



Canadian Sheep Breeders' Association

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Scholarship: The CSBA scholarship is offered to students who are enrolled in a university or college program and who are either current CSBA members or children/grandchildren of current CSBA members. Preference is given to students who are actively involved with the sheep or agriculture industries. The 2018 scholarship application is available on the CSBA's website at www.sheepbreeders.ca

CSBA Hires New General Manager: The Canadian Sheep Breeders' Association is pleased to announce the appointment of Linda Brandes as the new General Manager effective December 1, 2017. The CSBA would like to extend their appreciation to Stacey White for all of his dedication provided during his term and wish him continued success during this transition. Originally from Ontario, where she graduated from the University of Guelph with a Bachelor of Science Degree (Agr) in 1995, Linda currently resides in St Albert, Alberta. She has been actively involved with the CSBA for the past 4 years providing support in media relations as well as holding the position of Secretary/Manager for the Alberta Sheep Breeders' Association. She is also bilingual and hopes to have an opportunity to expand her French language abilities while working with the CSBA. Linda brings a wide variety of organizational, technical and administrative skills to the organization and hopes to bring her experience and values to the Canadian Sheep Breeders' Association in helping them to continue with their objectives and goals. Having always enjoyed being involved within the animal and agricultural industry, Linda is looking forward to being a part of the CSBA and transitioning to the position of General Manager. She can be reached at the CSBA toll free number 1(866) 956-1116 or by email at office@sheepbreeders.ca. The new mailing address for the CSBA office will be Box 7, St Albert AB T8N 1N2.

CSBA Annual Photo Contest: The CSBA's second annual photo contest is now taking submissions. The entry period will be from January 1st to February 28, 2018. Photograph entries must be submitted electronically and include registered Canadian sheep. Please see the online entry form on the CSBA's website.

*Maximum of two entries per person.

*All photos must be submitted in a hi-res format (at least 200 dpi)

*Any entries may be used for the promotion of purebred sheep, at the discretion of the CSBA.

*CSBA is not required to notify photographers when photos are used in materials, however credit will be provided to the photographer when possible

Judging

Entries will be displayed anonymously during the CSBA's annual meeting. The CSBA's board of directors and AGM attendees will be asked to vote for the photo that they believe best represents the breed pictured. The winner will be announced at the annual meeting in March 2018.

Prizes

First Place: \$100 credit on account at CLRC and website/social media display with photographer's name

Second Place: \$50 credit on account at CLRC and website/social media display with

photographer's name

Tattoos: 2018's year letter is "F".

Constitutional Amendments: Each CSBA member will receive a list of amendments required to keep the CSBA's constitution up to date. The amendments include a vote on two items.

1) Amendment to include the Lacaune Dairy Sheep for approval for grading up.

2) Re-numbering and re-aligning the current constitution to improve clarity and correct any current numbering errors.

Members should receive this in January 2018. Please vote!

Promotions: The Guide to Breeding Stock Selection, or "conformation handbook", has also been updated and was reprinted in 2017. It is also available online at www.sheepbreeders.ca

Directors: After compiling the mail in ballots for director voting, the CSBA's board of directors is pleased to welcome back Sarah Lewis as Manitoba's representative and Jocelyn McGraw as the Maritime's representative. Congratulations! Thank you to all the members who mailed in their vote.

Annual General Meeting:

The 129th Annual Meeting of the Canadian Sheep Breeders' Association will be held on Saturday, March 17, 2018 at the Four Points by Sheraton Hotel, 40 Lady Ada Boulevard, Moncton, NB, E1G 0E3. Rooms have been set aside for \$129 per night, plus taxes. Please make your reservation at 1-800-325-3535 by February 12, 2018 to obtain the corporate rate.

Following lunch at the hotel restaurant, AGM attendees are invited to join in for two farm visits. The group will first tour La Bergerie McGraw Sheep Farm, operated by Jacques & Jocelyne McGraw. The farm is located at 932 route 945, Cormier village. The McGraws first started with a few commercial sheep, then purchased their first Canadian Arcotts from Grace & Harry Redmond "Redbrigh Farms" about 20 years ago. Over the past years they have raised both Rideau Arcotts and Clun forests, but today maintain a flock that is comprised mainly of Canadian Arcotts. They are members of GenOvis and also participate in scrapie testing. Lambing occurs in late February into March and lambs are weaned early June.

From the McGraw farm, the next farm is located nearby at 429 chemin Cormier village The Leger Sheep Farm is owned by Noel Leger and is comprised of both Ile de France and Rideau Arcott sheep. This large sheep operation keeps busy year round, lambing several months of the year. They are also GenOvis members and do regular scrapie testing.

Following the farm visits, the group is invited to join together for dinner at a local restaurant.

2018 All Canada Sheep Classic: The 2018 All Canada Classic will be held in Truro, Nova Scotia from July 5th – 7th. The tentative schedule, rules, entry forms, advertising information and list of accommodations will be available on the CSBA website. Entries and advertisements must be received by May 11th. The CSBA will again be accepting online entries for the 2018 Classic. The online entry system, which links directly to the CLRC's website, improves entry efficiency and accuracy. Please familiarize yourself with the online system well before May 11th to allow time to address any questions or issues related to complicated entries. Paper entries will continue to be accepted. Please contact the CSBA office if you have any questions.

CSBA Junior Director: The board of directors is pleased to announce Jonathan Parkinson from Ariss Ontario as the new Junior Director. He is currently working towards completing a plumbing apprenticeship, as well as maintaining the daily operations of his family's farm and his own sheep flock. His experience and passion for agriculture has been embedded since before he could walk, as he is a fourth generation sheep farmer. At the age of 13 he established Park Lynn Farms, and has been growing his sheep flock which consists of purebred Southdown and Oxford Down breeds. In addition, he maintains beef cattle, laying hens, and crops with his family. In his spare time Jonathan enjoys spending time with his family, volunteering at his church, showing his sheep flock at shows, and providing sheep showing and shearing demonstrations to various 4H Clubs.

His goals and intent while filling the Junior Director role are to collaborate with other board members on the CSBA, and to foster growth, education and experience among children and youth interested in sheep farming, showing and agriculture as a whole. In addition, he hopes to learn more about the sheep industry within Canada, and to share these experiences with others.

In order to stay on the mailing list, it is important to have a current CSBA membership and active email address. Please renew your membership now by contacting the CLRC on-line at www.clrc.ca or by calling 1-877-833-7110 ext. 306.