angus

Flight Centre Travel Manager Available to CLA Members

The Canadian Limousin Association is pleased to offer our members the services of **Sarah Paskal**, Travel Manager with Flight Centre for all of your business or leisure travel bookings. Sarah's role is to provide a centralized point of contact for all travel-related bookings, as well as after-hours and weekend support.



You can e-mail or call Sarah directly to book any flights, hotels, car rental, etc. at any time. She can handle changes and the general unexpected when it comes to existing bookings. The team is available 24/7 so if ever you run into an issue you can call any time day or night. If you find yourself in need of support outside of regular business hours (which are Monday to Friday, 9 am - 5 pm Mountain Time), please contact the Flight Centre afterhours line at 1-403-702-5477.

COST

\$25/booking of flights on their own or a flight and hotel and/or car rental

\$10/booking if only booking a hotel

CLA staff, board and all CLA members and commercial buyers or anyone we direct to Sarah (ie. your families, etc.) can use this service under the umbrella of the Canadian Limousin Association. Since everyone will be putting their own credit card on file CLA will not bear any extra costs from others utilizing this service, and the benefit is that we can all take advantage of cheaper corporate rates due to larger volume. Please just let Sarah know when you are booking that you are a CLA member (not staff or board member).

To make a booking, email Sarah at sarah.paskal@flightcentre.ca or call her at **403-920-0340**. She will provide you with multiple options and always allow you to make the choice you prefer before booking.

Keep this in mind when planning your trip to the 2018 CJLA Impact Show and CLA AGM in Nova Scotia, the 2018 International Limousin Congress in Colorado, or any other travel you may be planning in 2018 whether it be business or leisure.

CLA Registry/Member Services Job Opportunity

**WE'RE
HIRING!**

With our fantastic employee AJ Sullivan moving on to a new endeavour and the commencement of Canadian Shorthorn Association registry work in the New Year, we are seeking to find an additional Registry/Member Services Assistant to work on the Canadian Limousin Association team.

Please visit <http://limousin.com/news/cla-registrymember-services-job-opportunity/> to view the job posting. Interested candidates must be able to work in the CLA office in Northeast Calgary, Alberta.

Interested applicants may submit their resume and cover letter to Tessa Verbeek, Canadian Limousin Association General Manager at tverbeek@limousin.com. Please don't delay in applying as the position will commence as soon as a suitable candidate has been found.



*Order Limousin tags today from the CCJA Webstore
www.canadaid.ca or by phone 1.877.909.2333*



INTERNATIONAL LIMOUSIN CONGRESS

July 19-28, 2018

Denver & Colorado Springs
Colorado - United States of America



5-Day Agenda

Thursday - July 19	Opening Ceremony and Dinner
Friday - July 20	All American Futurity Show Optional Denver Walking Tour
Saturday - July 21	Estes Park Activities Magness Ranch Tour
Sunday - July 22	Greeley Activities
Monday - July 23	Attendee Departures

10-Day Agenda

Monday - July 23	Cheyenne Frontier Days Budweiser Tour
Tuesday - July 24	Optional Morning on Own Optional Technical Session Sruce Mountain Ranch Activities
Wednesday - July 25	Fillmore Ranch Tour Olympic Training Center Tour
Thursday - July 26	Garden of the Gods Tour Air Force Academy Tour Running Creek Ranch Activities
Friday - July 27	Optional Activities Closing Ceremony and Dinner
Saturday - July 28	Attendee Departures

Registration Information

March 31, 2018 - Registration Deadline

10-day package: \$4,000 | 5-day package: \$2,000

All pricing listed is in USD (U.S. Dollars)

**registratoin prices will increase after April 1, 2018*

**registrations canceled after March 31, 2018 will not be refunded*

**Registration and Event
Information Available
Online at:**

<http://www.cvent.com/events/2018-international-limousin-congress>