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2013 CSBA SUMMER UPDATE

2013 All Canada Classic:

“Share the Adventure” in Barriere, BC for the All Canada Classic on June 28-30th! This year, 64 consignors from 8 provinces have entered 353 sheep. The show (June 29th) and sale (June 30th) will include the following breeds: Border Cheviot, British Milksheep, Canadian Arcott, Charollais, Clun Forest, Dorper, Dorset, Hampshire, Horned Dorset, North Country Cheviot, Romney, Shropshire, Southdown, Suffolk and Texel.

The Classic catalogue is available on the CSBA's website and was mailed to all Canadian CSBA members on May 24th. The catalogue includes information on each entry, a schedule of events, a local map and list of accommodations. T-shirts and ball caps can be ordered by completing a form in the catalogue or by downloading a form from the BC Sheep Breeders' Association website.

Tickets (\$35) for the lamb banquet on Saturday night, followed by the “Sheep Breeders' Improv and Fun Auction”, are available by contacting Lorea Tomsin at 250-656-2378 or countrywools@hotmail.com.

Notice for all consignors: please be sure that animals' tattoos or tags match their registration papers before you leave your farm. Registration forms must be signed for transfer and presented during the inspection. Animals without registration papers will not be allowed in the show or sale. Contact Lorna Woolsey at 1-877-833-7110 ext. 306 to complete the registration process by the middle of June.

****Important changes to the Classic Rules:**

1. Reserve bids – as a result of a request from the provincial organizing committee, the CSBA board decided that consignors in the 2013 Classic will be permitted to have reserve bids. The auctioneer will manage the reserve bids using a process developed by the CSBA (a copy of which is available on the CSBA's website). If an animal does not sell, the consignor will be charged commission on the reserve bid.
2. Catalogue Comments: Consignors with genotyping and GenOvis data included in the Classic catalogue are encouraged to bring laboratory analysis reports or performance certificates to verify the applicable results for potential buyers.

Please support the advertisers and sponsors of this year's event.

Contact the CSBA office if you require additional information. See you in Barriere!

CLRC Website updates:

The Canadian Livestock Records Corporation recently added valuable features to their website. The features, which are described below, are free of charge and can be simply accessed by viewing member accounts and animal pedigrees.

1. **On-Line Extended Pedigrees and Repeating Ancestry**

When displaying an animal's record, a 3-generation extended pedigree is visible near the bottom of the page. Clicking on the "extended pedigree link" displays a 5-generation pedigree, which uses colour-coding to demonstrate repeating ancestors. A list of repeating ancestors is sorted by the percentage of the pedigree that each animal represents. In addition, there is an alphabetic list of ancestors, which allows members to more easily compare pedigrees of animals that are being considering for future matings. A link is also provided to perform a 12-generation pedigree analysis for repeating ancestors.

2. **Inbreeding Coefficients**

Inbreeding coefficients measure the degree of repeating or common ancestors that exist in the pedigree and are represented by a percentage (0% to 100%) on the CLRC's website. An animal with a coefficient of 0% has no known common ancestors that appear on both the sire and dam side of the pedigree. The offspring of an animal bred back to its sire or dam will have an inbreeding coefficient of at least 25%, depending on the number of other common ancestor lines that might appear in the pedigree.

3. **Virtual Mating Service**

A virtual mating service allows members to determine the inbreeding coefficient for a proposed mating and display a five generation pedigree and common ancestor list. The virtual mating option appears at the bottom of each animal page. A virtual mate can be selected based on member ID number, animal name or registration number. If you select the ID number option, you can select anywhere from one to all of the animals owned by that member.

Deceased/Inactive Animals:

In order to assist buyers with finding new breeding stock, please remove dead or inactive animals from your CLRC account. Removal of animals can be done by phoning, emailing or faxing Lorna Woolsey with a list of inactive registrations numbers. Dead or inactive animals will remain in the database, but will no longer be visible in the list of member owned animals.

In order to stay on the CLRC's 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 Lorna Woolsey at 1-877-833-7110 ext. 306.