

The Blonde Banner

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Volunteers needed:

Volunteers are needed to man the booths at the Hastings Plowing Match and the International Plowing Match this year. The Hastings Plowing Match is a two-day event, held f August 20-21, at Stirling, Ont. (Eastern Ontario) this year. If you can volunteer to help out at our booth for a few hours on either day, please give John Vink a call at 613-397-1890. The International Plowing Match will be held Sept. 16-20, at Teeswater, Ont. (Western Ontario). We will also be looking for volunteers for that show. If you can help out at the IPM, please give Donna Vanderham a call at 519-794-3561.

Blonde Influence Stocker Sale

The OBdAA is planning to hold another Blonde-Influence Stocker Sale on October 21, 2008. The Sale will take place at Hoards Station, Ontario, just east of Campbellford. To attract as many buyers as possible, the Sale will be held on a Tuesday, just before the Hoards Station regular sale. All calves for our sale should be weaned, vaccinated, dehorned and castrated. To consign animals, or for more information, contact Marcel Lachance 1-705-639-2183, or Gary Young, 705-876-0009.

Looking for:

The newsletter editor is looking for your input. Do you have an item of interest to other Blonde breeders? Is there something you'd like to see in the newsletter that's not there now? Please contact the newsletter editor with information and/or suggestions:

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**2008 RULES FOR POINT SHOWS TO DETERMINE
OVERALL CHAMPION FEMALE, OVERALL CHAMPION MALE AND PREMIER EXHIBITORS**

In order for a show to be considered as a point show, there must be at least 3 exhibitors and 18 head of cattle. Any Blonde d'Aquitaine Show that meets these requirements will be considered towards the show points.

An exhibitor must show at four shows with one being the Lindsay Fair. The Lindsay Fair will be considered the final show for the show year. (The show year will run from the day after the Lindsay Fair show to the day of the Lindsay Fair Show day. Points earned at shows after the Lindsay Fair will be accumulated towards the next season.)

Method for determining Overall Champion Female and Overall Champion Male:

1. Points per class per show are awarded as follows:


1 st	8 points
2 nd	7 points
3 rd	6 points
4 th	5 points
5 th	4 points
6 th	3 points
7 th	2 points
8 th	1 point
Grand Champion	2 points
Reverse Grand	1 point
2. Points are accumulated from 4 shows with one being the Lindsay Fair.
3. If a tie occurs, the animal with the most points earned at the Lindsay Fair will be selected as Overall Champion.
4. Points earned during the year remain with the animal in cases when the animal is sold.

Method for determining Premier Exhibitor:

5. Points for Premier Exhibitor are calculated using the 1st to 8th placings as above on their best 5 animals at 4 shows with one being the Lindsay Fair.
6. Points accumulated by an exhibitor remain with the exhibitor in cases when the animal is sold.
7. Awards are given to the top three exhibitors.

Note: Request must be made for payment to be made.

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Upcoming Events:

Campbellford Seymour Fair (Blonde Show)
August 8-10
Front St. N, Campbellford, ON
fair@redden.on.ca

OBdAA Annual Picnic
August 16, 1 p.m.
Van Bakel Blondes, Dublin, Ont.

Hastings County Plowing Match
August 20-21
Stirling, ON

Orono Fair (Durham Central Fair)
Sept 4-7 (livestock show Saturday)
Orono, ON

Warkworth Fall Fair
Sept. 6-7 (livestock show Sunday)
Warkworth, ON

International Plowing Match & Rural Expo (IPM)
Sept. 16-20
Teeswater, ON

Roseneath Fall Fair
Oct. 4-5, 2008
Roseneath, ON

Blonde-Influence Stocker Sale
October 21
Hoards Station, ON

'Cream of the Crop' Sale
November 1, 4 p.m.
2. Hoards Station, ON

NOTE: The OBdAA reserves the right to edit any newsletter submissions for length and content suitability. The goals of this newsletter are:

To **inform** the membership of all the pertinent activities and initiatives being taken by the Association, the Association Board, or its members.

To **provide** educational information in order to assist Blonde breeders in all aspects of the seed stock industry.

To **promote** the Blonde d'Aquitaine breed and the members of the Ontario Blonde d'Aquitaine Association.

