



OVHC NEWS



OTTAWA VALLEY HEREFORD CLUB NEWSLETTER
June 2005

PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE



With the spring calving season coming to an end and the show season about to start, I hope that you got the calves for showing.

The first week of June, Nancy and I treated ourselves and went West to the CHA Convention in Princeton BC. It was a great trip, the BC Hereford Association went out of their way to make us all very welcome. One of the highlights of the trip was a drive through the Douglas Lake Ranch which I believe is the largest in Canada. Great cattle and scenery. The five days was complete when we attended the Copper Creek Ranch Sale. The sale proved that good cattle still sell well.

There is lots happening this year in the Hereford breed in the Ottawa Valley as well as outside the area this summer. The Cummings Family is hosting our Twilight Meeting this year and we are all looking forward to a great day in Kinburn. This year, Ontario is hosting the Bonanza Show in Lindsay. I would like to wish all our juniors the best of luck, we will be there to cheer you on.

Please mark on your calendar the three sanctioned shows, the two Zone Shows on August 28 in Riceville, and September 17 in Richmond, and MOE Show in Renfrew on September 10.

On March 4, 2006, The Ottawa Valley Hereford Club is hosting the Ontario Hereford Associations 2006 Annual General Meeting, here in the Ottawa Valley. Plans are still underway for a very interesting weekend. Again, please mark this date on your calendar and plan to participate.

Have a great summer, and best of luck at the shows.

Burt and Nancy

TWILIGHT MEETING

July 16 is the date for the Twilight Meeting, a chance for us all to exchange our ideas and interests in the Hereford breed. This year, Rick, Gail and Kate Cummings are hosting the Twilight Meeting at their farm in Kinburn. The meeting is always a highlight of the season and the Directors and Cummings Family hope that you will bring your friends for an enjoyable afternoon and evening. M&R Feeds of Arnprior - Barry Dean, will be providing the hamburgers and hot dogs. Please bring your lawn chairs, and for the pot luck supper, your favourite salad or dessert. Soft drinks will be provided. Items for door prizes would be appreciated. Activities will begin around 3:00 pm

Everyone's invited

You don't have to have Herefords to attend.

Directions to the Cummings Farm from Ottawa - Queensway (Hwy 417) west to Kinburn Side Road exit. Veer right onto Kinburn Side Road. Continue through 1st intersection with Old Hwy 17. Proceed 1.4 km, turn right onto Farmview Road, Proceed 2.2 km to 3447 Farmview on the right. There is a Hereford sign at the gate. The house has blue/grey siding and the barns are behind the house. For further information, call Rick Cummings 832-3588

OVHC Show Awards

The Directors of the Ottawa Valley Hereford Club will be awarding three new awards:

- Top Ottawa Valley Hereford Female
- Top Ottawa Valley Hereford Bull
- Exhibitor of the Year

Winners of the Top Ottawa Valley Hereford Female and Bull awards will be determined using a newly developed point system in which points are earned at the Mark of Excellence Show and at two Zone Shows.

For **2005** the MOE Show will be held at Renfrew Fair on September 12. The Zone Shows will be held at Riceville Fair on August 28 and at Richmond Fair on September 17.

The Exhibitor of the Year Award will be given to the top exhibitor in the Ottawa Valley Zone. Points will be awarded in regard to the number of shows attended and the number of animals shown. To submit your name for consideration, a photocopy of your "payout sheet" from the fairs will be the accepted means of entry.

For further information, contact Brent (613 256-7053) or Sheila (613 737-7336).

The Point System for the Top Ottawa Valley Hereford Female and Bull awards is as follows:

| | 1 st | 2 nd | 3 rd | 4 th | 5 th | Gr Champ | Res Champ |
|---------------|-----------------|-----------------|-----------------|-----------------|-----------------|-------------|--------------|
| MOE Show | 10 | 9 | 8 | 7 | 6 | 10 | 5 |
| Zone Shows | 5 | 4 | 3 | 2 | 1 | 5 | 3 |

- Points will not be awarded for Sr., Jr., or calf champion.
- Animals receive points for their age class (one per show) and Grand or Reserve Champion only.
- Cow and calf pairs as well as two year old and calf are considered one unit and will only receive points when shown together.
- Only animals bred and owned by the exhibitor at the time of the show will be awarded points.
- Points will be tallied by an arbitrary observer or by the board collectively.
- Ties will be broken by greater number of champs, then reserve champs, 1st, 2nd, 3rd, and so on.
- Each winner will receive ad space in Herefords Today to show off their winning animal, as well as a keepsake to remember your accomplishment.
- Any questions, comments or suggestions, please feel free to contact Brent at 256-7053.

WEB SITE:

For up-to-date information on club activities and information from the CHA and OHA visit the new official web site for the Ottawa Valley Herefords at www.ottawaherefords.com.

CHA HONOUR ROLL AND MEMORIAL SCROLL

Each year nominations are accepted by the CHA for these prestigious honours. Please help the Directors of the Ottawa Valley in their selection by giving suggestions of those whom you feel should be honoured.