2012 Annual OBdAA Picnic:

Yes, it’s time for another picnic!! All OBdAA members, their families, & friends are invited to the farms of Rick Drinkill and Paul Fee, Elmvale, ON, on Sunday, August 5, at noon, for the annual OBdAA picnic.

Noon-1p.m.: Meet & Greet
1-3p.m.: Farm Tours
3-3:30p.m.: Dinner followed by mini-auction

Please bring your own lawnchairs, and a mini-auction item. People are invited to bring their campers and stay for the weekend.

You must RSVP by July 15th to:
Rick at 705-322-1757 (jdrinkill@live.ca)
or Paul 705-835-2581 (feehavenfarms@hotmail.com) to let them know how many people to expect to the dinner, and to make any arrangements for camping. (Other accommodations are also nearby; ask Rick or Paul for suggestions)

2012 Ottawa Valley Farm Show

Our thanks to the following people, for manning the Blonde booth at the 2012 OVFS:
The Ferguson family
The Conroy family
Mr. and Mrs. Bill Reed
George Foster

Our booth (see picture at left) won 2nd place in the OVFS booth display competition, thanks for all your efforts!!!
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2012 Upcoming Events:

August 10-12:
Campbellford Fair
Campbellford, ON
www.wix.com/campbellfordfair/campbellfordfair

August 22 & 23:
Hastings County Plowing Match
Centre Hastings, ON

September 11-13:
Outdoor Farm Show
Woodstock, ON
www.outdoorfarmshow.com

September 18-22:
International Plowing Match
Roseville, Ontario
www.plowingmatch.org

September 19-23:
Lindsay Central Exhibition
Lindsay, ON
www.lindsayex.com

October 5-7:
CbdAA AGM, Show & Sale
Victoriaville, QC

October 13, @ 4p.m.:
12th Annual Cream of the Crop Sale
Hoards Station, ON

November 3:
Raffle Heifer Draw
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.
Heifer Draw!!!
The OBdAA is once again looking for a bred heifer for our draw, to be held Nov. 3, 2012 at Hoard’s Station, ON. If you have a registered, bred heifer who you think is worthy of the board’s consideration, please contact a board member. (see p. 3)

Contact: Steve Acres
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Thank You!!!
A huge thank you to our retiring OBdAA board members:
Murphy Baker, who along with his wife Judy, has served many years as secretary/treasurer;
also Allan Plumton, Jason Van Tol, and John Vink.
Thanks for all your hard work and dedication to the Blonde Breed!

FOR SALE
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OBdAA 2012 AGM

On March 31st, 2012, the Ontario Blonde d’Aquitaine Association held its Annual General Meeting in Bowmanville, Ontario. Some of the highlights of the meeting were:

- OMAFRA’s Jack Kyle, grazing specialist, was our speaker, who gave an informative speech on pasture management.
- 2011 Show awards went to Donaleen Blondes, (Show Female Award), and Carmen Morris, (Show Male Award).
- John Plas took the role of auctioneer in our mini-auction, with over $240 raised for the Association.
- Elections were held, with Ilse Vink acclaimed as the OBdAA’s new President, and Steve Acres, Rachel DeWeerd, Ian Kruis, and John Plas joining Dennis Elliott and Paul Ferguson as directors.
- Bobby C’s provided an excellent meal at the conclusion of the meeting.

Make plans to join us next March for the 2013 AGM!

Committees & board reps

The following committees are represented by the following board reps and assistants:

- Advertising: Dennis Elliott and John Plas
- Nominating: John Plas
- Performance: Paul Ferguson and Steve Acres
- Trade Shows: Paul Ferguson and Dennis Elliott assisted by John Plas and Bruce Langstaff.
- Sales: Steve Acres and John Plas, assisted by entire board
- Communications: Ian Kruis
- Ex officio: Ilse Vink (all committees)

Many thanks to:

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Dovecote Blondes
Jeremy & Rachel DeWeerd
Paul & MaryEllen Ferguson

For donating items to our mini-auction at the 2012 AGM!!!

The Schmallenberg Virus
(By Ilse Vink)

Late last year a new virus, named for the town in which it first appeared, was identified in Europe. The Schmallenberg virus affects cattle, sheep, and goats, causing minor or no symptoms in adult animals, but causing birth defects and stillborn deaths in their newborn offspring. The virus is so far thought to be transmitted by biting insects. Hundreds of farms across Europe are reporting losses in their ruminant population.