THE ONTARIO BLONDE D'AQUITAINE ASSOCIATION

is Proud to Announce its
8th Annual

'Cream of the Crop' Sale

to be held November 1, 2008
4 p.m. at Hoards Station, ON

- ⇒ Once again, the OBdAA board is planning the 8th Annual Cream of the Crop Sale, and they are actively looking for consignments. If you have some animals you think are of excellent quality for the sale, please contact Marcel Lachance by phone at (705) 639-2183, or at marcel_lachance@sympatico.ca.
- ⇒ You can consign up to 6 animals, all must be 8 years of age or younger (born in 2000+). Calves 200+ days of age at the time of the sale will be sold separately from their dams.
- ⇒ Because of rising gas prices, the board is putting together teams in each area of Ontario to check out prospective lots, instead of last year's 2-man selection committee.
- ⇒ To make this an exceptional Sale, the board would like to see as many consignors as possible, so consider consigning even 1 or 2 of your best animals. To encourage the Blonde breed to be competitive with other breeds, preference will be given to animals with EPD's.
- ⇒ Plan now to attend this year's sale, as it promises to be another good one!
- ⇒ Please note that (original) registration papers must be handed in **before** the Sale in order to sell your animals.
- ⇒ Deadline for consignment is Sept. 15, 2008.

To consign animals to the Cream of the Crop Sale, contact:

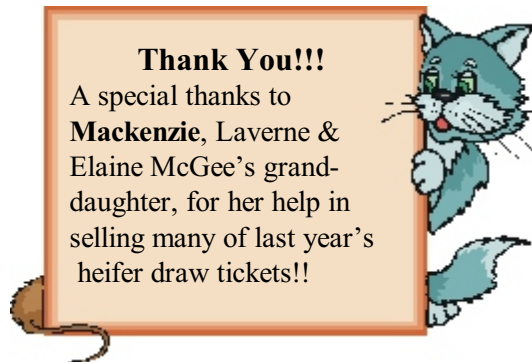
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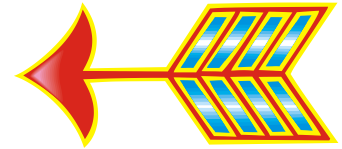
A special thanks to
Mackenzie, Laverne &
Elaine McGee's grand-
daughter, for her help in
selling many of last year's
heifer draw tickets!!



Raffle: 4-H members have a new reason to smile. The OBdAA board has decided to hold a raffle for its junior members for two green jackets embroidered



with the OBdAA logo! All 4-H members whose beef club leaders have submitted their names to the OBdAA for showing a Blonde animal are eligible for the draw to be held



Nov. 1, at the Cream of the Crop Sale.

Point Shows Report (from the 2008 AGM Agenda)

by John Vink

In 2007 there were 8 exhibitors who showed at 5 shows that qualified for points under the rules for regionals. (Campbellford, Orono, Warkworth, Lindsay, and Roseneath.)

2007 Premier Exhibitor:

The breeder with the most points at all shows was **Hilltop Orchard Farm**, followed by Knox Innovations, and Lavelaine Farms. Congratulations to Dave & Sheila McNeven!


2007 Grand Champion Male and Female:

The 2007 Grand Champion Male is **Vaupré Ron**, owned by Knox Innovations. Congratulations to Ken Knox, and Ian and Jenny Kruis! The 2007 Grand Champion Female is **JB Lottie**, owned by Knox Innovations. Congratulations to Ken, Ian & Jenny!

A huge thank-you to all involved in a very successful 2007 show season; show people, sponsors (of the shows, awards and banners), show contacts, fair reps, barn committee members, hospitality providers, and judges.

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4-H
Award

The Ontario Blonde d'Aquitaine Association is hoping to award \$100 to junior members who show a winning Blonde calf as their 4-H project. Here's how you can win:

- ✓ A 4-H member with a Blonde calf project, who shows his or her calf at 2 fairs (minimum), and wins a first placing in a 4-H conformation class with a minimum of three animals in the ring, receives \$100 from the Ontario Blonde Association.
- ✓ "Proof of winning" to be provided (with signatures of two adults such as 4-H leaders, judges, show organizers).

See the entry form for complete details. (Entry form available from the website, or by contacting Ilse Vink, 40 Gazley Rd. RR#1, Wooler, ON K0K 3M0)

📅 Deadline for submitting entry form: Nov. 30, 2008.

Van Bakel Blondes

invites you to the

Ontario Blonde d'Aquitaine Association 2008 Picnic

Saturday, August 16,

1 p.m.

Supper 4 p.m. ~ Beef and buns provided



Please bring a salad or dessert, BYOB, lawnchairs, & a Silent Auction Item

(Kids can bring swimsuits too!)

RSVP by August 12th, 2008

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