The CFIA (Canadian Food Inspection Agency) has therefore imposed new import regulations against bovine, bison, water buffalo, sheep and goat semen, as well as to bovine and bison embryos, hoping to protect Canadian livestock herds from this devastating new illness.

Europe’s veterinary community is currently working to eradicate, or manage, the virus in its countries’ cattle, sheep, and goat herds.

We’re looking for volunteers to help man our booths at the tradeshows this year. Please contact Paul Ferguson (see p.3) if you can help at the Hastings Plowing Match, the Outdoor Farm Show, or the International Plowing Match. Thanks!!!

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is pleased to announce its

12th Annual ‘Cream of the Crop’ Sale

Saturday, October 13th, at 4:00 p.m.

At Hoards Station Sales Barn

Campbellford, Ontario

➢ We want the best possible animals to promote your breeding program and the breed!

➢ Cows under 8 yrs (born in 2004+) ~ calves +200days will sell separate ~ max. 6 lots per consignor

➢ OBdAA would like to see as many consignors as possible to make the sale of interest to established and new buyers alike.

➢ Please note that ALL (original) registration papers must be handed into the office before the sale. Animals without papers present will NOT be sold.

➢ Once again the $50 entry fee is added per entry (which will be reimbursed on your sales receipt unless that entry is scratched from the sale).

➢ We are looking for advertising ads to help cut our catalogue costs. Consignors are encouraged to get at least one sponsor! No farms, but any businesses.

➢ Deadline of entry and fees August 15, 2012. Entry form also available online. Send your entries to Dennis Elliott, by email if possible, and include a digital photo of your animal with the email. (If you send a regular photo, it will be scanned, and the print quality will suffer.) Entry fee(s) also to be sent to Dennis Elliott. (See contact info for Dennis on entry form, make cheques payable to ‘OBdAA’)

Questions???? Ask Steve Acres or John Plas (contact info on p.3)

See the entry form online or on the next page
SALE ENTRY FORM
12th Annual Cream of the Crop’ Sale
October 13th, 2012 @ 4:00 p.m.
Hoards Station, Ontario
Entry Form, $50 per Entry and Digital Picture
Due August 15th/12

Consignor Information:
Name ___________________ Farm Name ________________ Member # __________
Address __________________ City ____________________ Province __________ Postal code __________
Phone ___________________ Fax ___________________ Email __________________

Consignment Information:
Animal’s Name ___________________ Reg. no. __________
Birth date ___________________ Birth wt. ________ lbs ________ Tattoo __________
- Fullblood __________ Bull __________
- Purebred __________ Heifer __________
- _______% __________ Polled __________
- DNA Case # __________

Sire Reg. no. ___________________ Reg. no. ___________________
Dam Reg. no. ___________________ Reg. no. ___________________

Description: (MUST BE SUPPLIED BY CONSIGNOR)
________________________________________________________
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EPD’S
“A” Lot Information:
Name ___________________ Reg. no. __________
Birth date __________ Birth wt. ________ lbs. ________ Tattoo __________
- Fullblood __________ Bull __________ Sire Name & Reg. No. __________
- Purebred __________ Heifer __________
- _______% __________ Poll __________

NOTE: CALVES MUST BE REGISTERED AND LEGIBLY TATTOOED [Entries will be inspected prior to sale]

GUIDELINES:
You can consign up to 6 animals, all must be 8 years of age or younger (born in 2004 +). Calves 200+ days of age at the time of the sale will be sold separately from their dams.

Original registration papers must be handed in BEFORE the sale in order to sell your animals. Certificate of Service on back of paper must be completed for all females exposed or selling as “bred females.”

All bulls, INCLUDING BULL CALVES, have DNA done, even if purebred.

We are charging a $50.00 cover fee per consignment payable to the Ontario Blonde d’Aquitaine Association. If you sell your animal at the sale, you will get this $50.00 back. If for some reason you scratch that animal, you will forfeit the cover fee.

Consignor must supply digital picture else no picture will be listed.
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See the Cream of the Crop Sale
Entry Form inside!!!

Note: Entry Deadline is August 15, 2012